

**Interested in becoming a Councillor for the  
Parish of Chinnor?**

Elections are being held on 7th May and Chinnor Parish needs  
13 Councillors.

If you are interested in finding more about becoming a  
Councillor for the Parish of Chinnor please contact:

Mrs. Liz Folley,

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**Information packs about the role of a Councillor and what is  
expected of a Councillor will be available at the Annual  
Assembly. Please take the time to speak to our current  
councillors about their roles within the Council.**

Elections will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 so all nomination papers  
need to be obtained from South Oxfordshire District Council,  
completed and returned to the SODC offices no later than 4pm  
on the 9th April 2015.



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## Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Pat Haywood

Last year I finished my report by saying that the building of the New Pavilion and Changing Rooms would commence last summer and as we all know this did not happen! The good news is that at the end of March the works will commence on the demolishing of the old Sports and Social Club. The New building will be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Chinnor has long awaited this news and it is down to the hard work of the Project Committee that is made up of Councillors and Parishioners. Well done team!

The Machinery Store is now being located in White's Field next to the Windmill that now has its sails; I hope many of you will go along to visit them on the National Windmill Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – the progress made is amazing.

A Neighbourhood Planning Group has been formed from the community and Parish Council. If you would like to be involved please contact the group directly.

The Parish Council hope that work will commence on the new play area in Old Kiln Lakes in the early summer for use from the summer holidays onwards. The dates have not yet been finalised so this cannot yet be guaranteed.

I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors for all their hard work, support and commitment over the last four years and to wish success to those who will be seeking re-election in May. Details of the elections are available by contacting Liz or SODC and forms to apply to become a Councillor are obtained from SODC: 01491 823000.

I am sure my fellow Councillors would wish to join me thanking Liz and Jo in the office for all of their hard work and enormous help they give us. Their professional approach is apparent at all times. My thanks also to Trevor, our groundsman, who is out in all weathers keeping our village intact. Also thanks to John, who recently retired from the Council.

Lastly thank you to our SODC and OCC representatives for their help and information this year.

## Community Project (New Pavilion) Annual Report by Cllr Steve Bird

Construction on this long awaited project starts in April and is expected to be complete by the end of the year and ready for occupation early in 2015.

This is the largest building project undertaken by the Parish Council and will serve the community well for many decades to come.

The new, modern building is designed to be the heart of the community containing the new Parish Office, social space and new sports wing designed to the latest Sport England standards.

The new building contains a function room, club room, a fully equipped bar serving both spaces, a bar cellar, kitchen, parish office, parish meeting room, four changing rooms, two match officials changing rooms, a servery, toilets (accessible on match days) and a patio area accessible from the function and club rooms.

The project, started in 2012, has taken longer than originally planned and has had its share of challenges along the way. The committee has worked hard to obtain the funding and has been successful in every bid it has submitted. As a village we are often overlooked when it comes to larger capital spends, but the support we have had for this project has gone a long way to redress the shortfall.

### **Funding Summary**

Chinnor Parish Council	£380,000
South Oxfordshire District Council	£220,000
Sport England	£237,000
Chinnor Football in the Community	£ 10,000
Football Foundation	£290,000
FSIF Fund	£100,000
S106	£158,000

During the construction phase there will inevitably be some additional traffic to and from the site. There is a Traffic Management Plan available for review in the Parish Office, the main points from this are that deliveries to site will not occur during the school runs and there will be some short term parking restrictions along the approach road to the old social club to ensure safe delivery of materials. Further fund raising is underway, with the 'Buy-A-Brick' scheme raising funds to equip the social areas and the lobby space with furniture. If you would like your name or that of your family immortalised on a brick please contact the Parish Office for details.

Sometime early in the New Year (2016) we will have our official opening to which the whole village will be invited. Plans for this event are still being discussed so watch out for the announcement later this year.

## Chinnor Youth Club by Sarah Le Good

Chinnor Youth Club has had a fantastic year welcoming lots of new members.

We are fortunate to have the refurbished White's Field Hall, so have plenty more room and a new kitchen.

We hold a toasty making evening once a month which the members enjoy very much and in February we made pancakes!

On average we have 30 x 11-17 year olds attend our Thursday night session.

