

Chilton News

Chilton Woods Planning Application

Babergh District Council has announced that "The Chilton Woods planning application (ref: B/15/01718/FUL) has now been registered for the development of 1,100 homes, with supporting schools, shops, employment land and other community facilities.

The application is in "outline" to establish the principle of the site. It seeks to establish the broad parameters of the proposal including the highway access arrangements, but all other matters such as house designs are "reserved" for subsequent planning applications to determine at a later date.

To see the planning application, please visit Babergh's web site www.babergh.gov.uk/chiltonwoods which also contains lots of information about the application and the process of decision-making. The web page will be updated regularly in response to questions raised through the consultation.

You may also view the application's key documents at the Council's offices in Hadleigh, Sudbury Town Hall, and Sudbury, Long Melford, Gt. Cornard libraries. Please contact them in advance to ensure the documents will be available when you visit.

Comments about the proposed development are invited from interested persons by Friday the 18th March 2016."

Chilton Parish Council would recommend that If you wish to comment on the application this should be sent directly to Babergh via their website or by sending your letter to:

**Development Management
Babergh District Council
Corks Lane
Hadleigh
Ipswich
IP7 6SJ**

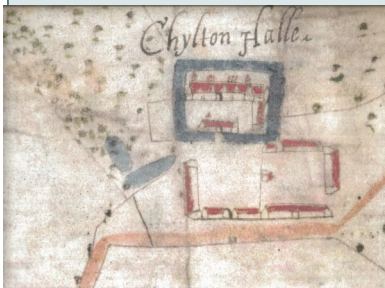
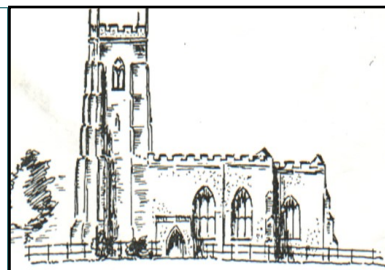
and quoting the application reference **B/15/01718/FUL** on your correspondence.

Chilton Parish Council will be holding 2 meetings at Great Waldingfield Village Hall both starting at 7.30pm during the consultation period:

- **Monday 15th February 2016** - an extra meeting to review any concerns on the Chilton Woods application
- **Monday 7th March 2016** - scheduled meeting which will be formulating CPC's response to the Chilton Woods application.

If you are unable to attend these meetings and have a concern please contact any of the Chilton councillors whose contact details are overleaf.

The Chilton website www.chilton.onesuffolk.net has a dedicated page for the Chilton Woods application and a further edition of **Chilton News** will be published towards the end of February.



CHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Chilton Parish Council meets bi-monthly at Great Waldingfield Village Hall and the remaining meeting dates for 2016 are:

- ◇ Mon 15th February
- ◇ Mon 7th March
- ◇ Mon 9th May
- ◇ Mon 4th July
- ◇ Mon 5th September
- ◇ Mon 7th November

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 4th April 2016 at Great Waldingfield Village Hall.

HERE'S TO THE NEXT 3,000 YEARS...

Review by Anne Grimshaw

A few days of Indian summer late last year provided a wonderful excuse to just sit in the garden and read David Burnett's latest book, *Chilton: the first 3,000 years*. David is a well-known local historian and the author of several books. In this one he has left no stone unturned – not even those flint tools of Neolithic Chilton. Fast forward to the 7th century 'Ciltona' when a beautiful copper alloy bowl was crafted and remained here, undiscovered for over 1,300 years. (It is now in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.)

The Domesday Book of 1086 records the presence of a church in Chilton but with poor communications the locals may well have known nothing of the Norman invasion 20 years before. Chilton has never had a large population and no facts have been found to support the suggestion that the Black Death led to it becoming a deserted Plague Village.

Indeed, much is unknown about Chilton but the surviving documents of the wealthy are invaluable. In the mid 1400s the Crane family left other 'concrete' evidence – well, alabaster actually – in their wonderful memorials in the church. Virtually all white now, the recumbent effigies of Robert Crane, his wife and son show small traces of colour giving a hint of how gorgeous they must have been. A wall-mounted memorial shows a later Robert Crane who died in 1642 during the Civil War and his two wives. The earliest map of the area is the Crane estate drawn in 1597 which shows Chilton Hall and church.

It is these two buildings which inevitably command most attention. The latter's earliest recorded priest was in 1279. After the Cranes died out, the hall house came under various owners, most of whom were absentee landlords renting it out to tenant farmers. These often became the local squirearchy in the Georgian and Victorian periods and were sometimes the victims of rick-burning and machine smashing in the Swing Riots.

But progress marched on bringing industries to Chilton such as chalk, lime burning, brickmaking, flour milling, malting, mat-making and silk weaving. And, of course, the two world wars of the 20th century did not leave Chilton untouched. And what of the 21st century and beyond? Maybe in the distant future there will be another 'David Burnett' to write up the second 3,000 years...

Chilton: the first 3,000 years by David Burnett, published by the Sudbury Museum Trust at £8.95, is available from Tourist Information Centre (Sudbury), Kestrel Bookshop (Sudbury), Landers (Long Melford), Great Waldingfield Post Office and Beckham Books www.beckhambooksonline.com

Does this ring your bell?

Have you ever tried your hand at the ancient skill of making music with handbells? It's one of events planned for St Mary's Church in Chilton. Many believe that the church is redundant. Wrong. It is still very much alive although it has been owned since the beginning of the 1980s by the Churches Conservation Trust. Four Trustees and the Friends of St Mary's organisation are keeping it very much alive with an annual programme of events and some services including Harvest Festival and the very popular Carol Concert. But you don't have to be a churchgoer - St Mary's is there for everyone to enjoy. For a start it is open from April to October inclusive on the first and third Sundays in the months from 10am to 5pm. Do go and look at the marvellous medieval tombs. If you would like to join the Friends, or just want information on events, please contact 01787 372097 or email valerieherbert2@gmail.com

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