

Charity Market Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the November Market – an amazing £414.50 was raised for SeeSaw. The bacon baps were delicious!

The December Market in aid of the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital will be held on Saturday 8th December between 9 am and 12 noon on Crafts End Green. There will be a Christmas theme to the Market, hand crafted Christmas wreaths will be for sale in addition to the Aladdin's Cave of the White Elephant stall with items as diverse as a box of Christmas Crackers to a Brother electric Sewing machine. There will be books, some children's toys and a mouth-watering selection of cakes, tarts, breads, pies and pickles.

Whatever the weather come and join us and enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine. Also on The Green will be Pauline with her wonderful selection of hand-sewn items including Christmas gifts and there will be a new stall selling home-made sausages and joints of meat from animals raised locally.

On 12th January the Charity stall will be supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The 51st quiz sheet, priced at £1.50, will be out on 8th December and will be available from the Market. Have fun over Christmas and the New Year solving the clues with family and friends. All money raised will go to SeeSaw. The last quiz, which was won by Morag McIntyre from Edinburgh, raised £207 for the Chilton Lunch Club.

Quiz sheets are also available from :

Shea at the Rose and Crown; Atomic Hair; Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close; Daphne Boddy – Sans Souci, Reading Road, Harwell; Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End

Thank you

Judy



JANUARY 2019 - Our POP UP STALL on Saturday 12th January 2019 from 0900-midday will be 'Unwanted Christmas Gifts'... please bring them along to the stall on Crafts End. We will be serving hot drinks and nibbles all for charity. We look forward to seeing you. The Crafts End Family xx



Chilton WI

Don't forget, the next meeting is our Christmas Party and it will be held on **Thursday 13th December** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, so make sure your party dresses are ready.

For more information please contact Liz on 834233.



All Saints' Womens' Group

Our Christmas celebrations including a bring and share supper will be held in the Church on Tuesday 11th December. We will be starting at the earlier time of 7pm. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please ring Judy Goodall on 834503 for further information.

At our January meeting on Tuesday 8th January Josie Midwinter will talk to us about her pilgrimage to Ethiopia – 7:45 pm in All Saints Church.

Judy



The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund are looking forward to visiting 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:

Hazel Benton	15 The Orchids
Audrey Slater	9 Latton Close
John Berry	'Schneeberg', South Row
Pam Rolls	15 Elderfield Crescent

The Trustees are also glad to hear of any potential new recipients – to qualify recipients must be aged 72 or over and have lived in Chilton (including Chilton Field) for at least 6 months. Please let us know if a family member, neighbour or friend is eligible.

If any of our existing recipients would like to change from groceries to a basket of fruit, or from fruit to groceries, please let one of the Trustees know as soon as possible. We will be ordering the goods in mid-December.

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.



Make friends and find a lifelong passion through the historic art of Bell Ringing.



New, existing and returning ringers will be welcomed at All Saint's, Chilton when weekly practices resume from Monday 28th January. A course for complete beginners will also be run. We welcome anyone wanting to learn to ring.

Harwell ringers rang the bells of All Saints', Chilton, together with many parish churches across Oxfordshire, at 7:05pm on Sunday 11th Nov to mark the day, 100 years before, when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

The Ringing Remembers campaign aimed to recruit 1,400 new bell ringers in honour of the same number of ringers that lost their lives during the First World War. During the year 2,792 ringers were recruited to be part of this unique nationwide project – very nearly double the target! At St Matthew's Harwell, 7 new recruits and 1 returning ringer (see photo) had been practising hard for this event and were going to ring for the first 5 minutes by themselves.

Unfortunately, essential work is taking place on the Harwell tower so ringing is not possible. The Harwell ringers were delighted that All Saint's agreed that they could ring the bells at Chilton instead.

There is one Chilton ringer on the ringing Roll of Honour. He was Corporal Archie Reginald Silver who served in the Great War (1914-18) in the Household Battalion. He died 12 Oct 1917 at the age of 25. He is commemorated at the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Unfortunately there is not currently a strong band of ringers at All Saints' so it has been decided to run a

beginners course, welcome back any lapsed ringers and rejuvenate the band.

