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Join us for a Right Royal Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on **Saturday 6th May, 10am-1pm** at Chilton Village Hall! 👑

We will have baked goods on sale, children's crafts and activities, a King Charles themed treasure trail around the village, as well as live streaming of the Coronation. The hall will be set up with tables, chairs and bunting for enjoying an afternoon tea, or if the weather is nice, feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy in the park outside.

Limetrees Tea Party

Rosanna and Lin are hosting a Limetrees Green Tea Party at 4pm on the afternoon of the Coronation. If you'd like to join us, please email Lin lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk for an e-invitation.

The Big Lunch

Come and Share and Bring a Chair

Come and celebrate the coronation of King Charles III with family, friends and neighbours with The Big Lunch on Crafts End Green **Sunday 7th May** from **midday to 3pm**. Everyone will be most welcome. The Green will be decorated with bunting and flags, there will be music and gazebos and some tables will be set up. Tea,

coffee and soft drinks for the children will be available. Come and join in the celebrations, just bring a chair or a rug and a little food to share.

Any enquiries please contact Judy & Norman 834503 or Liz and Phil 834501

A look back at the Coronation 70 Years ago

This list of events organised in Chilton to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953 is taken from a souvenir programme of celebrations in Didcot and district, published by Didcot Parish Council (not a town council in those days!).

Events in Chilton to celebrate the Coronation in 1953

Chilton

10.15 a.m. SHORT SERVICE OF PRAISE AND INTERCESSION
in the Parish Church.

Children—

- A Souvenir Mug to be presented to each child under School-leaving age who will not receive one from other sources.
- A TEA PARTY for Children under 16, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- A FANCY DRESS PARADE for Children up to 16, at 3.30 p.m. In the Glebe Field on the West of the Churchyard.
- Twelve Prizes to be awarded, and in addition each entrant will receive a small Coronation Gift.

The Elderly

Individual Gifts of Souvenir Beakers and a Crown Mint Piece.

Decorated House Competition.

- Prizes given for the Best Decorated House
- (a) In Chilton Village
- (b) In Chilton A.E.R.E. Estate.

An interchange of Judges has been arranged with Harwell Parish. **Pyrotechnics.**

- (a) A Beacon at Nightfall at a high point within the Parish.
- (b) A Display of Fireworks in the Village at 10.45 p.m.

Evening Function.

A PARISH DANCE to be held at 9 p.m. in Chilton Village, with a BUFFET SUPPER at 10.15 p.m.

Permanent Memorial.

If Funds allow it, a Permanent Memorial will be set up in the Village at a later date.

Great Annual Plant Sale for Christian Aid

This big annual event is being held on **Saturday May 13th** on Crafts End Green between 9am and midday in conjunction with the monthly charity market. Come and stock up your gardens with colourful annuals, perennials, herbs and young vegetable plants. There will be a great selection of individual savoury pies, hot pasties, cheese tarts, breads, and tempting

cakes, brownies, sweet tarts, millionaires' shortbread and much more, jams, chutneys and marmalades and of course books and jigsaws. Weather permitting there will be coffee, tea and homemade biscuits. So come, relax meet friends and fill your garden with plants for the summer.

We would be very grateful for any donations of plants. Please contact Judy 834503. Thank you.



Artweeks In & Around Chilton

Friday -Sunday 12-14 May

- 6 artists
- painting
- jewellery
- ceramics
- textiles.

At 41 Limetrees, Jo Marshall's beautiful blackbird ceramics will be exhibited alongside Lisa Wallis's hand forged silver jewellery. Lin Kerr's paintings will festoon the walls - a mix of watercolours and oils, still life and local archaeological landscapes. Pop in to browse and buy or just to chat.

Just down the road at the Blewbury Clubhouse, there will be more paintings and embroidered textiles.

What about a grand Art-Day out? Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

12-14 May; 11.00 - 6.00pm at 41 Limetrees, Chilton OX11 0HY.

email: lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk



Chairman's Annual Report

Council Elections will be held on May 4th so you may be reading this after the event. All Chilton Parish Council seats were up for election. However as there were less candidates than available seats there was no election for Chilton Parish. Two of the current Councillors have decided not to stand for re-election.

Dr Stephen Druce has served on the Parish Council for 8 years making a significant contribution over the years. His most important work was leading the group that successfully wrote the Neighbourhood Plan which is now part of the planning process. The analysis and insight he applied to issues was invaluable.

Lucy Amstead has unfortunately decided that due to other commitments she is not able to stand for re-election. Lucy often brought a different and valuable perspective to our discussions and she will be missed.

Following delays largely due to the pandemic the latest Play Area Project got under way and is run by an effective and enthusiastic team of volunteers. The Consultations they organised have resulted in a final design which has been publicised. Some further work is required before the Vale of White Horse will release the money and construction can start.

