

# Chilton Chronicle

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No 399 January 2014

## Thank You

A big thank you from the Parish Council to the Scouts and their Leaders for cleaning and painting the bus shelter on a cold November Saturday morning.



## Found

A ring was found on the Lynch Way on 28<sup>th</sup> December. The ring is now being held at Wantage Police Station. If you have lost a ring and think it might be yours, please contact the Police Station on 101.



## Meet the Artist & Have Your Say

Our chosen artist, **Tim Norris** has been awarded the commission for the artwork for Chilton Field.

The first Village consultation is to view Tim's art and have a drop-in chat time with him.

This is for ALL residents from Chilton on **17 January** between 3.30pm and 8.00pm at Chilton Village Hall for afternoon tea - or a glass of wine.

This is your chance to help define the sort of artwork that you would like to have in Chilton Field.

If you would like to stay informed of the progress of the artwork please subscribe to:

[chiltonfieldartwork.blogspot.co.uk](http://chiltonfieldartwork.blogspot.co.uk) or view:

[www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk) or:

[chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com](http://chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com)

To contact the working committee e-mail:

[coopt01@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:coopt01@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk) or write

to Chilton Artwork Committee, 19 Latton Close, Chilton, OX11 0HY



## The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund visited some of the senior citizens of Chilton on New Year's Day to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these groceries is an annual event and on 1 January this year we were delighted to be able to supply some substantial gifts because of the generous donations from kind parishioners which swelled the Fund.

We always welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent in the current year or whether they would prefer the Trustees to invest the gift so as to enhance our spending power in future years. **So if you would like to make a donation to the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund** please contact one of the following Trustees:

Brian Morris 6 Latton Close

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close

John Berry 'Schneeberg', South Row

Pam Rolls 15 Elderfield Crescent

*A little background information: Lydia Thomas was a benefactress of Chilton who died in 1807 and provided in her will the sum of £333-6-8d in 3% Consols for distribution of £10 each New Year's Day for the benefit of the poor. The endowment was administered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish and used for a distribution of goods, usually of loaves of bread. It is believed that Lydia lived at the Malt House in Main Street. In 1975 the Fund was amalgamated with the Chilton Aid Fund (set up in 1955) to form the present day Fund. The Chilton Aid Fund arose from the Chilton share of the proceeds of the sale of the Nurse's House administered in connection with the Harwell and Chilton Nursing Association. That charity was comprised in a conveyance dated 1926.*



## News from the Rose and Crown

The quiz is back!

The Tuesday evening fun quiz has started again after a short break for Christmas and New Year. 8pm every Tuesday, played strictly for laughs and drinks vouchers to the winning team.

### Six Nations Rugby

The start of the Six Nations rugby matches is a welcome herald of the end of winter. The first games are on Saturday 1 February. By the time the series finishes on 15 March, spring will be well on the way. Watch the matches with your friends in the Rose and Crown, with complimentary snacks at half time. Starts with France v England on 1 February.

### Congratulations

To Susi and Steve from Main Street who decided to get engaged on New Year's Eve, and announced their forthcoming marriage to the assembled throng in the Rose and Crown just after midnight on New Year's Day. Cue general rejoicing and drinks all round.



### Treasurer

The Village Hall Management Committee is a voluntary group that runs our village hall on behalf of the community. We all live in Chilton. From 1st April John Baron our much-appreciated existing treasurer will be standing down and we will need a new person to fill this role. The Committee's accounts are in order, audited annually and the finances are solvent, so a new treasurer would not have a major task in continuing the good work. Estimated workload after initial familiarisation is estimated at about 2 hours per week plus attendance at evening committee meetings approximately once every 6 weeks. If you would like to apply for this voluntary post or would like more information, please contact our Chair, Sharon Scott on 01235 835836.



### Chilton Newsletter from PCSO

#### Mike Clayden

Hello, since my last update I'm sure village residents have now seen the 'Bright Idea' posters that I have been putting out recently posted around the village. Indeed, I have noticed there seem to be more homes with lights on in the evenings so I'm really pleased that residents are taking our advice and making their homes a little safer. I'm aware there have been reports of anti-social behaviour in Chilton Village,

particularly around the bus stop on the high street. PC Schmid and I have spoken to local youths about it. I will be monitoring certain "hot spots" and keeping an eye on those who have been brought to our attention recently.

It's with regret that I have to report there were three non-dwelling burglaries committed in the village. Overnight on Christmas Eve 3 sheds at separate houses were tampered with and a chainsaw was stolen from one of them. If anyone saw or heard anything suspicious that night then please call the Police on 101. Please can I also remind villagers to make sure your sheds are secure and anything of value is property marked and kept well out of sight. I have a number of property markers if anyone wishes to have one and also some "smart water" kits available for £15.00 each.

