

Chilton Chronicle

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 25TH April at 7.30pm** in the Harlequin Room. 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. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
10. General Discussion



Chairman's Annual Report

Another busy year has passed with a lot of hard work being done by Councillors and others to help make Chilton a great place to live in.

Chilton Field has figured prominently in previous years' reports and the development is now approaching completion. Many of the new residents are getting involved in village activities. Bob Girling (a Chilton Field resident) has joined the Parish Council and is also taking a leading role in organising the Chilton Festival and D-Day Commemoration on Saturday 7 June 2014. More volunteers are needed to organise and participate in this event.

The new Community Room has been completed and handed over to the Parish Council. Final equipping is being carried out by the Village Hall Management Committee who will open it to hirers as soon as practicable.

The development has also enabled an upgrade and extension to the existing Village Hall via what is known as a Section

106 payment from the developers. The amount of work that has been done and is continuing to be done by volunteers to enhance the Village Hall and get the Community room into use cannot be over emphasised.

Another interesting project at Chilton Field is the Work Of Art. Volunteers from the village are part of a working group that is managing the project. The artist Tim Norris has now been commissioned for the artwork and consultation on its form is continuing.

Thames Water and problems with sewerage were a feature of last year's report and perhaps inevitably the problems started again this year in early January. Previously tankers were used to supplement the pumping station but the decision not to do so this year is possibly down to the limited effectiveness and the damage done to Dene Hollow. However as Thames Water did not appear to do anything to increase the capacity of the pumping station and/or prevent excess groundwater getting into the sewers the problem returned. We have not had a response from Thames Water on how and when they will fix the problem!

It appears that our Village may be subject to significant changes over the next few years. Work on the two additional north facing slip roads on the A34 is due to start in the summer and may in time act as a catalyst for further developments. However, of far greater impact and concern is the proposal in the Vale's Housing allocation to allow 1400 houses to be built on open fields adjoining the Village. The Parish Council and I believe most of the residents are strongly opposed to this inappropriate development. The Parish Council is submitting a forceful objection based on sound planning grounds. An excellent petition and survey has been circulated in the village which will show the Vale of White Horse District Council the extent of the objections and also demonstrate the weakness of their

arguments and that this is not just another NIMBY objection. However it is too early to say what the outcome will be so if you object continue to make your views known.

I know that many people value the Chronicle and it is their main source of information about what's happening in Chilton, but we do also have a website www.chiltonvillage.wikispaces.com and a Facebook Page (Chilton Village Community)

<https://www.facebook.com/chiltonoxfordshire>

As you will appreciate things happen between publications of the Chronicle so the website or Facebook page are often the first places news and details of events can appear. In addition to news and details of events the website holds information that will be of use to both new and long term residents. Useful phone numbers, local weather forecast, information about Chilton past and present etc. Contributions and suggestions can be sent to broadcj@yahoo.com or as it is a wiki you can register and post information yourself. The Facebook page needs no explanation to regular Facebook readers and gives an immediacy and simplicity to the dissemination of information. Perhaps we should introduce Twitter next?

Finally I would like to thank Liz Morris the Clerk and fellow Councillors for their hard work and dedication over the last twelve months.

Chris Broad Chair



Chilton WI Annual Report March 2014

I am pleased to report that Chilton WI has had another successful year and continues to increase its membership by attracting some younger residents of the Village. In October we celebrated our 53rd birthday with a cake cut by our three longest serving members, Peggy Crocker, Daphne Boddy and Mary Howard.

Ever eager to update its image Chilton WI now has a Facebook page; you will find us on Chilton Village Womens' Institute.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed some interesting speakers, one of the

most amusing was Simeon Courtie a broadcaster who in May talked about how he and his family toured the world in a Volkswagen van performing Beatles songs and raising money for charity. In September Gillian Cane told us about being the first female officer to graduate from Sandhurst and her life in a male world - with some entertaining anecdotes. At our birthday meeting Lily Dunkley showed us how to do circle dancing with full audience participation!