The course will include sessions on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. The eventual aim is to have a band capable of ringing for regular practices on Mondays, for Sunday services and for special occasions such as weddings and Remembrance Day 2019. Anyone with a potential interest in learning can come along to an initial, no-obligation, taster session. For more information please contact Debbie Greenfield, deb.locktons@gmail.com, 01235 820760.



 **Blewbury Players** 

The Crucible
at Orchard Dene 17-20 July 2019

Blewbury Players are delighted to announce that Sebastian Palka has agreed to return to Blewbury for the summer of 2019 and will be directing **The Crucible**. Sebastian made his Blewbury debut directing the very popular *Great Expectations* in 2017. This was notable for its strong characters and ensemble scenes.

Auditions Sat 26 & Sun 27 January. (Males over 16 years and females over 14 years). Please book your audition c/o blewburyplayers@gmail.com or ringing 01235 850537.



Initial Observations from Chilton Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2018

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who responded to the Chilton Neighbourhood Plan Survey and/or attended one of the two public engagement meetings held in the Village Hall and Community Room. This has provided the steering group with a wealth of data that can be used to draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and assess future development priorities for village amenities and facilities.

The steering group thought it would be helpful to provide a brief summary of our initial observations from the survey for all to see. If you have any additional comments then please send them by email to chiltonplan@gmail.com or alternatively post them through my door at 9 Crafts End, Chilton.

The response was most encouraging with 203 individual replies. The summary below is structured into those topics addressed by the survey. Unless stated otherwise, specific percentages quoted relate

to the number of responses to that specific question, not to the number of responses overall.

Thank you again for your support.

Stephen Druce

Chilton Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator

Village Housing

1. Responses were almost exclusively from residents of Chilton Village, rather than visitors. (98% of responses with 190 responses from the head or joint head of household).
2. The most common number of people in a household was 2 (45% of responses), within a range of 1-6 people. 61% of responses were from households consisting of either one or two people.
3. Responses were very largely from owner occupiers (92% of responses).
4. The most common number of bedrooms was 4 (45% of responses), followed by 3 bedrooms (35% of responses).
5. 66% of responses reported no children living at home; 20% had two children at home.
6. 45% of responses were from people in full time employment, 10% in part time employment, 0.6% unemployed and 32% were retired.
7. The most common number of motor vehicles per household was 2 (58% of responses). 15% of households reported having more than 2 vehicles.
8. About two thirds of responses (67%) reported that no one in their household was expecting to move in the next 5 years. 9% reported one person and 8% reported two people expecting to move in the next 5 years.
9. 34% of responses were from people under 45 years of age, and 66% were 45 and above, with 32% above 65 years old.
10. 22% of responses said they were either very likely or quite likely to move in the next five years; 67% said they were either not very or not at all likely to move in the next five years.
11. Of those wanting to move but cannot (48 responses overall), the most common reason given was unable to afford to buy (34%); family and other reasons combined accounted for a similar number (35%) with a stated lack of suitable housing accounting for 19%.
12. Only a small number (5% or 10 out of 183 responses) said they would consider moving to the Harwell Campus but most (63%) replied 'not applicable'. Of those who considered the question as being applicable, 15% would consider moving to the Campus, 66% would not consider moving to the Harwell Campus and 19% said possibly.
13. With respect to types of new residences being supported, 38% of responses thought there was a need for assisted living accommodation, with similar support for alternatives such as new housing to buy

and housing for the over-55s, and 35% stating there was no need for new housing.

