

CHILTON CHRONICLE

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The Parish Council would like to extend a very warm welcome all the new residents of Chilton Field.



Jubilee Tree and Stone on The Green

In March this year the Parish Council had a hornbeam tree planted on The Green in the centre of the village, to replace the maple that had to be felled because it was diseased. The maple had been planted in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V, so it was appropriate to use the new tree to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Parish Council wanted an inscription to mark the Jubilee for future generations, and decided that a carved sarsen stone would be the most appropriate way of doing this. Sarsens occur naturally in our area of Chalk downland, and are formed of very hard sandstone. In June the Parish Council contacted a stonemason, Joss Nankoo of Newbury, who came to Chilton to look at the sarsens we have dotted around the village.

He advised us that none of our sarsens would be suitable to carve an inscription. Accordingly we began to look farther afield and thanks to Parish Councillor Richard Beech, who has contact with a farmer near Lambourn, we were able to secure a suitable stone. To farmers, sarsens are a nuisance, because they lie just under the surface of the soil and break their ploughs. They therefore drag them out of the way and park them on the edge of fields.

The stone was taken to Joss's workshop in Newbury and the Parish Council agreed the text: "Commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 2012". We decided not to mention the tree in the inscription, as the stone is likely to outlast

the tree by many centuries. Stonehenge is partly formed of sarsens, and that has been around for 5,000 years, so we are planning for the future.

Our sarsen is a natural boulder shape, and Joss has followed the contours to produce an informal inscription which is exactly what the Parish Council wanted. The stone was installed on The Green on 7 August. We are considering having an event in the autumn to dedicate the stone and tree in a suitable manner.

The Jubilee has been an event worth commemorating, bringing the nation together to celebrate a remarkable reign of 60 years. Added to the Jubilee events in June has been the remarkable success of the London Olympics, making 2012 something of an annus mirabilis.

You are welcome to sit your own annus mirabilis on the stone and waggle it around a bit, to polish off any blemishes (on the stone). Please note, it is high treason to allow your dog to urinate on the stone (unless it is a corgi).



Welcome to Chilton BBQ

All Saints' Church Chilton, is holding a "Welcome to Chilton BBQ" for newcomers to the Village on **Saturday 15th September from 5.00 to 8.00pm** at the Village Hall. For more details please contact Philip Garner on 07805 438702 or chiltonevents@gmail.com



Your Local Produce Market

This is held on the second Saturday of each month in the Rose and Crown car park from 9am to 1pm. This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown and sourced goods: we have a wide selection of eggs, vegetables and meat, cheeses,

breads (including the irresistible Lardy Cake), ready pre-prepared meals and home-made jams and chutneys.

Each month we run a Charity Stall; this time we are supporting the Robbie the Robot Appeal at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, pioneering robot-assisted delicate surgery techniques and we will have home-made cakes, books and other assorted items – any donations welcomed. Shea the Landlord is open for Breakfast Baps, Tea, Coffee and Drinks.

Dates for your diary –

Saturday 8th September

Saturday 13th October

Please come and support this great local initiative. If you are interested in running a stall please contact:

Jan Williams 820561, Judy Goodall 834503



Governor Vacancy – Chilton Primary School

Chilton Primary School is committed to providing children with the foundations and inspiration to become independent, happy, life-long learners, whose attainment is at the highest level. We will do this by:

- Providing enriching real-life experiences, within a stimulating creative curriculum
- Encouraging children to take ownership of their own learning journey
- Developing strong partnerships with parents and carers
- Building relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Expecting all children to share responsibility for their environment
- Developing the children's understanding of the place of human beings within nature
- Developing self-confidence and encouraging children to step outside of their comfort zone
- Having high expectations of every child and supporting them in achieving their potential

The Chilton Primary School Governing Body provide the strategic support required to meet these objectives and are

currently seeking to make an addition to their Board. If you have the time and energy to commit to performing this role, please get in touch.

For information on the role and responsibilities of a Governor, and for details on how to apply please visit: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/governor-recruitment-and-how-become-school-governor>



Research Sites Restoration Ltd Public Exhibition

Proposal for an additional Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) storage facility at the RSRL Harwell site

We are holding a follow up public exhibition to allow local residents to view the proposal for an additional ILW store.

Please come along to view and give feedback on our proposal. The development team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

3pm-8pm, Friday 7 September,

Harwell Innovation Centre

Building 173, Curie Avenue, Harwell Oxford, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0QG

You can also contact the team directly:
Telephone - 0800 319 6188

Website - www.research-sites.com/ilw-store-engagement

Email –

jessica.stewart@localdialogue.com

Freepost – Harwell ILW Store, Local Dialogue LLP, FREEPOST NAT3717, London SE1 2 BR



All Saints' Chilton Evergreens

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th September at 2.30 in the Village Hall.**

The speaker will be Mrs Betty Collins on **'Travels in Old China'**.

Come and join us and have a cup of tea afterwards. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Further details from Audrey Slater (834558).



Clothes Cycle

The two churches of Chilton and Harwell warmly invite you to a 'Clothes Cycle' - a quality, cared-for second-hand clothing sale on **Saturday 1st September, 1-3pm** at the Church Hall in Harwell. Nicer than a jumble sale with proceeds to community activities, there'll be a FREE cafe, too, so you can have refreshments whilst you plan your purchases!

