

Chilton Chronicle

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 24TH 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. Village Hall Management Committee Report
10. Chilton Festival Report
11. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
12. General Discussion



Chairman's Annual Report

Another busy year for the Council and the volunteers that work to make your village a better place to live in.

Thanks to many hours work by a number of volunteers and councillors we now have an impressively expanded and extended Village Hall along with a new Community Room at Chilton Field. These are assets the Village can be proud of but they don't look after themselves and more volunteers are needed to join the Village Hall Management Committee which keeps these venues fully operational and generates income from rentals. These venues are currently self-funded and not subsidised by the Parish Council but without more helpers this might not continue.

However I think the biggest issue facing the village is development. Most people accept that villages like Chilton have to evolve and grow over the years and Chilton is a good example of such growth with developments like Crafts End, Latton Close, The Orchids, Limetrees, etc being added at a rate that is acceptable to a rural village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but we are now facing something quite different.

The Vale of White Horse District Council has produced a Local Plan that proposes among other things 1400 houses in and around Chilton. The Plan has to go before an Inspector to see if it is sound and the Parish Council and many others

notably the AONB Action Group have made extensive and detailed representations that will be considered at the Review. An Inspector, Malcolm Rivett BA(Hons) MSc MRTPI, has now been appointed to carry out the review but no date has been set.

A direct result of the failure by VWHDC to get a new Local Plan in place before the previous one expired is a rash of speculative planning applications most of which would probably not comply with a local plan if there was one! Two good examples are the proposed houses at McCloskeys storage yard near the School and the 40 houses off Hagbourne Hill bordering on CYO. The Parish Council, the AONB Action Group and the North Wessex Downs AONB have objected on what are thought to be strong material grounds but at the time of writing there was no decision from the VWHDC on these applications.

A Science Vale Action Plan has been produced by Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and The Vale of White Horse District Council which among many other points that will affect our community accepts the allocation of 1400 houses. Science Vale is basically a concept to develop a strategy for the growth of employment at Harwell, Milton and Culham. The Parish Council and the Action Group will be responding to the plan on your behalf.

The North Facing Slips at Chilton are contentious but their construction was inevitable, leaving the Council with only one option which was to negotiate improvements to the design. Construction has now restarted after delays caused by protracted negotiations with the landowner. The work is expected to take over 40 weeks. There are many in the Village who still oppose their construction but the slips are seen as important for the future development of the Harwell-Oxford Campus and they have high level support.

For the first time in many years we had a Fête in the Village on the 6th of June. The event was a tremendous success and it served to remind and inform people of the role Harwell airfield played in the D-Day landings. It was also a great opportunity for the new and established residents of Chilton to meet. Congratulations are due to the many volunteers who made the event possible with particular thanks to one of our newer residents. Another Fête will be held this year on the Recreation Field next to the Village Hall. Once

again volunteers are needed to ensure its success.

We have finally got some funds to start a project to build an Equipped Activity Area at Chilton Field for Children aged 11-18. A Working Group is being formed with members from Chilton Field and some veterans from the Village's last Play Area project. The first phase will be to select and appoint a designer. Their first task will be to run a consultation to agree a design for the Equipped Activity Area.

On May the 7th all Parish Council seats are up for re-election. The number of councillors has increased from the current seven to eight . The increase reflects the increasing size of the Village. However if only eight or less people have been nominated an election is not needed and those nominated will simply be appointed as councillors.

Chris Broad
Chair



A letter from PCSO Mike Clayden

Dear Residents of Chilton

As some of you may be aware I'm no longer able to serve you as your Village Police Community Support Officer and I'm moving on to a new role in Thames Valley Police as Station Duty Officer at Abingdon Police station.

I would like to say that in the nine years working as your PCSO, it has been an absolute pleasure to serve the community of Chilton. I have got to know many of you and tried my best to resolve different issues when they have arisen.

I have also enjoyed coming along to the many events that the Village has organised over the course of my time with you. In particular the Chilton Festival that took place in June of last year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship that you have offered me and I will take with me many good memories of my time serving Chilton.

I'm sure the Village will be allocated a new PCSO quite soon and I'm doubly sure the Village will welcome and support whoever takes the role of Chilton PCSO. Don't forget, that if you do have a problem that you think the police should be aware of please phone the Thames Valley non-emergency number on 101.

Finally, I would like to wish the Village a bright future.

Stay safe.

Mike Clayden C9732
SDO Abingdon.

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Chilton WI Annual Report

Looking back over our year's activities I realise that Chilton has had a very busy 12 months. We had to hold our meetings in 3 different venues as the Village Hall was closed for 9 months whilst building work was going on but fortunately nobody went to the wrong hall and now we are back in our lovely extended and improved hall.

