

# Chilton Chronicle

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*Happy Christmas to Everyone*



## Thank You

An enormous thank you to all those who helped out in the churchyard, especially those who insisted on soldiering on in the rain.

Much weeding, leaf clearing, and pruning was done, it was great to have it looking so tidy for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you  
Judith Russell

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*Come & join us for  
Carol Singing  
At the Rose & Crown in Chilton  
On Thursday 21st December  
from 7.30pm*



*Singing will be led  
by the **Choir of All Saints' Church**,  
- everyone is welcome to join in.*

*See you there!*

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## Poinsettias

As in previous years, Chilton villagers are invited to place poinsettias in the church for a number of reasons:

- as part of the decoration for Christmas;
  - to dedicate the gift in memory of a departed Loved One;
  - to express gratitude for the contributions of individuals who work tirelessly for our community.
- Donors will have the opportunity to record the name(s) of the subject(s) of their donations.

We ask that the plants be placed in church during the week leading up to Christmas Day and that they are removed on Boxing Day or soon after - either to present to the nominated individuals mentioned above or to take home.

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## The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

Are you aged 74 or more?

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund are looking forward to visiting some of the senior citizens of Chilton on or around New Year's Day to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these gifts is an annual event and in January this year we were delighted to be able to supply some substantial gifts because of the generous donations from kind parishioners which swelled the Fund.

We always welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent in the current year or whether they would prefer the Trustees to invest the gift so as to enhance our spending power in future years. **So, if you would like to make a donation to the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund** please contact one of the following Trustees:

Hazel Benton 15 The Orchids  
[hazel.benton@btinternet.com](mailto:hazel.benton@btinternet.com)

John Berry 'Schneeberg', South Row  
Steven Launchbury 6 Diamond Way  
Pam Rolls 15 Elderfield Crescent  
[pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk)

Donations by cheque would be welcome (made payable to 'Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund'). Alternatively, if you would prefer to give by bank transfer, please contact Hazel Benton or Pam Rolls so that they can give you the bank account details.

**The Trustees are also glad to hear of any potential new recipients – to qualify recipients must be aged 74 or over and have lived in Chilton (including Chilton Field) for at least 6 months. Please let us know if a family member, neighbour, or friend is eligible.**

***If any of our existing recipients would like to change from groceries to a basket of fruit, or from fruit to groceries, please let one of the Trustees know as soon as possible. We will be ordering the goods in mid-December.***

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## Chilton WI

Note change of date and venue!!

The next meeting will be **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.45pm in **the Community Room**. We will be having a festive Christmas Party.

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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## All Saints' Group

We will be holding our Christmas celebrations on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church. There will be carols, Christmas stories and poems and festive food. Everyone welcome. Any enquiries please contact Judy on 834503.

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## Christmas Menu at the Rose and Crown

The Christmas celebration menu at the Rose and Crown is being served from **1 December** until **24 December**.

**To start:** Seafood Salad (smoked salmon, prawns, rollmops, mackerel) served with a house dressing; Country Pâté with toast and side salad; or Homemade Soup with crusty bread.

**Main courses:** Roast Turkey (with honey roast ham, pigs in blankets, homemade stuffing); Poached Salmon (with a white wine and lemon sauce); or Vegetarian Crumble (with side salad and garlic bread). All main courses are served with roast potatoes, new potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

**Desserts:** Traditional Christmas Pudding (served with brandy butter sauce); Homemade Bread and Butter Pudding (with custard); or Tiramisu.

3 courses £25.95; 2 courses £23.95; main course only £21.95.

Coffee or Tea served with Mince Pies and Cream £5.95.

Please book on 01235 862992.

Email: [roseandcrownchilton@gmail.com](mailto:roseandcrownchilton@gmail.com)

## Christmas opening at the Rose and Crown

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December, 12 noon to 11pm. Sunday lunch served from the carvery, please book on 01235 862992.

Christmas Day, Monday 25 December, 12 noon to 2 pm.

Boxing Day, Tuesday 26 December, 4pm to 8pm.

## New Year celebration

Sunday 31 December, 8pm till late. Music and fun with your friends, complimentary buffet.

## Tuesday Fun Quiz

Next dates 9 and 30 January. There won't be a quiz on the last Tuesday in December as it coincides with Boxing Day.

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## Do you have experience in Health and Safety?

All Saints' Church in Chilton needs some help to advise us on health and safety. We need a volunteer with appropriate experience to look at our church building and our procedures to make sure that they meet requirements and advise on any changes/improvements needed. We would also need occasional advice on an ad hoc basis. We would really appreciate your help on this. Please give us a call on 01235 832484 or email [judithrussell100@gmail.com](mailto:judithrussell100@gmail.com) to have a chat and find out more.

