

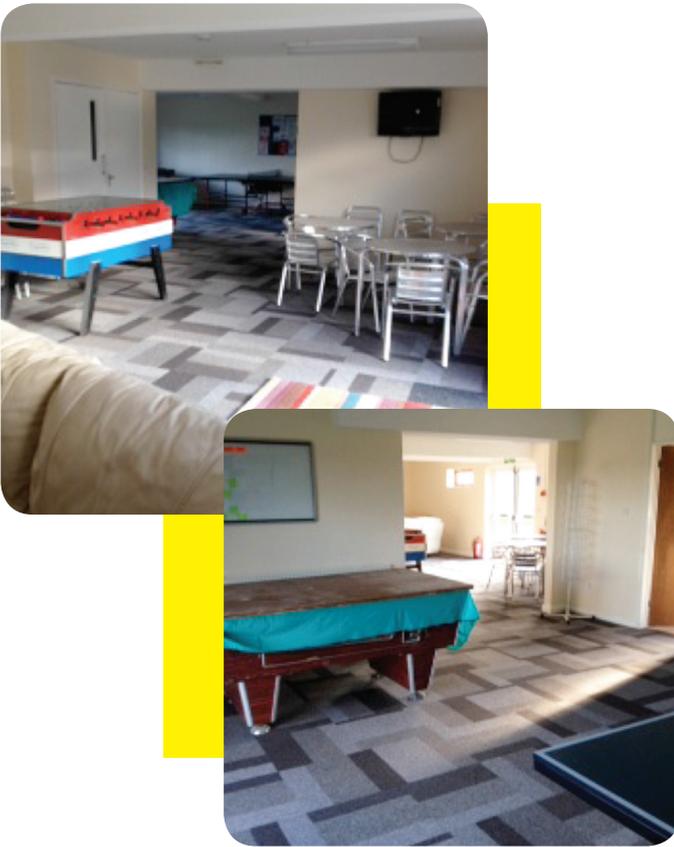


## Newsletter

MARCH 2014

### White's Field Community Hall, Mill Lane, Chinnor

This hall has recently been refurbished and we are very pleased with the end results. The hall is ideal as a venue for small family and children's parties, the hall, kitchen and facilities are available for hire at £10.00 per hour. Call 01844 353267 to enquire about booking dates and times.



### CHINNOR YOUTH CLUB

In White's Field Community Hall  
every Thursday evening from 7pm to 9pm.

All 11 – 17 year olds welcome.

Loads of activities, tuck shop  
and events going on each week.

Like their facebook page  
for up to date information:  
Chinnor Youth-Club.

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### Chinnor Parish Council Ribbon of Flowers Project - Encouraging Biodiversity

Chinnor Parish Council has an obligation under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 to conserve and enhance biodiversity and achieve a rich and diverse natural environment within the village. In order to do this the Council aims to adopt the Oxfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan of:

**More** sites

**Bigger** sites

**Better** enhance existing sites

**Joined** create corridors of flowers between sites

The Parish Council has identified hedgerows and verges as well as wild flower areas where they intend to scatter wild flower seeds in the spring. We will also be approaching the schools so that pupils are aware of the scheme and can take part in their local areas.

#### How can residents help as well?



Plant or scatter wildflower seeds under trees and hedges or create a small plot, bee or butterfly border, container or trough of wild flowers in your garden, this will help to bridge the gap between existing sites or, if you are feeling ambitious, create a mini wild life meadow.

#### For bees and butterflies plant:

Borage, buddleia, lavender, catmint, hebe rosemary and mallow as well as holly, ivy, marjoram and Sweet William. Do not forget to leave a small clump of nettles to feed the larvae.

Chinnor Parish Council is grateful for the support of The Village Centre, Village Hall, Chinnor Combined Churches, residents for their enthusiastic support of the project.

Chinnor Parish Council.