We have had a wide range of speakers this year from Honey Bees to Castles in the Air with a royal butler along the way. In November Hilary showed us all how to make beautiful Christmas wreaths, and Chilton had some of the best decorated front doors this year. December was our Christmas party when we had a magnificent spread of food with roast turkey, roast ham and an amazing array of side dishes – all produced by our members. Recently we have started meeting once a month in the Garden Centre for lunch. Last summer we decided to introduce birthday flowers each month, which means we wish the birthday members happy birthday and give each of them a small pot of flowers.

About 15 months ago, Marcia thought it would be a good idea to arrange a trip to a Christmas Market to which we all said "yes good idea if you organise it" So Marcia did and at the end of November a group from Chilton, a couple of other WI's, husbands and partners all had a really good weekend in Bruges. It was so successful that Marcia is going to organise another 2 night weekend break at the end of November to Lille/Arras.

However it hasn't all been about just the WI getting together, we have strong community links as well. We have helped Diamond Light Source a couple of times to serve teas on their public open days when we raise money for charity, we had a stall at Chilton School Christmas Fair and at the Summer Fair a couple of us judged the children's cake competition, not such an easy task as might be imagined. Last June there was the Chilton Village Festival and D-Day Commemoration when we ran the tea tent. We started to set up in pouring rain but fortunately it didn't last too long and the display of cakes before everyone demolished them was stunning. We are now looking forward to our new programme which I know has some really good speakers and topics and also to running the tea tent again for the Village Festival.

Finally I would like to say how proud we all are of Judy , our treasurer, who was awarded the BEM in the New Years' Honours list for services to the Community of Chilton.

Liz Morris

President Chilton WI





Chilton Festival - Saturday 6 June

Preparations are underway for the 2015 Chilton Village Festival that will take place on Saturday 6 June 2015.

The event will build on the success of last year's Festival and is aimed at further strengthening the bonds of the expanding Chilton Village Community. The Festival will be an ideal venue to showcase and promote the activities of local clubs, societies, businesses and individual/group performers.

This year's event will be centred on the newly expanded and refurbished Chilton Village Hall and, as last year, will coincide with the commemoration service at the Harwell Campus memorial stone which will be organised by The Royal British Legion.

This is a non-profit event and relies on volunteers, local groups, businesses and individuals to get actively involved. Therefore, if you wish to:

- Volunteer to assist in organising the Festival,
- Provide a stall, act or demonstration,
- Provide sponsorship
- Or have a good idea for making the event enjoyable and fun

Then please contact or e-mail Bob Girling at gnilrig@gmail.com

For further updates please check out the Chilton Village Festival Blog:

<http://chiltonfestival2015.blogspot.co.uk/>

This is your Festival so please get involved and put the date in your diary!



Milk Bottle Top Collection for Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone who continues to collect milk bottle tops to raise funds for the Thames Valley and Chilton Air Ambulance. We were very pleased to be able to send them a cheque for £200 recently from our collecting efforts.

Could I please remind all collectors, however that it is ONLY PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS that we can accept. One bag left for us at the recent village market when opened was found to contain plastic scoops from baby milk powder, metal lids from jam jars, washing up liquid bottle tops, fizzy drink bottle tops and other plastic bottle tops.

None of these can be accepted and when they are included in collections we very often have to discard the whole bag as none of us have the time to sort them.

Without the help and support of Norman and Judy our collecting would be so much harder. It is not

fair to ask them to sort bags of tops as well so please remember in future that ONLY MILK BOTTLE TOPS are needed.

If anyone has not started collecting tops for us but would like to please deliver any contributions to the monthly village markets.

Again, many thanks for your continued support.

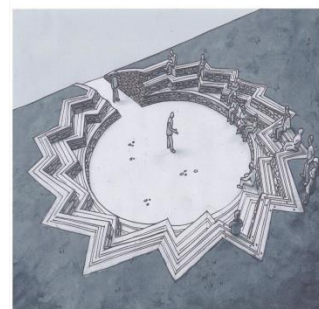
Hilary Groves



Chilton Toddler Group

Chilton baby and toddler group meets at the Village Hall every Friday during term times at 9:30 to 11:30. We are a friendly, parent-run group that offers parents, babies and toddlers a space to meet up and enjoy socialising, seasonal crafts/cookery and our large collection of toys. £2 per family includes refreshments and your first session is free! Our group can't run without support in the form of helping set up and pack away crafts and toys, please get involved if you have a spare 30 minutes on a Friday morning. Email us at chilontoddlers@gmail.com or pop in to a session to chat to one of the parents.

The group is organizing a sale of maternity, baby and toddler items on 18th April 2015 at the Village Hall. If you have any items and would like to sell, please contact the group via email or www.facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup to book a table. Tables cost £10 and you man it and keep all that you make. There will also be a cake sale, any and all donations of cakes very welcome.



Chilton Field Work of Art

Tim Norris, the Artist that has been selected to create the public artwork at Chilton Field, hopes to commence work on site between June to September 2015.

