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It's that time of year again folks! Time for another Chilton Scarecrow trail and this year we're going all things sci-fi! Get those thinking caps on and let your creative minds boldly go where no Chilton Scarecrow has gone before!

This year's trail will take place from Saturday 21st - Sunday 29th October (half term week).

If you'd like to make a scarecrow for the trail please email us at chiltonscarecrows@gmail.com by 8th October. There will be a prize for the most popular scarecrow and a prize draw for those taking part in the trail. More details to follow regarding how to take part in the trail and where to get maps. Keep an eye on the Chilton Scarecrows Facebook page or www.chiltonscarecrows.org for more information.

May the scarecrow making force be with you!

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Chilton Annual Village Quiz

Saturday 28 October, 6.45 for 7.15.

Tables of up to 6, £10 per head, including hot supper (bring your own beverages)

Proceeds to English Springer Spaniel Rescue and Didcot Food Bank. We would be grateful if everyone attending also brought along an item to donate to the food bank.

Tickets available from Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End and Hilary Groves, 5 Limetrees.

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Charity Markets

At the September market a great £842 was raised for the Oxfordshire branch of Crohn's and Colitis UK. Thank you to everyone who supported us on that beautiful hot and sunny day.

On **Saturday 14th October** the market will be raising funds for the Harwell based charity "**Be Free Young Carers**". This very local charity provides much needed support and counselling for young children and teenagers who are trying to care for family members.

The market is held on Crafts End Green Between 9am and midday. Do come and treat yourselves to freshly baked goods, Liz's delicious individual meat pies and cheese tarts, hot pasties and tempting millionaires' shortbread, chocolate brownies, lemon drizzle cakes, Chelsea buns, breads, jams, marmalades and chutneys and much more. There will be books and jigsaws and maybe some plants.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Tea Party

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Tea Party, we raised the amazing amount of £880.50! It was a lovely afternoon, big thank you to everyone who made cakes, donated raffle prizes and helped with the setting up and clearing away. There were 163 Percy Pigs in the jar, this was won by Dave Pearce.

Liz Robbins and Shona Sugden

News From the Rose and Crown

A FEAST OF RUGBY

Saturday 7 October promises to be a rugby extravaganza with all four home nations in World Cup action.

Wales v Georgia at 2.45pm is followed by England v Samoa at 4.45pm and a grand finale of Ireland v Scotland at 8pm.

Why not make a day of it to watch with your friends on the large screen television in the Rose and Crown – drinks on hand and complimentary nibbles.

STEAK NIGHT SATURDAY

Two steaks and a bottle of wine £35.

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.

TUESDAY QUIZ NIGHTS

Changes to the dates!

Tuesday Oct 17th due to Halloween and Half Term (no normal last Tuesday quiz on 31st)

Music Only Quiz Tuesday 7th November

Back to normal last Tuesday of the month quiz

Tuesday 28th November

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All Saints' Group

Everyone is welcome to come to hear the talk by Melanie Moughton, chief executive of the Didcot bomb disposal charity Felix Fund. We will be meeting at 7.45pm in All Saints' Church on **Tuesday 10th October**. Any enquiries please contact Judy on 834503.

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Chilton WI

The next meeting will be **Thursday 19th October** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. We will be celebrating our **63rd Birthday** with wine, cake, cheese and biscuits.

We are a very friendly group and look forward to seeing everyone at these meetings and welcoming new members and visitors. For more information, please contact Liz Robbins 834501 or Shona Sugden 831723.

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Chilton Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 4th November

Chilton Churchyard Needs You!!

You are invited to help with tidying up All Saints' churchyard on **Saturday 4th November** any time between 9 am and 12 noon. This is open to everyone in the village.

The main jobs are: weeding the borders in the Garden of Remembrance, trimming and tidying round gravestones, removing ivy and, of course, raking

leaves. For those looking for a heartier workout there is some clearing of the French drains around the church to be done.

Please bring tools: e.g., forks, secateurs, rakes, gloves, bags for garden waste etc.

Judith Russell Churchwarden

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Can You Help?

Could you help young women grow in confidence, have adventures and learn new skills? Compton Guides are looking for Volunteer Adult Helpers. You don't need any experience in Guiding – just enthusiasm and a desire to have fun!

Whether you can offer help for an evening every two weeks or would like to support every week, any level of help is welcome. There will be the opportunity to take an active role in planning and delivering activities, as well as working towards a leadership qualification. Volunteers are required on Monday evenings.

Please contact,

Vanessa 1stcomptongirlguiding@gmail.com

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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.

