

# Chilton Chronicle

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## Happy New Year

### **Thank You**

The Parish Council would like to say a very big thank you to the Chilton Scarecrows for "lighting up the Village" over Christmas. There have been some amazing light displays, a great visit from Father Christmas and the Grand Bauble Hunt. Thank you for all your hard work.



### **Christmas Tree**

Many thanks to Chilton Garden Centre for donating the wonderful Christmas tree to All Saints' church. This year, because of Covid restrictions, we were not able to display the tree on the top of the church tower so it has been put in the churchyard near the entrance to the church. It looked beautiful with lots of coloured lights and everyone really appreciated it. A very welcome site in these days of concern.

Hazel Benton, Member of All Saints' Parochial Church Council.



### **Rose and Crown**

Shea wishes everyone a happy New Year, and thanks his customers for their support during the difficult times of the past year. The pub has been there for the village all through 2020, whether for take away meals during lockdown, or Covid-secure opening when this was permitted.

The take away menu will continue to be available while Oxfordshire is in Tier 4 restrictions. Please phone 01235 862992 to make an order.



### **Bus Timetable from 4 January**

Following requests after we published in the December Chronicle the new bus timetable starting at the beginning of 2021, we have included it again in this edition, as a reminder. We have also added the school term dates, as some of the route 94 buses run only during school holidays, and others during term time. However, we do not know if school term dates will be affected by Covid 19, so please keep check before travelling on these dated services.



### **Thank You!**

The Chilton Scarecrow team would like to give a huge thank you to all those who took part in the events organised over Christmas. It was a season like none of us could possibly have expected but we were so pleased by the enthusiastic response and community spirit shared by the residents of Chilton.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who took part in the Big Switch On. The lights around the village looked fantastic this year and definitely made everyone feel a bit more festive. We very much enjoyed all the different decorated houses to look at on our walks. The winner of our Big Switch On prize draw to win a real Christmas tree kindly donated by Chilton Garden Centre was 2 The Paddock! Congratulations!

Secondly, we would like to give many thanks to all those that came out to give Santa a wave as he passed through the village for the first time. He thought Chilton was fabulous! A special shout out to Watercress Meats for his super transport and to Adrian Maughan for providing Father Christmas with some music.

Thirdly, thank you to everyone that took part in the Great Chilton Bauble Hunt. Thank you to all our fabulous bauble makers and to all those that braved the cold to hunt for baubles. We can now reveal there were in fact a whopping 69 baubles hidden around the village! Since there were some baubles that were put out as decorations that weren't entries in the hunt and a few bauble mishaps, anyone who guessed between 65-79 was entered into our prize draw. We are pleased to announce the winner of a fabulous hamper kindly provided by Chilton Garden Centre was The Holt Family! Many congratulations! We also ran a prize draw for all those that registered to make a giant bauble for the Great Chilton Bauble Hunt! The prize is a Sunday carvery with a bottle of wine at the Rose and Crown for up to two adults and two children, kindly donated by Shea. From all the bauble makers who entered, we drew a name at random and the winner was Fiona Goodenough! Many congratulations! The Great Chilton Bauble Hunt has so far raised £65 for Refuge, thank you for all your donations. The JustGiving page will be open until 10th January so if you haven't had chance yet to donate but would like to than please feel free to make a donation.

As we enter the new year I think we all need a bit of a rest but The Chilton Scarecrow Team will be organising other events in the village soon, if you have a suggestion of something you think would work well for our community or run a business locally and might be able to contribute a prize please contact us at [chiltonscarecrows@gmail.com](mailto:chiltonscarecrows@gmail.com)



### **We Did It !!! Over £1000 for Seesaw !**

At the December Charity market we were amazed and delighted to raise £1014.00 for the local charity SeeSaw. Thank you to everyone who supported us by coming, buying, donating, baking, making Christmas wreaths and helping. It is great what we can do when we all work together. In addition, £113.00 was made on the raffle for the Chilton Lunch Club.

We think it is probably unlikely that we will be able to hold our January Market. Instead we plan to carry on baking and making but only to order. Ordered items can be collected from either 14 Crafts End or 43 Crafts End on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. The charity we will be supporting is Macmillan Nurses.

