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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held remotely on **Wednesday 28th April** at 8.00pm.

All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or just listen. Please contact the Clerk for log in details.

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. Chilton School Report
8. County Council Report
9. District Council Report
10. Neighbourhood Plan
11. Village Hall Management Committee Report
12. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
13. General Discussion

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Chairman's Annual Report

The last 12 months have been unprecedented and Covid-19 brought normal life to an abrupt stop. We then had a gradual relaxation only to be followed by another lockdown which is only now being gradually lifted. It was great to see The Chilton Mutual Aid Group form and spring in to action to support residents who needed help.

After a delay because the legislation only allowed actual face to face meetings the Parish Council started Virtual Meetings using Microsoft Teams. These meetings are open to the public and advertised but attendance has been limited.

On a national planning matter the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Express Way concerned many people and they will have been relieved to hear the news that it has now been cancelled. As I understand it work will continue on improving rail links between the two cities and there will consultation on a possible Arc of development between Oxford and Cambridge.(implication unclear)

On local planning issues an application to build another Service Station at Chilton which has been

with us for sometime was finally refused . The Applicants however appealed the refusal but the Appeal was rejected. A Planning application for six self-build plots on the Lower Road paddock was refused and again the Applicant appealed the decisions , this Appeal has yet to be determined.

A notable achievement this year has been the completion of the Work of Art at Chilton Field . The WoA is in the form of a small amphitheatre and when circumstances permit will be a prefect venue for outdoor events. This project was originally started by the Vale of White Horse District Council and then transferred to the Parish Council . Mark Urso-Cale deserves a mention for his work and determination to ensure the project was completed.

Further projects are possible although it has clearly been a difficult year to start new projects but there are funds available for further improvements to the Village Hall and decisions will be made in the coming months. There is also funding available for refurbishment and additional Play Areas. When it is possible to have physical meetings it is expected that a Working Group reporting to the Parish Council will be formed to take the project forward.

Finally I can report that The Neighbourhood Plan for Chilton is now entering the final stages of the Process and the second and final consultation has been completed. It is hoped that The plan will go to a Referendum later in the year.

Chris Broad

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Village Hall Management Committee

Annual Report

The Village Hall Committee is not alone when it says COVID 19 has meant this has been a very unusual year. Our main priority has been keeping abreast of the forever changing rules and regulations surrounding the virus, and how these changes affected the running of village community buildings. For the majority of the year this meant the closure of both the Village Hall and the Community Room. We were able to open the Village Hall temporarily for a few months at the end of 2020, although only for a few of our regular hirers that met the capacity and use regulations.

Although we were able to minimise running costs such as cleaning and energy bills during this period,

there were costs that continued throughout the closure. Fortunately, we had the funds available to cover this. In addition, as we pay rates on both buildings, we were eligible to claim for COVID support grants. Under advisement from the Parish Council we claimed the full amount available. We are also expecting additional funding by way of s106a now that Pegasus Close has been completed. The result has been a significant increase in our funds over this period and as such we are planning a number of refurbishment projects over the next year.

These projects include the laying of a patio to the back of the Village Hall for the use of hirers, refurbishment of the main hall, and if funds permit the installation of internal doors and an upgrade to the heating in the Community Room.

Our plans for reopening are of course dependent upon the Government's relaxation of lockdown. Currently we plan to reopen to regular hirers on the 17th May, whilst the rule of six applies, only the Village Hall will be open. We then hope to open from the 1st July for all hirers. We are now taking bookings for July onwards, on the understanding that these bookings will be subject to cancellation if Government regulations change.

It is with sadness that I announce that John Smith, a very long standing member of the committee, will be standing down at the AGM this year. I cannot thank John enough for his commitment and dedication, his departure will leave a big hole and he will be very much missed.

This brings me to appeal for new members to join the committee. We urgently need people who can help manage the relationships we have with our contractors such as cleaners. We also need people with new ideas and energy to join us to ensure the ongoing success of the venues. Without such people the venues cannot operate. If you are interested, please email me at chair@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk.

Finally, I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee members for their dedication, time and efforts over the past twelve months. These have been unusual times which has resulted many more meetings than usual, many at short notice and the ability to adapt to the forever changing conditions.
Sharon Scott - Chairperson

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Chilton WI Annual Report

2020 is certainly a year that none of us will forget! Our last face to face WI meeting was in February 2020 but we have carried on using Zoom and have

had some great talks on topics as diverse as poets and artists with links to the Thames Valley, the life of a real life CSI with Thames Valley Police, the history of gin and growing up in communist Bulgaria.

