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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or to just listen.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Resumé of last APM
4. Matters Arising
5. Comments on Items in the Chronicle
6. Area Beat Officer's Report
7. County Council Report
8. District Council Report
9. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Report
10. Scout Troop Report
11. Chilton School Report
12. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
13. General Discussion



Chairman's Report

The building of 275 houses by David Wilson Homes (DWH) and Bovis at what was called Chilton Field but is now marketed by DWH as Chestnut Fields continues to herald the biggest change the village has seen for many years.

This development has been promised for many years but it is finally well under way with the first sales made.

A number of obligations were placed on DWH when they bought the land in the form of a Section 106 agreement .

A sum of £240,000 (this includes an RPI increase) has now been paid by DWH for improvements to the Village Hall. The consultation on how to spend this money

has been very successful and I would like to thank all those people who have taken the time and trouble to put forward their thoughts and views on how the Hall could be improved. The questionnaires have now been analysed and the information will be used to produce a design brief so that we can get architects' ideas on how far the money will go and what the improvements could look like.

Also a sum of £82,000 (includes an RPI increase) has been paid for the Artwork at Chestnut Fields. Again the consultation has provided valuable information on what you would like to see and a small subgroup has been formed to take this forward. Hopefully the views of early occupants of Chestnut Fields can be taken into account if timescales permit.

The Playbuilder area on the Recreation Ground has proved very popular and we now have the opportunity to design and build another area on Chestnut Fields. This one will be designed for older children and teenagers in the age range 11-18 and again it will be funded by a Section 106 payment. Once completed it will mean that Chilton has an excellent range of activity areas catering for all children from toddlers to young adults.

This year Chilton is holding fête a on the 4th of June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. There is also a "Big Lunch " in the Village hall on the 3rd of June. It is some years since the village has held a fête and it is an excellent opportunity to bring people together and get involved.

Chris Broad
Chairman



Lost

An album of photographs showing the building of the village hall and other events in Chilton.

This album was borrowed from us at an exhibition in the hall so that the borrower could copy some of the photographs for a

project concerning the village. It has not been returned and the borrower's name is not known. Among the pictures was one of Claire Howard showing Alderman Jones, then Leader of the Vale Council, a model of the hall and others showing the roof rafters before the tiles and ceiling were added.

We would be very pleased if anyone could help us recover this album.

Ken & Mary Howard, Chalk Hill, Main Street.

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The Tree on The Green

With some watering help from volunteer councillors, the new hornbeam sapling on The Green that will commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee is establishing well.

Carpinus betulus or the common hornbeam is native to Europe, including south-east England. It has a characteristic grey fluted trunk, flowers in March and bears ovate, ribbed and serrated leaves which turn a lovely clear yellow in autumn. When mature, hornbeam typically achieves a height of about 20 m (65'). A common parkland and street tree, it is also cultivated for its hard, fine-grained timber which is used to make, among other things, mallets, skittles and some of the moving parts inside pianos. It grows well on the Chalk and should in time make a fine contribution to the Main Street scene.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Planning is progressing well for the Chilton Jubilee Fête to be held on Monday 4th June at the recreation ground, village hall and church.

Already confirmed are a number of live acts, including bands, dancing, DJ, folk music, bagpipes, storytelling and poetry reading. Aside from the live acts there will be a number of other attractions including arts and craft stalls, scouting displays and competitions, various displays and family games. A bar will be provided by the Rose

& Crown and we also hope to have some food stalls.

We hope that this will be a really fun event for all of the family and a great chance for the community to 'get together' in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If you would like to perform at the fête, would like to run a stall/game/other event or would just like to help out, please contact Ali Poole on 01235 832258 or e-mail jubilee@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on 4th June!

The "Big Lunch"

Come to our "Big Jubilee Lunch" on Sunday 3rd June from midday to 3.00pm. at Chilton Village Hall and field. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the Jubilee weekend together.

Flowers

Now is the time to start thinking about your hanging baskets and tubs of flowers in the front garden. Why not have a Jubilee theme and go for red, white and blue in tubs and baskets.



Village Hall Management

Committee Report

The Village Hall has managed to maintain a regular hirer group of interests and although we lost the Age UK booking they are still operating purely as a lunch club and have moved to the Rose & Crown Pub in the Village.

We are pleased to have acquired regular bookings from new Zumba and Tai Chi classes.

The upkeep of the outside and the fixtures and fittings inside the Village Hall have been maintained following our annual inspection and we continue to keep the Hall in top condition for our hirers.

In December we had the production of Jungle Book by the Oxfordshire Theatre Company which played to a full house but unfortunately, they are disbanding as an entity so we have found an alternative group for our next production.

We have held our prices to our regular hirers and casual bookings during 2011-2012 and do not intend to increase for 2012-2013 as we have healthy reserves.

