

Chilton Chronicle

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Ian Thompson

The Parish Council would like to thank Ian for all his hard work as a Parish Councillor. He joined the Council in 2005 and was Chair from 2007 -2011. During this time he organised the very successful Chilton Open Day and Chilton Active Sports for All. Ian, who has resigned for personal reasons, will be missed by his fellow Councillors. We wish him well for the future.



Bus services changes from December

Thames Travel is planning a complete overhaul of their commercial bus services in South Oxfordshire from December.

We have been given a summary of the changes, and it appears that the X32 which serves Chilton village will remain at much the current frequency, although the route is revised to:

- Oxford – A34 – Milton Park – Didcot – Harwell Village – Harwell Campus – Chilton – The Hendreds – Wantage.

This will give Chilton an hourly link to Wantage as well as to Didcot and Oxford. The 32 service, which also serves Harwell Campus, will become a new route X1 running:

- Wantage-The Hendreds – Harwell Campus – Harwell – Didcot – Milton Park – Milton – Sutton Courtenay – Drayton – Abingdon, with the majority of trips extended to Oxford via A34.

We are planning to distribute the new timetable with the next Chronicle in December. Our thanks to County Councillor Stewart Lilly for sending this advance summary. Thanks also to everybody who uses the buses and helps

maintain the service, which is better than most villages are provided with.

The X32 and 32/X1 are commercial services, which means they receive no subsidy from Oxfordshire County Council. In some ways this is an advantage, with the current climate of continuous budget cuts by the County Council.

The more people who use the buses the better – they are an ideal way of getting into Oxford to do your Christmas shopping.



College Farm (Beedon) A34 Bridge Maintenance

The Highways agency is undertaking essential maintenance work on the above bridge. Works are scheduled to take place from Monday 28th October to end of November 2013.

There will be lane closures including two full weekend closures currently planned for:

- Friday 15th November (10pm) through to Monday 18th November (6am) Southbound carriageway closure between A4130 Milton Interchange and M4 junction 13.
- Friday 22nd November (10pm) through to Monday 25th November (6am) Northbound carriageway from M4 junction 13

Full details can be found on

www.highways.go.uk/a34beedonbridge or www.chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com



Help us apply for a grant

The Parish Council is considering applying for a grant from the Vale to help Chilton furnish the new Community Room on Chilton Field and also to help fund a joint D-Day commemoration and village festival that some volunteers are planning for 7th June. (Please make a note of this date in your diary) The festival would be held on the adjacent open space and be a marvellous way to introduce residents to the new building and its

facilities and also to socialise on Chilton's newest open space. Please return the attached slip (back page) as soon as you can to 6 Latton Close Chilton or to secretary@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk if you would support the Council applying for a grant with this objective. Without resident's backing, our application will not succeed. We need to have all responses in by 15th November please.

Thanks

Brian Morris, Chilton Parish Council



Chilton Primary School – Clerk to Governors

We have had an excellent Clerk to the Governors on a voluntary basis for several years, but as the family are moving away at the end of the year, we are seeking to appoint a new volunteer Clerk.

We are therefore looking to appoint a well organised, reliable and competent person to fulfil this role. The duties of a Clerk are to liaise with Chair of Governors, Headteacher, Governing Body, staff and the Local Authority. The Clerk is required to attend all statutory meetings of the Governing body; four a year, usually on Thursday evenings. They will also be required to prepare agenda and minutes, deal with correspondence and maintain records.

Applicants must:

- Be able to maintain confidentiality;
- Have the ability to take minutes and be computer literate;
- Have good interpersonal and communication skills.

If you are interested in this opportunity please apply by letter to the Chair of Governors, through the school office: office.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk, telephone: 01235 834263. Deadline for applications, 3.00pm on Friday 15 November 2013.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. Pre-employment checks will be undertaken and references will be applied for prior to interviews.

