

Chilton Chronicle

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 28TH April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or 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. Neighbourhood Plan
10. Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Family Fun Day
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

Once again, the key activity of the Parish Council during the last 12 months has been planning. However, despite the large number of houses that applications have been submitted for, only 18 at Manor Close and 5 at Kings Yard (opposite the school) have been approved.

There were a large number of objections to the applications for up to 50 houses on the land adjoining Lower Road/Main Road, and although the developer formally appealed against the refusal by the Vale of White Horse, the Appeal failed. The Developer has, however, continued to pursue the matter through Judicial Review, but to date has not succeeded.

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 1 has now been passed by an independent Inspector and adopted by the Vale. Nevertheless, the Inspector has removed all housing allocations in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, specifically up to 1400 houses on sites on and adjoining the Harwell Campus. Importantly, the Local

plan designates Chilton as a Small Village only suitable for developments of 4 houses or less.

However, Local Plans have not finished since the Vale has just started consultation on Part 2. This includes an allocation of 1000 houses on the Harwell Campus around North Drive. There are many unanswered questions about this allocation, and to seek answers, the Parish Council will meet with the Campus and the Vale. Although the houses, if built, would not be in our parish, they are close enough to have a significant impact on it, and more information is needed before the council can respond to the consultation on your behalf.

In last year's Report, I introduced the subject of Neighbourhood Plans, and I am pleased to report that good progress has been made on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Chilton.

A Steering Group has been formed, Aims and Objectives agreed, and the Group is nearing an agreement on the area the Plan should cover. The Aims, Objectives and Plan Area will then be submitted to the Vale for their approval. Once approved, we can then apply for funding to help us continue with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Chilton Field is now a well established part of Chilton but there are still some items that need completing. The large and the many small Public Open Spaces are due to be handed over to the Parish Council, but negotiations with David Wilson Homes have been somewhat protracted. Firstly, various problems were identified by the PC, which had to be corrected by DWH. Unfortunately, one item, namely the replacement of the many dead trees, is still to be confirmed by DWH, although those requiring replacement have been identified. We are however close to agreement on the terms of the transfer, and the land will be transferred to the PC as Public Open Space with full public access, and will not be available for sale or other uses. Future maintenance is clearly very important and Tenders have been issued for a Maintenance Contract.

At the time of writing, it appears that DWH have finally brought the roads etc. to the required condition to allow adoption by Oxfordshire County Council. I appreciate that this work has been a source of annoyance to many residents, but it is approaching completion, although the exact date is unknown.

The Work of Art was designed some time ago, and the Project to install it is managed by the Vale of White Horse DC.

Following Consultations on the design, Tenders were issued for the Play Area and responses have now been received. The Working Group is reviewing the responses. A Planning Application will be submitted for the scheme.

The information about the Family Fun Day on 3d June is later in the Chronicle.

Chris Broad

Chair Chilton Parish Council

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VHMC Chairman's Report to Annual

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The Village Hall Management Committee has had another busy year running both the Village Hall and the Community Room

The Village Hall continues to maintain a healthy list of regular hirer groups covering diverse interests, ranging from Art Groups to Zumba. Exercise classes continue to be very popular and we have also been delighted to welcome the Upton Guides as a new regular hirer. Our casual hires continue to keep the hall busy, particularly at weekends.

The Community Room is now supporting itself financially. Exercise classes and a new Belly Dancing class contributing to the regular income. This venue also continues to be popular for children's parties.

The main improvement made to both venues is the soundproofing that has been installed. This has only been possible by the successful application for grant funding and I would like to thank Secretary Brian Morris in particular for his efforts in this regard. Also the soundproofing was installed by a group of dedicated committee members and other volunteers, thus saving the committee considerable money.

The VHMC reserves are now at a level in line with that prior to the refurbishment, which is great news. The Committee are currently looking at which capital projects will be the next priority.

The annual review of charges resulted in prices remaining largely the same. As such our current prices remain very competitive.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the whole committee, who give their precious free time to ensure that our community venues continue to be well run and valuable assets to those who live in Chilton.

Sharon Scott - Chairman

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Chilton W I Annual Report

In 2016 we enjoyed a wide range of exciting and informative meetings and a range of activities outside of the main meetings. We started off the year by

welcoming owls into the village Hall from the Owls Rescue Centre; members were delighted to see them in flight just above their heads! One of the most well received talks we have had this year was Frances Bentham and her Passion for Pearls which included a sales table of lovely pearl jewellery; we were humbled to hear that all her takings go to charity. For our April meeting the committee organised a 'Beetle Drive' quiz evening with some prizes of chocolate on offer! Earlier in the year Chilton WI did their part for 'Clean for the Queen' with a litter picking event arranged for members and their families in the village. In total 24 bags of rubbish were collected.

