

Chilton Chronicle

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Thanks Magnox!

Our thanks to Magnox for a £1000 grant which has funded 75% of the cost of a new community noticeboard for Chilton Field. And to Brian, Chris and Stephen for volunteering to install it on the wall of our great little Community Room where it is in a nice prominent spot facing on to Chilton Field Way. Its recycled material construction looks great and is already being well used by residents and local businesses.

Chilton Parish Council

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Help

I am looking for someone who lives in the village and works in Banbury who could give me a lift for a couple of days a week, for about 6 weeks. I work on the outskirts of the town and will happily pay petrol. As you know I've ruptured the Achilles and cannot drive but will be OK to go back to work in 4 weeks.

Celina Sykes

celina_sykes@yahoo.co.uk or my mobile 07711197434.

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Chilton Directory

Several years ago a very useful Chilton Directory of skills, works, crafts etc. was compiled and published as a supplement to the Chronicle. Recently, the Council has received a number of requests for commercial adverts, so it has been decided to re-introduce the Directory enabling the commercial adverts to be included. I have already had some entries but will compile the Directory after the next Chronicle. Anyone who would like to advertise in it please email your entry to me. Once compiled the Directory will be found on the Parish Council website with a link to it in the Chronicle.

Liz Morris

parishclckchilton@btinternet.com

Bus service changes from Sunday

24 July

Although the news page Thames Travel's website states: "Services X32 and X34 will continue to operate largely unchanged", the X32 bus service in Chilton village will be substantially changed on Mondays to Fridays from 25 July. The main alteration is that the through buses to Wantage and Oxford city will only run in the morning and afternoon peak times on Mondays to Fridays. In the middle of the day the service will be to Didcot only, although the frequency will be increased to half hourly rather than hourly at present. The Saturday and Sunday services will be largely unchanged, although the times will be a few minutes different on Saturdays.

I had a long conversation with the commercial manager at Thames Travel about these changes. His point of view is that bus loadings from Chilton suggest that Didcot is the main destination from the village and he thought we would benefit from having two buses an hour to get there, rather than one.

One of the concerns I pointed out is that the Didcot to Harwell Campus 'Connector' service (which was introduced in July 2015 to fill the gaps and provide four buses an hour between the campus and Didcot) is subsidised by central government money. That money only lasts until July 2017. It is the 'Connector' buses which are being extended from Harwell Campus to Chilton, so there might be a problem if Thames Travel has to rethink the service after government money runs out.

Another problem I pointed out is that the bus drivers do not always update the ticket machine after they leave Harwell Campus to show tickets issued at Chilton. So there is evidence of people getting on the bus at Chilton and being issued tickets which the bus company's records will show as journeys from Harwell Campus. The response from Thames Travel to this one is an expectation that the ticket machines will soon be upgraded to ones with auto update based on satellite technology, so the bus drivers will no longer

need to reset the machines manually for ticket issuing points.

A summary of the new timetable is attached as a separate sheet to this edition of the Chronicle. There are other services available if you are prepared to walk to Harwell Campus. You can find the full timetable on the Thames Travel website (www.thames-travel.co.uk). The buses also stop on the A4185 for Chilton Field residents.

If you have any comments can you please feed them back to me, by phone on 832292 or email to fdumbleton4920@btinternet.com I can then relay the comments to Thames Travel.

Frank Dumbleton Parish Councillor

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Chilton over-30's Football – First

Night Success

The inaugural night of the over-30's football took place on the Recreation Ground behind the church on Tuesday 28th June at 6pm.

Following an advert in the Chilton Chronicle some weeks ago and a door-to-door leaflet drop, 12 local men came together to enjoy an hour of 6 a-side football. A range of ages and skill levels were on show with the core objectives being to have fun whilst playing football with like-minded people.

Notwithstanding the persistent rain, four 15 minute sessions were played with great enthusiasm and camaraderie with each side ebbing and flowing in superiority until the final goal settled it in favour of the team wearing black shirts.

This may not be Euro 2016 or the Premiership, but it was fun, exciting, exhilarating, friendly football played in a wonderful spirit. And we intend to do it all over again each Tuesday at 6-7pm. So, if you want to come along and you are over 30 years of age, then you will be made very welcome.

Please send any enquiries to Craig at chiltonfootball@outlook.com

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Play Area Design Consultation

Many thanks to all those who responded to the recent consultation on the design for the 11 – 18 year old Play Area at Chilton Field. There were 47 feedback forms completed on

the day and 93 on-line responses submitted later.

Responses were received from 29 11-18 year olds, 16 under 11s, 89 19-64 year olds and 6 over 65s.

There were many positive comments on the proposals, and also a number of suggested changes and concerns. The Working Group has carefully considered all the feedback and a number of changes will be made to the design to reflect the comments whilst still ensuring an exciting and fun play area for the young (and not so young) people of Chilton.

