

CHILTON CHRONICLE

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Halloween Disappointment

I'm very saddened to say that I am having to write an article regarding the criminal damage to pumpkins on 31st October.

We have had 3 separate reports to Police during the evening of the 31st October (Halloween) of pumpkins being smashed, mainly in the Lime Trees area of Chilton. I am very disappointed that this has taken place especially after the residents of Chilton generously gave treats to local children and got into the spirit of Halloween.

At this time I am collating all possible evidence in regard to identifying the offenders. If you did see anything or have any information regarding this, please contact me on 101 or by email sarah.merritt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk If the person or persons responsible wish to come forward and tell me why they felt it was acceptable to do this, then I will deal with it appropriately, but if evidence comes to light identifying the individual(s) then they will be dealt with robustly for 3 crimes of Criminal Damage.

I am also aware of an increase in reported Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) within the village. I am also looking at this with my team of PCSO's, as well as the ASB co-ordinator and Sovereign Vale Housing Association. If you wish to report ASB, please call in via the non-emergency number of 101.

PC Sarah Merritt



Free cheese and wine event for the final Village Hall consultation

The last stage of the consultation about the village hall improvements is set for Friday 11th January from 5pm-9pm in the Hall. Come along and vote on the two

finalists over a glass of wine and nibbles. The two designs are quite different so you have a real choice.

We really need as many Chilton residents as possible (and especially residents who are present and potential future users of the Hall) to come and vote to ensure that the most flexible and suitable design for Chilton is chosen. Please note that non-residents are welcome to come along, but are not eligible to vote.



News from the Rose & Crown

Seasonal menu at the Rose and Crown

There is still time to enjoy the traditional Christmas celebration menu, £19.95 4 courses or £15.95 2 courses. Call 01235 862992 for availability.

Fun quiz Tuesdays

Come along to the Rose and Crown on Tuesday evenings at 8pm for the fun quiz. Sense of humour more important than high IQ. The quiz will not take place on Christmas Day for obvious reasons. The quizmaster thinks he may be too hung over to run the New Year's Day one (Tuesday 1 January) but turn up just the same in case sobriety returns. Otherwise things will be back to normal on Tuesday 8 January.

Carol singing at the Rose and Crown

Thursday 20 December, join All Saints' Church for singing of traditional carols in the pub - mince pies too!

Christmas opening at the Rose and Crown

Christmas Eve 12 noon to 12 midnight

Christmas Day 12 noon to 2pm

Boxing Day 12 noon to 12 midnight

New Year's Eve party at the Rose and Crown

Disco with D J Ali from 8 till late.

Complimentary food, spot prizes, free entry.



Churchyard Horse Chestnut Tree

As you will have seen the horse chestnut tree has now been felled - much of the trunk was indeed quite rotten. Thank you to those who made donations for the timber.

All Saints' Church



Chilton Produce Market and Charity Stall

The next market will be held on Saturday December 8th. It takes place **every second Saturday in the month between 9am and 1pm at The Rose and Crown Car Park**. The Charity stall, on a festive Christmas theme, will be held for the Oncology unit at the Churchill Hospital. Any contributions of books, small white elephant, cakes etc. will be very welcome.

On January 12th the Charity stall will be supporting Riding for The Disabled (Abingdon Branch) and on Saturday February 9th BBOWT – Berks Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. Offers of help and enquiries to Judy Goodall on 834503.



Have Your Say Meetings (HYS)

Please come along, this is your opportunity to speak with your Neighbourhood Officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have. Saturday 22nd December 4pm – 5pm
Chilton Village Hall



All Saints' Bell Ringing

On the morning of New Year's Day each year our Branch of the Oxford Guild of church bellringers arranges to visit one of the towers to ring in celebration of the coming year.

This year it is our turn to host the Branch, so there will be some excellent ringing on Tuesday 1st January 2013 between about 10.45 and 12.30.

You might walk round the village to the Recreation Field to listen to the ringing of all six bells in some unusual methods. We hold practices on Monday evenings, mainly for beginners, so if you want to try ringing yourself you would be welcome to

come round to the tower between 7.30 and 9pm either to watch how it is done or try it for yourselves. Telephone the tower Secretary first to check because we do not practise on either Bank Holiday Mondays or around Christmas time due to all the ringing for the extra services. 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/chbells.htm>

Kate Crennell Tel; 01235 834357
Honorary Secretary Chilton Ringers



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 13th December at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall when we will have our Christmas party.

The January meeting will be on Thursday 19th January at 7.45pm. in the Village Hall. Please remember that the annual subscription will also be due that evening. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please just come along to a meeting.



Seesaw Charity Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the SeeSaw sale at the Produce Market on Saturday 10th November. The incredible total of £327.50 was raised.



Chilton Wives' Group

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7:30pm in All Saints' Church. This will be our Christmas social when we will entertain Harwell Ladies' Group. As always, new members and visitors would be most welcome. Any enquiries, please contact Judy Goodall on 834503.



Charity Quiz Sheet No 26

The Christmas Charity Quiz Sheet will be on sale from Saturday 1st December. All

monies will be for SeeSaw and will be available from:

Gurmit at the Post Office; Shea at the Rose and Crown; Atomic Hair; Audrey Slater , 9 Latton Close, Tel 834558 ; Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci, Reading Road Harwell. Tel 221047; Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End, Tel 834503, email thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk

Thank you all for your support. I would be extremely interested to hear from anyone who feels they would be able to sell a few quiz sheets, perhaps through contacts at work.

Judy Goodall



Chilton Baby and Toddler Group

Chilton Baby and Toddler Group meets every Friday (in term times) 9:30 - 11:30am at Chilton Village Hall. £2 per family, your first session is free.

Drop in for a warm and friendly coffee and a chat whilst the children burn off some energy with lots of crafts, singing and toys. Saturday 15 December at 6pm - The group will be selling homemade cakes and drinks at M&M's Jack and the Beanstalk at the Village Hall. Tickets are available from Sue Granger on 01235 861253 or email coopt1@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

21 December - We'll be having a baby and toddler Festive Party with crafts, games and food.

Chilton Baby and Toddler Group needs volunteers to help set up and put away the toys, we also need a friendly tea bar assistant. Please email chilontoddlers@gmail.com, facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ChiltonBabyandToddlerGroup> or drop in for a chat on a Friday morning.



Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Pantomime fun at Chilton village hall this Christmas! M & M Theatrical Productions will be serving up a giant portion of Jack and the Beanstalk **on Saturday 15th December at 6pm**. Join Jack, Jill and Mrs Trott as they fight to keep their cottage from the greedy Squire Bogie and help free the characters of Nursery Rhyme Land from the tyranny of the giant. This

fantastic piece of children's theatre will have you singing and dancing out of your seats! Tickets are £6.00 concessions, £9.00 adults and will be available from Sue Granger (see above).



Parish Council Notes

Overgrown Hedges

Please can householders cut back any hedges etc that are growing out over the pavement and causing an obstruction. This is particularly important as it gets dark quite early now.

Thank you.

Rats

The Parish Council has received several complaints regarding the number of rats around the Village. Unfortunately there is no quick easy solution to this problem. However, Villagers are asked to try and help minimise the problem by careful use/storage of bird/livestock food. Please also do not put out food for the foxes that are in and around the Village.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 19th December 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 2nd January**.

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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, also available
on the website are minutes from recent
Parish Council meetings.

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