On 6th July Chilton School held its Summer Fair and there was a cake competition judged by our Treasurer Judy Goodall. President Liz Morris and Ruth Cox assisted in the tasting! At the School Christmas Fair on 30th November the WI stall was run by two of our members, Ruth Cox and Suzie Tilbury, the WI provided cakes, jams, some beautiful Christmas wreaths and other Christmas items to sell. These events help to raise the profile of the WI in the Village and provide an opportunity to recruit more members!

In August we held a puddings evening in the Village Hall, a pleasant social occasion in which members and friends enjoyed some delicious homemade desserts.

We try to get involved in Village life and we will be serving refreshments on 7th June 2014 when the Village will mark the 70th Anniversary of the D Day landings with various events. We look forward to the next twelve months with enthusiasm!

Dorothy Woodhouse
Secretary



Thank You

Thank you to all those who supported the charity stall at the March Produce Market, which raised £120 for the John Radcliffe Adult Intensive Care Unit.

Lucy Woods



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 15th April meeting will be the AGM.



Forever Active Sessions

Try a range of activities for age 50+ at The Park Club, Milton Park every Tuesday morning 9.30-10.30am. No experience/fitness level required so all welcome including non-members. Sessions are free for the launch in April too so come along and have a go!

Monthly Schedule:

- 1st week – Badminton
- 2nd week – Short Tennis
- 3rd week – Pickleball
- 4th week – Health Walk
- 5th week - Kurling

Please contact Richard Claydon for more information and to register your interest on 01235 861289 or email rclaydon@soll-leisure.co



Chilton Village Festival and D-Day Commemoration



The Chilton Village Festival and D-Day Commemoration is drawing ever nearer.

This is your community event so please support it, put the date in your diary and plan to be there on Saturday 7 June 2014.

The Festival will be taking place at Chilton Field starting at 1pm and going on into the evening. There will be something for everyone with an afternoon of market stalls, displays, kiddie's go-karts, a bouncy castle, build a glider activity, refreshments and much much more. This will be followed by a Commemoration Service, led by the Royal British Legion, at the Harwell Stone to mark the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. The event will be rounded off by an evening of live entertainment.

For more information please check out the following:

<http://chiltond-dayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk/>
<http://www.chiltonvillage.co.uk/d-day-event/>

Or drop Bob Girling an email at gnilrig@Gmail.com

Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

This Event, for Christian Aid, will be held on **Saturday 17th May** between 10 am and 12 noon at **Chilton School**. This is a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, perennials and small shrubs, also young vegetable plants and herbs. As usual, also on sale will be books and some delicious homemade cakes, pies and tarts.

Please come and meet your friends, stock up your gardens and relax over a cup of tea or coffee and homemade biscuits. We are delighted that the children from Chilton School will also be selling bedding plants that they have grown to raise funds for their Gardening Club. Any enquiries or offers of help, particularly plants, please contact Judy Goodall on 834503 or at 43 Crafts End.

Abingdon Air and Country Show

The 2014 event will be taking place on **Sunday 4th May**.

It's not just an air show! The Abingdon Air & Country Show held in support of local Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust has a varied ground show to go along with a fly-in of both modern and vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display. All of this is within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, at Abingdon airfield, off Barrow Road, Shippon, Abingdon OX13 6JQ.

Advance tickets from

www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk or Wantage, Oxford, Wallingford, Didcot, Abingdon & Witney Tourist Information Centres, within the Vale & Downland Museum (Adult £15, OAP £10, 5-15yr olds £5, Under 5s Free) or at the gate (Adult £12, OAP £8, 5-15yr olds £4, Under 5s

Free). Free car parking, gates open 10am.
Event finishes 5.30pm.



Chilton Toddler and Baby Group

The Group has moved! Due to the Village hall refurbishment, we will now meet on Fridays (term times only) at Chilton Primary School in the preschool room, 1:30 to 3pm. £2 per family, snacks for children provided. Come and join us for some painting, play dough, sticking and toys. Perfect for those with an older sibling at the school to coincide with pick-up time. Contact chilontoddlers@gmail.com or find us on [facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup](https://www.facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup) for more information



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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