This post requires an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

CHILTON VILLAGE MARKET ROSE & CROWN CAR-PARK SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

9.00am – 1.00pm

**Local Fruit, Veg & Meats
Cheeses, Breads & Lardy Cakes,
Jams & Chutneys
Plants, Old fashioned Sweets
Charity Stall (SeeSaw)
Breakfast baps and teas/coffees
available in the pub**

<http://chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com/Chilton+Village+Market>

This month the Charity Stall is in aid of the local Charity SeeSaw which provide invaluable support for bereaved children. It will feature Dina's Delicious Jams and Chutneys, there will also be cakes, home-made pies, a well-stocked book stall and a wide range of White Elephant items.

Please come and support the monthly market. Why not relax over a cuppa at the Rose and Crown and enjoy one of Shea's Bacon Baps. The stall in December will have a Christmas theme and will be to raise funds for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Charity stall in October. We raised the great sum of £250 for the Oxfordshire branch of NACC, the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease.



Live music at the Rose and Crown

There are two live bands booked on Saturday evenings in the next few weeks:

Saturday 9 November, Almost The Unbelievables

Saturday 7 December, Southern Blues Fiasco

Both performances start at 9pm, free entry, complimentary food. Come along and enjoy the party, Chilton-style.



Chilton Churchyard Working Party

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints' churchyard on **Saturday 9th November from 9.00am** and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village; we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like. There are lots of jobs to be done such as planting bulbs, raking leaves, weeding, cutting ivy off trees, digging out an old stump (strong men required!) and lots more. All you need to do is bring yourself and your favourite tools, not forgetting the gardening gloves. Thank you. For more details please contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484



Chilton Wives' Group

The next Wives' Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th November at 7:45 pm** in the Church . We will be hearing from Jenny Lambert about an orphanage in Bulgaria that is supported by Wantage Baptist Church . We will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale at the meeting to raise funds to support their work . Everyone welcome !
Judy Goodall



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 November meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19 November** at Didcot Civic Hall. The topic will be **The work of Sobell House.**



Chilton Toddler Group

Come and join in the fun! Chilton baby and toddler group meets every Friday morning 9:30 - 11:30, in the village hall (during term time).

We have a hall full of toys and games, seasonal crafts and music for pre-schoolers. Tea/coffee for parents and snacks for children are provided.

All for £2 per family per session.
Facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup or email chilontoddlers@gmail.com



Chilton W.I.

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

For our November meeting Hilary will be helping us make Christmas wreaths. This is going to be a lovely evening when we will all be able to have a go. If you did not get a list of things needed at the last meeting please give Hilary a ring on 834535.

Don't forget, our Christmas party will be on Thursday 12th December.

We are a friendly group and visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please just come along to a meeting, or phone Liz Morris on 834233 for more details.



Chilton School

Chilton School **Christmas Bazaar Saturday 30th November, 1.30 - 4.00pm**

Come along and let the children enjoy Santa's Grotto and the Surprises Room, Raffle, Children's Tombola, Children's Craft Area and plenty more to do... Buy your Christmas presents from a variety of Craft Stalls and relax with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.



PCSO Mike Clayden, latest news update.

Hello,

Since my last article, many police officers, PCSO's and special constables, have been involved in rural crime week. Events and stalls were set up at various locations around the area including an exhibition trailer at Millets Farm and West Hanney. Talking to members of the public, we asked them to help us fight rural crime by signing up to 'Thames Valley Alert' a message system that keeps the public informed if there is anything happening in their area. This was a huge success.

Also Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators joined Police officers and PCSO's and toured 'hot spots' in the area noting and checking anything suspicious that they came across. In particular areas such as beauty spot car parks.

This brings me to my next subject, car theft. There have been a number of thefts from vehicles in our area in particular in car parks near to the Ridgeway. If you are parking at a beauty spot please remember to take any valuables with you.

Do not leave on display Sat Navs, Mobile phones, Lap Tops, CD's, any clothing or bags. Put all items out of view or if possible take them with you.

Officers are patrolling these areas and if they find a vehicle that has any items on display the officer will note the registration of the vehicle and a letter of advice will be sent to the owner. When carrying out these checks, I'm often amazed at what people will leave openly on display in their cars. Here's a good tip. If you use a Satellite Navigation system, and happen to take it with you on a day out, don't leave a sticky mark on the windscreen when you remove it. Wipe it off. That way the thief won't think you have a Sat Nav locked away in the glove box.