Phone orders to either Liz Robbins on 834501 or e-mail at [fireflyplus2@me.com](mailto:fireflyplus2@me.com) or Judy Goodall on 834503, or email at [thegoodalls43@outlook.com](mailto:thegoodalls43@outlook.com) by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Items Available To Order**

- Individual chicken or beef pies £3.00
- Caramelised onion and Goat's cheese tart £1.50
- Bakewell tart £4.00
- Fruit tart - medium / large £3.00 / £3.50
- Fruit crumble - small / large £2.00 / £3.00
- Sponge cake filled with home-made jam £4.50
- Tea Bread loaf / Fruit Cake £4.50
- Lemon drizzle cake £2.50
- Chelsea buns £1.00
- Rock cakes 40p
- Rosemary, olive and sun dried tomato
- Focaccia £2.50
- Home-made jams, chutney or marmalade £2.00

GLUTEN – FREE OPTIONS available on request



### **Chilton Primary School Autumn Review**

It has been a while since I have written an update for the Chilton Chronicle and I thought that Christmas was an ideal opportunity. Although this first term of the academic year has been very different to any other term any of us have experienced, and has without doubt challenged us all, it has on the whole been a very successful one.

The children have all adapted brilliantly and we are all very proud of them. Thanks to hard work and enthusiasm of all children and the staff, school has

been a vibrant place, with everyone managing to get into the festive spirit even without the singing! Thank you to you to for your continued support. There are too many highlights to mention from this term but some of the highlights of the last week of term include:

An amazing Christmas dinner with turkey, crackers and all the trimmings. Thank you to our catering team who started early in the morning to get everything ready. The atmosphere was a little different with us all eating in our bubbles, but it was nonetheless very enjoyable.

The children's Surprises Room and virtual Christmas Raffle have been a great success. We really missed the buzz and excitement of the Christmas Fair but the PTA did a marvellous job with making so many beautiful hamper prizes. We raised over £2,500!

We were worried that our usual Christmas performances would not be able to take place this year. Again work behind the scenes was a little different to normal but the children were as brilliant as ever and creativity of school staff in saving a much loved school event is truly impressive. We missed not being able to welcome families into school for the nativities and carol concerts but made videos to share, which hopefully will prove to be a nice keepsake to mark this most unusual of years.

I would like to enlist the help of the local Chilton community with our ongoing parking issues outside of school. Please can we appeal to everyone not to park on the double yellow lines or zebra crossings outside Chilton Primary School, particularly at school drop off or pick-up time. We appreciate parking can be difficult at times so would ask all parents who live in the village to encourage their children to walk or cycle to school where possible. Thank you!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy 2021 and we look forward to seeing everyone again for another interesting term.  
Zaheer Ahmed



### **Hello from Hayleigh & Sarah** **Update from your Local District** **Councillors**

Hello! We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Chilton Parish a very happy New Year. We sincerely hope that you and your families were able to enjoy the festive season and get some much needed rest and relaxation at the end of a very challenging year. With the recent news of a COVID-19 vaccine

rollout, we wish you a bright and promising new year in 2021.

As always, in 2021 we will continue to keep you updated on council matters and the council's response to COVID-19 through these newsletter articles, as well as on our dedicated councillor Facebook Page: [Cllrs Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley](#). Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any issues or concerns - our email addresses are [hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) and [sarah.medley@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.medley@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

## COVID-19 Community Support Hub

Once the normal service resumes in January, the usual contact details will apply – see below:

To contact the Community Support Team:

**call: 01235 422 600 Monday to Thursday 8.30-5pm and Fridays 8.30-4.30pm**

**email:**

**[communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk)**

**fill in an online form at:**

**[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communityhub](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communityhub)**

**Remember, for the most up-to-date coronavirus information relating to district council support and any changes to services, please take a look at the dedicated Vale webpage for updates:**

**[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/covid19](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/covid19)**

## Chilton Road Closure to Vehicles – Update

We (Hayleigh & Sarah) have recently been contacted by a transport planning officer at the County Council with an update about the recent closure of the Chilton Road to vehicles. We have shared the full text of this update below – note the mention of the consultation opening in January 2021, we will share this link with residents as soon as we receive it ourselves.

