

# Chillaton Newsletter

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Most residents will already be aware that Graham Rhys-Marshall died shortly after a major operation last week. Graham will be very much missed by all those who knew him. Graham had been kind enough to allow the Post Office to be run from the room at the rear of his garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but this service is now suspended until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

It is too early to say what long-term arrangements will be made, but all concerned are determined to ensure that a Post Office service continues to be provided in the village.

## **Milton Abbot Table Tennis Club**

This is a friendly local Table Tennis Club who meet every Tuesday at Milton Abbot Village Hall. They have two professional coaches who train and play every week.

There is a Junior Club from 6.30pm till 7.30pm accommodating children up to Year 6 in Primary School and everyone else is welcome until 9pm.

This year the Club has had had two teams in the second division of the League; Milton Abbot A and Milton Abbot B. Milton Abbot A - including village youngster Tim Westcott - won the division and will be moving to division one this autumn.

If you would like to come along, you will be made more than welcome. Your first evening is free!

For further details see the notice in the village notice board or call Michael Blatchford on 01822 870319.

Due to annual leave the next session will be 16th July and weekly thereafter.

## **The Chichester Arms**

New owners The Chichester Arms is now under new ownership and those of you that have visited recently will have seen the beginnings of some changes, most notably a far greater range of whisky! However, we are assured that this is just the start of a whole raft of changes which aim to preserve what is best about a local pub and ensure the future of this essential village amenity as a successful business. The pub is still open for business and aims to open lunchtimes and evenings every day.

Pub Quiz The new owners are keen to get back to 'business as usual' as soon as possible whilst they make their changes and so we are happy to announce that the pub quiz will be returning from Wednesday the 10th July and thereafter on the second Wednesday of the month. The quiz starts from 8pm onwards and you don't have to be an egghead to enter, or even to win!

## **Fun Run reminder**

Don't forget, the annual fun run around the village is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The start is in the square at 11.30am. 2.6 miles of running, walking, strolling and perambulating, in aid of charity. Last year's winner plans to be there, don't let him win again!

## **Traffic in Chillaton**

Speed camera signs It has taken some months for these to be made, but the new signs should be placed above the 30mph signs in the village in the next couple of weeks. Once they are in place, the Police will begin carrying out speed checks using mobile equipment.

As has been mentioned before, this action has been taken following the assessment of vehicle speeds last year and is independent of the measures being considered by the Chillaton Traffic Group.

Community Speed Watch PCSO Dave Chapple has at last been able to get clearance to proceed with a Community Speed Watch Scheme for Chillaton and those who put their names forward last year will be contacted shortly.

Traffic Meeting The Traffic Group has been working on the ideas put forward at the open meeting last year and has submitted a number of proposals to Devon Highways for consideration. The Road Safety Officer is now in discussion with the traffic engineers to determine whether or not our ideas are feasible. Once their response has been received, a public meeting will be held so that residents can decide what, if anything, they would like to see implemented. Hopefully, this can take place in mid-July.

## **£500 raised for Devon Charity**

36 people enjoyed a dinner at Marystow Church Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, prepared by Iris Griffiths and her band of helpers. All proceeds went to the Devon Freewheelers, a group of volunteers who provide an out of hours motorcycle courier service taking blood, transplant organs and urgently needed drugs between hospitals and other NHS facilities. In total, £500 was raised from the sale of tickets, a raffle and other donations.

## **Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

Pat Brewer was recently invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and attended with her husband Ray on 30<sup>th</sup> May, when the Queen and other members of the Royal family were present.

## **Oil Scheme success**

As many of you may be aware, oil gets cheaper if more of us join together to make a larger delivery. This year the Chillaton Website Group used the website to join with Richard Searight and make it simpler for people to place an oil order, by using a form on our website.

This month website users purchased nearly 4000 litres of oil, allowing Richard to group this with his other orders, to give a discount for all. The form will appear on the website about 3 or 4 times a year, depending on the weather! Look out for the announcement email.

### **Otter Spotter**

An otter was seen recently on the bank of the stream, right in the centre of the village. If you see one, do let us know, as [unless you have a garden pond!] it would be nice to know if otters are regular visitors here.

Chillaton Website Group

**If you know someone who needs some help to access the website or to join the mailing list and you aren't able to assist them, please let us know who they are and we will try to help.**

**Also, if you know anyone who you think would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by hand, then let us know by using the contact page and we will endeavour to get a copy to them.**