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## Chilton Primary School

Chilton Primary School wish to recruit a part-time (8 hours per week, days and times by agreement) caretaker/handy person with effect from March 2024, to help keep our school building and grounds safe and well maintained. The role involves general maintenance tasks around school, so we are looking for someone with good general DIY skills such as plumbing, decorating and carpentry.

The role is subject to a DBS check, and successful applicants will need to undertake safeguarding training. If you are interested, please pop into the school office or email [sbm.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:sbm.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk) for more information.

Thanks

Christine Reardon

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## Tuesday Night Rose & Crown Fun Quiz

There is NO pub quiz in December. Quizzing returns in January with:

Tues Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 - (delayed Dec quiz)

Back to normal last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Thank you for your continued support. Hope to see you all again in 2024.

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## Charity Market

A fantastic £1320-50 was raised for SeeSaw at our November market. Thank you to everyone who supported the market that day. Again, by soon after 10-30am we had sold out of all our home baked goods.

Our Christmas Charity market for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December on Crafts End Green between 9am and midday. Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies while you wander round the stalls.

There will be an amazing raffle, some Christmas presents, jigsaws, books and of course all our freshly baked goods including Liz's famous individual meat pies, cheese tarts and hot pasties. There will be tempting millionaires' shortbread, lemon drizzle,

raspberry chocolate brownies sponge cakes, marmalades, jams and chutneys and much more. Any enquiries please contact either Liz on 834501 or Judy on 834503.



### **Christmas Charity Cryptic Quiz Sheet**

The Christmas Quiz sheet will be out on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and will be in aid of SeeSaw and is priced at £1-50.

Quiz sheets will be available from the Charity Market, Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater and Judy Goodall .

The last Quiz No 73 was won by Gill Riches and raised £170 for the Oxfordshire branch of the Motor Neuron Disease Association.



### **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

No café in December  
20 January 2024



Snowy walk near Chilton

### **The Winter Sketchbook and Coffee Club**

most Tuesdays 10.00 - 1.00

November – March

Venue: Lin Kerr's studio

- Facilitated by Lin
- All levels of ability welcomed.
- Includes short inspiration-talk.
- Draw for fun - bring your music.
- Tea, coffee and cake break to chat.
- Draw from photos or a still life.
- Single or multiple sessions
- email-booking essential
- a small friendly group
- £10 per session

for more info: [lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk](mailto:lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk)

41 Limetrees OX11 0HY

### **Warm Welcome Café**

Open every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the Morris room in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome.

Come and meet other villagers over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake and biscuits. Over lunch there is hot soup and delicious cheese scones.

There is no charge. We may be able to help with transport, please contact Norman and Judy 834503.



### **Linda's Quiz**

#### 10 Days of Christmas

- 1 The Spruce Goose was a flying boat designed by which American businessman & recluse?
- 2 Who was the Beatles drummer before Ringo Starr joined them?
- 3 In the film Chicken Run, Julia Sawalha voices which hen with the same name as a Spice Girl?
- 4 The name of which of the 4 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles doesn't end in O?
- 5 The daytime quiz show Going For Gold was hosted by which Irish born presenter in the 80s & 90s?
- 6 Lord Sugar hosts The Apprentice in the UK; who hosted it in the USA for 14 seasons?
- 7 The pipers of Campbelltown in Scotland featured on which UK number one of 1977?
- 8 The 2002 film Maid in Manhattan starred which actress & singer in the lead role?
- 9 Which breed of swan common to the UK is also the national bird of Finland?
- 10 The largest pear drop in the world is in a shopping centre in Lancashire & weighs 585 kg – true or false?



### **Will there be too much January at the end of your money?**

If things are going to be financially tight after Christmas, it may be that a bit of free budgeting help will make all the difference.

Have a look here <https://capuk.org/get-help> at all the opportunities to get money coaching from award-winning charity CAP UK - including a short day course on Saturday 3 February in Didcot. Call 07745 802030 or email [harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com](mailto:harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com) for more info. Budget don't fudge it!

**Monthly Parish Update from  
Vale of White Horse District Councillors**

**Cllr Hayleigh Gascoigne and Cllr Debra Dewhurst**

**Hello from Hayleigh and Debra**

It's November and with Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali over, we are naturally looking forward to other winter celebrations such as Christmas. If you are struggling this winter to pay for bills or keep your house warm, there is some information further on in this newsletter on how the council or other organisations can support you.

