

# Chilton Chronicle

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### Poppy Appeal 2023

We will be calling House to House in the village during the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. The dates for collection are between **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** and Remembrance **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough collectors to cover all the roads in both parts of the village. If you would be interested in helping with this worthy cause and could spare a few hours calling at some houses, please contact me. Any help is gratefully appreciated.

Hazel Benton

Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser

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### Chilton Churchyard Working Party

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Chilton Churchyard Needs You!!

You are invited to help with tidying up All Saints' churchyard on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### We're looking for Trustees!

2nd Chilton Scout Group is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in the running of the Scout Group. They make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure the best quality Scouting is delivered to our young people.

We want to ask the village community if there's anyone who would be interested in becoming a Trustee.

Perhaps you have a particular skill that you could put to good use to help the group? Perhaps you have an interest to help ensure independently that the group is well run? Perhaps you're looking to gain some skills for life or add to your CV? Perhaps you used to be a Scout and would like to get involved again?

If you are interested, please

email [gsl.2ndchilton@gmail.com](mailto:gsl.2ndchilton@gmail.com) to find out more.

Thank you.

2nd Chilton Scout Group

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### CHRISTMAS SALE



Artweeks one-day-only Christmas studio sale is friendly and cosy with free mulled wine and mince pies and a sale of Lisa's jewellery, Jo's ceramics and Lin Kerr's artworks.

Visit to nibble, drink, browse and chat. **Sunday 26 November 11.00 - 4.00pm** at 41 Limetrees, Chilton OX11 0HY.

<https://moongazed.co.uk/>

[www.moonhareceramics.co.uk/](http://www.moonhareceramics.co.uk/)

<https://www.linkerrdesign.co.uk/>

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### Bus Service Changes

There are minor changes to the X34 timetable to Newbury and Didcot from Monday 30 October, following experience of running the service for a couple of months. Most of the changes mean the buses leave earlier, only by a couple of minutes on the majority of journeys but check so you don't miss them! We have attached the revised Chilton summary timetable to this edition of the Chronicle.

We have added the times at the Chilton Garden Centre stops on the A4185 to this summary timetable. These times do not appear in the timetables issued by Thames Travel, in print or on the website, but as they are listed on summaries in the garden centre bus stops, we thought it would be a help to include them. Particularly as a few of the early morning and afternoon buses do not go through the old part of the

village. To make the timetable fit on a side of A4 paper we have omitted the times at Harwell High Street, but the buses continue to use that route.

The recommended method of travelling to Oxford on Mondays to Fridays is to change into the ST1 at Harwell Campus. A summary of the X34 and ST1 connecting service is attached, together with a summary of the 43 service to Wantage in the mornings, and back in the afternoons on Mondays to Fridays.

We hope you enjoy using the bus service. With Christmas shopping coming up and the car parks likely to be full, arriving by bus takes some of the stress out of the retail experience.

#### Service 94

We have been told that the service 94 will no longer serve Chilton or Harwell Campus from 29 October, although there has been no official announcement and the timetables are still on the Thames Travel website. We have been expecting the service to be withdrawn after the introduction of X34 has provided a more frequent service between Chilton and Didcot.

#### Single Bus Fare Capped at £2

The £2 maximum bus fare has been extended by the government until December 2024. This is one of the benefits (?) of cancelling HS2 between Birmingham and Manchester,

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### News from the Rose and Crown

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, BUT NOT YET!

The Christmas celebration menu will be served from 1 to 23 December, either a full carvery or buffet. More details in the December edition of the Chronicle.

Please book on 01235 862992.

#### 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 (£6.95 for under 10 year olds, free for under 5 year olds – one per adult).

Please book on 01235 862992.

#### NOVEMBER QUIZZES

Tuesday 7 November – music only quiz

Tuesday 28 November – last Tuesday of the month fun quiz.

The quizzes start at 8 pm. Teams of 2 to 6 people, £2 per head to enter, drinks voucher for winning team.

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### Charity Market

We will be raising funds for Seesaw at our next Charity Market on **November 11<sup>th</sup>** on Crafts End Green between 9am and midday. This local Oxford based charity provides essential, caring support to children in Oxfordshire who have suffered a bereavement. Come,

and maybe come early as we sold out in record time in October. 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, Chelsea buns, breads, jams, marmalades and chutneys and much more. There will also be a wide range of books and jigsaws. The "Crafty Caravanners" will be joining us with homemade Christmas cards and many attractive Christmas gifts for sale. Any enquiries please contact either Liz on 834501 or Judy on 834503.

Thank you to everyone who came to our last market in October where we raised a great £817-00 for Be Free Young Carers. By 10.30am we had almost completely sold out of all our home baked goods.

