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Village Hall design- The Results!

The consultation evening in January proved very popular, attended by c.130 residents, their families and other visitors. Of this number 116 were eligible to vote. It was especially good to welcome some of our new householders from Chilton Field. The finalist design proposals by the Oxfordshire architect firms Stanhope Wilkinson Associates and West Waddy ADP were on display and it was widely commented that they were not only quite different in concept but also individually of high quality. However the result vote was quite unambiguous, with the Stanhope Wilkinson Associates proposal preferred by a majority of three to one.

The Working Group's recommendation that this outline design therefore be adopted has been formally accepted by the Parish Council so that Stanhope Wilkinson Associates can be engaged to take the project forward with the Working Group. Watch for updates in the Chronicle as milestones in the project are reached. Thanks to all those that participated in the public consultation that led to this very successful outcome.

Chilton Village Hall Improvement Working Group



Thank You

The village children have all had a lovely time sledging in the field in Dene Hollow during the recent snow and they would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Garrett for letting them use the field.



Bus service to Newbury

Many Chilton residents were disappointed when we lost our bus service to Newbury a few years ago, although we are now fortunate to have a good service to Oxford instead.

However, there has always been a minimal bus service to Newbury, with one bus in the morning and one in the late afternoon, sponsored by Harwell Campus. From 18 February there will be an additional service in the early afternoon, making it more useful for a shopping trip to Newbury on Mondays to Fridays. The buses run from Harwell Campus bus station, but will also call at the bus stop on the A4185 close to the war memorial. A summary of the service is given below:

	6	6
Harwell Campus (depart)	07.30	13.50
Newbury Park Way (stop Q)	08.15	14.35
Newbury Bus Station	08.18	14.38

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Newbury Bus Station	13.15	16.15
Newbury Park Way (stop P)	13.19	16.19
Harwell Campus (arrive)	13.49	17.06



Flooding in The Lane

Those of you who use The Lane will be aware of a sewage leak that has been flowing more or less continuously since the middle of January. It has made this public footpath extremely unpleasant to walk on. The Parish Council has been making energetic efforts to get the leak cured, assisted by District Councillor Reg Waite, and County Councillor Stewart Lilly.

At the time of writing this report we have tankers backing up the pumping station at Dene Hollow by removing sewage by road. We are waiting for Thames Water to replace an inspection cover in The Lane, which is on order.

There are a number of fresh water springs which have started to flow in The Lane after the wet summer and autumn. These have caused a pond to form at the end of The Lane where a surface water gully is blocked. Stewart Lilly has ordered storm water jetting to be done as soon as possible by Oxfordshire County Council.

We hope that by the time you read this newsletter the problem will be cured. If you do notice any sewage leaks it is important to report them to Thames Water and not to rely on others to do so. Their phone number is 0800 714614. This is a free call number which Thames Water do not publicise. The number they prefer us to use is 0845 9 200 800, which of course you have to pay for. Even this number is not listed in the Oxford telephone directory, and this got us to thinking it would be useful to have a list of phone numbers that you might need in a hurry in the Chronicle. So we have compiled the list at the end of this edition, which we hope will assist.



Ringling Course

St Matthew's ringers will be holding a 'Bell Ringing for Beginners' course starting on **9th March 2012**.

The initial course will take place in Harwell over a period of about 5-6 weeks with tuition on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings (6.30-7.30pm). After that, the tuition will continue with the new ringers joining in the normal practices at Harwell and Chilton.

The aim is for the learners to join the regular band practices and, after a few months, to ring for Sunday services and other occasions.

We welcome learners from Harwell, Chilton and nearby. We are particularly keen to teach anyone from Chilton who could eventually join the All Saints' band as this is currently rather depleted.

For more information please contact Debbie Greenfield, ☎ 01235 820760, debbie.greenfield@stfc.ac.uk.



Community Website

A new community website has been setup at www.chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com

It is the site to visit to find out what's on in the village and see if there are any local news items that might affect you, road closures, bin collections etc. There is a village calendar, a 5-day weather forecast and links to sites dealing with the history of Chilton and local businesses. So if you

want to know more about the village you live in, visit the Chilton Links page .