The Church Hall is on the corner of Wellshead and The Park about 100m from the Church door.

For more information call 01235 834256, office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or www.harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk
Liz Roberts



Chilton Book Club

Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to tell others about a book you've just read? Prepared to read books that may not have grabbed your attention? If so, you may like to come along to meetings of Chilton Book Club.

We are a small group who meet once a month to discuss a title we've previously chosen as our 'Book of the Month'. Our selection is wide ranging and diverse, some books we like, others we don't, but we all enjoy the lively discussion around each one. Recent books have included The Thread (Victoria Hislop), The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (Stieg Larsson); The Sense of an Ending (Julian Barnes) and One Day (David Nicholls).

If you think you may like to join us - our next two meetings are **Wednesday 5th September** and **Wednesday 3rd October** please phone Hilary on 07977973835



Nordic Walking Free Taster Event – 15th September

We are trying to start a Nordic Walking group in the area as a social way of getting exercise and making use of our network of footpaths and tracks.

Nordic Walking is a wonderful way of getting fit as it uses up to 90% of the muscles of the body. It can be done

socially as opposed to the somewhat solitary experience of a gymnasium and can be tailored to suit all fitness levels. After the modest costs of training and the purchase of the special poles it is then free. You will find lots more information on Nordic Walking including its history on the web.

We have arranged for Henrietta Thorn, who is the Get Oxfordshire Active Co-ordinator for South and Vale, to run a taster session here in Upton for anyone who might be interested in trying Nordic Walking. It will be held on the recreation ground at Upton next to the Village Hall **Saturday 15th September**, will start at 10.00a.m. and run for approximately an hour.

If you would like to take part in this taster session or would like further information please contact me either by telephone on 01235 850989 or by e-mail to mike@manorlawns.co.uk. I need to be able to book you in to ensure that we have enough poles available on the day.

Mike Collins



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 20th September at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be by Dominic McDonald – “ABC of the Earth”. The competition is an interesting aerial photo. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. For more details please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930



Have Your Say Meetings

Please come along, this is your opportunity to speak with your Neighbourhood Officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have.

Saturday 29th September – 4pm – 5pm
Chilton Village Hall



Thank You

I would like to thank all the readers of the Oxford Mail, who saved the "School build" tokens for my grandchildren's school. Charlton-on-Otmoor actually managed to come second in the competition for money to have a building project done over the holidays.

The final three were St Joseph's Primary, Headington, 315 pupils collected 44 vouchers per pupil, Charlton-on-Otmoor, 93 pupils and 38 vouchers per pupil, West Kidlington, 372 pupils, 33 vouchers per pupil.

Thanks for all the effort; think we needed to bulk-buy papers to get into top place!
Carol Pigott.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jubilee Cryptic Quiz on the theme of the Royal Family and Nobility which raised £190.90 for the Robbie the Robot Appeal at the Royal Berks Hospital. This brings the total raised for this cause to £368 when added to the proceeds from two Produce Markets.

The winner of the quiz was Debbie Davies from Harwell with the terrific score of 49 ½ out of 50. Second was Janet Smith from Stanford in the Vale.

Thank you to Gurmit at the Post Office, Atomic Hair and Shea at the Rose and Crown for selling the sheets.

The next quiz will be out on 8th September
Judy Goodall



Oxfordshire Dial-a-Ride

Dial-a-Ride is a door-to-door transport service for those, such as elderly or disabled people, who are unable to use, or who find it difficult to use conventional public transport. The drivers of the vehicles are specially trained in the assistance of wheelchair users and those with mobility problems.

Dial-a-Ride serves its areas on set days. For Chilton this is Wednesdays, with transport to Wantage and limited destinations in Oxford. There is an annual charge of £5 for membership of Dial-a-Ride, but journeys are free if you have a concessionary bus pass. You can get

more information or register by dialling 0845 310 1111.

More information is also available at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dialaride.

To book, Dial-a-Ride members call the 0845 number, or email oxdar@oxfordshire.gov.uk, between 7 and 2 days before travel. The team will then schedule the bus in the most efficient way possible.

Please note, Dial-a-Ride is not intended as transport to hospitals for appointment. For this the Didcot Volunteer Centre car scheme may be able to help, contact 01235 816079 (the line is open 10 am to 12 noon Mondays to Fridays).



Apply now for Grants in the Vale

The Vale of White Horse District Council has launched two new grant schemes to support local community projects and local events and festivals. The Council has launched a new capital grants scheme that offers grants of up to £5,000 towards a wide variety of community projects. The £100,000 fund is available to help with capital expenditure, such as spending on buildings, extensions or equipment will be considered under the scheme. The capital grants scheme opened on 23 July 2012 and the deadline for applications is 28 September 2012.

Community groups can also benefit from the new festival grant scheme that offers grants of up to £1,000 towards local festivals or events to be held in the district. This scheme also opened on 23 July 2012 and will remain open until the £10,000 budget has been allocated.

Information on how to apply for one of these grants is available on the council's website at

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants>



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 5th September 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. District Council Report
6. County Council Report
7. Chilton Field
8. Planning
9. Minutes of the last PC meeting
10. Matters Arising from the Meeting
11. Finance
12. VHMC Report
13. Village Hall Working Group Report
14. Play Equipment Inspection
15. Correspondence

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 19th September**
Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233

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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.

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