Evaluation of Planning Applications continues to form a significant part of the Council's work. It is particularly satisfying to note the part played by the Chilton Neighbourhood Plan in assessing the compliance of applications with policy. Applications for significant developments outside the Development Boundaries defined in the Neighbourhood Plan have been refused.

An application that took up a great deal of Council time was for what is now known as the Moderna Buildings, a vaccine production facility situated within Chilton Parish on the Harwell Campus. This application is outside the area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan and is in an Enterprise Zone which was basically set up to facilitate this type of development where Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty policies do not apply.

However, the Council was concerned about the loss of playing fields, the impact on historic RAF artefacts and disruption during construction. The Council held several public meetings to discuss this application and also meetings with the applicant for more information and to clarify points.

Eventually mediation for the loss of playing fields was agreed with Sport England. Historic England and the County Archaeologist agreed the classification of the RAF artefacts including the preservation and integration of some parts of the Catapult Pit into the development. Given the endorsement of these parts of the Application by National Authorities the Parish Council did not object to these aspects of the Application. However, late in the assessment process traffic modelling data was released which showed an increase in queuing traffic coming off Hagbourne Hill potentially hampering ingress and egress from the Village for cars and buses. Some mitigation was proposed to reduce the possibility of traffic queuing on the Northbound A34 slip, however this does not consider Chilton Village. A major concern is that future developments known to be planned at the Campus will significantly aggravate the situation with no overall plan to deal with traffic affecting Chilton. So, the Council objected and sought assurances that Chilton would be involved in future traffic plans and workable mitigation measures introduced if the objection was to be withdrawn. In the event the Vale of White Horse

felt they were unable to give appropriate assurances, so the Application went to the Planning Committee who unanimously approved it. However, the Campus did give good assurances on future applications and I am confident that our issues will be recognised and dealt with appropriately in future.

You will have noted that the old part of the Village now has a 20mph speed limit. Oxfordshire County Council encouraged villages to apply for the new limit and following a consultation with residents Chilton was successful. Chilton Field is already scheduled for a 20mph limit BUT this cannot be implemented until the roads are adopted. Land registration issues continue to delay adoption.

Finally, I would like to thank all Councillors for the valuable voluntary work they have done over the last year on behalf of Chilton residents.

Chris Broad
Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held **on Wednesday 24th May at 8.00pm. This will be in the Village Hall and the agenda will be published on the Council website.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council website can be found at <https://www.parish-council.com/chilton>

All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or just listen.



Village Hall Management Committee

Annual Report 2022

The Village Hall and Community Room continue to maintain a healthy list of regular hirer groups. Groups cover a diversity of interests from Chilton baby and toddlers' group, Yoga and Zumba classes to child minder venue.

The VHMC will review the Hirer rates for both venues at the May 2023 AGM. It has been previously proposed that rates will continue as they are with the only changes being that of the wedding party package deposit from £50 to a higher amount.

Unfortunately, the VHMC lost several of its members from the 2022 AGM and after who have been truly missed. This includes Sharon Scott, Alex Capp and Sue Granger. All these members put many years and hard work into both venues, and we very much thank them for everything they did. We will also be losing John Berry this year, our rep from the PC. We also want to thank him for his time and dedication.

We did however have Debra Dewhurst and Margaret McGoey join our committee. Margaret helps with

general maintenance within the Village Hall as well as carries out essential Health and Safety checks. Debra took the Secretary position. She has also taken over the role of booking manager temporarily and in the short time she has been doing this she has updated the bookings system, and this so far is working very well. It has reduced the large amount of time it takes for booking to be completed and we have had some very positive feedback from both regular and casual hirers. Both Margaret and Debra have become valued members of the committee.

Bookings are very wholesome at both the Community room and the Village Hall, and the calendar is looking robust for the near future.

Reserves continue to be healthy, due to high numbers of bookings.

There has been a high amount maintenance needed this year. Most of which due to general wear and tear. The Community room has had both sets of doors replaced and seen a fresh covering of paint. The Village Hall is still in need of redecoration and the committee has been looking into upgrading several areas to both improve the property as well and fixing required areas. This included Solar panels, LED lighting and Infrared heating. An energy efficiency review is being sort out. Additional funding by way of Sec 106 funding from the completion of Pegasus Close is going towards creating a social patio area at the back of the Village Hall. A consultation has been started for this, although on hold due to resources.

The next 12 months are looking very positive for both venues despite having a small number on the VHMC. Recruitment will remain a priority.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Village Hall Committee members for their dedication, time and efforts over the past twelve months. Without these volunteers, we would not have either of the venues available to our community.