We have had lots of activities this last year from the very popular Kaya Drumming to a Driving Awareness Course. Just recently we entered a football tournament based at Icknield Community College where we had the opportunity to play some other youth club teams from the local area. This is the first time we have had a Chinnor Youth Club football team, they did us very proud and played brilliantly.

We have also welcomed some much needed new volunteers to our Youth Club as without our volunteers we would not be able to open.

Now, hopefully, as the weather is starting to change for the better we have lots of ideas for this coming year. We are going to be arranging another trip to Longridge in Marlow to take part in some outdoor activities; we will also be holding another open evening for year 6 children who are turning 11. We now have some new contacts for activities such as graffiti art, street dance, multi-sports and archery, which we will start to book.

As always Chinnor Youth Club would like to thank all those who continue to support us.



### **Job Vacancy:**

Chinnor Youth Club needs an additional Youth Leader. This will be a paid position at £10 per hour. Applicants must be over 18 years of age.

More information via: [chinnorpc@btconnect.com](mailto:chinnorpc@btconnect.com)

## Finance & General Purposes Report by Cllr Maxine Pickard

On occasions during the past year financial constraints have forced us to alter our plans for a new project or to economise on purchases, but overall I think we have provided very good value for the village without having to use any of the Parish Council's reserve funds. A large part of the annual budget is allocated to parish maintenance and I hope you will agree that Parish Council Staff take pride in looking after the village and responding quickly to residents' concerns. Other priorities were to continue financial support for a Police Community Support Officer and a Youth Club Leader, both of whom provide constructive interaction with young people in Chinnor, and to make available a number of small grants to assist local organisations.

The use of the marquee in August and the outlay on village Christmas decorations are highly valued by most residents, and these were maintained as requested and have been included in next year's budget too. Unfortunately the projects planned for Old Kiln Lakes were not completed during the year owing to a legal delay but the money is still "in the pot" for the children's playground, recreation area and to commission public art. Hopefully that should all take shape during 2015. Another project completed is the installation of outdoor fitness equipment on the edge of the Playing Field in Station Road. We are very pleased to have received a grant from the Lottery Fund towards the cost of this equipment which is available for use by most age groups, including teens and seniors!

On a personal level this year as a Parish Councillor has been quite challenging as I spent many hours juggling figures and completing grant applications to raise money for various village projects. This was a new and interesting experience that proved very worthwhile when funding was awarded and hugely disappointing when it wasn't!

Completing another year as Finance Chairman, I would like to record my sincere appreciation for the help I have received from Liz Folley, the Parish Council's Chief Financial Officer, and Jo Wills, our Assistant Clerk. They are a great team and I wish them every success in the years ahead.

## Planning Report by Cllr Martin Wright

The most important activity of the Parish Council this year has been the work (still in progress) with SODC on the next version of the SODC Local Plan. All the possible development sites identified round Chinnor have been rated against a variety of criteria, but no decisions have yet been made, as the housing allocation figures will not be known until September 2015 (provided that there are no policy changes after the General Election). The final Local Plan will not come into force until 2017, so that the existing Local Plan, which does not allow development outside the village envelope, will remain in force until that date.

Various developers have put forward speculative plans. All have been, or will be, refused by the Parish Council and SODC on the basis of the existing Local Plan. Hopefully, any appeals against these decisions will fail due to the strength of the current Local Plan.

Developments that have been approved include a 60-bed care home at Old Kiln Lakes, SOHA housing at Sairey's Yard, and 10 houses at Lower Icknield Way. In all these cases the Parish Council has tried hard to ensure that adequate parking is included in the designs. It is likely that the redevelopment of the Garden Centre in Thame Road will go ahead as it identified as a brownfield site adjacent to the village. Also likely are some more houses at Old Kiln Lakes to replace an unwanted employment area.

The Parish Council has been supported by SODC in refusing unsuitable developments at the Kings Head and at the Old Chapel, Spriggs Alley.

The Parish Council have also been keeping a careful eye on the Old Kiln Lakes area, to ensure that landscaping, refurbishment of the old kiln, and general completion works are carried out according to the approved plans and to time.