## Paying the Bills

When the Parish Council discussed the village budget for 2014/15, it was agreed to try to absorb any increased costs, so that Chinnor's proportion of the Council tax (known as the Precept), would remain unchanged from last year. As a result, residents will find there is a reduction in their Council Tax owing to the increased number of households in the village.

In round figures, a precept income of approximately £263,000 is expected together with additional grants and allowances of about £27,000. The following table outlines some of the services that are included in this year's budget:

Summary of estimated expenditure 2014/15	Allocated £'s
<b>Administration</b>	
Including employment costs, office rent, rates, equipment and utilities	130,000
<b>Village Maintenance</b>	
Including Conigre and St Andrew's play areas, White's Field and Hill Road recreation grounds, general litter collection, fencing, flowerbeds, hedge-cutting, tree pruning, vehicles and equipment	70,000
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Fees</b>	
Including auditors, website, insurances, training and advisory services	11,000
<b>Grants &amp; Village Events</b>	
Including Parish burial ground, community bus, village centre, youth football, windmill project, Christmas decorations and August holiday marquee	44,000
<b>Other Financial Commitments</b>	
Including PCSO part-salary, youth workers, and village hall loan	35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£290,000</b>

The Parish Clerk, Liz Folley, with the help of her assistant, Jo Wills, keeps careful control of day-to-day expenses making sure that we always receive good value for our money. Liz

is also our Responsible Financial Officer and has taken an active role in the prudent management of village investments to ensure there are sufficient reserves to cope with any unforeseen circumstances.

## SI06 Money

New projects being planned by the Parish Council for 2014 include a playground and recreation area at Old Kiln Lakes. Most of the money to finance these projects is not from the village budget but comes from companies who, when planning new housing developments, agree to make a contribution to village improvements. This money, known as the SI06 fund, is held by the District Council and the development companies make part payments as the new houses become occupied.

There are legal constraints on the way this pot of money is used and the Parish Council has a small team of Councillors working to consider and propose how the SI06 fund is spent. Following consultations, some of this finance has already been allocated towards the cost of the planned new Pavilion in Station Road as well as the current refurbishment of the Village Hall and the Community Hall at White's Field. Further updates on village projects and expenditure will be provided throughout the year.

Maxine Pickard  
Finance Chairman

## Annual Assembly 2014

This year's annual assembly will be held on Monday 31st March from 7pm in the Village Centre, High Street.

The Parish Council will be showcasing all the projects they are currently involved with including the Local Housing Allocations, Youth Club, New Pavilion development on the playing fields, Whites Field community Hall and numerous Environmental projects. Plus loads more . . .

Please come along and meet everyone involved in these projects and get some updated information.

## Shocking News!!!

**30,000 people suffer cardiac arrest outside of hospital every year. Prompt defibrillation can raise survival rates by up to 75% without defibrillation the rate is only 4%.**

In response to this a public access defibrillator has been set up at the Village Centre, the Council Offices and White's Field in Chinnor and another is identified for the Co-op in Oakley road. This is the result of an initiative and partnership between Chinnor Parish Council, Chinnor's team of Community First Responders and South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Funding for the equipment has been raised from private donations, the Chinnor Beer Festival, Chinnor Youth Football Club, the Football Association, a grant from Oxfordshire County Council Communities Fund obtained by David Wilmshurst and



money raised at a quiz night organised by Chinnor Buzz Group. Although the equipment is designed to be used by the public with no previous training a training day on CPR and defibrillator awareness was run by South Central Ambulance Service and more training days are planned for the future.

These public access defibrillators are in addition to Chinnor's team of Community First Responders who are volunteers with the ambulance service and attend life threatening emergencies within the local area.

*'This initiative is a reflection of the terrific community spirit in Chinnor, bringing together lots of different groups towards a common goal and everyone involved should be congratulated. We are particularly appreciative of the time given by the two ambulance officers who gave up their free time to train us.'* says Pat Haywood chair of Chinnor Parish Council.