Several new members joined in 2016 and we hope that more women of all ages will be welcomed in 2017. A craft group called 'Meet and Make' was set up. We enjoyed several monthly meetings where we either carried on with our own projects or had a workshop. In 2017 we hope to have more workshops. Over the last 18 months the president has had the opportunity to award Denman course bursaries which have been thoroughly appreciated by the lucky winners. Our president attended the AGM in Brighton in June as it was Chilton's turn to send a delegate to represent our local WIs.

As the weather got warmer our new programme for May 2016 to May 2017 was revealed. In June the theatre group 'Actors for Human Rights' came and did a powerful performance of 'Asylum Monologues'. This was a verbatim performance of refugees' real-life interviews about their struggles with abuse and trafficking in their home countries and trying to seek asylum when they reached the UK. A representative from West Berks Action for Refugees thanked us for organising a clothing collection.

Several members took part in the Just Desserts cooking demonstration at Denman in May. It can be safely said that Chilton WI likes their cakes! About three times a year we are invited to do a teas and cakes stall at the Diamond Light Source when they have their open days. Members of the public really enjoy the range and quality of cakes that are provided. The donations taken are either given to charity or used as our annual fundraiser.

In 2016 we also had a couple of scientific talks. Dr Nicola Winstone from the charity 'Against Breast Cancer' gave an informative talk on cancer and how it damages cells in the body. And local resident Emily O'Shea gave a talk about her work in forensic science. October was our 56th birthday meeting. One of our members made a delightfully decorated fruit cake for us all to share which accompanied a nice glass of wine. The Harwell Young Singers came and performed a few songs for us and then got us all up and singing in tune together. It was a very uplifting evening that members, no matter what their age could enjoy.

Thoughts then turned towards Christmas with our now traditional workshop of Christmas craft in November in which we made needle felt robins each with their own unique facial expressions. We finished 2016 with our usual bring and share Christmas dinner.
Hannah Clapp
Secretary

The next WI Meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th April at 7.45pm when Barbara Hatley will be talking about women working on the inland waterways during World War II. The May meeting is on the 18th May at 7.45pm, when we will be voting on the Resolutions for the AGM and hearing about the Oxford Women's Refuge.

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News from the Rose and Crown

Sunday carvery

Freshly prepared with a selection of three roasts and choice of vegetables, served from 12.30pm to 3pm each Sunday. £9.95, children under 10 £5.95. Please book on 01235 862992.

Tuesday fun quiz

Exercise your brain cells every Tuesday evening, starts 8pm. Teams of up to six players, entry £1 per person. Complimentary refreshments, prize of drinks voucher for winning team.

Vacancies

Part time bar and kitchen staff are wanted at the Rose Crown. Good rates of pay, for more information please call into the Rose and Crown or phone Shea on 01235 862992.

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On **Saturday 3 June 2017**, the Harwell Family Fun Day and the Chilton Festival will be joining forces to continue to strengthen the bonds between Harwell Campus and Chilton Village, whilst inspiring our next generation to consider science and technology as possible career choices.

Please put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy the activities that will be *centred around the cricket pavilion at Thomson Avenue Harwell Campus*.

The Fun Day is an ideal opportunity to bring the whole community together alongside hands on interactive activities to inspire children and young adults into a

world of Science, Environmental Science and Engineering.

The Fun Day is a non-profit event with proceeds going to Helen & Douglas House and to the Chilton Community Defibrillator Project.

The date coincides with the annual Harwell Memorial Stone D-Day Commemoration Service, which is organised by the Royal British Legion, and will emphasize historical links and local heritage. There will be time after the event to walk across to the Harwell Memorial Stone for their service at 17:30.

Check out the website:

<https://harwellandchiltonfunday2017.wordpress.com/>

If you wish to get involved, can offer an activity or sponsorship for the event then please contact Bob Girling via e-mail at Gnilrig@gmail.com

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Charity Quiz Night

All Saints Women's Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Evening on Saturday March 18th. The great profit made from the evening was **£1302.00**. This meant that the two charities we supported – **ROSY**- respite nursing for Oxfordshire's sick youngsters – and **Hamlin Fistula UK** who provide free treatment for women in Ethiopia with obstetric fistula each receive **£651.00**.

