

Chilton News

NEW HEALTH CENTRE

Despite numerous delays, we are pleased to be able to tell you that the new Sudbury Community Health Centre is rapidly nearing completion in Church Field Road. Rooms have been painted, furniture and signing installed, carpets laid, a bus shelter and bike racks bedded in, trees are being planted and landscaping is underway.

The Centre is now due to open on Monday 12th January with all services, including Siam Surgery, in place but you will get a chance to have a look around before that at an Open Day on Saturday 20th December from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Come along for a "first look" if you get the chance. The car park will be open for use.

PROLOG

As previously advised, the saga of the Prolog site had resulted in a judicial review challenge of the planning approval decision in the High Court. In October, having considered the evidence, the Judge decided that Babergh District Council should have notified the Secretary of State (SoS), Eric Pickles, before determining the application.

Normally, this is grounds for refusal, but unusually the Judge has decided to ask the SoS "what would he have decided if he had considered it?" We therefore await a further decision from the Judge, once he has received the answer to his question, on December 14th.

EVENTS AT ST MARY'S

On Saturday 13th December at 3pm the Trinity Singers will be holding a candlelit Christmas concert in St Marys church. Tickets, which are available on the door, are priced £8 and children free. The concert will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

On Sunday 14th December at 3pm our annual Candlelit Carol Service will take place conducted by the Rector. Make sure you come early to get a seat. Everyone is welcome and the service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We hope that everyone will bring a non-perishable food item for the local Storehouse food bank scheme.



Guess where this is in Chilton?



CHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Chilton Parish Council meets bi-monthly at Great Waldingfield Village Hall and the meeting dates for 2015 are:

- ◇ Mon 5th January
- ◇ Mon 2nd March
- ◇ Tues 12th May
- ◇ Mon 6th July
- ◇ Mon 7th September
- ◇ Mon 2nd November

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 27th April 2015 at Great Waldingfield Village Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LITTER PICK

Eight good citizens of the Parish turned up for the Chilton Litter Pick on Saturday 8th November, including 10 year old James Hancock who was visiting his grandparents. With the help of Community Warden Bradley Smith, the volunteers picked up rubbish all the way from the Royal Mail Centre on Church Field Road to the Chilton boundary at Great Waldingfield. In three and half hours they collected 23 bags of miscellaneous rubbish including hundreds of bottles and takeaway containers, plus electrical and fridge parts, boxes, plastic tubing and metal signs and at least 10 car wheel hub caps. Chilton is now a very much cleaner place. Very many thanks to all concerned.



SENIOR CITIZEN

Congratulations to Arthur Smith, who lives in one of the houses at Chilton Hall Farm, on recently reaching his 90th birthday. We don't know if there are any older citizens living in Chilton Parish (please let us know if there are), but Arthur must be one of the fittest and most active. Despite smoking a pipe every day, Arthur (who has spent his whole life in Chilton and has a wealth of knowledge about it) can be seen regularly taking walks in the Parish and still grows all his own vegetables. Wishing you many more abundant years, Arthur!

ST MARY'S PLANS

The Trustees of St Mary's are planning to install electricity in the church and hope that the Churches Conservation Trust, which looks after the building, will approve our plans. No need to be concerned that St Mary's will lose its unique atmosphere created with candles and lamps. The Trustees intention is to enable greater use of the of the building mainly by heating it, but also to make it possible to illustrate talks with digital images and so that musicians can use electronic instruments and actually see to read their music!

We also hope to pipe mains water to the churchyard which will provide water for those tending graves, and mains drinking water for refreshments and for cleaning the church. Earlier this year we added cheerful, but tasteful, red cushions to the pews and others being made for the chairs will be in place soon.

The low-key modernisation we envisage has been made possible by a legacy from Tony Wheeler. He loved St Mary's and although he was a leading elder of the United Reformed Church in Sudbury he often came to our services and on occasions read a lesson. When it came to the day of the Historic Churches Bike Ride, he would walk his way around the local churches and St Mary's was always first on his list. We miss him. His guide to Sudbury street names What's in a Name? was published by the Sudbury Museum Trust just four weeks before he died in 2012. It has been reprinted twice and you might find a copy at the Kestrel bookshop for £5.

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