Tim and his stonemason colleague John Holt, are hoping to rent rooms locally (not necessarily within the same household), so they can immerse themselves within the community, and capitalize on the summer daylight working hours. Ideally, they are looking for separate rooms, and access

to washing and cooking facilities. Both are vehicle owners, therefore a space to park nearby would be much appreciated.

Tim can be contacted on: 07901 980 543 or tim@timnorris.co.uk.

If you wish to view Tim Norris' work please visit his website: www.timnorris.co.uk



Chilton Artists: Following a very successful day at the Rose and Crown Market, the Chilton Artists will be there again on the 11th April inside the pub. Come and chat while you enjoy one of Shea's baps or a coffee!

If anyone is interested in joining Chilton Artists and they sell their artwork, please contact

Lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk



Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

for Christian Aid on Saturday 16th May from 10 am to 12noon in the Village Hall. Entry is free. Once again we are delighted that the Gardening Club from Chilton School will be joining us and selling plants to raise funds for their club.

There will be yummy homemade cakes and tarts and other home produce, as well as a large selection of good condition books.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a homemade biscuit and meet up with your friends and neighbours.

We, All Saints Womens Group, would welcome any plants; we will have a wide variety of plants, annuals, herbaceous plants, small shrubs, vegetable seedlings and herbs.

For all enquiries phone Judy Goodall on 834503.



Artweeks

Saturday and Sunday 16, 17 May 12.00noon - 6.00pm,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 23, 24, 25 May 12.00noon - 6.00pm

Ken Messer and Lin Kerr will be joining Susanna Brunskill at her garden studio in Aston Tirrold during Artweeks to exhibit their watercolours of landscapes, architecture and flowers. This is one of the prettiest gardens in Oxfordshire, so quite apart from coming to view our art, do pay us a visit.

Address and site number:

Twitten, Aston Street, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DQ
SITE NO. 369 You can collect trail maps and guides at Savages or view: www.artweeks.org



Charity Quiz Evening

Thank you to everyone who supported this annual event which included a hot supper. We were amazed to have raised £1,300 and this money

will be divided equally between Hamlin Fistula UK and the very local Didcot-based charity The Balsam Family Project. The winning team comprised Keith, Jane, Lucy, Nerys, Eleanor and Ian.



Charity Quiz Sheets

The last quiz on the theme of Oxfordshire was won by Julia Gilling from Plymouth with 50 out of 50. Joint second were Peter and Hilary Groves and Mary Napper with 49 each and third was Debbie Davies with 48 ½. The money raised was a brilliant £210.

The next quiz will be out on Tuesday 14th April.



Charity Market Stall

The Market Stall on the 11th April will be for Malawi as detailed in the last edition of the Chronicle. The Market Stall on 13th May will be for our local Wallingford and District Stroke Club who meet once a month in Crowmarsh Village Hall. It is a lively group providing support, care and companionship to its members and their families. In addition to monthly meetings, day trips are arranged; for example, in July we are planning to visit Adam Henson's Farm Park. The coach we use, which is adapted to take wheelchairs on a hydraulic platform, is expensive to hire. May is Stroke Awareness Month.

The stall in March raised £323.15 for the Charity TORCH. Yvonne Sanderson flew out to Jinja in Uganda on 21st March to give administrative support to TORCH, a Christian Association that arranges Child Education Sponsorship.

Thank you all for your continued support to our charity initiatives. Judy Goodall



Want to know what classes are on at the Village Hall or the Community Room?

Then go to the Village Hall website <http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk/> and check out the Regular Hirers section.

To book the Village Hall or Community Room contact the **Bookings Clerk on bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk 01235 861253**



Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 23rd April**

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

Attached to this Chronicle is the Annual Statement of Accounts.

Chilton Parish Council Statement of Accounts 2014 – 2015

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Precept	18978	Admin	784
Insurance Claim	1124	Allotments	80
VAT Refund	52142	Audit Fee	656
Land Rent	450	Chronicle	1441
Wayleave	38	Churchyard	943
Grants	24000	Clerk	3492
Donations	6650	Donations & Subscriptions	703
Allotments	314	Gen. Maintenance	468
Bank Interest	110	Grass Cutting & footpaths	2085
Refund	16	Insurance	2503
Vale Grant	438	Litter clearing	410
		Play Equipment	2508
		Community Room	6266
		Village Hall extension	222880
		VAT	46949
	<u>104260</u>		292168
Balance b/f 2013/14	230146	Balance c/f 2014/15	42238
	<u>334406</u>		<u>334406</u>
		Balance c/f	23106
		Sec 106	23106
		PC reserves	<u>19132</u>
			<u>42238</u>

Chilton Public Purposes Charity 2014/15

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dividends	299	Village Hall donation	6500
Land Rent	156		
Bank Interest	2		
Balance b/f 2013/14	8224	Balance c/f 2014/15	2181
	<u>8681</u>		<u>8681</u>

The accounts have not yet been audited, any significant differences will be reported at a later date.