Fiona Goodenough – Chairperson

VHMC AGM

The VHMC AGM will be held on **Monday 15th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Chilton WI Annual Report March 2023

2022 was the year it felt like things finally got back to normal for Chilton WI after two years of disruption due to Covid. In March we held our Christmas party which had been cancelled in December due to a surge in Covid cases. Members entered into the spirit with Christmas jumpers, Christmas music and our usual delicious bring and share supper. In June we helped at the Big Lunch to celebrate the Platinum jubilee.

This year we have been able to organise some events outside our monthly meetings. In June we held a fly-

fishing taster event at a fishing lake in Standlake. It was a beautiful evening in lovely surroundings, everyone enjoyed it and we were really grateful for the support and tuition from the fishing club members. In September we organised a golf event at Hadden Hill golf club. The golf club were very impressed with the golfing skills of some of our members! We also had a theatre trip in September to see Dream Girls in Oxford, a fantastic performance thoroughly enjoyed by all. In July we had our usual garden party. We were lucky with the weather again; it was a lovely social event. We have also held some craft meetings; we have made pumpkin flower arrangements for Halloween and Christmas table decorations.

We have had some fascinating talks this year on subjects as diverse as Bletchley Park, aromatherapy and an amazing talk on an ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. An evening of seated Zumba was really good fun and surprisingly energetic! In November we supplied refreshments for a Diamond Open Day and we also held a Bodyshop party. In December we were able to hold our Christmas party at the right time and enjoyed lovely food and a great quiz. Our membership numbers increased this year which is great and we have an exciting programme of events planned for the forthcoming year.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped make our last year so successful and enjoyable. Here's to another year of fun and friendship!

Our next Meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th May at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The resolutions for this year will be discussed followed by a talk by Rob Walters on the oldest and top colleges of Oxford.

We look forward to seeing everyone at these meetings and welcome new members and visitors. For more information, please contact Liz Robbins 834501 or Shona Sugden 831723



All Saints' Group

The next meeting of All Saints' Group will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.45pm in All Saints' Church. Our theme for the evening will be the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and how it was celebrated here in Chilton. Please bring along any memorabilia and an opportunity to share any memories. Everyone is most welcome. Any enquiries please contact Judy 834503



Oasis Cafe

Oasis Cafe is an opportunity for villagers to gather once a month for a coffee (or tea!) and a convivial chat in relaxed surroundings. The event is held in All Saints'

church on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month, between 10.00 and 12.00, and is free to all comers. At first a dozen or so folk dropped in to take part but in successive gatherings numbers have risen to 30+ and discussions have ranged from village history to electric cars and steam engines.



Cryptic Quiz Sheet No. 71

This last quiz on a theme of "Education" was won by Cara and David White from Grantham with the great score of 49 out of 50. Congratulations and they have kindly donated their £5.0 to the charity Hamlin Fistula UK. The quiz to date has raised £170.0 Thank you.

Cryptic Quiz Sheet No. 72

The next Cryptic Quiz Sheet no.72 will be out on Tuesday May 9th on a theme of "Water" and will be raising funds for "Alexandra House of Joy". This project, on completion, will offer a centre in Oxfordshire (Bicester) providing Day Time Support, Respite Services and Hospice Care for adults with severe and profound learning difficulties.

Quiz sheets priced at £1.50 will be available from Atomic Hair; the Charity Market; Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close and Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End.



News From the Rose and Crown

MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH

Three bank holidays, two quizzes, one coronation!

The next fun quiz at the Rose and Crown will be on **Tuesday 2 May**. The quizzes will then revert to the last Tuesday of the month, so there will be a second May quiz on **Tuesday 30 May**.

The quiz starts at 8 pm. Teams of 2 to 6 people, £2 per head to enter, drinks voucher for winning team. Special Quiz menu served 5.30 to 7.30 pm, meals from £7.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY OPENING

The Rose and Crown will be open all three bank holiday Mondays this month – 1, 8 and 29 May.

CORONATION DAY

Watch the Coronation of King Charles III on the big screen televisions in the pub. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey is at 11 am on Saturday 6 May. Complimentary nibbles will be served – in the pub, not the Abbey!

STEAK NIGHT SATURDAY

Two steaks and a bottle of wine £30.

Please book on 01235 862992.

SUNDAY LUNCH CARVERY

Roast Pork, Lamb, Chicken or Beef and a selection of fresh vegetables.

Served 12.30 to 2.30 pm: £12.95 (Half price for under 10 year olds, free for under 5 year olds – one per adult).

Please book on 01235 862992.



April's Charity Market.

We were delighted to raise the amazing total of £1,047.50 for UK-Med. Thank you to everyone who supported this important charity event.



Free Horse Manure!

There are bags of manure to take away at the gate near the junction of Lower Road and The Paddock. Please return the plastic bags for the next batch. Note: this is a premium product, produced by thoroughbreds!