Future Dates

21 October

18 November

No café in December

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Newbury Bus -X34

I have just used the new service to Newbury and yet again there were 3 people going in and 3 coming back at 12.30. This service only takes under 30 minutes from Chilton and is brilliant. It stops in Parkway or the Wharf and goes roughly on the hour and back at half past the hour. Please use it, it's handier than going all the way to Didcot and finding parking. If we don't use it I'm sure it will be decreased or stopped.

Margaret McGoey.

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Chilton's Warm Welcome Café

The Warm Welcome Café is open every Tuesday in the Morris Room in the Village Hall from 11am to 2pm. Call in for a free cup of tea/ coffee, a slice or two of homemade cake, biscuits, cheese scones and a mug of soup. Come and bring a friend, families are most welcome.

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Charity Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The next quiz No 73 is out now and is on a theme of "What may be seen on and from the seashore". It is raising funds for the Oxfordshire Branch of the Motor Neuron Disease Association. Sheets are priced at £1.50 and are available from Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater and Judy Goodall.

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Linda's Quiz

- 1 When the first Barbie went on sale in 1959, what was she wearing?
- 2 Which word starting with B was a name given to the German forces in World War 1 (it derived from a French word for rascal)?
- 3 Only 3 football stadiums in Scotland have a capacity over 50,000 – Ibrox, Celtic Park & which other?
- 4 Enola Gay, Joan of Arc & Souvenir were top 10 hits for which band in the early 1980s?
- 5 In which fictional village was Noel's House Party set?
- 6 Who was Deputy Fuhrer to Hitler from 1933 to 1941?
- 7 If a woman is sapiosexually attracted to a man what quality in him is she attracted to?
- 8 Which kinds of films account for around 90% of the films released in the USA annually?
- 9 Who mostly played just one note on a keyboard during the Chariots of Fire performance at the 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony?
- 10 Is zero an even number, an odd number or neither?

Answers on the back page

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Hello from Hayleigh and Debra, your Vale of White Horse District Councillors

August is a strange month for the council, things slow down as officers and councillors take their summer holiday time and children are off school. We've still been busy responding to queries from residents and parish councils. We've had a number of queries about planning applications over the summer, that we've helped with, including calling one application into planning committee after concerns from residents and

parish councillors. Debra has been responding to queries about the Abbey Meadows Outdoor Pool in her role as cabinet member for Leisure Centres and Community Buildings and has been digesting the details of the energy audit taken at the pool, to assess whether it could be made more energy efficient and thus reduce the running costs. September, by contrast, is a very busy month. We have a briefing to update us on the status of the Valley Park planning applications, we have five parish council meetings to attend, and a briefing on the waste contract, as well as our individual council commitments.

We have continued to push for updates on the Great Western Park Health Centre. This is the latest information we have been permitted to share:

The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for healthcare services in Oxfordshire, including the Vale.

The district council has been working hard over the past few years to help overcome a series of legal challenges that have caused delays in the ICB bringing forward a health centre on Great Western Park.

The district council has had some constructive conversations with Taylor Wimpey, the housing developer for Great Western Park who went through some organisational changes earlier this year. These have centred around the challenges facing the health centre and they continue to be helpful. During those ongoing discussions with Taylor Wimpey, the council have also made progress on play areas and allotments, to assist the developer to ensure they can be opened for residents to use.

The district council are currently working with a number of partners to tackle issues related to the delivery of funding and leasing arrangements for the land and any future building, and they have recently taken some steps that should simplify and speed up that process as they progress next steps. At the same time, the ICB continues to work with the local medical practice, Woodlands Medical Centre, to expand their current facility at Woodlands Road in Didcot.

The council is currently looking at what it can do to provide more regular updates to the community about the hard work they're currently doing to try and help partners like the ICB deliver the health centre that Great Western Park and Didcot badly need.

Council News

Have your say on our landscapes and what's changing them: A new study has launched to better understand, protect and enhance the unique landscapes across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and you're invited to have your say. For more information see the Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWHDC) website. The Consultation Hub is open for comments until 29 September 2023

Silver screen Saturdays at the Beacon: This Autumn, Cinema at The Beacon returns with a variety of new films. Showing first on the big screen is 'Are you there God? It's me Margaret' on Saturday 16 September, see the movie adaptation of Judy Blume's classic novel, starring Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates. And don't miss October's film 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' on Saturday 7 October.