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### Chilton WI

The next meeting will be **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. We will be having a festive craft session making Christmas cards.

Advance reminder, the December Christmas Party will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

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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### 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

18 November

No café in December

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### Linda's Quiz

1 What kind of paper is used to identify acids and alkalis in chemistry?

2 Which rock band features Angus Young dressed as a schoolboy?

3 What were the sports team Washington Commanders called before 2020?

4 What is the surname of the acting brothers Joe, Paul, Mark & Stephen?

5 Why were Lee & Nigel in the news recently?

6 In the Buster Keaton silent film what was The General?

7 The DVLA banned more than 200 of what at the beginning of September 2023?

8 What was the name of Joanna Lumley's character in Absolutely Fabulous?

9 Atoll K in 1951 was the last feature film by which comedy legends?

10 If you multiply all the numbers on your smart phone keypad together what number do you get?

*Answers on back page*

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### **All Saints' Group.**

We meet in All Saints' Church on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm. We are a mixed group of women and men and where everyone is welcome.

Our speaker on the **14<sup>th</sup> November** will be Vicky Johnson and her subject "Honey Bees". Her local honey can be purchased at the Charity Market.

Any enquiries please contact Judy on 834503.

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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. Come and meet other villagers over a cup of tea/ coffee and a slice or two of homemade cake and biscuits. Over lunch time enjoy home baked cheese scones and a mug of soup. There is no charge. If you would like to come but would have difficulty getting there we can probably help with transport. Please contact Judy and Norman Goodall on 834503.

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

This month we had a full council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October (minutes published on the VOWHDC website). Two motions were passed: one regarding the council's ongoing commitment to being a Real Living Wage



employer and extending that to employees of third-party contractors, and a second motion committing to tackling period poverty. Also this month, Debra and

County Councillor Sally Povolotsky were invited to Chilton Primary School to speak to years 5 and 6 about democracy. They have been learning about the Ancient Greek system of democracy and how that relates to the modern day. The children had some excellent ideas for why people might not vote in the modern day and ways to improve that. They came to the conclusion that the Ancient Greek system wasn't great, but the modern system isn't perfect either and can be quite confusing.

You may have noticed that work has started to prepare the new junction with the A4130 for Valley Park. We understand that Valley Park and its impacts continue to be a concern for residents. As a result, when the planning application for the first parcel of 172 homes was ready for a decision this month, we decided to bring this to planning committee. This means that rather than a planning officer making the decision, a committee of councillors considers the application during a meeting where members of the public and parish councils can raise their concerns.

Debra spoke at the meeting on behalf of residents, reminding the committee that, although not in the scope of this application, these homes when first occupied, will lack the infrastructure needed to support them: healthcare, childcare and education, which are massively overstretched. Supporting infrastructure will be provided, as per the Valley Park outline planning permission, but will come later in the development when a certain number of homes are occupied. She also raised a number of other issues residents had expressed concerns about including the noise from the A4130 for the homes closest to it, especially with the potential dualling of the A4130 due to HIF1.

It was good to see that the developers, Persimmon Homes, have made a commitment that each of these homes will have solar panels, air source heat pumps, EV chargers and cycle parking. Planning permission was granted by the committee. The meeting is available to watch on YouTube under South and Vale Committee Meetings.

### **Council News**

**Fun for all the family this October half-term:** A range of free and low-cost activities are available for children and families during the October half-term across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. From orienteering to dance, sports and theatre. See [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities).

**Supporting safer places:** Our Community Safety team works closely with the police and local businesses to identify organisations and locations that can become **Safe Places** for people in need of help or somewhere to go where they feel safe, whether they may be frightened, are in need of medical support or just having a bad day. They can be identified by a nationally recognisable logo, which we have shared in the link below. We're looking for more organisations and businesses in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse that would be happy to sign up to being a Safe Place for our residents. They can find out more at [www.safeplaces.org.uk](http://www.safeplaces.org.uk) or by emailing our **Community Safety team**.

**More than £56,000 given away for climate action projects:** solar panels for Little Pippins Pre-School in Harwell, EV chargers for Blewbury Village Hall and

interactive displays to show the Harwellian Club's energy usage are just a few of the projects offered financial support by VOWHDC through its Climate Action Fund this month.

*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.**

### **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](mailto:sally.povolotsky@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29th November. **Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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

**Parish Council Chairman**

Mr Chris Broad

14 Latton Close

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

### **Quiz answers**

- 1 Litmus
- 2 AC/DC
- 3 Redskins
- 4 McGann
- 5 Storms/Hurricanes
- 6 Train
- 7 Offensive 73 number plates
- 8 Patsy Stone
- 9 Laurel & Hardy
- 10 Zero

## **Attached are the revised bus timetables**