It was our 60th birthday in October and to mark the occasion we gave every member a bag with the Chilton WI logo on with a cream tea inside. This seemed to be really appreciated by our members and when we do get back to holding meetings in the Village Hall we shall have to have a belated birthday party to celebrate our 60 years! At Christmas we delivered mince pies and sausage rolls and had a great Christmas quiz as well as learning how to make Christmas decorations from a craft expert based in Yorkshire.

We can't wait to get back to face to face meetings in the Village Hall, hopefully it won't be too long now. We always welcome new members. We are a friendly group of women of all ages and interests. We have a lot of fun and it's a great way to meet new people, why not come and join us?

Our April meeting will be on **Thursday 15th April at 7.45 pm**. Milly Freeman, a lady historian, will give a talk '**Mother's Ruin' the history of Gin**. Discover the wonderful and downright naughty history of glorious gin. Starting in the early 1100s and travelling through to our modern gin revolution allow Milly to regale you with tales of bravery, plague, royalty, law, fuddled Georgians and intoxicated sailors!

Our May meeting will be on **Thursday 20th May at 7.45 pm**. Tim Mitchell is a lighting designer and has worked for large scale musical theatre, opera, ballet and television productions. His talk will be on the lighting projects in theatre and television.

We look forward to seeing you there!
For the link to join the meetings please contact Sylvie Thompson on sylviethomp@hotmail.com or 07919 346560

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Rose and Crown now open!

Shea has welcomed customers back to the Rose and Crown after it opened for the first time in 2021 – apart from takeaways, of course, which have been enjoyed throughout the lockdown!

Outside service of food and drinks includes easy-eating favourites such as Fish fingers, Scampi, Sausages and Cheeseburgers, all with chips. Also the favourite Fish n'Chips on Wednesdays to Saturdays. Come and enjoy the spring weather with a drink and food at the pub.

In the meantime, the takeaway food service continues Wednesday to Saturday evenings, 5 to 8pm, and Sunday lunchtimes 12.30 to 2.30pm. Phone 01235 862992 to order.

May Quiz from Linda

All the answers contain a colour of the rainbow.

- 1 What colour is the top right hand ring on the Olympic flag?
- 2 If you fly from Peking to Seoul, what sea do you fly over?
- 3 What colour was the boat that the owl and the pussycat went to sea in?
- 4 What did Paul Neal change his name to when he became a firefighter?
- 5 What are the colourful hits recorded by these bands in the years stated: –
Lemon Pipers 1968, Nena 1984, Don Partridge 1968, Peter Sarstedt 1969, Coldplay 2000
- 6 World chess champion Garry Kasparov was beaten by a computer in 1997. What was it called?
- 7 The capital was Bloemfontein and this independent territory joined South Africa in 1907. What was it called?
- 8 What colour trousers do all the Minions wear?
- 9 What colour “mood” did Duke Ellington record in 1930?
- 10 Who played Ena Sharples in Coronation Street?

Answers on back page

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Oxfordshire Artweeks 2021:

www.artweeks.org

This year Lin Kerr (from Limetrees, Chilton) will be showing her work at two venues.

She will have a solo throughout May at East Hendred Village Shop, site 168. There will be a primary school children’s Kids Big Draw workshop on 1 May. Entry forms may be downloaded from her website at www.linkerrdesign.co.uk

She will also show work at a group exhibition at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell village Hall, site 186, with 7 artists. There will be a range of styles in oils, watercolour and batik. 21-23 May only, site 186. The artists are: Angela Lenman, Harry Megaw, John Stephen, Judith Payne, Lin Kerr, Paul Gibbs, Valerie Dearlove.

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Annual Report from Mike Fox-Davies - County Councillor for Hendreds and Harwell

As we head into the Spring, I am looking ahead to the end of lockdown and (hopefully), slowly and safely back to normality for us all, thanks to the highly successful vaccine rollout.

During this last year, the County Council was soon used to working by video call and meetings of all the committees, sub-committees and Full Council were back to their normal timetables in this new format.

You may not be aware, but I am standing down after serving as your County Council for the past four years so I thought I would give a quick recap on my time representing Hendreds and Harwell.

Full Council

At Full Council, I presented four motions over my time, all carried with unanimous cross-party support. (Many councillors present no motions during their term as elected members.)

