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Chilton Village Hall Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the consultation events. The events were very successful with approximately 150 people attending one or more event.

To date we have only analysed the Village Hall Improvements data and as such this update will focus on this element of the consultation. We will report your views on the Artwork in the next issue.

Attached to this issue of the Chronicle are three graphs which summarise the feedback that we received.

In conclusion, the top five priorities for the Village Hall improvement are –

- Better storage facilities
- An extension to open the hall to an outside area
- Updated kitchen facilities
- Refurbishments of toilet facilities
- Improvement in the general decoration.

As a result of this feedback, we will now focus on these areas and this will form the basis of the next phase of the consultation.

The next step is for the consultation team to understand exactly what the village community requires in respect of these five improvements. This is where we will be asking for further input. Over the next few weeks a questionnaire with some more detailed questions will be sent to every household in Chilton. Please take time to complete and return this, as the more feedback we get, the better we will understand the needs and requirements of the village.

As you may be aware, we only have limited funds for the Village Hall improvements. Therefore we need to focus on your top priorities, as detailed above. We will return to your list of feedback if we have any money remaining, after your priority work has been undertaken, to provide further improvements.

There is a third graph attached that illustrates the type of events that the village community would like to see held at the hall. These are all brilliant ideas and we will consider them all. However we will need

volunteers to organise such events. If you would be interested and feel you may have the time and skills to help please contact Sue Granger at copt01@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk.

PS. One idea that received support was for a Village Shop. However, this is outside the remit of the Village Hall Committee. We appreciate that this is an idea with many supporters, and as such we are happy to set up a meeting for people who wish to create their own focus group to pursue this ambition for Chilton. Please email Sue Granger at copt01@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk if you would be interested in attending / chairing such an event.



Salt Bins in the Village

In recent winters the salt bins have proved to be invaluable and volunteers have used the salt to keep village roads open. In previous years bins have been filled before the winter and topped up during the winter if necessary by Oxfordshire County Council.

Unfortunately there has been a change this year and although OCC have filled them they will not refill them again if they are emptied during the winter. Instead they are simply supplying a bag of salt which is now stored at the side of the Village Hall and the village is expected to top up its own bins.

The Parish Council along with other affected parishes has complained about this additional burden, which in smaller parishes inevitably falls on volunteers, but with no success.

So if there is snow this winter it is particularly important that the salt supplies are used only on the highways.



Monthly Produce Market

In the car park at the Rose and Crown on **Saturday 12 November 9 am to 1 pm** Stalls will include fruit and vegetables, meat, cheeses, plants and others.

Refreshments available in the Rose and Crown



Chilton School Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd December 2 - 4.30pm

Chilton School PTA are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3rd December. Come and join the fun, visit Santa's Grotto, Surprises Room, raffle, childrens activities. Buy your Christmas gifts from a variety of craft stalls. Mince pies and mulled wine served. Entry Adults £1. Children free.



Help Wanted

Would you like to see some Village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next June? Many of you will remember the good time we all had when we celebrated the Golden Jubilee. But to organise some more celebrations again volunteers are needed to do this. If you would like to find out more about it please contact Liz Morris on 834233 or parishclkchilton@btinternet.com



Rose and Crown

The Rose and Crown is now open for Morning Coffee from 10.00 and Afternoon Tea all day. Cream scones, cakes, sandwiches and hot food will be available.

There is also a new main menu – Pasta and Pizza plus Bar specials from £5.00. Sunday roast from £6.95.

Music at the Rose and Crown

Put these dates in your diary:

Saturday 26 November from 9pm

P P Country, Country and Irish songs. Very popular on his last visit to Chilton so come and join in the fun.

Saturday 24 December 6pm to 11pm

Disco Dave. Disco and Karaoke to start the Christmas festivities. Early start, and finish at 11pm so you can be safely tucked up in bed before Santa arrives.



Thank You

A big thank you to all my sponsors for their kind support with my afro-caribbean hair style – it raised £842, which was shared equally between Dr Barnados and Great Ormond Street Hospital – they both received £421 each.

Many thanks
Jim Bulmer

Chilton Baby & Toddler Group

Please note that the baby & toddler group are no longer meeting on Monday afternoons at Chilton Primary School. We continue to meet 9.30am-11.30am on Fridays at the village hall (during term time). Sessions include playtime, craft, songs and refreshments for the children and adults at a cost of £2 per family. For more information or to contact the group please email chilontoddlers@googlemail.com



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 17th November at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The programme will be a hands-on Drawing and Painting workshop. This should be great fun and the competition will be the best drawing or painting on the evening.

Don't forget that the Christmas party will be on Thursday **15th December** when we will have our usual delicious Christmas meal.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. For more details please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



AT Hand First-Aid Training will be

offering a Paediatric First Aid class on **17 December 2011** at Chilton Village Hall from 9.00 to 12.00. The cost is £28.00 per person, includes manual and certificate.

Please book now and reserve your space.

Instructor: Autumn Tull Tel: 01235 86599 / 07791244126 athandfirst-aid@hotmail.com



Christmas family show at the Village Hall

Tuesday 20th December at 7pm;

Oxfordshire Theatre Company come to the Village Hall in what is likely to be their last visit to Chilton after more than 20 years of touring theatre in Oxfordshire.

Jungle Book:

Before the peacock flutters, before the monkeys cry

Through the jungle softly, flits a shadow and a sigh

There's a breathing close behind you, a rustling of leaves

Who's lurking in the bushes? Who's hiding in the trees?

