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Chilton Celebrates The Queen's 90th Birthday

To celebrate this momentous occasion a Tea Party is being organised at Chilton Village Hall on **Saturday 4th June** between 2pm and 4 pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

There will be a special Birthday Cake and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided but it would be great if every group of people (family, club, neighbours etc) could bring a plate of food to share.

We are planning a competition for the children for the best home-made Hat or Crown and there will be a Find The Corgi hunt and other games.

This Tea Party is in its early stages of planning, but we aim to make it a fun afternoon and suitable for all ages.

To add to the atmosphere we would love you to come dressed in Red, White and Blue!

Please contact Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End, on 01235 834503 or at thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk with any enquiries, ideas or offers of help.

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News from Chilton Primary School

I am delighted to be able to write this report at the beginning of a very exciting new chapter at Chilton Primary School.

School Expansion

Admission and organisation

From September 2016 the school will expand to take 45 children into Reception, an increase of 15 on our previous Pupil Admission Number of 30. This increase will turn the school from a one form entry to one and a half form entry. For many years there has been one class for each school year; going forward this will be a little more complicated! At the moment we are just focussing on having two parallel Reception classes in September, and we will make annual changes to the school structure to reflect our pupil numbers. Looking ahead, it would seem most likely that *eventually* the school will be organised with two Reception classes, three mixed-year parallel classes in each of Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6.

Building development

A project for building development is in place, led by Oxfordshire County Council and their premises

partner, Carillion. The first phase of this is to develop additional toilets for the new Reception class. These will be created in the existing Food Technology Room. The actual classroom space will be the current Library, which will be relocated in the large alcove area off the corridor. This phase will also include the development of a staff office area in part of the old ICT Suite, currently Music Room, with the remaining space renamed as a multi-purpose Studio. These works are due to be completed by September 2016.

The second phase of the building development is the establishment of a new three-classroom block. This block will include a new Food Technology Room and a small pupil withdrawal room. These works are due to be completed by September 2017.

Teaching School Designation

Chilton Primary School has been selected to become a National Teaching School. Teaching Schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession. They identify and develop leadership potential; they provide support for other schools, and work with schools across their alliance to raise standards of teaching. Chilton is one of 54 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round.

Introduced in 2011, Teaching Schools are all rated as "outstanding". They work with partner schools in an alliance to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career. Teaching Schools raise standards through supporting other schools, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme. The latest designation round takes the number of Teaching Schools to over 700. Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said:

"I'd like to congratulate Chilton Primary School - they should be very proud of this achievement. Teaching schools have shown themselves to be at the heart of school improvement. They're supporting other schools, attracting and training the best new teachers and developing the next generation of leaders. At NCTL, we want to do all we can to support their work."

We are very proud of this achievement and excited about the opportunities that this new status will offer us.

Outdoor Learning is central to what we do at Chilton. Dr Helen Bilton and Dr Anne Crook have written a book, *Exploring Outdoors*, based on a year at Chilton! We also have a visit and residential programme for all the children: this year Year 6 have spent a week at Yenworthy in Devon, and over the next few weeks Years 3 and 4 are going to Hooke Court in Dorset and Years 1 and 2 are having an adventure at Hill End, with Year 2 sleeping there. It was inspirational to listen to the exciting and amazing adventures of Explorer, Sarah Outen. Sarah came in to talk to the whole school about her incredible journey around the world, by kayak, bicycle and rowing boat. We are now all inspired to be outside and be more active, and of course, have more adventures.

The school grounds are always being developed: this year, with a generous donation from the PTA, we have been able to renew the netball court markings and install a Multi-Sport Ball Wall. Chiltonbury (a FREE Music Event) is on Saturday 2nd July – please come along, have a fun day and evening **and** support your local school as we save for another element in our ever-growing Trim Trail.

We work closely with All Saints' Church to provide a special week of reflection every year. This year the Mindfulness/Prayer Space is being held in June and we look forward to welcoming members of the Church community who support us with this.

I hope you have found this report informative.

Sandra North

Headteacher, April 2016

SAVE THE DATE: Chilton PTA Ladies Pamper and Shopping Evening. Friday 20 May 2016.

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Garage Sales on Saturday 7th May from 10.00 am.

At 18 Latton Close. 50% of sale to Church Path Fund (Selling Carol's water colours, crystal wine glasses, vintage coffee set, piano music, books, and more...) There will also be a sale at 15 The Orchids, same date and time.

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Christian Aid Week 2016

Christian Aid Week will be from **15th May to 21st May**. The event starts in Chilton with the Plant Sale in Chilton Village Hall on Saturday 14th May, organised by All Saints' Women's Group.

We have a number of volunteers who deliver donation envelopes to houses and collect them a few days later. Some of our deliverers have moved away from the village so we need some more

volunteers. Also we need some more volunteers to deliver to roads on Chilton Field.

If you are interested in delivering/collecting donation envelopes, please contact Hazel King on hazel.king@btopenworld.com or 01235 821714. Many thanks, Hazel King.