Community Hub

The Hub can offer support and direct people to help on a range of things including Cost of Living, food support, etc. If you are struggling financially or just finding life difficult, the community hub can help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, please get in touch:

- **Call:** 01235 422600
- **Email:** communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

The office hours are 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays (and closed on bank holidays)

We use these monthly updates to keep you updated on our activities and general council news. We also post on our councillor Facebook Pages:

www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh &

www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell

Please get in touch with any issues or concerns, either via email:

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

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Parish Council Notices

Please do not use the Village Hall and Community Room car parks for private parking.

Cars Parking on Pavements

Whilst it is not illegal to park partially on a pavement, please make sure that pram or wheelchair users still have room to get past so they do not have to go onto the road.

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.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on

Wednesday 1st November 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> 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 Wednesday 25th October. **Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close,**

01235 834233

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Chris Broad

14 Latton Close

834347

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

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Answers

- 1 Black & white swimsuit
- 2 Bosche
- 3 Hampden Park
- 4 *Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark*
- 5 *Crinkley Bottom*
- 6 *Rudolph Hess*
- 7 *His intelligence (don't all rush)*
- 8 *Porn*
- 9 *Rowan Atkinson*
- 10 *Even*

Attached is the news from All Saints' Chilton and St Matthew's Harwell



Greetings from St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton!

I am writing this on the last day of the meteorological summer (31st August), the days are getting noticeably shorter and the early mornings and evenings are cooler than they were a few weeks ago. Those who were able to take time off during June, July or August can look back on days spent on holiday or at home, enjoying pleasant, relaxing times in the sun. There are the memories of being with others, meeting friends and relatives or having new experiences, exploring a different country or city, engaging in activities not normally undertaken.

Before summer draws to a close, there is also the harvest. Many crops have already been gathered in; I saw the first combine harvester already in the middle of July. The fields around Chilton and Harwell are golden stubble with bales of straw waiting to be transported. Perhaps you had a harvest of fruit and vegetables in your garden or allotment.

It is easy to turn to God on a pleasant day in early autumn and give thanks for blessings received: plentiful provision, good company of family and friends, beautiful surroundings and much more. As autumn takes hold with darker mornings, fog and rain, shorter days and longer nights, some might dread the coming months. Life is not simply one long summer, the darkness and cold of winter are also part of it. We don't just experience joy and happiness but also struggles and sadness.

In the Old Testament (Genesis 16) there is the story of Hagar, a servant in the household of Abraham, the patriarch, and his wife Sarah. Hagar experienced good times, the moment when she was the favourite of her masters. But Hagar also had to endure hardship and suffering, was a fugitive and did not know how to survive the next day. In her deepest distress, Hagar realized that God was still with her and she said: "You are a God who sees me" (Genesis 16, 13).

God is with us, guides and comforts us, not just in the good times but also in the bad ones. The months of autumn and winter are lit up by Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. In our lives, the darkest moments can turn to light when we call out to God, acknowledge Him and put our trust in His love.

Alex Reich

Churchwarden, All Saints' Chilton

What's coming up during October and November 2023

1st Thursday of the month –10.30am-midday Community Café at St Matthew's Harwell - please come along, bring friends and family for good free coffee and home-made cake.

Thursday midweek Communion 11.00am 12th October All Saints' Chilton and 26th October St Matthew's Harwell. 9th November (BCP) All Saints' Chilton and 23rd November (BCP) St Matthew's Harwell. Everyone is welcome.

3rd Saturday of the month –10.00am-midday Oasis Café at All Saints' Chilton – Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy free coffee and a chat (always delicious biscuits and cakes too).

Monday morning 9.30am-11.30am – Fledgelings held in St Matthew's Church - a free playtime with refreshments for grown-ups and a snack for children. Singing songs and a short Christian focused story reminding us of God's amazing love for us and the world. Both mornings run within term time only.

Wednesday morning 9.30am-11.30am held in Chilton Community Room - a free playtime with refreshments for grown-ups and a snack for children. Singing songs and a short Christian focused story reminding us of God's amazing love for us and the world. Both mornings run within term time only.



Sunday Services (please check our website harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk for any updates)

1st October **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

8th October 9.30am Morning Worship (BCP) All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Chilton Interactive, Chilton Village Hall
10.30am Holy Communion St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP), St Matthew's Harwell

15th October **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

22nd October 9.30am All Age Worship, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am All Age Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

29th October **9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

5th November 9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

12th November **9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton**
10.45am Act of Remembrance, Harwell Memorial Stone
11.15am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship St Matthew's Harwell

19th November 9.30am Holy Communion All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

26th November **9.30am All Age Worship, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am All Age Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

Everyone is welcome.