## Chinnor Village Hall by Cllr Robin Williams

2014 proved to be a very busy year for Chinnor Village Hall Committee in their bid to raise funds for Phase 2 of the development plan. Efforts were rewarded with the required funds being successfully sought resulting in the refurb of the Hall.

The work was carried out by Saunders Brothers Ltd from the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and completed on the 24<sup>th</sup> January with the exception of the Badminton Court which was not marked out for use until the 26<sup>th</sup> February. The Committee was delighted with Saunders Bros who did an excellent and reliable job.

I must also mention all those who funded the refurbishment which were not only Chinnor Parish Council, but Rugby Group Benevolent Fund, SODC Capital Grants, OCC Big Society, Chinnor Players and of course Chinnor Village Hall Committee. Without their support the project would never have been achievable. Our Users also contributed though their use of the Hall providing income to cover our day to day running costs. We thank them for their continued support.

Saturday 7th March was our official opening day to see the final result of the refurbishment. Not only were there members of the organisations who supported us in this venture were there but also a well-known celebrity Nicholas Parsons who cut the ribbon at 10:30am. Young Billy Watman provided some background music for those who took light refreshments. The Hall remained open till 4pm for all those casual visitors who came along later in the day.

Chinnor Village Hall now offers a excellent facility for any function or event for all ages so, if you are interested in the future of Chinnor Village Hall and would like to join the Committee please contact Robin Williams, Chairman: 01844 352276 Mob 07717 222550 Email [robinhrwilliams@talktalk.net](mailto:robinhrwilliams@talktalk.net).

For all Hall bookings please call 07981 920426 or visit our website <http://www.chinnorvillagehall.com>. Alternatively email your enquiry to [cvh2003@hotmail.com](mailto:cvh2003@hotmail.com). Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chinnor-villageHall/223492701104862>

### **Parish Council Surgery**

Come and meet your Parish Council at the Chinnor Village Centre on:  
Saturday 28th March 2015 between 11am and 12.30.  
No appointment needed.

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### **Elections**

Chinnor Village Hall – you can vote between 7am and 10pm on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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### **National Windmill Open Day**

Come and have a look around the Chinnor Windmill on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015.  
It's amazing to look at the progress made to date.

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### **Fun Family events in the village – dates for your diary...**

Jack and Jill fun day –	Wheatsheaf pub on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
Chinnor Youth Football Club –	Six a side – from 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2015
Chinnor Open Gardens –	Weekend of 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Circus in St. Andrew's School grounds –	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Food Festival White's Field –	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Mill lane School Fun Day –	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Chinnor Goes Wild –	Hill Road from 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Carnival Fayre at St. Andrew's School –	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
Marquee on White's Field –	Events from 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 for 1 week

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### **Useful Contact Numbers:**

Parish Council office:	01844 353267
Web site:	<a href="http://www.chinnorparishcouncil.org.uk">www.chinnorparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
Facebook	Like our facebook page
Lynn Lloyd – SODC:	01844 354313
SODC:	01491 823000
SODC Website:	<a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk">www.southoxon.gov.uk</a>
Biffa Waste collections:	03000 610610
David Wilmshurst – OCC:	01844 354106
OCC Web site:	<a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Highways Department:	0845 310 1111

### **Annual Report Environment Committee by Cllr Helen Fowler**

It's been a busy year! Thank you to the Greening Chinnor group for all their support, walking footpaths, completing minor repairs etc and also all the volunteers who have helped on the litter pick days, keeping our village clean and tidy over the past year.

White's Field Community Hall has had a face lift. The hall has doubled in size and new tables and chairs have been purchased making it an ideal place for parties or group activities. If you are interested in booking the hall please call the Parish Council office on 01844 353267.

Hill Road Recreation ground changing hut has also had a re-vamp. The improvements have been made on the exterior to make the building safer, dryer and more usable. Phase 2 will be internal alterations and decoration!

New dog waste bins have been acquired and we are looking at the best locations to put them. They need to be in an area where a vehicle can get to them to empty them. The waste regulations have changed and dog waste can be put in any bin as long as it is bagged. We are planning to re locate litter bins that are too close together to dog waste bins giving better coverage for the village. Although you can use any bin if possible please avoid putting dog waste in bins situated outside shops or food outlets.

