

Chilton Chronicle

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New Roads for Chilton?

It appears that changes are being made to some of the proposals in the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan that could adversely affect Chilton and there are many rumours circulating about plans to change the roads around Chilton, particularly the intersection with the A34 and the road over Hagbourne Hill.

Among the rumours there are some facts and there is a proposal to upgrade the intersection with the A34 to a full four way with two north facing slip roads . An initial plan has been seen but it is likely that the recent surveying that has been done will result in changes so no definitive plan of the proposed intersection exists.

There are also rumours of further developments associated with the intersection but they would require planning permission and no applications have been made.

Another option being considered is an upgrade of Hagbourne Hill to allow it to carry more traffic to the proposed new intersection. This is despite an examination and rejection of an upgrade 5 years ago. As this is only an option at the moment a detailed proposal does not exist.

The Parish Council is concerned that these developments will lead to an increasing urbanisation of the area round the intersection and increased levels of traffic. A number of residents have already contacted the PC to voice their concerns.

The Parish Council has met with neighbouring Parishes who are likely to be affected and although they have concerns about the Hagbourne Hill option they are not opposed to the four way intersection. The Local MP Ed Vaizey has also been made aware of your concerns.

It is likely but not definite that the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan will be reissued for further consultation.

The PC will keep residents informed and your views are important so if you have concerns please email the Parish Clerk at parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

Chris Broad – Chairman Parish Council



Cream Teas

We had a very successful afternoon of cream teas in All Saints' Chilton on Bank Holiday Sunday. Around 80 people attended and donations amounted to £229.72. This will be put towards the church path fund.

One of our new residents, Bob Girling took some photographs. These may be seen at <http://www.gnilriq.co.uk/photo-galleries/chilton-oxfordshire/village-pictures/>

Thank you to everyone who came along and for your donations.

Hazel King



Thank You

The “Last Nite of the Proms” on Crafts End Green was a great success, everyone enjoyed themselves and £168.55 was raised towards the Village Hall extension.



All Saints' Church Chilton Evergreens

The next meeting of the Evergreens will be on **Tuesday 1st October at 2.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. The speaker will be Mr Colin Reynolds who will give a talk on “**Sixty Years on the River Thames**”.

This meeting is open to everyone. Come and join us and have a cup of tea afterwards. Visitors are always welcome.

For more details please contact Audrey Slater on 834558.



Celebrate Harvest Sunday with
a Delicious Cream Tea

on **Sunday 6th October 3.00 - 5.00pm**
at All Saints', Chilton
in aid of Tearfund*

and also buy
local produce, cakes, flowers and jam
There will be children's activities.
*Tearfund helps people in poverty
worldwide



**CHILTON VILLAGE MARKET
ROSE & CROWN CAR-PARK
SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 2013
9.00am - 1.00pm
Local Fruit, Veg & Meats
Cheeses, Breads & Lardy Cakes, Jams
& Chutneys
Plants, Charity Stall
Breakfast Baps - Tea/Coffee
available
Local produce need your support
<http://chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com>
/Chilton+Village+Market**

The Charity Stall on 12th October will be for the Oxfordshire Crohns and Colitis Society. 9th November we will be supporting SeeSaw and on 14th December the Oncology Department in Oxford.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the wet September market. A total of £131.55 was raised for the Village Hall extension.

Any enquiries or offers of help, books, good quality bric-a-brac or home produce will be warmly received. Many thanks
Judy Goodall



Chilton Wives' Group

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 8th October** the speaker will be our local well-known artist Ken Messer. Following his talk he will demonstrate his techniques. The meeting is held in the Church at 7:45pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome.

For further information please contact Judy Goodall on (01235) 834503.



Didcot & District University of the
Third Age

Didcot & District University of the Third Age meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The October meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 15 October at Didcot Civic Hall when the topic will be **Desert Island Pictures** with Serena Quartermaine.



Chilton W.I.

Chilton W.I. meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Don't forget that October is our Birthday meeting, when we will all be able to have a go at circle dancing, this can be done either standing up or sitting on a chair! So, no excuses for not joining in the fun.

