

Chilton Chronicle

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 26TH 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. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
10. General Discussion



Chairman's Annual Report

Once again we have had an interesting year with a number of important developments for the Village.

The new development at Chilton Field is progressing well and approx 80 houses are now occupied.

The plans for the improvements and extension to the Village Hall are being finalised with Stanhope Wilkinson Associates. Detailed work is needed to ensure that the design is in budget (provided mainly by the Section 106 grant). A planning application will be made as soon as practicable and construction is likely to start in the autumn and last some six months but the actual date isn't known yet. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation to decide what improvements were needed to the Hall and which of the final designs was the most appropriate.

David Wilson Homes are planning to build the Community Room at Chilton Field in the autumn so it may be available for use

while the main Hall is closed. This would alleviate some of the disruption caused by the building works on the main Hall but can I ask all regular hirers to be patient as the closure is unavoidable and we will have a much improved Hall when it reopens.

We now have a community website at www.chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com and it is proving to be popular. It is the place to go if you want to find out what's happening in the village. It is a site that people can join if they want to contribute and membership is increasing. Suggestions for improvements, new content etc are most welcome so if you are interested visit the site and apply for membership.

A working group has been formed in conjunction with the developers DWH and the Vale of White Horse DC to decide what artwork is to be installed at Chilton Field. They are taking the earlier consultation as a starting point and of course involving the new residents.

Another working group is dealing with the new Play Area for 11-18 year olds planned for Chilton Fields. A number of possible designers have been contacted and there will be further consultation.

Last summer for the first time in many years Chilton held a Fete. This was to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Thanks go to the people who worked hard to stage the event and make it a great success. We now have a permanent reminder of the Jubilee in the form of a carved stone on the Green next to the pump.

Planning did start for another Fete this summer but owing to the other commitments of the small number of volunteers it has been decided to postpone it until 2014. More volunteers are needed to help with this and other village events and activities so if you are interested please contact one of the councillors who will be able to put you in touch with the right people.

For the last three months the village has been troubled with overflowing sewerage in The Lane. This is particularly unpleasant for those living there but also

for the significant number of people who use the path at the bottom of Latton Close. Thames Water are responsible but at the time of writing they have not come forward with a proper fix or even a timescale for implementation. Their only solution is to use tankers to ease the load on the pumping station in Dene Hollow. The tankers are themselves a nuisance as they are noisy and they are damaging the road surface. There may be more information available by the time you read this so visit the Home Page of the website for the latest information.

Finally I would like to thank the other councillors and volunteers who have given their time over the last 12 months helping to make Chilton a good place to live in.

Chris Broad



Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlie Caulkett of South Row who runs EasyScaff Ltd. They are winners of the 2013 Southern Oxfordshire New Business Competition because of their excellent financial performance in their first year of business and their continued dedication to customer service.



Chilton WI Annual Report

I am pleased to report that Chilton WI has had a successful year and has seen a significant increase in membership including some younger residents in the village. We also hope to attract more members from the new development at Chilton Field.

We have again enjoyed a wide variety of speakers. In May we had Robin Stafford-Allen who talked to us about Nuclear Fusion and did his best to make this subject easier to understand for his non-scientific audience! In July one of our members, Barbara Hateley Broad gave an excellent presentation about the history of the Changi Quilts made by women imprisoned by the Japanese in World War II. More recently Hannah Ensor whose talk, 'Differently Normal' delivered with much humour, made light of her disability which has confined her to a wheelchair.

Chilton celebrated the Diamond Jubilee in style and as part of the celebrations on the playing field over the Jubilee weekend Chilton WI held a very special Annual Sale on 4th June which was a resounding success.

In May members including husbands enjoyed a Fish & Chip Supper in the Rose & Crown which was a resounding success and hopefully this can be repeated. Two members took part in a 'Downton Abbey' walk at Bampton in June organised by the County Federation.

Gwen Pearce, our President, is standing down. Gwen has been an enthusiastic President and made an enormous contribution to Chilton WI over the years and we wish her well.

We look forward to 2013 when Chilton WI has another varied programme of speakers to look forward to .

Dorothy Woodhouse

Secretary



Chilton Wives' Group Annual Report

We have enjoyed another action packed year. The two major events are the Charity Quiz Evening and the Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning for Christian Aid. Last year we were pleased that children from the Gardening Club at Chilton School took a stall with plants they had grown from seed.

Our Outing was to Didcot Power Station; we had a very interesting tour round the site with excellent and enthusiastic guides.

Speakers and topics at our monthly meetings have been varied and included: A talk on Hamlin Fistula UK ; "More than Gold" – the work of the church groups across the UK leading up to the Olympics and following the Torch; British Butterflies; An update on the "End Polio Now" campaign in India and the amazing success of corrective surgery and rehabilitation for some of those most severely affected by polio; A visit to Turkey following the journey by St Paul to the seven churches in Revelations and the unforgettable experiences of two local

Games Makers at last year's Summer Olympics .

In July we entertained the Evergreens with "Songs from the Musicals" and afternoon tea and cakes and we also enjoyed our Annual Barbecue despite the weather.

In October we celebrated our 40th Birthday by holding a lunch in the Village Hall. We were delighted to have several Founder Members present and were amazed to find that the annual subs then were only 15p; membership is still good value today at £5 per year. We welcomed friends from Harwell Ladies' Group, Rev. Jonathan Mobey and his Family and several past members who had moved away from the village.

