

Chilton Chronicle

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Gurmit

There was a fantastic response to Gurmit's retirement collection. On Friday 7th February the village gathered at the post office to say thank you and farewell. Gurmit was presented with a book full of personal messages, a card and donations amounting to £780.50. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

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Chilton Interchange Proposals

Please do not forget to read the pages at the back of the Chronicle and send your comments in.

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Proposed Solar Farm Exhibition

There will be an exhibition for the proposed Manor Farm Solar Farm on Monday 17th February from 2 -4pm and 5 -7pm. The exhibition will be held in All Saints' Church, Chilton.

Please come along to find out what is being proposed. It is very important that you let the Parish Council know what your views are by contacting any of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk.

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Village Hall News

The Village Hall has now closed for the Improvements Work. Please can everyone take extra care when using Church Path as it is the access road for the construction traffic.

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Produce Market

Thank you to everyone who supports our local produce market held on the second Saturday of the month between 9am and 12noon in the Rose and Crown Car Park. In December the Charity stall raised £220 for the Oncology Unit at The Churchill Hospital. In January we raised £166.78 for the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund – a village Charity. Please continue to support the Market for its tasty cheeses, artisan bread, fresh fruit and veg. and home-produced goods, not to mention the books and white elephant stall. Offers of help are always welcome as are books, home-baked cakes and pies, plants and small good-quality white elephant items.

News from the Rose and Crown

Six Nations Rugby is with us

Watch the Six Nations rugby matches with your friends in the pub and shout as loud as you like without disturbing your family at home. All games screened live, with complimentary refreshments from Shea at half time.

Friday 21 February:	Wales v France	8pm
Saturday 22 February:	Italy v Scotland	1.30pm
Saturday 22 February:	England v Ireland	4pm
Saturday 8 March:	Ireland v Italy	2.30pm
Saturday 8 March:	Scotland v France	5pm
Sunday 9 March:	England v Wales	3pm
Saturday 15 March:	Italy v England	12.30pm
Saturday 15 March:	Wales v Scotland	2.45pm
Saturday 15 March:	France v Ireland	5pm

St Paddy's Day

For those with real stamina after all that rugby on 15 March, Shea is considering starting the St Paddy's Day celebrations early (the actual date is 17 March). Keep a watch for posters in the pub with further announcements.

Fun Quiz

Congratulations to one of the longest-serving teams – 'Clueless' – who finally won the quiz on 4 February after more than a year of trying. It demonstrates how regular mental exercise improves the grey matter. The Fun Quiz is every Tuesday evening, starting 8pm.

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Some things Never Change!

This is the 400th edition of the Chilton Chronicle and it was first published in September 1971 when it was just one sheet of A4 paper. From among the articles there was an item about the Manor Farm Development (now Manor Close) saying that plans for the development had been produced and the application was due to be heard. Here we are 43 years later and there is another planning application for Manor Close!

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Drive Courteously

We've had the following request from a village resident about the standard of driving within the village:

“Is it possible to have a note added in the next Chilton Chronicle in regards to the speed people are entering and leaving the village via Lower Road? There is no footpath on this road and it is not only used for children walking to and from school, many villagers also use this road when out walking their dogs. On a daily basis I am waving at people to slow down. It is also not that well lit and I fear it is only a matter of time before something serious happens with the speed people come around that corner when entering the village.”

The same applies to Church Hill where the road is also narrow and has no pavement, so the road is effectively a footpath and pedestrians have an equal right to be there. The speed limit within the village of 30mph is a maximum in perfect conditions, and there are no circumstances where drivers can safely exceed 20mph on roads that are shared with pedestrians. Please remember that.

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Chilton PCSO February News

Hello and welcome to my monthly beat officer article.

I have been receiving complaints of motorcycles/trail bikes being used in the village in an anti-social manner. The riders have been seen on restricted byways near to the village as well as on private land. I have also recently found evidence of motor cycle tyre marks on the recreation ground and also attended a report of damage to a residents grass banks by a motorcycle rider repeatedly riding over them.

This sort of irresponsible behaviour will not be tolerated and anyone caught doing this or riding the bikes illegally will be prosecuted and the bikes possibly seized and confiscated. I have a pretty good idea who is behind all this and if you are reading this you have been warned. Please call 101 the Thames Valley non-emergency number if you see anyone riding in the village irresponsibly or without registration plates on the highway. I have also been made aware that there have been reports of “boy racers” racing in the early hours of the morning from the Rutherford roundabout to the Chilton roundabout. And the sound of tyres screeching has awoken villagers in Chilton. I have contacted the Civil Nuclear Police who are close by and asked them if they can keep a look out for these “drivers”

I’m still looking for volunteers to help set up a youth club in the village and have had some response but I need more of you. So if you are interested please contact me on the e-mail address printed with this article. I’m also looking for more volunteers to become neighbourhood watch coordinators in Chilton. So again if you think you fit the bill and would like to become one then please let me know via my e mail address.