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



Live Music at the Rose and
Crown

Saturday 19 October, Not quite THE UNBELIEVABLES, from 9pm until late. They went down a storm at their last visit in September, so are back by popular request for this gig on 19 October. Free admission, complimentary snacks, drinks at popular prices. Come and enjoy the party Chilton-style.

Sunday lunch at the Rose and Crown

Traditional roasts for a lazy Sunday afternoon - ideal complement to the cooler autumn weather. Food from the blackboard menu available all week too.

Fun quiz at the Rose and Crown

Every Tuesday evening at 8pm with devilish questions set by Adrian the Aussie quizmaster. Teams of up to six people, entry £1 each with drinks voucher for the winners. Complimentary food from the landlord.



Charity Quiz Sheets

The latest Quiz Sheet is now available (closing date Saturday 19th October). The theme is **Dance** and all proceeds will go towards the extension of the Village Hall. Quiz Sheets are priced at £1.25 each and are available from; Gurmit at the Post Office, Shea at the Rose and Crown, Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close and The Goodalls at 43 Crafts End



Churchyard Working Party

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up the Churchyard on **Saturday 9 November from 9.00am.** and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like. There are a variety of jobs to be done, all you need to do is bring yourself, your favourite tools and not forgetting the gardening gloves. If you have a family grave that needs a tidy please come and join us. Thank you, for more details please phone Judith Russell on 01235 832484.



Crime Prevention Advice from PCSO Mike Clayden

As many residents of Chilton are probably aware there have been two Burglaries in the village recently which have resulted in the theft of items from these properties. In response to these unfortunate incidents I would like to offer some crime prevention advice and also what to do if you see anyone acting suspiciously or think a crime is in progress. When the weather is hot many of us leave windows and doors open during the day, however if you are in the front of the house never leave a back door open and again if you're at the rear of your home don't leave a front door open and unattended. This is best to bear in mind when in the garden. It only takes seconds for an opportunist thief to enter your home and steal

anything left on display and unattended. It could be your wallet, door keys/ car keys or cash left on a table or even your laptop. Never leave car keys or valuables by doors or open windows. Whenever you're leaving your home, even for a short period of time make sure you have locked all doors and windows. If you're going on holiday only inform a trusted neighbour that you will be away or if you think your home is vulnerable contact your local neighbourhood police team and ask them to keep an eye on the property when on patrol in the village. Never mention on social media sites that you are going away on holiday and when and how long for. Personally, I'm quite cautious of mentioning my holiday plans in public places such as public houses or busy shops. The old adage "walls have ears" is best to bear in mind. Making your home appear to be occupied by timer lights and leaving a radio on can make a difference. If you're going away on holiday then cancel milk and papers and place the waste bin in its usual position and not left by the road. Do not leave garden tools, ladders etc. easily accessible in your garden, and make sure your shed is locked. Always double lock your doors using the key and never leave your key hanging in the lock. I have seen examples of this practice when I'm out and about on patrol and it usually results in me alerting the surprised owner that they have left the key on display for any would-be thief to take advantage of. There are many ways you can make your home more secure. For example, by fixing a security sensor light that overlooks the driveway/entrance to the house or placing one so it overlooks the rear garden, Mortice locks for doors and windows. Even a gravel path can act as a deterrent to would-be thieves as anyone approaching the house will be heard walking or driving on it. If you are thinking of installing a burglar alarm never install a dummy alarm. Experienced burglars can spot the difference between the fake and the real alarm. If you have a tendency to keep large amounts of cash in the home then place it in a safe that is hidden from view. Make

sure any property within the home is marked with your postcode. Especially, televisions, laptops, computers and game consoles.

Fuel oil thefts from oil tanks are not uncommon and its best to try and hide the tank by growing foliage around it or fencing it off. Placing an alarmed padlock on the tank also acts as a deterrent.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously or a vehicle that appears to be driving up and down the village with the occupants peering into properties then phone Thames Valley Police non-emergency number 101. This also applies if you see a strange vehicle that has been parked outside or on a driveway of a home that you think is unoccupied. If you see or have reason to believe a burglary is in progress then please phone Thames Valley Police using the 999 emergency number. Try and note descriptions of anyone acting suspiciously and the registration, make and colour of the vehicle seen if there is one.

