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Advance Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend – this is your meeting and your opportunity to put your point of view on any Parish matter that you are concerned about. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or to just listen.

The next Chronicle is the Annual Parish Meeting edition and any Village group or organization is welcome to send in an annual report.

Please let Liz Morris have the reports by **Wednesday 28th March** preferably as an email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com



The Tandem Trio

Lucy Woods, Emma Lawson and Sam Jones - The Tandem Trio - have decided that in order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, they would throw themselves out of a plane at 13,000ft!

Thankfully they will each be strapped to a Red Devil, a member of the Parachute Regiment Freefall Team. If you would like to support them, please visit www.justgiving.com/TheTandemTrio.

To boost the fundraising total they are holding a fun quiz night at Didcot Bowls Club on **Saturday 14 April**. Tickets are £5.00 and all proceeds will go to the charity. You can also visit their charity stall at the Chilton Village Market on the same date, with a chance to win £40 in the popular Tea Cup Sweepstake!

For quiz tickets or further information, please contact;

Lucy Woods on 01235 834286 or lucywoods279@btinternet.com.

Follow the team's progress on their Facebook page 'The Tandem Trio Charity Skydive'.

Many thanks for your support.

The Tandem Trio

This month at the Rose and Crown

Back by popular demand, Quiz Night every Tuesday at 8.00pm. £1 per person, a drinks voucher for the winners.

Paddy's Day party 17 March

The final game of this year's Six Nations rugby tournament is England v Ireland on Paddy's Day (Saturday 17 March 5pm). Come and enjoy the atmosphere with Emerald Ale and Irish music. After the game PP Country will be singing.



Change of Time

Kim, the fresh fish man will now be in the Rose and Crown car park from 3.00 - 3.20pm every Tuesday.



Allotments

The Parish Council has a spare allotment, if anyone is interested in renting it please contact Liz Morris – 01235 834233



The Tree on the Green

By now everyone will have seen that the old maple tree on the Green has been cut down. Sadly, the Parish Council had to have this done as the tree was diseased, in a very bad condition and could not be saved. There was a danger of branches falling on passing vehicles/people. The tree will be replaced by a hornbeam and this will commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



Delivered with the Chronicle is a questionnaire from Thames Valley Police for a Neighbourhood Public Survey. Please complete it and return it to one of the places listed on the questionnaire.



Wonders of synchrotron science to be revealed at the Oxfordshire Science Festival

Diamond Light Source, the UK's national synchrotron science facility and Oxfordshire's very own particle accelerator, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2012.

A number of special public events at venues in Oxford city (Bonn Square, Oxford Castle Quarter and the Museum of Natural History) are planned to mark this milestone at the 2012 Oxfordshire Science Festival, which runs from the 3rd-18th March.

Key dates for the diary are:

3rd – 18th March, Oxford Castle Quarter, Exhibition of images celebrating ten years of Diamond

Friday 16th March at 6pm, Oxford University Museum of Natural History, 'Bright Light for a Better Planet' (booking required)

For more details and to book talk tickets, please visit www.diamond.ac.uk and click on the events page.



AT Hand First-Aid Training will be offering a Paediatric First Aid class on **24 March 2012 at the 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 / 0779 1244126
athandfirst-aid@hotmail.com



Concessionary Bus Travel Update

Men and women reaching the age of 61 years or over in the next few months can apply for a bus pass which entitles them to free travel on local bus services within England. A local bus is classed as "a scheduled public service which stops at least every 15 miles".

Applications for bus passes have been handled until now by district councils, but from 1 April the passes will be issued by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

If you already have a bus pass you don't need to do anything. It will be renewed automatically by OCC when your present card expires.

If you are reaching the age at which you will be eligible for a bus pass you will now be able to apply in several ways:

- On line from home.
- In person by visiting selected libraries and OCC building receptions and using a public computer to apply on line. For example you will be able to use this option at **Didcot library** or at **County Hall in Oxford**. There will be a member of staff available to help you if needed.
- By paper form at any library or OCC building reception. **You can pick up the form from the mobile library which visits Chilton** (see below).
- By paper form directly to the Customer Service Centre by post (address of Customer Service Centre has not been published yet).

Age eligibility for concessionary bus travel

The qualifying age for concessionary bus travel is rising from 60 to 65 over a ten-year period from April 2010. This is in line with the increase in state pension age for women.

People born on or before 5 April 1950, became eligible on their sixtieth birthday. People born in 1951 become eligible for bus passes in the next few months, on the dates shown in the table below.

Date of birth	Age of eligibility for a bus pass	Date from which you can use a bus pass
6 March 1951 to 5 April 1951	61 yrs	6 March 2012
6 April 1951 to 5 May 1951	61 yrs 1 month	6 May 2012
6 May 1951 to 5 June 1951	61 yrs 2 months	6 July 2012
6 June 1951 to 5 July 1951	61 yrs 3 months	6 September 2012

When does the mobile library visit Chilton?

If you want to pick up a form to apply for a bus pass the mobile library visits Chilton every fortnight on a Wednesday morning from 10.40 to 10.55. It parks near The Green, at the bottom of Crafts End. Its next visit is scheduled for 28 March, then every two weeks after that



Chilton All Saints' Bell Ringing in March 2012

Chilton practices may be held by arrangement on Thursday evenings 8th and 22nd March starting at 7.30pm. Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing on 834589

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the other Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm. Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing on 861409

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Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 19th April at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be by Alix booth "A History of Punch and Judy". The competition is a small posy of flowers.

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



Grand Plant Sale

Chilton Wives' Group are holding their annual **Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning** for Christian Aid on **Saturday May 12th** between 10 am and 12 noon in Chilton Village Hall. This is a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, vegetable plants, shrubs and herbs. There will be a well-stocked Book Stall and a Cake and Home Produce Stall. Coffee and tea with home-made biscuits will also be available.

We would be delighted to receive any offers of plants, books or cakes and we hope that you can join us to stock up your

gardens, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee.

Further details or offers of items for sale to Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End – tel 834503. Cryptic Quiz Sheets will be available from 10th April from Judy; priced at £1 each all proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

Judy Goodall



Spring Cleaning Your Wardrobe? Support your local AFCIC

AFCIC – Action for Children in Conflict – is a small U.K based charity which helps children who have been affected by various forms of conflict and crisis in Africa. The local charity shop in Didcot is currently seeking donations of items which it can sell in order to raise funds to support the charity's work in Africa. These include:

- Unwanted gifts, general bric-a-brac, ornaments, jewellery etc.
- Children's clothing, toys and games.
- Men and women's clothing, shoes, bags etc.
- Books, DVD's, CD's
- Household linen.

Unfortunately, the charity is unable to collect these items, however, if you want to start your spring cleaning now and de-clutter, the team in Didcot would love to receive your donated goods.

If you want any further information or wish to make a donation, please contact the shop directly;

184 The Broadway, Didcot OX11 8RN

Tele: 01235 519393 or visit the website at

www.actionchildren.org

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Playing Field

When youngsters are playing in amongst the trees that back onto the large field which now has horses in it, can they please not break through the fencing and go into the field. The new owner of the field has contacted the Parish Council to ask that youngsters do not trespass in the field.

Thank you



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 28th March at 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 28th March**

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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, booking form etc. 831750

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

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.

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