I recently attended the Wantage East Neighbour action group meeting held at Milton Park on the 20th of January, and it went very well. An array of issues was discussed and some valid points rose including some which I mentioned in this article. By the way, I’m restarting the Police ‘Have your say’ meetings on February the 15th and due to the temporary closure of the village hall, I have been kindly given permission to use the church. The meeting will be held between 4.10pm and 5pm. Please come along and feel free to discuss any issues you feel I could deal with. Anything discussed is treated in the strictest confidence.

Chilton School is always a pleasure to visit and I enjoy giving talks to the children there. I’m therefore hoping to do a bike safety talk very soon, which covers using the roads safely, personnel safety and looking after one’s pushbike. This reminds me, my own mountain bike could do with oiling and some use. Let’s hope this nasty weather makes way for lots of sunshine soon and maybe get those pedals going.

Well that’s all for now stay safe.

PCSO Mike Clayden C9732

Thames Valley Police

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Chilton W.I.

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February at 7.45pm in the Harlequin Room.

The speaker at the meeting will be Valerie Calderbank “Observing the Universe”

Don’t forget, the annual subscription is now due and this year it is £34.70.

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.

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Didcot & District University Of The Third Age

Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The February meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 18 February. The topic will be The Mary Rose with Colin Fox.

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Charity Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The latest quiz sheet , priced at £1.25 , is now available and is on the theme of The Weather and Shipping Forecast Sea Areas. All monies will be divided equally between Young Dementia UK and Hamlin Fistula UK.

Sheets are available from:

Atomic Hair on Harwell Campus

Shea at the Rose and Crown

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close
Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End

We are delighted to say that the Christmas Quiz on the theme of Pantomime raised £203 for SeeSaw and was won by Gill Riches from West Hagbourne with a perfect 50/50.

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The Big Charity Quiz Night

This year the Chilton Wives' Group Quiz Night will be held on **Saturday 15th March** at **Chilton School Hall**. Tickets are priced at £8 each and this includes a hot supper and a pudding. Teams comprise a maximum of 6 players.

We would be grateful if teams could arrive at the hall by 7:15 pm to ensure a prompt start at 7:30 pm.

The Charities we are supporting this year are the Oxfordshire-based **Young Dementia UK** and **Hamlin Fistula UK**. Young Dementia UK supports people under 65 and their families providing specialist care. Hamlin Fistula UK supports a hospital and outreach centres in Ethiopia which cares for hundreds of young women with obstetric fistula.

Tickets are available from:

Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End Tel 834503

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close Tel 834558

Ticket numbers are limited so please apply early for this fun evening.

Judy Goodall

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Silver Jewellery

Looking for Silver Jewellery? Then click on this link www.folksy.com/shops/morningmrmagpie to find Morning Mr Magpie. The jewellery is made here in Chilton and Sally offers free delivery in the Village.

Sally Beesley

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Chilton Toddler and Baby Group

The Group has moved! Due to the Village hall refurbishment, we will now meet on Fridays (term times only) at Chilton Primary School in the preschool room, 1:30 to 3pm. £2 per family, snacks for children provided. Come and join us for some painting, play dough, sticking and toys. Perfect for those with an older sibling at the school to coincide with pick-up time. Contact chiltontoddlers@gmail.com or find us on [facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup](https://www.facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup) for more information

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Chilton Wives' Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Church at 7:45pm. New Members and Visitors are always welcome. You don't have to be a wife to attend – we're trying to find a better name for our lively group. In March our speaker will be Clive Holmes on "Pauper to Priest"

Advance Notice

The **Grand Annual Plant Sale for Christian Aid**, organised by Chilton Wives' Group, will be held this year on **Saturday May 17th at Chilton School** from 10am to 12 noon.

If you are planting seeds now or when the warmer weather comes we would be grateful if you could plant a few extra for the sale.

Thank You.

Judy Goodall

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Harwell Laboratories Recreational Association

The HLRA Committee would like to remind Chilton village residents that all of the sports pitches on the sports fields to the north of the village are privately-owned by Harwell Oxford and operated by Harwell Laboratories Recreational Association. As such, unless you are a member of HLRA or you are a member of a visiting sports team, you are not permitted to use the pitches at any time.

A limited number of local residents may be sponsored by the HLRA's affiliated clubs for membership and further information may be obtained from:

Tony Betteridge, Administrator, HLRA, The Pavilion, Rutherford Avenue, Harwell Oxford, Didcot, OX11 0DF or 01235 831072 or e-mail recsoc@hotmail.com

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Allotments

If anyone is interested in renting an allotment please contact the Clerk for further information.

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Please Note

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Harlequin Room of the HLRA Sports Pavilion.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 19th February 2014 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
13. 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**

19th March Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close,**
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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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Village Festival and Chilton D-Day Commemoration
Saturday 7 June 2014
Chilton Community Hall

Please put the date in your diary and plan to be there.

Get Involved - Volunteer and Participate!

- Organising Children's Events, Activities and Games
 - Set Up & Take Down
- Serving and Preparing Food and Drink – either as individuals or as a group
- Have you got a musical talent or act and want to perform at the Festival?
 - Have a Stall, Sales or Display?

Then please e-mail **Bob Girling** at gnilrig@aol.com.

More Information: <http://chiltond-dayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk/>