Traditional websites have a single person updating them, this one is a wiki (like Wikipedia) and if you register as a member you can update it yourself. This means that groups and individuals can set up and maintain their own pages. There is much more it could be used for, so go to www.chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com and explore the site. New members welcome to help maintain and develop it.

Chris Broad



Good Night Out here in Chilton

You may have heard that Chilton is now one of the **Good Night Out** venues, bringing live performance to Oxfordshire's rural areas. GNO present some of the best professional entertainment on your doorstep, just for you, your family and friends. GNO brings memorable theatre, stonking good folk, jazz and blues nights and classical music. Not forgetting comedy, family and children's shows.

Our upcoming show is a live music gig by Radio Banska, who play a stunning array of Latin, East European, Middle Eastern and jazz fusion delivered with passion and style. Radio Banska will take you on an exciting tour of musical influences from around the world, from Morocco, Jamaica and Buenos Aires to Paris, Budapest and the Balkans.

Friday 22 February 7:30 pm for 8:00 in the village hall, Rose and Crown cash bar all evening and Ali P slotting in after the band with more dance music. Your subsidised ticket includes a £1 voucher off your first drink, on that evening only, at the bar or beforehand/after at the Rose and Crown. Get your tickets now (£8 each, discounts £7.50) from Chris Druce 834285, Sue Granger 861253 and Ann Shaw 833649. A few tickets at £10 may be available at the door, no guarantee as we only have a 100 tickets allotted.

Chilton VHMC



News from The Rose and Crown

All the Six Nations Rugby matches will be shown live on the television in the Rose and Crown, so come and watch the games in the company of your friends. Enjoy the atmosphere and complimentary food. Matches still to come are:

Saturday 23 February, Italy v Wales

2.30pm, England v France 5pm

Sunday 24 February, Scotland v Ireland
2pm

Saturday 9 March, Scotland v Wales

2.30pm, Ireland v France 5pm

Sunday 10 March, England v Italy 3pm

Saturday 16 March, Italy v Ireland 2.30pm

Wales v England 5pm, France v Scotland
8pm

Welcome buffet for new residents at the Rose and Crown

Residents of the new houses on Chilton Field are invited to the Rose and Crown for a free buffet on **Saturday 23 February at 7pm** (after the finish of the England v France match). In the spirit of equal opportunity, residents of more established parts of the village are also invited to enjoy the buffet. We hope to welcome some of our new neighbours to the village and its pub.

Paddy's Day disco at the Rose and Crown

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with a disco by DJ Ali on **Saturday 16 March**. The fun will start about 10pm (after the finish of the final Six Nations rugby match) and will continue till late. Paddy's Day is 17 March, but those with stamina will still be bopping at midnight to welcome Ireland's national day along with our Irish landlord.

The Rose and Crown Quiz

The fun quiz continues every Tuesday evening at 8pm, but here are a couple of facts about the Rose and Crown you may not know:

Kids under 10 eat free on Sundays, when roast lunch is £6.95 for adults.

Tea or coffee and scones with cream are available, price £3.50.



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 16th February 4pm – 5pm

There have been a number of thefts from vehicles along the Ridgeway beauty spot parking areas. The Police strongly advise drivers to take all valuables from their cars, e.g. mobiles, laptops, handbags and wallets. Please place any other items out of sight and keep them locked in the glove compartment. This includes CD's, loose change and coats. What may not seem valuable to the car owner may be to a thief, his mantra being "steal now, think later" The thief will also cause criminal damage to the vehicle whilst breaking in, including smashed side windows or, even more expensive to replace, the rear window, plus possible damage to locks.



The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund visited some 36 of the senior citizens of Chilton on New Year's Day to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these groceries is an annual event and on 1 January this year we were delighted to be able to supply some substantial gifts because of the generous donations from kind parishioners which swelled the Fund.