Oxfordshire Theatre Company present the thrilling and heart-warming story of Mowgli, the boy brought up by wolves. Educated by Baloo, the bear and Bagheera, the panther and hunted by the great tiger, Shere Khan, Mowgli must learn the laws of the jungle and become a young man with the confidence to walk alone.

Adapted by award winning playwright, Neil Duffield, who wrote the company's acclaimed production of Alice in Wonderland, this production is packed with all the drama, excitement and fun of Rudyard Kipling's classic story.

Inventively staged and performed through a dazzling blend of theatre, songs, puppetry and movement you'll be certain of a very special experience for children (5+) and the young at heart alike.

It's on for one night only and likely to be an early sellout as only one other village in the area is staging this magical event. Get your same-price-as-last-year tickets early for OTC's theatrical magic (adults £7.50 children/concessions £6.00, and including refreshments!) from Chris Druce 834285, Sue Granger 861253, Ann Shaw 833649

A note about OTC

Oxfordshire Theatre Company, founded in 1979, is acknowledged as one of the foremost small-scale theatre companies with a unique reputation for taking high quality, accessible shows to audiences in rural areas with little or no access to professional theatre. The company draws communities together, promotes new writing, encourages diversity and inclusion, and challenges audiences with its innovative productions. Yet funding cuts from the Arts Council and District Councils (sadly, including the Vale) since 2009 have hit such provincial companies very hard as financial support is increasingly concentrated on the big established metropolitan arts companies. Come to this last OTC performance in Chilton, if only to see what top-quality theatre we are losing by such an urban-centric policy.



All Saints Bell Ringing

Chilton church bells are normally rung before the weekly Sunday morning service, and on some Thursday evenings when we

practise our bell handling and would be happy to demonstrate how it is done to anyone who phones beforehand to check that it is convenient with our tower captain, Alec Samler, telephone 834589. We also ring the bells to celebrate weddings and sometimes toll the tenor for funerals. Next year there are national events to celebrate such as St George's Day, the Queen's Diamond jubilee and the start of the Olympic Games. All bands of visiting ringers are listed in the monthly 'Ridgeway Broadsheet' and on our website:<http://www.orpheus.co.uk/bells/chevnt.htm>

Bell ringing is a fascinating activity; there are many different tunes you can join with others to ring; you meet all ages of local people and it costs nothing. Unlike golf or visits to the gym, you do not have to drive using expensive petrol, you can easily walk to the church, or get a lift to Harwell when we have a joint practice there. Anyone aged from about 10 to 90 can ring bells. If you joined us now you would be able to ring well enough to join our celebrations in 2012. Why not try it? We also have a set of handbells which can be rung in the Village Hall or the Church and can be used to accompany carol singing. Please contact me if you would like to help form a band to ring tunes on handbells.

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Website Reminder

www.fixmystreet.com

FixMyStreet is a site to help councillors, residents and all people view, discuss or report local problems that they've found to their local council by simply locating them on a map.

FixMyStreet is primarily for reporting things which are **broken or dirty or damaged or dumped, and need fixing, cleaning or clearing**, such as: abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, fly tipping or litter, such as broken glass in a cycle lane, unlit lampposts, and potholes.

The problems are then reported direct to the appropriate local authority for action and Councillor Reg Waite will be kept informed of all incidents arising in the Harwell Ward.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 16th November 8.00pm.**

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Area Beat Officer's Report
4. Open Forum
5. Minutes of the last PC meeting
6. District Council Report
7. County Council Report
8. Chilton Field
9. Planning
10. Matters Arising from last Meeting
11. Finance
12. VHMC Report
13. Play Equipment Inspection
14. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 14th December**

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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please check the calendar on the Village Hall website for dates: www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk and then contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street for details. 831750

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You can find it on the Village Hall website:

www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Chilton Directory is attached to the June 2009 edition of the Chronicle, also available on the website are minutes from recent Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Directory.

Attached to the Chronicle are the table of regular clubs and classes held in the Village Hall and the graphs from the Village Hall consultation

Clubs and classes at Chilton Village Hall

Chilton village hall has a range of clubs and classes each week. If you are interested in joining any of these, just contact the person listed.

N.B. [TTO] = Class runs school term time only.

Class	Time		Contact
Art Group	Mondays	2.00 – 4.00pm [TTO]	Didcot Adult Learning Centre 01235 811725
Tai Chi	Mondays	6.00-7.15pm	Tony Jones 01235-813857 tony@taichichuan.org.uk
Bowls Club	Mondays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Sonia James 01235 834224 sonia@internetfusion.co.uk
Harwell Scottish Country Dance Club	Tuesdays	8.00-10.00pm	<u>Lesley Austin</u> http://www.harwellscdc.mno.org.uk/ secretary@HarwellSCDC.mno.org.uk 01235 533626
Evergreens	1 st Tuesday of every month	2.00-4.00pm	Audrey Slater 01235 834558 k.slater@btopenworld.com
2 nd Chilton Scout Group			
Cubs	Wednesday	6.00-7.30pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
Scouts	Wednesday	7.30-9.00pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
Beavers	Thursday	6.15-7.15 pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
WI	3rd Thursday each Month	7.45-9.45pm	Judy Goodall 01235 834503 thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk
Toddler Group	Friday	9:30-11.30am [TTO]	Claire Morgan 01235 820260 toddlergroup@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk
Art Class	Every 4 th Saturday,	10.00am-1.00pm	Lynda Ward 01235 834479
Cardmaking Class	Every 3 rd Saturday,	9.30-4.30pm	Carole Waechtler 01235 525214 carole.waechtler@googlemail.com