This month we have had discussions as a council about the future waste strategy – did you know that waste makes up half of the Vale of White Horse Council's emissions? We had training on safeguarding and being able to spot the signs in our community of when an adult or child may be in danger. If you spot something and a person is in immediate danger, then contact the emergency services on 999. You can also report any Safeguarding concerns to Oxfordshire's Safeguarding **Children** or **Adults** Boards, or contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (which Vale is part of) on one of the following numbers: Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): **0345 050 7666** Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

We also had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the Vale of White Horse District Council at Harwell's Remembrance Sunday Parade, remembering all those lost in the first and second world wars and all conflicts since. We will remember them.

**Council News**

**A new grant to help people stay warm and fed this winter:** will help support people in our communities who may otherwise struggle to afford essential things. Launched by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, the grant is aimed at local voluntary and community groups, and town and parish councils, who can use it to support those most in need in the districts. Organisations can apply for grants between £2,000 to £5,000, or up to £10,000 for collaborative projects between groups of two or more organisations.

**Over £82,000 awarded to expand youth activities:**

Children across Wantage, Grove and nearby neighbourhoods will soon have more exciting youth activities on offer, thanks to a funding boost for Sweatbox Community Youth Services from the Vale of White Horse District Council.

**Over £440,000 awarded to support swimming pools in South and Vale:** The award from Sport England will

help ensure residents continue to have access to good swimming facilities across the two districts.

**Over £130,000 boost for Didcot Wave gym:** The centre, located in Newlands Avenue, Didcot, will benefit from new cardio and resistance gym equipment early next year. The plan is to provide state of the art equipment – with some self-powered items that will reduce the energy consumption of Didcot Wave.

*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](http://www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh) & [www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell](http://www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell) Please get in touch with any issues or concerns, either via email: [hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) and [debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).*



**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](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/@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 13<sup>th</sup> December 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 27<sup>th</sup> December. **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  
834347

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

*Answers*

- 1 *Howard Hughes*
- 2 *Pete Best*
- 3 *Ginger*
- 4 *Raphael*
- 5 *Henry Kelly*
- 6 *Donald Trump*
- 7 *Mull of Kintyre*
- 8 *Jennifer Lopez*
- 9 *Whooper Swan*
- 10 *TRUE*





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

It's the variety that makes Christmas magical for me. Mince pies and dodgy knitwear, Santa and the star over the stable, silent nights and pine trees in party outfits. As short days grow shorter still, we fill them with fun and wait for that special day.

There's something for everyone in our churches over Christmas. What's your favourite? We have carol services that trace the story of Christmas, a chance to decorate the church Christmas trees, the magic of crib services, bells ringing out in celebration and, of course, midnight and morning services that usher in Christmas Day. What do you look forward to every year? What will you put in your calendar *this* year?

Christmas speaks to me of an ancient mystery freshly revealed: In an ordinary village, something beautiful happens: a baby is born. Beautiful, yes; special, yes; and also very, very normal. And yet...

We sing in the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." This village, this baby, this moment is remembered, this story is told around the world, because to Christians it's the moment that God's love breaks into our lives. God sees us, sees our world, knows the best and the worst of our hearts, and does the last thing you'd ever have guessed: God joins us, becomes one of us. This helpless baby is the Lord of heaven.

I hope you will enjoy the sheer variety of seasonal celebrations. At their heart is a strange story that holds a deep and life-changing truth, evidence of God's amazing love for all people. May that love enfold you at this Christmas time.

Revd Jeremy Parsons  
Rector  
Harwell and Chilton Churches

### What's coming up during December 2023 and January 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> 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** 14<sup>th</sup> December All Saints' Chilton and 28<sup>th</sup> December St Matthew's Harwell. 11<sup>th</sup> January (BCP) All Saints' Chilton and 25<sup>th</sup> January (BCP) St Matthew's Harwell. Everyone is welcome.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

### December/January Services (please check our website [harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](http://harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk) for any updates)

3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

#### **9<sup>th</sup> December ...4.00pm Family Carol Service, All Saints' Chilton**

10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP), All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Chilton Interactive, Chilton Village Hall  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell  
**6.30pm Family Carol Service, All Saints' Chilton**



17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
**4.00pm Family Carol Service, St Matthew's Harwell**  
**6.30pm Family Carol Service, St Matthew's Harwell**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 3.30pm Crib Service, All Saints' Chilton**

24<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
**3.30pm Crib Service, St Matthew's Harwell**  
  
**10.00pm Midnight Communion, All Saints' Chilton**  
**11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Matthew's Harwell**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am All Age Christmas Day Communion, All Saints' Chilton**  
**10.30am All Age Christmas Day Communion, St Matthew's Harwell**

31<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell  
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

7<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

14<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell  
10.30am Chilton Interactive, Chilton Village Hall  
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

21<sup>st</sup> January 9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

28<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell  
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

**Everyone is welcome.**