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Grand Annual Plant Sale and Coffee

Morning

This will be held on **Saturday 14th May** from 10 am to 12 noon at Chilton Village Hall and is organised by All Saints' Women's Group to benefit Christian Aid. It provides a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, perennials, small shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants. Children from the Gardening Club at Chilton School will have a stall and there will also be a well-stocked second-hand book stall and a cake and home produce stall. We would welcome any contributions of plants, books or cakes.

Please join us on the morning of the 14th May to stock up your garden, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee.

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Monthly Produce Market and Charity Stall

The next Market falls on the same day as the Plant Sale. For May only then, the Market will re-site to Chilton Village Hall and Car Park. Come and support your local producers Manshed and the Old Farm Shop between 10 am and 12 noon on **14th May**.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Market Stall on 9th April. £200 was raised for our local Wallingford and District Stroke Club.

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All Saints' Women's Group

On **Tuesday 16th May** we are holding our annual planning meeting for the year. This is a good opportunity to come with lots of suggestions to enable us to draw up a good varied programme for 2016/2017. Everyone is welcome; further details from Judy Goodall.

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Oxfordshire Artweeks

14 - 15 and 21 - 22 May 2016

This year there will be 6 artists in Aston Tirrold at three venues.

Two **Chilton artists**, Ken Messer & Lin Kerr will be exhibiting with Susanna Brunskill at her delightful garden cottage "Twitten", Aston Street, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DQ

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All Saints' Art Group

Meeting as usual Saturday 28th May, 10 to 1 in the Hall. Come and try us out, children welcome (if they bring a grown-up) Materials and refreshments provided

Contact Carol Pigott on 01235 834408 or carol.pigott@tesco.net

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Go Active Gold

'Learn to Bowl'

Bowls for the over 60's

Bowls for the over 60's will be taking place in **Hagbourne Bowls Club on 1 June 2016**. Bowls is a social activity that can have an impact on improving hand-eye coordination, relieving stress, weight loss, have an impact on muscle toning and strength adaptations.

Starts: 1 June 2016 (4 weeks)

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Price: £2

Where: Hagbourne Bowls Club, OX11 9LS

Go Active Gold

Go Active Gold is a project funded by Sport England to support people in rural villages with a capacity of 500-3,000 residents to increase physical activity levels; with at least 100 being over 60, with a focus on social and mental well-being too. Therefore we invite the people of East Hagbourne and surrounding villages to get involved in this project.

For more information or to book on to a session, please get in touch:

Email: Conor.Grogan@southandvale.gov.uk

Phone: 07717 326660

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Crescendo A Cappella Singers

Concert in aid of Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment and Cancer Research UK, by Crescendo A Cappella Singers.

On **Saturday 11th June 2016**, at 7.30 pm at St Matthew's Church, Church Lane, Harwell, OX11 0EZ
Tickets £10, to include interval refreshments, in advance from Yvonne Sanderson
yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk or 07939 998221, at Harwell Feast or on the door.

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Chilton WI

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th May** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall when we will be discussing this year's resolutions that will be debated at the National AGM at Brighton in June.

Refreshments this month will be served by the Didcot Air Cadets.

We are just starting a Meet & Make craft group. We will meet on the 4th Thursday (**26th May**) of the month in the Village Hall from 7.30pm, just bring your current craft project along or come and see what some others are doing and get some inspiration. £2.00 per session, hot drinks provided. Non WI members are very welcome.

We are a friendly group; visitors and new members are always very welcome. Just come along to a meeting, or phone Liz Morris on 834233 for more information.

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From the Parish Council

Complaints have been received that dogs are being allowed to run freely and defecate on the green play area at Hill Piece. As the dogs are not on a lead the owners do not see where they foul and therefore do not pick up after them. Please watch your dog and clean up after it. These spaces are used by children as play areas and dog faeces on grassed areas are not only unpleasant but also can cause serious illnesses. Dog owners who allow their dogs to foul in public areas can be prosecuted.

The Mobile Library comes to Chilton every two weeks, from 1.30pm – 1.50pm. on a Tuesday. It stops at the bottom of Crafts End and the next visits will be on Tuesday 3rd, 17th and 31st May.

Want to know what classes are on at the Village Hall or the Community Room?

Then go to the Village Hall website <http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk> and check out the Regular Hirers section.

To book either venue contact the **Bookings Clerk on bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk (temp) 01235 835836**

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

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 **Wednesday 25th May**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**
Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

SUMMER SPORTS

If you feel like getting out and about again for a breath of fresh air and some exercise now that the fine weather(!) and long evenings are here, here's some useful information. For those of us that like ball games, don't forget that the Recreation field has a full size soccer pitch, and a hardstanding area marked out to 5-a-side and roller hockey (both full court).

If you just fancy some practice or a knockabout, there are two EBBA basketball goals on the hardstanding while the multi-sport wall is marked out with lines/targets for soccer, cricket, 5-a-side, tennis and roller hockey, with corresponding half-court line-marking for tennis and basketball (see illustrations below).

Have fun!