A number of respondents felt the Play Area was too close to houses and could be moved further back. The designer will be asked to relocate it as far back as practicable whilst still leaving the informal path at the back of it that is popular with dog walkers.

Many people thought the path to the play area should be extended to the Community Room and this will be done although some savings will be needed from elsewhere to fund it.

Several people were concerned that the path passed too close to the drainage ponds and we will look carefully at the exact routing here and at planting options to create a landscaped separation at this point.

The height of some of the equipment options was a concern and alternative equipment that still give young people the challenge and fun they want will be incorporated to address this.

There were requests to reposition the fitness equipment but the majority view was that it should be near the Community Room shielded by some existing planting.

The skate park prompted strong and often diametrically opposed opinions. This area will now be considerably designed as a broad use wheeled area so that the community have a safe place to use bikes, scooters, blades and boards.

To further improve the available sporting facilities in the village permission has been obtained from Vale of White Horse council to use a small sum from the funds to upgrade the multi-use games area next to Chilton Village Hall. This will provide a vastly

improved games area at best value for the village.

Once the work is completed there will be a briefing on the design at the Community Room. Date to be determined and announced via the Chilton Chronicle, Chilton Parish Council news webpage (<http://www.parish-council.com/chilton/news.asp>), Chilton Village Facebook

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

There was also feedback that residents felt concerned that they didn't know that there was funding for an 11 – 18 play area at Chilton Field (the s.106 agreement was signed in November 2009 for the Chilton Field development). The working committee aim to deliver the best facilities in an appropriate setting, listening to the wishes of Chilton residents, particularly its young people, and have worked hard to publicise this as best they can in the time they have available as volunteers. As with the Work of Art, following the design briefing, planning permission will be applied for from the Vale of White Horse and that is the most we can do to ensure widest exposure.

Chris Broad

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Charity Market Stall

At the Market on 11th June the sum of £274 was raised for TORCH, a charity based in Uganda .

At the stall on **9th July** we will be supporting **Theatre for a Change**, Malawi. Theatre for a Change runs a number of programmes to improve the health and rights of women and young girls in Malawi. Two examples are The Girls' Education Challenge which gets marginalised girls to attend school to improve their learning, and the Child Protection Project which gives outreach and support for sexually exploited girls. Jenny Benton, Hazel and Richard's daughter, has been working with the charity in Lilongwe for two and a half years. She will be home for a few weeks in July and will be helping to man the stall. Please come and say Hello to her and find out more about what she and the charity do.

Donations of cakes, home produce and small white elephant items will be really

appreciated - contact Judy Goodall on 01235 834503.

The August Market stall will be raising funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Association, Oxfordshire Branch.

Thank you to everyone who supports the market.

Judy Goodall

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Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons soon available using the Harwell Campus courts, if anyone is interested in private coaching or kids coaching Sunday mornings please get in touch. As soon as I have sufficient interest I will be in touch. I am a Level 5 LTA Licensed coach (highest qualification in the UK) with international experience and have coached junior players ranked inside the top 100. I am DBS checked licensed and insured and have attended all necessary Safeguarding and Child Protection courses.

As a word of advice, if you are considering lessons elsewhere always check that what's on offer is delivered by a fully licensed and insured LTA professional. It's the British kite mark.

Contact: Damian Fuller 07768 507021

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Chilton WI

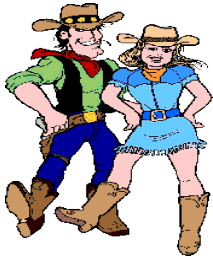
The next meeting of Chilton WI will be on Thursday 21st July at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. We will be hearing about the fascinating subject of Forensic Science from Chilton resident Emily O'Shea.

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.

Meet and Make

We meet on the 4th Thursday (28th July) of the month in the Village Hall (Small 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.

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Charity Barn Dance

Dancing to *'The Shady Grove String Band'*
organised by All Saints' Church

Saturday 1st October 2016

Chilton Village Hall 7 till 11 pm

Supper: baked potato with a choice of filling

Bring your own drinks & glasses, plate & cutlery. Entry by pre-purchased tickets

Adults £ 10, Children (6-16years) £ 7.50

Tickets on sale from the 'Rose and Crown',
Chilton and Church Office 834256,

office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

For further info contact Alex Reich 861921 or

Sylvie Thompson 832385

All proceeds to 'Tearfund'

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From the Parish Council

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 12th and 26th July. Unfortunately, due to cutbacks the Mobile Library will cease thereafter to operate from the beginning of September.

Allotment

An allotment has become vacant on Lower Road, if anyone is interested please contact the Clerk.

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

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 20th July 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 10th August**

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Please Note

The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Chronicle.

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