*I am writing to update you on the Chilton Road Scheme we are undertaking with Sustrans.*

*Chilton Road is a missing link is an otherwise traffic-free or low-traffic cycle route from Didcot to Harwell Campus and is part the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 544.*

*Following feasibility investigations, undertaken thanks to the Department for Transport funding awarded to Sustrans (the Charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are proposing to transform Chilton Road into a safe walking, cycling and wheeling environment by re-routing vehicular traffic, from Chilton Road, on to London Road (A417) and Hagbourne Hill.*

*Whilst the scheme has been progressing and in line with the UK Government's guidance, we have 'fast-tracked' the closure of Chilton Road to vehicular traffic on a temporary basis. The funding was to provide*

*greater space for people to walk, wheel and cycle in line with Covid-19 restrictions. The closure has been in place since 19th August 2020 and has been delivered by a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). The TTRO will remain in place for 18 months.*

*OCC will be undertaking a formal consultation in the new year to allow for the safe use of Chilton Road for walking, cycling and wheeling with a permanent closure for vehicles. As part of the consultation we will also include the creation of a Toucan crossing on the London Road. The formal consultation will provide an opportunity for residents, stakeholders and the wider public to express their views on the scheme.*

*At present, we are expecting the consultation to start in the middle of January 2021 and I will send you an email directly with the link to consultation to ensure that you do not miss it.*

## What should I do if I see a person rough sleeping in our districts?

During office hours, please call the housing needs team on **01235 422 452**. This is a direct line to a Housing Needs Officer. If the person is in immediate danger, call an ambulance or the police on **999**. Don't put yourself in danger or approach someone acting strangely, even to help. Outside office hours, please report to the non-profit homelessness organisation Streetlink which is funded by the Government. You can report someone rough sleeping via its website [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) or by calling **0300 5000 914**. Streetlink is the national scheme for reporting rough sleeping and connects rough sleepers to local support services. Please be aware that these reports will be dealt with next working day. To contact the Out of Hours Officer, please call **01235 422 410**.

## Fly tipper caught on camera in Harwell - man prosecuted

A man from Fyfield Wick near Abingdon has been ordered to pay more than £1,000 after Vale of White Horse District Council successfully prosecuted him for fly tipping. The crime was caught on camera after the council placed CCTV cameras in the area in Harwell, following a number of cases of fly tipping at that spot. On 12 November 2019, on private land on Grove Road, Harwell a tipper truck was caught on camera dumping a load of hardcore and soil on land without permission. [For more information on fly tipping and how to report it please see our webpage](#)



## Useful Reminders

The Chilton Mutual Aid Group still remains in place and can be contacted on [chiltonaid@gmail.com](mailto:chiltonaid@gmail.com) or their Facebook page, Chilton Mutual Aid Group. Requests for/offers of support can be posted to the Facebook page.

Facebook pages that also have information  
Chilton Village Community  
Chilton Village, Oxfordshire  
Chilton Field Community

The play equipment is open for use; please remember to keep your distance when using the equipment. No food or drink in the areas, please wash your hands or use sanitiser before and after using the equipment. Stay away if you feel ill.



### **PCSO Tim Deane's contact details.**

Mobile: 07976 978916

Email: [tim.deane@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tim.deane@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



### **Lights Out, Potholes, Fly Tipping?**

These can all be reported on Fix-My-Street by going to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Follow the link above and then enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or **street** name and area; locate the problem on a map of the area; Enter details of the problem



The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm. This will be a remote meeting and the agenda with the link to join the meeting will be published on the Council website.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council website can be found at <http://www.parish-council.com/chilton> where you will be able to find out details of all the Parish Council meetings, who your Councillors are, and other useful information.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by the **3<sup>rd</sup> February. Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: [parishclkchilton@btinternet.com](mailto:parishclkchilton@btinternet.com)

### **Parish Council Chairman**

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**The new Bus Timetable from 4<sup>th</sup> January is on the back page**