Warm Welcome Café

We continue to meet every Tuesday in the Morris Room in the Village Hall from 11am to 2pm. Come and meet and have a chat over a cup of coffee, tea, biscuits and homemade cake. Over lunch time mugs of cuppa soup and delicious homemade cheese scones are available.



Blewbury Brass Band

Blewbury Brass Band is a friendly and welcoming village band, solidly rooted in the local community and has a heritage that stretches back a century. Our objective is to play a wide variety of styles of music – classical, jazz, musicals/shows, chart hits as well as traditional brass band marches – for the enjoyment both of our audiences and (importantly) ourselves.

We are keen to encourage people who have experience of playing a brass instrument, however long ago, to pick up an instrument again. We have instruments for hire and tutorials available.

At the moment we are also in need of a percussionist/drummer to play with the band.

So come along! Players of all ages and abilities will receive a warm welcome. Our band rehearses at the Band Hut on Bonhams Road Blewbury (next to the tennis courts) on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm and can be heard playing at local fetes, parks and community events throughout the year. Enquiries to secretary@blewburybrassband.org.uk

Calling everyone from Chilton and Harwell!



Come and enjoy an informal celebration service to welcome Jeremy Parsons, the new Rector

of the churches
of All Saints', Chilton and St Matthew's, Harwell.

When: Sunday 28th May 10.30 – 11.30am
Where: Marquee on Harwell Recreation Ground

Free refreshments

Parking available in the field off Reading Road or Wantage Road junction – follow the signs for Praise in the Park. Car sharing encouraged.

Please avoid parking at the Harwellian.



Parish Council Notices

**Protect our Wildlife
Put your litter in a bin,
including Doggy Poop Bags.**

Please note that now the Village Hall and the Community Room are open **please do not use the car parks for private parking.**

PCSO Tim Deane's contact details.

Mobile: 07976 978916

Email: tim.deane@thamesvalley.police.uk

Defibrillators

Chilton has three defibrillators, one is on the wall outside the Village Hall, one is on the wall outside the Community Room on Chilton Field and there is also a defibrillator at Chilton Primary School, which is accessible whenever the school is open.

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.

Oxfordshire County Councillor - Councillor Sally Povolotsky (Hendreds & Harwell Division)

Hello Residents, making more changes, in order not to fill up your fantastic newsletters and bulletins with my ramblings, please find everything you need on my channels below. I am always around, approachable, and here to listen, just reach out!

Take care and Stay Safe, Sally.

Find Latest News and Information online here.

<https://hendredsandharwell.mycouncillor.org.uk>

Find Daily updates / news and events on Facebook here - @sally4hendredsandharwell

Share your community news on our new Group on Facebook - Search - Hendreds & Harwell Community Official - where we can share events / news and ideas together

You can WhatsApp / call me on - 07939 912997

You can email me on sally.povolotsky@oxfordshire.gov.uk

District Councillor contact details.

Email: Sarah.medley@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Facebook: [Cllrs Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley](#)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th May at 8.00pm. This will be in the Community Room and the agenda will be published on the Council website.** Members of the public are invited to attend. The Parish Council website can be found at <https://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 31st May.

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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Parish Council Chairman

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Please Note: The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Chronicle

The 2022/23 Accounts are published on the back page.

Chilton Parish Council Statement of Accounts 2022 – 23

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Precept	21419	Admin	1331
Land Rent	900	Allotments	477
Wayleave	42	Chronicle	1414
SA Clothing Bank	558	Clerk	4315
Allotments	532	Churchyard	1154
CIL Payment	8096	Grass cutting	1240
County Council Fund	200	Chilton Field maintenance	23074
Chronicle	83	Insurance	6125
VAT refund	4548	Play equipment	4471
Bank Interest	492	Donations	242
		Subscriptions	201
		General maintenance	1481
		Church Path	12880
		Litter clearing	480
		VAT	9144
	<u>36870</u>		<u>68029</u>
Balance b/fw 21/22	276755	Balance c/fw 23/24	245596
	<u>313625</u>		<u>313625</u>
		<u>Breakdown of funds</u>	
		Village Hall Fund	10608
		Equipped Activity Area	7292
		Toddler Area Commuted sum	35332
		POS Commuted Sum	162311
		POS Remediation	5743
		Neighbourhood Plan	136
		County Council Grant	264
		CIL Fund	13317
		Parish Council Reserves	10593
		<u>Total</u>	<u>245596</u>

POS - Chilton Field Public Open Space CIL - Community Infrastructure Levy

Chilton Public Purposes Charity 2022-23

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dividends	344	Nil	
Interest	9		
Land Rent	1105		
Balance b/fw 21/22	3791	Balance c/fw 23/24	
	<u>5249</u>		<u>5249</u>

The Accounts have not yet been audited, any significant differences will be reported at a later date.