The recycling bins have now been removed from White's Field car park and recycling is collected kerbside. Fly tipping in this area has now reduced. Please remember that domestic waste cannot be put in the litter bins around the village. We have had an increase of people filling the bins with black sacks of household rubbish. It is, in fact, a criminal offence to use the bins for domestic or commercial rubbish and people found doing this can be prosecuted. Also don't forget you can now put batteries in a clear bag on top of the bins for collection. Extra recycling bags, food waste bags and dog waste bags can be purchased from the Parish Council office.

A new play area is due to be installed at Old Kiln Lakes, hopefully by mid July if all goes to plan. Conigre play area on Station Road has had several small improvements over the year and work has been completed on the repair and patching of the safety floor surface, making the wet pour safer and tidier.

### South Oxfordshire District Council Report by D/Cllr Lynn Lloyd

My third year as one of the two District Councillors for Chinnor has brought more involvement in the workings of SODC, through membership of the Cabinet. My Portfolio during the year has been IT & Technical services, and after the change of Council Leader, IT/HR and Legal & Democratic Services. I am currently the chair of the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee and a Councillor Champion on the Councillor Induction and development programme project board. This year I continued my role on the Committees for the Village Hall and the Reading Room and my involvement with Chinnor Buzz to provide the group with links to Chinnor Parish Council and SODC Economy Department. I have also been a member of the WW1 Trees project, which was so well supported by the people of Chinnor & Henton and local bodies and councils. I have been working with OCC, SODC and Taylor Wimpey to move the Interim Development Order forward for the Kiln Lakes development. Keeping involved with the processes relating to the Allocation of additional Housing in the Larger Villages in SODC, with particular reference to the allocation for Chinnor. Member of the Chinnor Parish Council Steering Group, working to consult with the village on this topic. Membership on the Chiltern Conservation Board, with involvement in the development of the ANOB Management Plan 2014 -2019. Member of the Ridgeway Working Group. Dealing with and assisting Residents, with issues relating to:- The provision of social housing, support for the elderly and young families, Traffic and road maintenance issues, Failed street lighting, Rubbish collection issues, Planning queries.

I have also worked with a number of residents in their engagement with the Planning Department and Planning Committee. I also wanted to highlight some of the **District Council Achievements** for this year covering the subjects listed below. You will find the detail posted on the information boards at the Annual Assembly.

***Local Housing, Neighbourhood Planning, Leisure Corporate Services Project, Didcot, Capital & Revenue Grants, Fuel Poverty Grants, Budgets, Broadband Recycling, SODC Fire, Cllr Ann Ducker and Cllr Mike Welply, an SODC Year in Numbers.***

### Oxfordshire County Council report by C/Cllr David Wilmshurst

In giving this report I would again stress the on-going financial pressure on Local Government for the provision of a service to Oxfordshire residents from ever decreasing financial support from Central Government coupled with ever increasing financial pressures from Adult and Children services

Major changes have already been made to reflect OCC reduction in income from Central Government which currently amount to some £292 million with the likelihood of a further £49 million of savings to be made later in the year. As part of OCC saving strategy, the position of Chief Executive has been made redundant coupled with the reduction of directors by 50%, senior management by 40% together with overall staff reductions of some 30%.

In other areas, working with Hampshire County Council some functions are now shared, such as IT, Finance and HR. Trading standards also provide services for other Councils making the service almost cost neutral to Oxfordshire residents.

Further cost saving are being considered with Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire working together on transport and infrastructure.

Further organisation announcements will be made in the next 3 months reflecting the deletion of the Chief Executive Position, and subsequent organisation changes.

On a personal front I have regular discussions with Chinnor PC on local issues; I remain the Chairman of OCC Audit and Governance Committee together with joint Chairman of the Employees Joint HR Committee. As part of the OCC budget two funds have now been removed- County Councillor Community fund and the Area Stewards fund, of the former, funding was allocated to Chinnor Village Centre – hearing loop and the latter to Chinnor Silver Band roof repair.

In conclusion, on local issues, it has been a pleasure working with Chinnor Parish Council particularly with the Chairman and Parish Clerks.