We always welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent in the current year or whether they would prefer the Trustees to invest the gift so as to enhance our spending power in future years. **So if you would like to make a donation to the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund** please contact one of the following Trustees:

Brian Morris 6 Latton Close

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close

John Berry 'Schneeberg', South Row

Pam Rolls 15 Elderfield Crescent

A little background information: Lydia Thomas was a benefactress of Chilton who died in 1807 and provided in her will the sum of £333-6-8d in 3% Consols for distribution of £10 each New Year's Day for the benefit of the poor. The endowment was administered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish and used for a distribution of goods, usually of loaves of bread. It is believed that Lydia lived at the Malt House in Main Street. In 1975 the Fund was amalgamated with the Chilton Aid Fund (set up in 1955) to form the present day Fund. The Chilton Aid Fund arose from the Chilton share of the proceeds of the sale of the Nurse's House administered in connection with the Harwell and Chilton Nursing Association. That charity was comprised in a conveyance dated 1926.



March Chilton Market – Charity Stall

The Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary at Stadhampton has provided and continues to provide hundreds of abandoned animals with a second chance. At any one time the Sanctuary can be looking after several hundred animals. At present on site we have 110 dogs, over 150 cats and a number of rabbits plus our permanent guests of 2 goats, 6 sheep, 1 horse and a little Shetland pony. In 2011 the Sanctuary re-homed over 500 animals into loving new homes.

*This is a difficult time of year for the charity, so come and see us at The Chilton Market on **Saturday 9 March** where we will be accepting donations for our collecting tins, pet food (for dogs, cats and rabbits), used postage stamps, towels (for use in drying animals down and/or for bedding) and good quality items for selling in the Sanctuary's shop in Didcot.*

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Jan Williams



Didcot & District University of the Third Age

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

The February meeting of D&DU3A is being held at **2pm on Tuesday 19 February 2013** at Didcot Civic Hall. The topic is May Day to Mummers: Oxfordshire Seasonal Customs.

Didcot & District U3A is a democratic, self-funded and self-managed organisation which exists to provide educational and leisure activities at minimal cost. It draws upon the knowledge, experience, skills and enthusiasms of its members to organise interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership.

☎: 07804159993

Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com



Chilton Wives' Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in Chilton Church. We are a small friendly group and always welcome visitors and new members. The annual membership fee is only £5 and we enjoy a varied programme with speakers, an annual outing and a summer barbecue (even in the rain!) and we arrange the annual quiz evening and the Plant Sale. February's meeting is on **Tuesday 12th at 7:45** in the Church when the talk will be Volunteering at the Olympics – Judy and Norman Goodall .



Chilton Village Disco

Saturday 16th February 8pm - Midnight in Chilton Village Hall. Come along to a 'Dancing through the Decades' disco. Enjoy an evening with friends remembering and reminiscing the hits that have filled the dance floors time and time again.

Bring your own drink and be lucky at the raffle. Buy tickets in advance and email the DJ with your requests for the night.

Tickets in advance £5 (by 11th February) and on the night £8 per person. Tickets available from: Lianne Vickers:

lianne.vickers@btinternet.com ☎ 01235

861545 Or Rachel Watson:

Rachelvj@aol.com ☎ 01235 834505



Chilton W.I.

Chilton W.I meet on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st February at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall.

The talk will be "Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Rising" by Steve Lord. The competition is your favourite Robbie Burns poem.

Please remember that the annual subscription is now due.

We are a friendly group and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Please just come along to a meeting.



Charity Quiz Evening

Chilton Wives' Group are holding their annual Quiz Evening on **Saturday 16th March** in the Village Hall. Teams comprise up to 6 members and the aim is to have a really good time. There will be a hot tasty supper and a delicious pud.

Tickets are priced at £8 per person. Please let us know when you purchase them if you are vegetarian or if you have any specific dietary requirements and we will try to cater for them.

Please bring your own drink and glasses. Doors open at 7:15 pm for a prompt 7:30 start. To avoid disappointment please book early; tickets sell very quickly.

The projects we are supporting this year are:

1 Hamlin Fistula UK: This Charity supports the work of the Hamlin Fistula Hospitals in Ethiopia where women with obstetric fistulae are treated and

2 To raise funds to improve the footpath to the Church and Graveyard at All Saints' Chilton so that there may be easy access for all.

Tickets from:

Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End ☎ 834503

Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close ☎ 834558



Charity Quiz Sheets

The Christmas Cryptic Quiz Sheet for SeeSaw on the theme of trees was won by Denise Line from Dorchester-on-Thames. Three contestants scored 50 out of 50 so the winner was decided on tiebreak. Well done, Denise. We were delighted to raise £215 for SeeSaw.

