

Chilton Chronicle

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Hello everyone,

I know many of you will have attended the D day festival held in June and it was a pleasure to be there with two of my colleagues from Wantage, PCSO Ratcliff and PCSO Walcott-Smith. It gave us a chance to meet local residents and many children who also came to the festival enjoyed our Police van. The festival also passed without any incidents to report.

With this warm weather many more cyclists are taking to the roads. Please can drivers of motor vehicles show patience and courtesy when overtaking cyclists on our busy roads. Give them plenty of room when over taking and do not attempt to overtake into oncoming traffic. Some roads are uneven and present many hazards to cyclists, so be aware when following a cyclist they may swerve out to avoid potholes or drains-always expect the unexpected.

On the subject of speeding, as many of you will know I often conduct speed checks in and around the village using a Speed indicator device (SID) particularly near to the roundabout on the A4185. Anyone who I record speeding will have their details placed on the Speed watch database and will receive a letter of advice from yours truly. However, repeat offenders details will be passed to Roads Policing. Please take care when driving through or past the village thank you.

I was disappointed to hear that the swing basket from the recreation ground had been recently stolen. If anyone has any information regarding this then please call Thames Valley Police on 101. This is the 2nd theft of children's play equipment from the recreation ground and this not only ruins recreation for local children and their families, but these are also costly items to replace.

Would anyone like to join the Neighbourhood action group for Wantage east? If so, I think candidates who could represent the new Chilton Field estate

would be ideal. If you would like to attend our meetings at Milton Park and feel you can make a difference by bringing your life skills to the table then please contact me.

Michael.clayden@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

I'm also still appealing for volunteers to help start and run a Youth club for Chilton. If this appeals to you then please don't hesitate to contact me using the above e mail address. Once I have enough numbers aboard then hopefully the project can proceed from there.

My next 'Have your Say' meeting will be held on the 19th of July at 16.10 till 17.00 hrs. at the Chilton Church meeting room. If you would like to discuss in confidence any issues you may have please pop in and see me.

Stay Safe

PCSO Mike Clayden C9732



Tribute to Adrian Webber

On behalf of Chilton Field Artwork working group I would like to express our sadness on the passing of Adrian Webber, and to acknowledge the work he put into making sure our upcoming artwork would be something that the village could be truly proud of. Adrian put so much effort into making sure the voice of the village was heard; he actively attended every meeting, volunteered unstintingly at every call, and it is with sadness that we acknowledge he will now not see the work of art in place.

It is however, a work of art that he chose and was enthusiastic about and we will think of him when it is finally in place. We have lost a valued friend and our sympathy goes out to Janet and the rest of his family.

Sue Granger



The Parish Council has received the following letter regarding dog fouling, please note that this letter does not necessarily represent the Council's views.

If you feel you would like to respond please come to the next Parish Council meeting on Weds 30th July.

IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.....

Dear Villagers

I wrote to VWHDC this week to ask them if they would install a fence around the new Children's play area in our lovely recreation ground.... Actually I wrote utterly fuming to complain, because I had taken my 18 month-old Grandson over there to play last Friday. We were playing roly-poly down the side of the mound which supports our tube slide, when we rolled in dog-poo! Ugh...! Our game was quickly spoiled and we had to rush off home to get cleaned up. I was really upset and gave the VWHDC a right ticking off for not providing us with a fence. They were less than helpful – telling me that the only park they own and maintain was at Hill Piece. They weren't interested (which made me feel sad and helpless) and I realised that it's up to us as a Community, that this is 'Our Park', our very own space! Did you all know that this place is actually ours to have and to enjoy (I didn't).

I've heard on the grapevine that there are various debates going on about 'Dogs or no Dogs' in our park? And no amount of requests in our Chronicle, or signs around the village for dog owners to pick up after their dogs seems to be making any difference, so I've been trying to come up with ideas to tackle the problem... and I thought well, if the Park belongs to everyone, and the continual harping on at Dog owners to pick-up isn't working, what about asking them what *would* work for them?

But let me be clear here – this appeal is to those dog owners who don't pick up – *you know who you are!* YOU are making life rather miserable for all those careful dog owners who pick up religiously. It's not the people like me who complain continually about dog mess, it's YOU, the selfish lazy 'poo-dodgers' who threaten the freedom of responsible dog owners to take their dogs out wherever they choose, causing debates about allowing dogs freedom in 'Our Park', tarring all dog owners (unfairly) with the same brush.

Perhaps you could tell us what you need? Any suggestions would be welcome. Is anyone (everyone) prepared to challenge poo-dodgers? I know I am! Name and shame – let the poo-dodgers be afraid to just walk away.

So let's do what we do best in this Community, let's find a way to do this together, a way that makes everyone happy – it is perfectly possible, but it will take ALL of us to achieve it. I love this village – it is beautiful, peaceful and the people in it are kind, helpful and community spirited. We're all so lucky to live here, so let's not allow a miserable few to spoil it for us.

One final word.... If Community spirit isn't enough, then consider this....

Toxocariasis is an infection caused by roundworm parasites. It is spread from animals to humans via their infected faeces. The roundworm parasites responsible for toxocariasis (called Toxocara) live in the digestive system of dogs, foxes and cats. The worms produce eggs, which are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminate soil. If small particles of contaminated soil get into someone's mouth (and we all know how often children put their fingers in their mouths), they may develop toxocariasis. This disease causes all sorts of unpleasant illnesses and at its worst – detached retina and blindness. Do you want the sight of a child on your conscience?

Maureen Kilczynski

Poo Park, Poo Lane, Chilton



Activities for young people

Starting on Monday 28 July, there is a whole month of sports and arts activities available for those aged between five and 18 years old who live in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse. More information is available on

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays



Chilton WI

Don't forget, the WI does not meet in August. So hope all our members have a good summer and see you all in September. Liz Morris.

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES

All who moved to Chilton during the last 12 months are invited to an afternoon of games and fun for all on **Saturday, 13th September** from **3.30 – 6.30 pm** at the Community Room on Chilton Field

An event organised by All Saints' Church
Chilton



Hot and cold drinks provided, please bring your own picnic and blankets to sit on.

Gemma Pearce Fitness Classes in Chilton

Join our friendly fitness classes in the village:

Outdoor Fit Camp

Thursdays 6.30pm, every week until 7th August. £5 per session.
Chilton Recreation Ground next to the village hall.

Pilates

Returning in September with mixed ability classes on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Zumba and Zumba Gold

Returning in October on a Thursday morning.

More information on
www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk



New Class in the Community Room

CertaSlim offers you fast healthy weight loss.

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First FREE group session Monday, 11 August 2014 at 8.00pm

I look forward to meeting you soon
Gillian Cross



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 30th July 2014 at 8.00pm in the Community Room**

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. Village Hall Improvements
8. Planning
9. Minutes of the last PC meeting
10. Matters Arising from the Meeting
11. Finance
12. Reports of Meetings attended
13. VHM 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 13th August**

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