We always welcome New Members and Visitors; meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Church at 7:45 pm.

Judy Goodall



Chilton Bell Ringers

The church bells are rung in celebration of many national events as well as preceding the Sunday services and for weddings.

Last year was a particularly eventful year, we rang to celebrate St George's Day on 23rd April, we had an "Open tower" in June when we showed people how to chime the bells while there were cream teas for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and then on 27th July we chimed the bells at the beginning of the Olympic Games. On 1st January we welcomed the other members of our Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers for a morning of ringing to welcome in the New Year when we provided light refreshments.

This year we expect to ring again on St George's Day and hope to celebrate the safe arrival of the Royal Baby expected in the summer.

We have regular practices in Chilton on Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.00pm. These are intended for beginners, so if you would like to come along to see how it is done you will be very welcome to try pulling a rope.

Ringers in Harwell hold courses on Saturday mornings to help people from Chilton and Harwell get started. After that you can ring in either tower on practice nights, Harwell's is Thursday evening 7.30 to 9.00pm. It costs you nothing to learn, it is done under cover and you meet all kinds of local people. Why not give it a try?

Further details are on our website: <http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/chbells.htm>

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Hon Secretary Chilton Ringers



Ridgeway Charity Hike 2013

On **26th April** *The Ridgeway Rabble* will take on the task of walking the full length of the Ridgeway National Trail in 3 days. Yes, 3 days to cover nearly 90 miles!

The Ridgeway Rabble is a team of ten blokes, many of whom are residents of Chilton. Our aim is to raise £2000 for The Reading and District Stillbirth Fund. More details can be found on our website <http://ridgewayhike.weebly.com/> where you can also find more information about members of the Rabble, why we chose that charity and details of the challenge.

You can also read our blog which is regularly updated with photographs and news of training progress.

You can sponsor the Rabble through our JustGiving page

www.justgiving.com/teams/RidgewayRabble



Harwell Scottish Country Dance Club

Exercise that is fun while listening to good music

We start our dancing in September, apart from a break at Christmas and during the "hot" summer months, and dance throughout the year. We dance on Tuesday evenings, with the occasional party night thrown in for Burns Night, St Andrews, etc. We also run an annual Ball in April with a live band.

Last year we danced, with a piper, at the Chilton Fair and have danced at Long Wittenham Primary School. On both occasions we welcomed people/children to join in with us.

Over the last few years our club has grown to around 40 in number and most weeks there are between 20 and 30 people coming to our two-hour-long dancing session. Our members come not only from Chilton but from many of the surrounding areas (Harwell, Wantage, Wallingford, Abingdon, Didcot, etc).

It would be great to have more members from Chilton. We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8pm.

Our aim is to promote Scottish country dancing in a relaxed and welcoming way so that people can enjoy country dancing (NOT Highland dancing) for the social interaction, for exercise of the body and brain, and for its good music. All you need are soft shoes.

We welcome all newcomers whether expert or novice – and you don't have to be a Scot! Most of us aren't!

We look forward to welcoming you on a Tuesday evening soon. Come along and see what we do. It is not a course so you can come along any time of the year.



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.

The next meeting is on **Saturday 13th April at 4pm – 5pm** in the Village Hall.



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. The group is run by local parents.

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.

The group desperately needs volunteers to help set up and pack away toys, we

also need a friendly tea bar assistant. Please email chiltontoddlers@gmail.com, facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ChiltonBabyandToddlerGroup> or drop in for a chat on a Friday morning.

Chilton Baby and Toddler Group Nearly New Sale, **May 18th 2013 10am to 12noon** at the Village Hall, £1 entry. A great way to buy good quality clothes, toys, equipment and not to mention home made cakes at bargain prices. The sale helps raise valuable funds for this charitable group. If you'd like to sell your nearly new items at the sale tables are now available to book, please contact us by email or facebook to enquire.



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 - Tel 834503 or Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close - Tel 834558



Didcot & District University Of

The Third Age

Didcot & District University Of The Third Age meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The April meeting of D&DU3A is being held at 2pm on **Tuesday 16 April** at Didcot Civic Hall. The topic is The Berks, Oxon and Bucks Air Ambulance.

U3As are self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun. A wide

range of interest groups has already been set up including wine appreciation, creative writing, walking, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, photography and 5 languages.

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All Saints' Chilton Evergreens

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday May 7th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall**. The speaker will be Mr Phil Morris who will give a talk on "**Garden Birds**".

Come and join us and have a cup of tea afterwards. Visitors are always welcome.

For more details please contact Audrey Slater on 834558.



Don't forget - Abingdon Air & Country Show

Sunday 5th May Abingdon Airfield - Air and ground attractions include flying displays, static aircraft, vintage vehicles, crafts stalls, entertainment and much more. Something for all the family.

Colin (the Postie)



Grand Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

This will be held on **Saturday 11th May** from 10 am to 12 noon and is organised by Chilton Wives' Group to benefit Christian Aid.

It provides a great opportunity to buy bedding plant, perennials, small shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants. There is also a well-stocked second-hand book stall, and a cake and home produce stall. We would welcome any contributions of plants, books or cakes.

Please join us on the morning of 11th May to stock up your garden, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee. Contact Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End Tel 834503 with offers of help



Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 24th April**

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Attached to this Chronicle is the Annual Statement of Accounts