1. **HGV Routing Agreements** – My motion was to link a financial effect with those agreements, so that if they were flouted in the future, there would be a commercial imperative to ensure the developer or operator did not repeat the practice.
2. **HGV Developer Road Damage** – My motion put more requirements on the developers to be responsible for the damage they cause, by demanding they undertake condition surveys before development starts and then return the damaged routes back the prior condition at their cost. This became a two-page spread across the front of the Oxford Mail.
3. **Steventon Reservoir** – This reservoir (which will be the size of Heathrow and can be shown not to be needed) would be the largest and most intrusive construction project in the area, spread over ten years and highly disruptive to traffic in all local areas. It is being presented by Thames water as the main option in its draft plan, but the Council agreed to demand a second consultation with Thames Water. This was then further strengthened when I presented an amendment to the cabinet paper to demand a public enquiry, again accepted
4. **Adoption of New Housing Developments** - There are several new developments across my division, with developers finishing their housing for sale, but in many cases, not finishing the elements fully so that the County can adopt the roads and lighting infrastructure. This motion called on the County Officers to use all their powers to push the developers to complete the works so that OCC can sign off the final adoption for the development. As overall planning permission actually sits with the District Council, I suggested that no more planning permissions are granted to any developers who take unreasonable time to complete outstanding snagging. District Councillors have yet to action this.

Support for Parishes

During the past 15 months, I have attended the majority of my eight Parishes’ meetings; reporting back from the County Council, but also hearing about

local issues where I can bring additional pressure to bear on behalf of the residents. All the meetings from March 2020 have been by video call, which makes it easier when visiting two or three parishes on the same night. However, members of the public who attended many of the public meetings, tended not to join the video calls and I did miss that contact and hearing the residents' concerns face-to-face, although email communications increased.

One of the over-riding issues continues to be traffic volume and speed and I continued to push for 20 mph limits within all Hendreds and Harwell residential areas, and more traffic calming where necessary.

Councillor Community Fund

During the past three years, a Councillor priority fund of £15,000 per year has been made available for each Councillor to spend in their own Division on specific community projects. Across my parishes, this has been fully invested in over 20 community projects including Playground equipment; Village Hall repairs; Replacement of recreation ground equipment; new footpaths; car park; lights for pedestrian crossing; extra street lighting; primary schools – healthy eating programme; Covid 19 support; Arboreal safety management.

Committees and Role

As well as assisting at Parish Level and attending the Full Council of the County Council, I have used my previous business and local government experience on three committees; the Performance Scrutiny Committee, holding County Council departments to account for performance; Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (where we kept Pet-CT Scanners within the JR); and the Planning and Regulations committee looking at minerals and waste. (Residential waste is the responsibility of the Districts, not County.)

Additionally, among my sub-committees were the transport Cabinet Advisory Group and I chaired our County Locality Group, as well as being the Group Deputy Chairman (Backbenchers). The most satisfying committee has been the Climate Action Cabinet Advisory Group, inputting into the Council, which has aimed to combat climate change, since before its official recognition.

The aim of the County is to achieve net-zero carbon on the OCC estate by 2030 and enable all Oxfordshire to achieve net-zero by 2050. The County supports over 85 community climate action groups, including many of my Parishes local sustainability organisations. OCC is pursuing over 80 projects, including; five Cycle Network routes; converting street lights to LED (initially over 30% completed); low traffic neighbourhoods; installing 240 Park and Charge EV charging points in Council owned car parks; delivering zero emissions zone in Oxford;

Home to School transport decarbonisation plan; developing policy for zero-carbon new build schools; developing hydrogen strategy; sourcing zero-carbon grid electricity; programme to increase rooftop solar generation and improve energy efficiency in existing buildings.

I am proud to have been part of a pro-active Carbon Zero focussed Oxfordshire County Council.

Finally, I must thank all who have contributed to my work and to those valued residents and hard-working Parish Councillors whom it has been my honour to quietly serve.

Cllr Mike Fox-Davies, Oxfordshire County Councillor
mike.fox-davies@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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The Care of Chilton Church and Churchyard

Our parish church, All Saints', is not only a shelter venue for Christian worship in the village and a place where parishioners' births, marriages and lives are celebrated. The church and the churchyard are a tangible historical record of the lives of the people of Chilton over centuries – including a rare marked grave from the 16th century, bells founded between the 17th and 19th centuries, memorials to those villagers who fell in the two world wars, and a building that originated in the 12th century.

In common with the houses in which we live, the church and its surroundings need ongoing care and maintenance to ensure that this heritage remains safe and secure in our time and into the future. Such stewardship involves both technical skills (electrical, plumbing, structural repair and redecorating) and non-skilled other work to be available when needed.

For many years the responsibility for the care of the church fabric has been faithfully and diligently overseen by Andrew Hayes with a small team of occasional supporters. Andrew is looking to retire from the leadership role and there is an opportunity to share the care of the church and the churchyard amongst a larger group. Oversight of the churchyard is managed by Judith Russell and help with this area would also be welcome.

As we emerge from winter into spring and look forward to shedding the shackles of Covid lock-down it is perhaps timely to think about expanding the team.