On Monday the 7th of October I carried out speed checks in Chilton. Of the 73 drivers checked there were only two speeding. Please vehicle owners mind your speed particularly in built up areas including villages and especially near Schools. People often ask me what I do if anyone is speeding, and the answer is I place their vehicle details into our speed watch system which tracks if the vehicle has been flagged before. I also send out a letter of advice to the speeding driver.

On the 9th of October I was able to pop along to the Chilton Parish council meeting and give my area beat officer's report which was well received. On the 25th of October, PC Laura Schmid and myself attended Chilton Primary School and gave a talk to the Children on staying safe on Halloween night and respecting others' privacy. A talk on Bonfire night and the firework code was also given as we are now nearing the 5th of November.

My next HYS meeting will be held on the 23rd of November at Chilton Village hall

16.00 till 17.00. Please come along if you have issues you think I can help you with.

Stay safe

PCSO Mike Clayden C9732



Help

I am currently compiling a history about the 8 Chilton men commemorated on the First World War memorial in the Church. I am hoping to have this ready for the events taking place next year to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WW1. All profits from the sale of the publication will be shared between the Church, The Royal British Legion and the War Memorials Trust.

I have already amassed a large amount of material but don't want to miss anything. If anyone has any information about any of the men listed on the memorial - Charles William Berry, Harry C Mainwaring, William A Silver, Ernest Shaw, Frederick F Carliell, Archie R Silver, Sydney Walter Smith and William H Wetherall - I would be really grateful if you would let me know. This could range from living in the house they inhabited to knowing a distant family member to hearing stories about them from old residents of the village. Whatever information you have, it will help me complete the jig saw about these men who paid the ultimate price and who should not be forgotten.

If you can help please do get in touch either by phone - 07977 973 835 or e-mail - Chiltonmemorial@hotmail.co.uk

Formerly a professional archaeologist, Hilary Groves is the author of two history books and has edited another on local history. She has extensive experience in genealogical research and writing family histories.



Badminton

If you are looking to try something new how about Badminton? Chilton PTA Badminton Club have a junior session for secondary school ages from 6 to 7 pm on Thursday evenings in the school. Come and give it a try, meet new friends and

have some fun. Contact Cathy Brown on 01235 850135 or just turn up on Thursday.



A Christmas Storytelling!

Please join us at Chilton Village Hall on **Saturday 14 December** at 3pm – 5pm for a fun and festive family afternoon of Christmas story telling. Presented by Rosemary 'Rosie' Gardiner of Tiny Tunes. Christmas cakes and goodies will be available for purchase as well as a raffle prize the whole family can enjoy!

Admission: Child - £5.00
Adult - £1.00

(Children must be accompanied by an adult).

For tickets, please contact Autumn Tull 07791 244126, Claire Morgan 07947 311300, or Sian Francis 07541 080807. All proceeds will be donated towards the refurbishment of Chilton Village Hall.



Childminder Vacancies

Ofsted Registered Childminder with spaces during term time and school holidays. Flexible hours to suit the parent. For further information contact Claire Morgan on 07947311300 or via email claireneville3108@hotmail.com.



Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The latest quiz - on the theme of Dance – was won by Molly Farmer (Chris Druce's Mum) with every answer correct - 100% ! In second place came Gill Riches of West Hagbourne with 49½ out of 50 and Barbara Anderson of Harwell came third with 49.

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz which raised funds for the Village Hall Extension . Not all the money has been collected in yet but at present is in excess of £160.

The next quiz will be out on 10th December and will raise funds for SeeSaw.

Thank You

Judy Goodall



Milk Bottle Tops

Please continue to collect your milk bottle tops and any other plastic bottle tops. We are at present researching which is the best local outlet for them. We have found one option but are looking for better solutions. Please continue to take all your plastic bottle tops to your usual collection point. There will be a further update in the next Chilton Chronicle.

Judy Goodall



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 20th November 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. Reports of Meetings attended
12. VHM Report
13. Play Equipment Inspection
14. Correspondence

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 27th November.**

Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

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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