The winner this time was a team comprising Frank Dumbleton, three members of the Willams family and two from the Friend family. Many Congratulations!

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Grand Plant and Book Sale and Coffee

Morning for Christian Aid

This annual event will take place on Saturday 13th May at Chilton Village Hall from 10.00 am till 12 noon, entry is free. We have an amazing range of good quality second-hand books, including a large number of children's books.

We will also have a wide variety of plants - annuals, herbaceous plants, small shrubs, young vegetable plants and herbs. We warmly welcome any donations of plants.

There will be yummy home-made cakes and tarts and other home produce. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a home-made biscuit and meet up with friends and neighbours.

The Gardening Club from Chilton School will be joining us, selling their own plants to raise funds for their club.

For all enquiries phone Judy Goodall on 01235 834503. The Saturday morning Market stalls including Mashed and The Old Farm Shop will also be there in the Village Hall on this occasion.

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Oxfordshire Artweeks

6,7 May and 12,13,14 May 2017 11am - 6pm

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

Two **Chilton artists**, Ken Messer & Lin Kerr, will be exhibiting with Susanna Brunskill at Twitten in Aston Street (Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DQ). Ken will be showing his local landscapes in watercolour and Lin Kerr has new oil paintings of still life and Oxfordshire skies. Susanna will display new bird and animal paintings in her cottage garden studio.

Just along Aston Street you can also view the landscapes of Anna Dillon and Bee Thomas. A short walk away Helen Young is exhibiting landscapes painted in oil and cold wax together with Jane Vallings' light-hearted pen and watercolour paintings.

It's a friendly and fun day out, free to visit and no pressure to buy. For more information, see www.astonsartists.uk

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Cryptic Quiz

The last Cryptic Quiz on the theme of American States and State Capitals was won by Barry Sadler from Harwell Village with 100% scored and the best tie-breaker. Tying with the same score were Gill Riches from West Hagbourne, Debbie Davies, Barbara Anderson and Yvonne Sanderson (all Harwell) and Mollie Farmer (Chris Druce's Mum). It raised £202 which formed part of the Grand Total for the Quiz Night.

The 45th quiz is now out and is on the theme of Beatrix Potter and is to raise funds for Christian Aid. Quiz sheets are available from Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown and Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End – 834503 .

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Charity Market Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the March Market Stall. We were fortunate with the weather and the incredible sum of £506.50 was raised for the Oxfordshire Branch of **Parkinsons UK**. Thank you to all who helped raise this sum.

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Harwell Bowls Club

The Harwell Bowls Club started life in 1932 when a few Harwellians set up a Bowls rink amongst the cherry orchards. It developed over the years to a purpose built 6 rinks green with its own clubhouse. As well as having friendly's against other clubs, it also joined the Royal County of Berkshire Bowling Association to play league games and competitions. Over the years, we require new members and to this end we like to invite budding new members to come along and try their skills at Bowling. From May

onwards, come along to our club night on a Monday evening to have a friendly chat and try your hand at Bowls.

Or, come along to the Club on Sunday 30th April at 2.30pm to our Bowls Drive where our members will be having their pre-season practice for the coming season.

The Club is situated next to The Harwellian club (formerly British Legion Club) with parking in the Recreation Sports Ground car park.

For further details contact John, 01235 834408 or Rosemary 01235 210179.

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Zumbathon

Angela Burt – Dance and Fitness are organising a Zumbathon which will take place on Saturday 6th May between 14:00 and 17:00 pm at Williams F1, Station Road, Grove, OX12 0DQ. The Zumbathon is a three hour dance session to Latin inspired music that is open to everyone whether you are a keen dancer or just want to give it a try. Everyone is very welcome to go along whether you want to dance for 3 minutes or 3 hours. You may request more information by emailing zumbathon2017@gmail.com, or by calling in for a chat with Angela.

Admittance is by ticket only, £5 per adult, £3 per child (13 years and under) available from Angela or by contacting the email address above.

All proceeds will be split between the charities MNDA (Motor Neurones Disease), Special Effect and SIA (Spinal Injuries Association). A raffle, cake stalls and refreshments will be available on the day so please take along some extra pennies.

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Notice from the Parish Council

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints from hirers of the Community Room regarding the car park. The car park is not an overflow car park for residents but for the use of hirers only.

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** 01235 861253

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 3rd May 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 24th May**.

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

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Attached to this Chronicle is the Annual Statement of Accounts.