The next Quiz will be out on Saturday 9th February and will raise funds for Hamlin Fistula UK and the Church Footpath as it ties in with the Charity Quiz evening.

Cryptic Quiz Sheets are available from Judy Goodall and Audrey Slater as above, plus Shea at the Rose & Crown, Gurmit at the Post Office, Atomic Hair, and Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci, Reading Rd, Harwell ☎ 221047.



Produce Market

The December market raised £200 for the Oncology unit at the Churchill Hospital and the January market raised £152.20 for Riding for the Disabled Abingdon.

A huge Thank You to everyone who gave us their support.



Easter Holiday Activity

Programme 2013

The Vale of White Horse District Council Easter Holiday Activity Programme 2013 is now available online. Please go to www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays. The link will take you to a list of the activities we are offering this year along with details of how to book.



Gardening

Light gardening available now spring and summer is on its way. Contact Kate

Hunneman ☎ 07770 511495 ☎ 01235 835163.



Table Top Sale

Chilton Wives' Group are holding a Table Top Sale in Chilton Village Hall on **Saturday 20th April** from 10 am to 12 noon. Tables will cost £7.50 in advance and £9 on the day; customer entry will be free. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be on sale and there will be cake, home produce and book stalls.

All profits from the event will go towards improving the access to the Church and Graveyard at All Saints' Chilton.

To reserve a table please contact

Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End ☎ 834503

Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close ☎ 834558

The Abingdon Air & Country Show 5th May

It's not just an air show! The Abingdon Air & Country Show has a varied ground show to go along with a fly-in of both modern and vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display. All of this is within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, which is our objective. The event is held in support of local Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

Tickets & Parking Gates open: 10 AM –
Event finishes: 5:30 PM

- On the day Admission: Adult £15, OAP £10, 5-15yr olds £5, Under 5s Free
- In Advance*: Adult £12, OAP £8, 5-15yr olds £4, Under 5s Free.
- Free Car Parking

*Advance tickets being purchased online via our website

www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Colin Smith

Publicity & Tickets Co-ordinator

The Organising Committee would like to thank the Chilton village based JONK Design for their help in rebranding and creating the brand new website for the show.



Grand Plant Sale for Christian Aid

Advance notice: the sale will be held on **Saturday 11th May** from 10am to 12 noon in Chilton Village Hall. Chilton Wives' Group would be delighted to receive any offers of plants, books or cakes, and we hope that you can join us on the morning to stock up your garden, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee. Please contact Judy Goodall with any offers of help.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 27th February 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
 - (i) Community Room
 - (ii) Village Hall Improvements
 - (iii) Chilton Field Play Equipment
 - (iv) Chilton Field Work of Art
8. Planning
9. Minutes of the last PC meeting
10. Matters Arising from the Meeting
11. Finance
 - (i) Expenditure
 - (ii) Income
12. VHMC 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 20th March.**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Councillors

Mr Richard Beech
Dene Hollow
Dene Hollow
820971

Mr Chris Broad Chairman
14 Latton Close
834347

Mr Andy Candelent
21 Elderfield Crescent
834921

Mr Frank Dumbleton
1 Lavender Cottages
Main Street
832292

Mr Brian Morris,
6 Latton Close
834233

Mr Ian Thompson Vice Chair
22 The Orchids
832385

Mrs Jane Woods
Layton Cottage
Main Street
831750

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

County Councillor

Mr Stewart Lilly
2, Hengest Gate,
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OX11 0HH.
01235 832867

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Mrs Margaret Turner
15 Tyrells Close
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OX11 0LF.
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01235 861779

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.

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



Useful contact numbers

Electricity	08000 72 72 82	power cuts or emergencies
Rose and Crown	01235 862992	
National Rail Enquiries	08457 48 49 50	train times and fares
Newbury and District	01635 33855	bus 6/6A to Newbury
Police	101	non-emergency
Thames Travel	01491 837988	bus X32 to Oxford
Thames Water	0800 714 614	water and sewage leaks