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VHMC Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting 24th April

The Village Hall Management Committee has had another very busy year with the opening of the Community Room in the early summer and the reopening of the Village Hall in October. I cannot praise the committee enough for their commitment in getting both venues up and running.

I am sure that you will all agree with me that the Village Hall refurbishment has been a great success. The village consultation results were that the community wanted a better kitchen, better toilets, more storage, more capacity and a décor update. In the main I think that these objectives have been met.

The Village Hall continues to maintain a healthy list of regular hirer groups covering diverse interests, ranging from Art Groups to Zumba. New hirers this year have included Didcot Church, a marriage course and a baby massage group. Also we now have a larger selection of exercise classes on offer. Thus proving that the Hall continues to be a vital asset to the community.

The Community Room was opened in early summer and has attracted regular hirings from the Church group Fledglings, a weight loss class and a Pilates class. The main source of income for the Community Room however is from Children's parties. Unfortunately the Community Room has yet to break even, something we will change as more regular hirers come aboard.

The Committee is working hard to attract more regular Hirers to use both venues, we will of course inform the community as and when new activities become available.

The VHMC has had to use most of its reserves this year to subsidise all of the above activities, and funds are very low at present. However, it was felt that an increase in charges would be inappropriate given that the current prices are suitably competitive.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye and thank you to Jane Woods, who has stated her intention to stand down at the next AGM after many years of service. I would like to thank Jane for all of her hard work over the years.

Sharon Scott - Chairman

AGM

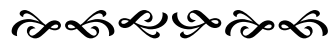
The Management Committee's AGM will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Saturday 6th June

Chilton Village Festival in Chilton Village Hall, All Saints' Church and the Recreation Field.

1.00 -5.00pm Festival, 5.30pm Harwell Stone Service, 6.00pm – 11.30pm Live music and disco.



Village Sketchers

Lin Kerr is facilitating a drop-in sketch group. It is open to anyone regardless of their level or drawing style. There is no fee and no tuition and will be in different villages in a 10-mile radius of Blewbury.

2nd and 4th Mondays, June to September; 9.45 - 11.45am

Meet at the Red Lion Car Park, Blewbury OX11 9PG for the first two sketch-meets on 8th June and the 22nd June with your drawing gear.

For more info view:

www.facebook.com/groups/villagesketchers/

Fresh Fish

Kim, the Fresh Fish man has changed the time he visits Chilton. He will be in the Rose and Crown car park on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm.



Preparing for Summer at The Rose

And Crown

Eat and drink al fresco on the new patio. We will be open all day through the summer season, starting in Flaming June.

In the afternoons fresh bean coffee plus cream scones, £4.50. Also salads and toasted sandwiches. New menu on the way.

Regular Favourites

Sunday lunch time carvery £9.95.

Tuesday evening fun quiz.

Thursday Age Concern lunch.

Saturday evening's two steaks and bottle of wine £20.

Full English breakfast on the Saturday mornings of the produce market, £7.95 including tea or coffee and toast. Next produce market Saturday 13 June.



French Christmas Market Trip

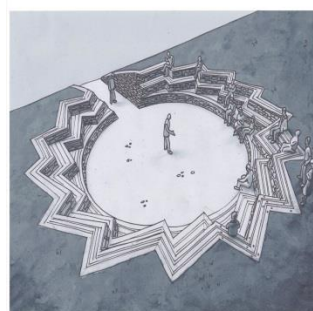
Join us for 3 days 2 nights HALF BOARD coach trip to Lille and Arras Christmas markets 27-29th November 2015. Cost £219 per person. Deposit £10 pp.

For more details please contact Marcia Oliver 07861658880 or jenpuk1@yahoo.co.uk



Chilton Field Work of Art Update

There have been various technical difficulties obtaining the correct permission to start the creation of the artwork. We are still keen to install the sculptural seating, but the planning and approval stage is taking MUCH longer than expected. Please bear with us. We will have our fabulous seating area, but it looks more realistic to make/ install in Spring 2016. More news and updates will be shared through the Chronicle and the residents Facebook



Science Up Close - Harwell Campus

Open Day

Did you know that some of the world's best scientists and engineers work right on your doorstep? And for the first time in a decade they will be opening their doors for the Harwell Open Day, Oxfordshire's most exciting family science event, on **Saturday 11 July**. The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is welcoming visitors to the Harwell campus, where scientists and engineers work around the clock on cutting-edge research projects that are changing life in the 21st century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get inside the laboratories and experimental areas to see the science up close. Entry to the campus, the research facilities and all activities are completely free of charge. Find out more and sign up to attend this free event at <http://harwellcampus.com/open-days/>

There will also be many activities on offer for children and adults alike, including:
Extracting DNA from strawberries,
Rocket building and launching,
Finding out how X-rays help us learn about dinosaurs,
Witnessing an exploding mini volcano and
Programming mini robots to navigate around a map.



Chilton WI

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th June** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall and is called Royal Honours and Garden Parties. Judy, Liz and June will tell us all about

their recent trips to Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. You are all encouraged to enter into the garden party spirit and wear a hat!

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



Steventon Cricket Club

The sun is out and those of us with a love of sport start thinking about warm summer days and the sound of willow on leather, the hallowed game of cricket is back with us. Although Chilton does not have a Cricket Club we do have a successful team just up the road at Steventon. We play on the Steventon village green and are lucky to have the great facilities of the Sports and Social Club. This enables us to have a great place for friends and family and members of the community to come and watch and have a drink (or two) while the players run around after a small ball under the baking sun! Steventon CC has been very successful in recent years gaining promotion in the league in both of the last two seasons. We want to continue this success and welcome new players of all abilities if you are interested please phone Mike Day on 07929 043733 or email: mike@diemgrowth.com



Didcot & District University of The Third Age

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

At our meeting on **16th June** we will learn about "The Growth of popular Music" with Ken Fitt.



Chiltonbury- Family Fun and Music Festival

Saturday 4th July at Chilton Primary School from 2-9pm. Fun and entertainment for all the family including bouncy castle, face

painting, fairground rides, activity stalls and lots more.

Refreshments, Bar, BBQ and Evening Food available.

This is a community wide event for all to enjoy- So bring along your camping chairs and blankets!

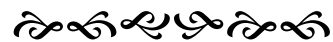
Sit back, relax and enjoy the music taking you back across the decades!

(Under 16's to be accompanied by an adult)



Dogs

As always the Parish Council continues to receive complaints about dog fouling. Please, please, clear up after your dog, it's your dog, your mess, so clear it up.



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



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 17th June 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. Election of Officers
4. Area Beat Officer's Report
5. Open Forum
6. Minutes of the last PC meeting
7. District Council Report
8. County Council Report
9. Planning
10. Matters Arising
11. Finance
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 1st July**

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