Lastly, I hold regular 'have your say' meetings at the village hall in Chilton so if anyone has any issues or would like further crime prevention advice then please pop in and have a chat. The next meeting is **Saturday 28th September 16.00 – 17.00hrs**. Also before I sign off I would like to emphasise that Chilton village is a very safe place to live and apart from the two burglaries recently, Chilton does have a very low crime rate. As a village community, you can all do your bit to look after one another and I hope keep us- the Police- informed of anything unusual occurring in your community. We will do our very best to keep you safe.

Mike Clayden

Police Community Support officer C9732

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Your Site Stakeholder Group

Many people have little knowledge or even interest in the nuclear work that is carried out at Harwell or to give it its correct name Harwell Oxford but it is important and could affect you.

Harwell Oxford Campus has evolved over the years from what was once UKAEA Harwell, a nuclear research establishment, into a world-class centre for science, technology and innovation. Much of the site is now occupied by a number of different science and technology organisations, the latest arrival being the European Space Agency.

However nuclear work is still carried out by an organisation called **Research Sites Restoration Limited (RSRL)**. RSRL has been tasked with decommissioning its sites at Harwell and Winfrith, on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)

NDA funds Site Stakeholder Groups (SSG) at all the sites it controls and they describe the purpose of an SSG as a standing forum for communications between the NDA, site operators and the local community. It has the overarching aim of ensuring that decisions taken by the NDA or operators that affect NDA sites are informed by the local community's views.

Putting this in everyday English SSG is a group that tells RSRL and the NDA what you think of RSRLs work and asks questions about what is happening . There are three public meetings a year at which RSRL describes its recent work and what it proposes to do in the coming months. Anyone is welcome to attend and the next meeting is on Friday 6th December at 10.00am Venue tbc.

The structure of the UK Civil Nuclear is complicated and littered with acronyms but one role of the SSG is to explain it to the community. Currently NDA is running what is called a PBO competition for the management of RSRL and all the Magnox nuclear power stations. PBO stands for Parent Body Organisation and it is simply the organisation that manages RSRL for the NDA . The current PBO for RSRL is called Babcock and this means that a small number of Senior Managers working at RSRL are actually Babcock employees. The competition is now down to four shortlisted organisations but the winning bidder won't be announced for several months .

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators

Thames Valley Police are actively promoting and encouraging local residents to become Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. Those of you who already belong to Neighbourhood Watch or who are coordinators will already be aware of its benefits. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They encourage community spirit and close liaison between neighbours and also the local police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes can cut crime, reassure those who live in the area and encourage neighbourliness. If you would like to be a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator you can find out more by contacting the local administrator for Thames Valley Police, Carol Rudd on 01235 556937. If you are an existing coordinator we thank you for all the work.



Language Tuition

German and French tuition offered in Chilton by experienced modern languages teacher: for students wishing to boost their grade at GCSE or A Level, or for adults with an interest in learning a new language or improving existing skills. Individuals or small groups welcome. Contact Yvonne Sanderson at yksanderson@hotmail.com



Childminder Vacancies

I am an Ofsted Registered Childminder with vacancies for children of all ages during term time and school holidays. I offer flexible hours to suit the parent with drop off and collection from Chilton Primary School and Pre-School. If you would like further information please contact me on 07947311300 or via email claireneville3108@hotmail.com



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 9th October 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
12. VHC 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 23rd October**

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please check the calendar on the Village Hall website for dates: www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk and then contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street for details, booking form etc. 831750

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

You can find it on the Village Hall website: www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

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<u>Parish Council Meeting Dates</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Chronicle Closing Dates</u> <u>2013/14</u>
<u>2013</u>	<u>Chronicle</u>
9 th October	
13 th November	23 rd October
18 th December	27 th November
<u>2014</u>	
22 nd January	1 st January
26 th February	5 th February
9 th April	19 th March
Friday 25 th April APM	2 nd April
14 th May APCM	23 rd April

