

THE CHILTON CHRONICLE

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Revd. Chris Stott

We would like to thank Chris for all that he has done for the whole community of Chilton over the last 25 years. Chris will be greatly missed and we wish him and Eva well in their retirement.



Important

Attached to this Chronicle is an update about broadband speeds and ways of improving the service to the Village. PLEASE read the article and respond if you haven't already done so.

Thank you



Baby & Toddler Nearly New Sale
Saturday 11th September, 10am-12 noon,
at Chilton Village Hall. Entrance 50p per adult.

Plus! Scout Car Wash, Bring and Buy Cake Stall and Refreshments.

All proceeds in aid of Chilton Baby & Toddler Group and 2nd Chilton Scouts.

For more information about being a stall holder please contact Sue Granger - sue@grangerhall.org.uk



Chilton W.I.

We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Our next meeting will be on **16th September** when Liz Eaton will be talking about her charity cycle ride in Kenya.

For more information about the W.I please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.



Saturday Art Group

After a short break for the summer the Saturday morning Art Group will be meeting again on 25th September, 30th October and 27th November from 10.00am to 1.00pm. in the Village Hall.

We are a friendly informal group where you can try painting as well as having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

All ages and abilities are very welcome. Please contact Lynda Ward on 834479 for more information or just turn up – art material is supplied.



Change of Time

Please note, a correction to the times shown in July's Chronicle. Kim Dickens, the fresh fish man, now comes to the Village every Tuesday from 3.45pm – 4.00pm. in the Rose and Crown car park.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - 24 September

I am planning on holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Limetrees on Friday 24 September. Everyone will be welcome to come along so do put the date in your diary. Before then if anyone would like to offer to help on the day or make cakes, jams, chutneys etc for a produce stall I would be delighted to hear from them.

Please e-mail me on

Limetreescoffee@hotmail.co.uk or telephone me on 07970 175 097.

Many thanks for your support for the very worthwhile charity.

Hilary Groves



RSPCA Willow Farm, Lower Road

We have now been open for two years, and during that time we have taken in and cared for all sorts of animals, large and small. Among the small creatures have been 243 cats and kittens, 84 rabbits, 24 guinea pigs, 4 chinchillas, 4 rats, and 3 hamsters.

Larger animals have included 6 ponies, 1 sheep and 1 goat – a total of 370 animals that have all been neglected, abandoned, abused or injured. Although we cannot accommodate dogs at Willow Farm, the Oxfordshire Branch runs a team of fosterers to help with their care and rehoming. We are always on the look out for volunteers to

help with fostering of any animals, as we don't like to turn any needy animals away and Willow Farm is sometimes bursting at the seams!!

After two very successful Open Days in 2008 and 2009, we are planning to hold our third Open Day this year on the 26th September. We are just praying that the weather is as kind to us then as it has been in previous years. Please do come along if you would like to see more of our residents, or would just like some delicious refreshments!

Anyone who would like to help with this event or in any other way, or is looking to give a home to a very needy pet, please feel free to ring Willow Farm on 01235 821536 .

Ingrid Smith, Manager, RSPCA Willow Farm, Oxfordshire Branch



Advance notice

Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show

Despite the set-backs and disappointment from this year's Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show on May 2nd, the all-volunteer organising committee has pulled together and will be going ahead with the 12th event in the show's history in 2011. Instead of the previous early May Bank Holiday weekend, next year the show will be held on **Sunday 8th May 2011** (the weekend after the Bank Holiday).



Chilton All Saints' Bell Ringing in September

A Chilton practice will be held on the 9th and 23rd September starting at 7.30pm, visitors always welcome. Special sound control is being installed during August. We hope it will be completed by September. This should enable us to close off the belfry windows to reduce the sound of the bells for practices and visitors.

Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. Tel:01235 834589

Extra Chilton ringing

Monday 20 September: Visitors from Marston to ring in All Saints' 7.30 -9pm

Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 01235 834357



From the Parish Council

Fly Tipping

Anyone who finds items that have been flying tipped should report it to the Vale of White Horse District Council who will remove them. Contact the Vale on 01235 52020202 or report on-line on their website. Remember it is an offence to fly tip and if caught you can be fined.

Lights Out

If your street light is out please phone 0800 317802 for the light to be repaired. This is a free phone number. Remember to note the lamp number, which is printed on the lamp post.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 8th Sept 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. Planning
8. Minutes of the last PC meeting
9. Matters Arising from the Meetings
10. Finance
11. VHMC Report
12. PlayBuilder 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 29th September.**

Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233

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Parish Councillors

Mr Richard Beech

Dene Hollow

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Mr. Chris Broad

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1 Lavender Cottages

Main Street

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Mr. Terry Garrett
Lime Tree Farmhouse
Dene Hollow
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6 Latton Close
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Mr. Ian Thompson Chairman
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Please contact our County or District
Councillors if you have any problems.

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please contact Keith Woods, Layton
Cottage, Main Street for details.

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

You can find it on the Village Hall website:

www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Chilton Directory is attached to the
June 2009 edition of the Chronicle, also
available on the website are minutes from
recent Parish Council meetings.

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

**Please read the article overleaf on
Broadband**

Fast Broadband for Chilton- an update

Many thanks to all those who responded so promptly to the recent Broadband questionnaire. The results so far, shown below, indicate a significant interest within the village in obtaining an improved service.

The total number of votes received by paper and email by the 15 th of August		
Option A	Wait till BT do something	1
Option B	Lobby BT & MPs	2 (with a further 2 indicating this as a second choice)
Option C	Investigate an alternative provider	48
Total replies to date		51

The level of interest has been high enough to interest Rutland Telecom in making a proposal and we are now on their list of interested villages. They plan to investigate further and submit suggestions within the next few weeks. Although there are other service providers, at this stage it seems appropriate to limit discussions to one as the search for an appropriate provider can always be widened at a later date. The next thing to report should be the results of the survey and Rutland Telecom's proposal.

Interestingly BT has also been in touch to see if they can offer us a better service. After lengthy discussions with two different representatives from BT, it appears that all they can offer is a fibre optic cable terminated at some point in the village leaving us to sort out individual connections. In effect, this would mean Chilton setting up and running its own Internet Service Provider which would be an expensive and onerous task.

BT also suggested upgrading the existing service but, as far as can be established, this only meant replacing some of the poor quality copper to provide speeds approaching 2mb which many people already get rather than the +20mb we are aiming for. BT confirmed that they have no published plans for rolling out their superfast broadband service, Infinity, to Chilton. Obviously, whoever we deal with, having more potential customers would improve the chances of a new service being viable so please don't feel that it is now too late to submit your reply.

If you still want to reply please use the tear off slip below indicating which option you would like followed up. It is important to remember that, at this stage, ticking Option C **does not** commit you to taking a new service.

It would, however, be useful to know if any businesses located in the village would prefer Option C.

Please tick the option you would prefer. If you are a business located in the village, please also complete the last line.		
Option A	Wait till BT do something	
Option B	Lobby BT & MPs	
Option C	Investigate an alternative provider	
Business located in Chilton		

Chris Broad, 14 Latton Close

Or by email to broadcj@o2email.co.uk