During the year with the new Chestnut Fields housing development comes money to be used for the Village Hall for an extension and improvements and we have held various Village Hall consultation evenings for Stage 1 and then Stage 2 for the questionnaire. We are now in a clearer position from the results to move forward with the parishioners' wishes to use the funds as far as we can to improve the size and facilities of the Hall. In conjunction with this, we also consulted on the money allocated for a "work of art" on the new housing development and we have come up with a result which will move forward based on a "Science Theme". I would like to thank all of you who gave us your views in the questionnaire and attended the events and we will publish our report on the findings of the Village Hall questionnaire shortly.

I would also like to thank all the Village Hall Management Committee for their events and support during this year.

John Smith
Chairman



Chilton WI Annual Report April 2011 – March 2012

Chilton WI has had an interesting year and has again increased its membership. We have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers over the past year. In May Barbara Broad talked to us about the "History and Meaning of Nursery Rhymes", and we discovered many interesting facts about our favourite nursery rhyme characters! In September Hazel King talked about her work with Abingdon Rotary Club and their campaign to eradicate polio in India and she had some very interesting slides to show us. At our Birthday Meeting in October Graham Sutherland, in full Victorian costume as "The Man in Black" entertained us with ghostly tales from the past.

We continue to support village events. Last year, "Dream Flight" a charity which arranges holidays to Florida for sick children, held a craft fair in the village Hall and Chilton WI made a financial contribution as well as baking cakes. More recently at a consultation evening in February on how to improve the Village Hall together with other Village clubs and societies, Chilton WI set out their stall with the hope of attracting more members.

We supported the Christian Aid sale in May with members making cakes and contributing other items. We also held our own summer sale in June on the Village Green and even the postman was not allowed to go on his way without purchasing a WI cake!

Our 50th anniversary banner is now complete and has been displayed at our monthly meetings. It is an outstanding piece of work which reflects, amongst other things, our links with the Diamond Light Source and the beautiful countryside surrounding the Village.

Chilton WI makes a valuable contribution to the social life of the village by providing an opportunity to make new friends and to listen to some interesting speakers at the same time. We look forward to the next year with enthusiasm.

Dorothy Woodhouse
Secretary

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.



Chilton Ringers Report for April 2011- March 2012

All Saints' bells were restored for the millennium in a joint project between the village and the church. We had a new band of ringers who had to learn how to ring the bells, as soon as we could ring

rounds, we have tried to ring our village bells for the Sunday morning service in All Saints' church every week. Unfortunately, some of our ringers have moved with their job away from Chilton and others have become ill with advancing years, which means that now we do not have enough ringers to ring all the bells. Would you like to try having a go for yourselves? Anyone tall enough to reach the bell ropes can try pulling on a rope. There is no upper age limit; you just need to be able to climb 12 steps up to the ringing chamber and to raise your arms above your head. Like learning to ride a bicycle, it takes some practice to do it well. Why not start now? Then in July you could be able to ring well enough to join us in celebrating the start of the London Olympics.

We are planning other special ringing for national events this year, on 23 April there is St. George's Day, when every tower band is asked to ring their bells for some time to celebrate our patron Saint. For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4 June we plan a special 'Open Tower' in the afternoon so that you can climb the stairs to see the church clock, peer through the trapdoor into the belfry to see the bells and try pulling on a rope to chime a bell. We will also have some posters describing the history of All Saints' bells.

Visitors are always welcome in the tower to see how we ring at 7.30pm on our practice evenings, the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. Telephone the tower captain, Alec Samler, on (01235) 834589 to check that we will be ringing on the evening you want to come.

Leaflets with information on bell ringing are usually available inside the church on the windowsill on the left side as you enter. Further details are available on our website:

<http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/>

Kate Crennell Tel; (01235) 834357

Honorary Secretary Chilton Ringers



Chilton Wives' Group Annual Report

We've had an extremely eventful and busy year. Early last June we had a fascinating tour of the Bodleian Library and the Radcliffe Camera. Each year part of our programme includes a trip to a place of interest. This year we have booked a tour of Didcot Power Station.

Last May we held our Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning for Christian Aid. We are always delighted by the support we receive from villagers both in Chilton and Harwell who grow plants for us, bake cakes and donate books and of course come eagerly on the day to spend their money. We raised the record amount of £2,058. This was aided by a generous cheque from David Wilson Homes and by the fact that we were able to ask for donations for primroses and wild flowers that we had saved from the building site at Chestnut Fields.

In June we entertained the Evergreens in the Village Hall. We had a Cornish Theme with stories of smugglers and brave sea rescues, a few Cornish songs and of course Cornish recipes – scones and clotted cream and a traditional Stargazy Pie with fish heads peeping through the pastry.