14. There was strong support for timber framed/traditional (75%) and/or brick built houses (80%) in older Chilton, with only 31% supporting contemporary designs. In newer Chilton, the figures change to 35% supporting timber framed/traditional, and/or 82% supporting brick houses, and 53% supporting contemporary designs. The free text comments stressed the need to blend with existing styles.
 15. Most responses (54%) thought that there were no suitable locations in or around the village suitable for housing; 27% supported infill and/or 15% supported backfill, with 14% registering 'Don't know / not sure'.
- ### **Village Amenities and Recreational Facilities**
16. Most responses (73%) indicated that they visit the Village Hall or Community Room each year; of these, about a third (36%) on a frequency of once or more a month. About a quarter of responses (27%) said they seldom if ever use these amenities.
 17. A high number of responses (91%) said they knew how to find out what activities were on in the Village Hall and Community Room and how to book them.
 18. A high number of responses reported that the Village hall (91%) and Community Room (84%) met their needs with no requirements for further improvements or expansion of these facilities (85% - Village Hall, 75% - Community Room). However, various interesting suggestions for how these amenities might be improved were given in the free text replies.
 19. 55% of responses said they use children's play facilities. Nearly a quarter (22%) said they use the facilities once or more per week and nearly half (45%) seldom if ever.
 20. A high proportion of responses said the children's play facilities at the Village Hall (83%) and at Hill Piece (77%) met village needs. This support was lower (56%) at the Community Room. Those in favour of further development of play facilities for children were 34% of responses for the Village Hall; 17% at Hill Piece; 44% near the Community Room. There were many interesting suggestions of how improvements might be achieved.
 21. There was only a small number of responses (15%) supporting development of children's facilities elsewhere in the village with no specific sites suggested. 85% considered there was no need.
 22. Those responses in favour of further development of recreational facilities for adults were 35% for the Village Hall; 28% near the Community Room; and 13% elsewhere in Chilton. 65% said there was no need to develop adult facilities at the Village Hall; 72% said there was no need at the Community Room, and 87% said there was no need elsewhere. There were many suggestions of the types of facilities with

outdoor gym equipment and tennis courts being repeatedly mentioned in the free text.

23. 96% of responses attach a 'high' or 'very high' importance to open green spaces.

24. 70% of responses use public rights of way (other than roads) once or more per week. 96% of responses attach a 'high' or 'very high' importance to maintaining access to these rights of way.

Public Transport

25. About 10% of responses reported using public transport (X32 bus) once or more per week with 74% using public transport 'a few times a year' or 'seldom if ever'. 71% of responses considered the current bus service to meet their needs whilst 29% thought it did not meet their needs.

26. Despite there being only 48 responses indicating that the existing public transport did not meet their needs, there were often more responses wanting specific improvements to the service. Extending the daily finish times, more services at weekends and additional destinations all received 60-70% supportive responses. 30-58% of responses suggested that specific improvements were not needed. The free text comments showed very high support for a bus service to Newbury.

All Saints' Church and Graveyard

27. 22% of responses said they visited the church/churchyard more often than once per month: 53% said 'seldom if ever'.

28. 50% of responses said they were either 'very satisfied, or 'satisfied' with the grounds maintenance and graveyard facilities with only 8% of responses indicating a level of dissatisfaction.

Business Activities

29. There was a moderate level of dissatisfaction (30% 'dissatisfied', 13% 'very dissatisfied') with the existing business activities (Pub, Garden Centre, A34 Petrol Station). There was a very high response under the free text option, most of it supportive of a village shop.

30. Of those who expressed specific preferences, there was a good degree of support for businesses promoting local employment (54%), equine related (39%), agriculture/horticulture (52%), and home-based working (47%). A small number of people believed no further businesses should be encouraged.

Other Comments

31. Nearly 80 individual responses were received to the open question at the end of the survey giving people the opportunity to comment on issues not specifically addressed by the survey. As might be expected these comments covered a wide range of suggestions. Given the breadth of comments, it is difficult to summarise them in a few words. Many related to conserving the smaller village character of the village.

There were also repeated references to traffic safety, traffic noise and parking issues (Chilton Fields).



Lights Out, Potholes, Fly Tipping?

These can all be reported on Fix-My-Street by going to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Follow the link above and then enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or **street** name and area; Locate the problem on a map of the area; Enter details of the problem



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 Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th December 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 **27th December.** Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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