The festive season has also brought sad events to our area such is the case of missing teenager Jayden Parkinson whose body was recently discovered at a location in Didcot. Some of the investigation and search took place at nearby Upton and this of course had an impact on the community as Police activity in the area mounted. The residents of Upton have shown great understanding, patience and compassion during this difficult time. Thames Valley police would also like to thank members of the public who came forward with offers of help and assistance.

### Youth Club

I'm still in the process of looking for volunteers or people with previous experience of running a Youth club with a view to set up one for the young people of Chilton to use.

If you are interested, please drop me an email at

[Michael.clayden@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Michael.clayden@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Road closures are a headache as we all know and there have been a fair number in the area recently. One such closure was the Milton Interchange on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, which was attended by a number of PCSO's including myself and roads policing officers.

The north bound A34 had been closed due to a serious accident involving a HGV.

The road was closed for a number of hours and this caused severe delays in the area. We would like to remind drivers to be patient at these difficult times and to be aware that on these occasions officers on road closures may not necessarily have area knowledge when asked for directions.

Officers are there primarily to control traffic flow and keep vehicles moving if and when possible. Drivers stopping on a busy carriageway to ask for directions are putting themselves and other drivers at risk of an accident as well as causing further delays to the congested area. If you are lost, seek a safe place to pull over, e.g. Service station, a lay-by or nearby village. Stay calm and check your map, Sat-Nav or ask someone for directions who may have local knowledge. Or as they say on the telly-“phone a friend”. Personally, I don't believe anyone ever gets lost. We might lose our way from time to time but inevitably we do get home, though somewhat later than expected. So on that note, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe new year.

PCSO Mike Clayden C9732

Thames Valley Police



### Chilton Lunch Club for the Elderly

The club meets in the 'Rose and Crown' each Thursday lunchtime, offering older folk from Chilton and its surrounds, a change of environment and a hearty lunch in convivial company. Volunteers help with transport where required, and Shea provides a sumptuous lunch at a very reasonable price. Contributions to a small 'Comfort Fund' allow us to push the boat out on birthdays and at Christmas. If you are over 60 and might enjoy attending (or know of someone else who may), why not come along to see for yourself? It starts just after 12 noon.

Otherwise you can contact us on 835077 ([astleycooper@btinternet.com](mailto:astleycooper@btinternet.com)) or 831722 ([dorothy.woodhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:dorothy.woodhouse@btinternet.com)). If you are willing to help with lifts to and from the pub, on occasions, that would be much appreciated



### Chilton Village Market

The next Market will be **on Saturday 11th January** and takes place every second Saturday in the month between 9am and 1pm at The Rose and Crown car park.

The Charity Stall will be raising money for various charities throughout the year; the stall at the next Market will be for the **Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund**.

New stall-holders are very welcome - please let the landlord at the Rose & Crown know before the day.

#### 2014 dates:

*11th January*

*8th February*

*8th March*

*12th April*

*10th May*

Stalls include local fruit & veg, meats, breads, cheeses, plants, old fashioned confectionery and a charity stall.

Please come and support us –Relax over a cup of coffee and enjoy a bacon bap in the pub. Your local pub, businesses and produce need your support.



### Wives' Group

The next meeting of Chilton Wives' Group will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45 pm in the Church . The speaker will be Jan Haseler who will give us an illustrated talk on Moor Copse Nature Reserve. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries to Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End - 01235 834503



### Chilton W.I.

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

The speaker at the meeting is Duncan Brown “The Youngest Ever Mayor of Abingdon”.

This month the annual subscription is due so please remember to bring your cheque book or cash for Judy. The subscription this year is £34.70.

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.



### Chilton Toddler Group

Come and join in the fun! Chilton baby and toddler group meets every Friday morning 9:30 - 11:30, in the village hall (during term time).

We have a hall full of toys and games, seasonal crafts and music for pre-schoolers; tea/coffee for parents and snacks for children are provided.

All for £2 per family per session. Facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup or email [chiltontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:chiltontoddlers@gmail.com)



### Didcot & District University Of The Third Age

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

The January 2014 meeting will be held at 2pm on 21 January. The topic will be **Working as a Met Man in the Falklands** with Mike Palmer.



### Neighbourhood Watch

Thames Valley Police are actively promoting and encouraging local residents to become Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups typically operate in a variety of communities to help bring neighbours together who want to look out for each other, creating strong, friendly, active communities where crime and antisocial behaviour is less likely to happen.

A Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (NWC) is a person who volunteers to take responsibility for up to twenty households, usually their near neighbours. Ideally, a Deputy should work alongside the Co-ordinator in a supporting role.

Thames Valley Alert Community Messages are sent to NWCs for onward distribution to members of their "Watch Group". These messages contain information of localised crime and safety alerts for your neighbourhood and surrounding areas.

With the significant housing growth at Chilton Field, Thames Valley Police are particularly keen to see new NW Groups being formed to help bring the community together. There are already a small number of groups in existence within the village and it is hoped these numbers will also grow. In due course, the plan is for all NWCs within Chilton to get together occasionally and compare notes, discuss any common trends/problems of concern in our local area and liaise closely with our local police.

If you would like to become an NWC or to find out more about neighbourhood watch within the village please contact:

Stuart Edlington, NWC - mail to: [stuart.edlington@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.edlington@btinternet.com)

Nick Astley-Cooper, NWC - mail to: [astleycooper@btinternet.com](mailto:astleycooper@btinternet.com)

and/or

Mike Clayden, Police Community Support Officer - mail to

[michael.clayden@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michael.clayden@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Carol Rudd, Local Administrator for Thames Valley Police on 01235 556937, mail to

[carol.rudd@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:carol.rudd@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



### Village Hall Extension News

The VH improvement working group (VHIWG) have been progressing this project (which is funded mainly by Chilton Field developer contribution plus various grants) on behalf of the Parish Council. The design and survey work was completed during the spring and summer and competitive tendering undertaken in the autumn. A building contractor has now been appointed and, subject to contract, it is hoped to start the work next month. At present the provisional date for Hall closure is 31 January, but the VHMC will keep regular hirers fully informed as we move closer to the date. With a works duration of 24 weeks, the hall is scheduled to reopen in the summer.

### Community Room News

The VH Management Committee is currently progressing the premises licence and the Parish Council some building completion works by the developer that

are still outstanding. Once the latter have reached an acceptable stage the building handover can be made so that the Room can be opened for use.



### Charity Quiz Night

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will appear in the next Chilton Chronicle.



### Notice of Royal British Legion Club AGM

The Harwell Village Royal British Legion Club Annual General Meeting will be held at the club on FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2014.

This will cover all aspects of Club business including election of Committee members under the current club rules.

An update of the current trading position and future development plans will be given.

All members are encouraged to attend.  
Ian Clarke RBL Harwell Club Secretary



### Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival

**When:** Saturday, 7 June 2014

**Where:** Chilton Community Hall – Chilton Field

**Why:** A chance for all to celebrate, commemorate and enjoy a fun packed day

**Who:** All members of the Chilton Community

**What:**

- Afternoon: Stalls, displays, events, music
- Memorial: Parade at the Harwell Stone
- Evening: Music acts and entertainment

#### **How Can You Get Involved?**

This is the first Chilton Festival since 2012 and we intend to make the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival on Saturday 7 June 2014 a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. Please put the date in your diary and get involved by offering your time, expertise, enthusiasm and energy to:

- Organise:
  - Children's games, competitions
  - Events / demonstrations
  - Refreshments
  - Infrastructure
  - Communications
- Provide stalls, demonstrations, acts, 'good ideas', sponsorship, etc.

**More Information:** Please e-mail **Bob Girling** at [gnilrig@aol.com](mailto:gnilrig@aol.com).



### Abingdon Air and Country Show

A cheque for £9,300 was recently handed over to the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance as a donation from the 2013 Abingdon Air & Country Show. The 2014

event will be taking place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Details can be found on the website

[www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk) and also on Facebook.

The Abingdon Air & Country Show has always supported local charities, taking on the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance in 2007 since when over £40,000 has been raised for this vital asset to the local emergency services. Between the first Show in 2001

and 2007 the show supported the Helen & Douglas House Hospice in Oxford, raising in excess of £15,000 for that worthy cause...giving an overall total of £55000 raised in 14 years as an all-volunteer committee run event.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 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. VHMC 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 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: [parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com](mailto:parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com)

**Parish Councillors**

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Dene Hollow  
Dene Hollow  
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14 Latton Close  
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Mr Andy Candelent  
21 Elderfield Crescent  
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Mr Frank Dumbleton  
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Mr Brian Morris,  
6 Latton Close  
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Mrs Jane Woods  
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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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01235 861779

**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](http://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](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk)

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

<b><u>Parish Council Meeting Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Chronicle Closing Dates</u></b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> February
9 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
14 <sup>th</sup> May <b>APCM</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April