We have had an excellent range of speakers and topics, from Jane Card on "Art through the eyes of a Historian" to Chris Pickford on "Heavens Above". We held a Bring and Buy when Helen Holt came to talk to us about Action for Children in Conflict and a further very successful Bring and Buy to raise funds for Garden Gate Life who support teenage mothers and their babies. We welcomed our new Rector Dr Jonathan Mobey in November.

It's not all hard work; we enjoyed a Barbecue on a dry evening in July and we were entertained by Harwell Ladies' Group in December.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the year. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in All Saints' Church at 7:45pm and we welcome all visitors and new members.

Judy Goodall

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 .

We are looking forward to Young Gardeners from Chilton School joining us; they have been busy sowing and planting in order to raise funds for their club.

Further details or offers of items for sale to Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End – tel 834503 . See below for Cryptic Quiz Sheets.

Judy Goodall



Charity Quiz Evening

Thank you to everyone who supported this hugely successful event .The hall was full and sadly we could not accommodate everyone who wanted to come. We had a really fun evening and a large amount of money - £1,554 - was raised .We have been able to send cheques for £827 each to ROSY and to HAMLIN FISTULA UK which includes money raised by the sale of Cryptic Quiz sheets and by running a Charity Stall on a freezing February morning at the monthly Produce Market.

The winner of the Cryptic Quiz was Morag McIntyre, who lives in Edinburgh, with 48 ½ out of 50 and the better tie-breaker. Second was Mary Napper from Didcot Library with the identical score.

The next Cryptic Quiz will be out on April 10th and will be for Christian Aid; sheets will be available from all the usual sources - Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close Tel 834558, Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci, Reading Rd Harwell Tel 221047, Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End Tel 834503, Shea at the Rose & Crown, Gurmit at the Post

Office, Atomic Hair and the Mobile Library. Thank you to all the sellers!

Judy Goodall Chilton Wives' Group.



Monthly Village Produce Market (2nd Saturday)

We would like to say a very big thank you for the extremely kind response to the Charity Stall on Saturday March 10th.

We are delighted to tell you that the proceeds amounted to a huge £535 including some very generous donations which has been split equally between the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust and the Kent Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Trust.

Thank you once again for being so generous .

Judy and Norman Goodall



2nd Chilton Scout Group

2nd Chilton Scouts continues to go from strength to strength in the last 12 months. We have increased our numbers in all areas of the group with all sections; beavers, cubs and scouts running at full capacity. We have been very lucky to encourage new leaders into our group over the last year. Our previous Group Scout Leader (GSL), Teresa Lockett, left the group back in late 2011 having done a brilliant job in establishing the scout group to which we are very grateful. The helm was taken over by Dave Tilbury who has transferred from scout leader to our new GSL. Each section continues to offer our young people the opportunity to undertake a whole range of activities. This includes things such as camping, fire lighting, pioneering, wide games, rope/knot work and handling axes to community and social responsibility such as learning about recycling and waste or how to look after your pets. This year the group has been fortunate to receive its storage container positioned to the side of the village hall. This has been and will be a great resource for our group and thanks goes to those that assisted in the arrangement of this container.

Scouting remains a voluntary based organisation and our excellent leadership team put in many hours of preparation and hard work to ensure that the group runs effectively. A big thank you must be given to all of them and to those that have lent support to the group in all kinds of ways. Here's to another great year of scouting in Chilton.

Dave Tilbury

Chilton Scout Group Sale

Chilton Scout Group are holding a Table Top Toy Sale on Saturday 28th April 2-4 pm in the village hall. Good quality toys, books, dvds, etc being sold. Second hand scouting uniform stall. Cakes and refreshments will be served. Free entry for all. Come and find some bargains.



Anyone for Croquet ?

It's all about getting balls through a sequence of hoops, but the interaction with your opponents and strict rules complicate the ever-changing situation. Newcomers may be surprised at the skills of experienced players, but they can begin to play a competitive game within a few hours of first picking up a mallet. Tactics play a large part in the sport and even well-seasoned players still learn new tricks from time to time. Men and women can compete on an equal basis and it still carries traditional values of etiquette. Games can be played as doubles or singles. It is enjoyed by a number of ladies from Chilton WI including Gwen, Judy, Liz and Hilary.

If you are interested in finding out more you can play at the recreational facilities on the Harwell Campus, please contact
Mike Duck 01235 850002
Steve Fisher 0781 203 7530
Jim Bartlett 01491 873307



Abingdon Air & Country Show

Sunday 6th May 10.00am – 5.30pm.
Abingdon Airfield - Air and ground attractions include flying displays, static aircraft, vintage vehicles, crafts stalls, entertainment and much more.

Something for all the family. For ticket information got to www.abingdonfayre.com or phone 07769 689823. Advance prices Adults £12, OAP £8.00, Child £4.00 (U5's free).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 2nd May at 8.00pm.**

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 11th April Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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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

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Annual Statement of Accounts**