It is not obligatory to be a church member or to worship regularly in church to join in the care of this part of Chilton's heritage.

If you are interested in being part of such a team please contact either of the Church Wardens, Judith Russell 01235 832 484 or judithrussell100@gmail.com or Yvonne Sanderson yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk

Pastoral Care in Chilton

The All Saints' Pastoral Care Team has as its aim to make confidential contact with all in the parish who need, or wish for, emotional support during times of stress or loneliness.

If you would like to flag up a contact need please call either Rev Pam Rolls (01235 834475) or Pat Moseley (07961347986).

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Plant Sale and Charity Market

On **Saturday 8th May** we plan to hold a plant sale at the Charity Market on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12 noon for Christian Aid. Due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold this annual event in the Village Hall. There will be a variety of plants, annuals, shrubs, herbs and vegetables. Weather permitting we hope to serve refreshments. There will also be a wide range of home-baked items - pies, cakes and breads and books and jigsaws.

If you are able to walk to the event please do so to avoid congestion in Crafts End. This event is only being advertised very locally. We would be delighted if you are able to grow some plants for this sale. The Chilton School Gardening Club is also hoping to be able to sell some plants which they have grown. Please let Judy Goodall know on 834503 or at 43 Crafts End

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Target Ovarian Cancer

Thank you to everyone who supported this very successful event - the March Bake-in. We raised £887.35 from sales on the day and a further £183.25 was made from sales at the gate of snowdrops, plants, marmalade etc making a total of £1,070.60 raised for Target Ovarian Cancer .

Cryptic Quiz 62

Quiz No.62 on buildings found in the UK generated £201.00 for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill. Thank you to everyone who bought a sheet. The winners were Cara and David White from Grantham.

Cryptic Quiz 63

Quiz No. 63 is now on sale, supporting the Children's Air Ambulance. The theme is "The Countries of Australia, New Zealand and Canada and their wildlife.

Quiz sheets are obtainable from :

Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close

Atomic Hair on Harwell Campus .

Thank you all for supporting these charities .

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Parish Council Notices

PCSO Tim Deane's contact details.

Mobile: 07976 978916

Email:tim.deane@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Dog Fouling

The green in Limetrees is not a toilet area for dogs. The residents of Limetrees have noticed an increase in the number of visitors walking their dogs to the Green purely for toileting purposes. As well as being unpleasant for us there are also children in Limetrees who use the Green for recreation purposes.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th May at 8.00pm. This will be a remote meeting and the agenda with the link to join the meeting will be published on the Council website.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council website can be found at <http://www.parish-council.com/chilton> where you will be able to find out details of all the Parish Council meetings, who your Councillors are, and other useful information.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by the 19th May **Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Chris Broad

14 Latton Close

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Please Note: The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Chronicle

Answers

1 Red

2 Yellow Sea

3 Pea green

4 Red Adair

5 Green Tambourine, 99 Red Balloons, Blue Eyes, Frozen Orange Juice, Yellow

6 Deep Blue

7 Orange Free State

8 Blue

9 (Mood) Indigo

10 Violet Carson

The 2020/21 Accounts are published on the back page.

Chilton Parish Council Statement of Accounts 2020 – 21

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Precept	18805	Admin	1310
Land Rent	2250	Clerk	3946
Wayleave	42	Chronicle	867
SA Clothing Bank	119	Churchyard	1109
Allotments	454	Allotments	645
Work of Art Grant	72486	Grass cutting	2108
OCC Councillors Grant	1875	Chilton Field maintenance	32657
VAT refund	27338	Insurance	3164
Bank Interest	88	Work of Art	71250
		Neighbourhood Plan	424
		Play Equipment	745
		Donations	190
		Subscriptions	435
		General maintenance	410
		Litter clearing	460
		VAT	20797
	<u>123457</u>		<u>140517</u>
Balance b/f 19/20	319008	Balance c/f 21/22	301948
	<u>442465</u>		<u>442465</u>
		<u>Breakdown of Funds</u>	
		Village Hall Fund	10608
		Equipped Activity Area	8946
		Toddler Area Commuted sum	35936
		POS Commuted Sum	206990
		POS Remediation	8235
		Neighbourhood Plan	853
		County council Grant	1875
		Work of Art	1236
		PC Reserves	27269
		Total	301948

POS is Public Open Space at Chilton Field

Chilton Public Purposes Charity 2020 -21

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dividends	351	Nil	
Interest	2		
Land Rent	156		
Balance b/f 2019/20	2719	Balance c/f 2021/22	
	<u>3228</u>		<u>3228</u>

The Accounts have not yet been audited, any significant differences will be reported at a later date.