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Happy New Year

Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Chilton Garden Centre for donating the wonderful Christmas tree to All Saints' Church. The tree looks lovely shining out with its bright lights from the top of the church tower.

We are very grateful to the garden centre for supporting us by giving a beautiful tree.

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



2023 Poppy Appeal, Chilton

House to house collections in Chilton plus the boxes and collecting tins in the Curie Avenue shops and businesses raised a total of £1,528.60 for the 2023 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and a special thanks to all of the house-to-house collectors and businesses that had collecting tins. Many thanks, Hazel Benton, Chilton Village Poppy Appeal Organiser



December Charity Market

WOW! A fantastic £1,358 was raised for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital at our December market. Despite rather miserable weather there was a happy buzzing atmosphere, with warming mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and a terrific raffle and of course all the amazing baked goods. We thank everyone who baked, worked hard and supported us to make such a great total.



January Charity Market

The first market of the year will be on Saturday January 13th from 9am to midday on Crafts End Green. Money raised will go to the Didcot based "Felix Fund," the bomb disposal charity. Besides providing welfare support and financial assistance to serving personnel and veterans and their dependents they deliver preventative stress training. Come and be tempted by the amazing selection of home baked goods – Liz's chicken pies, beef pies, cheese tarts, hot pasties, breads, mouthwatering cakes, millionaires'

shortbread, lemon drizzle cakes, raspberry chocolate brownies, jams marmalades and much more. There will also be jigsaws and books.



New Year Celebration at the Rose And Crown

Sunday 31 December, 8pm till late. Music and fun with your friends, complimentary buffet, free entry and no tickets required.

Sunday Lunch Carvery

Roast Pork, Lamb, or Chicken 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.

Steak Night Saturday

Two steaks and a bottle of wine £35. Please book on 01235 862992.



New Class for 2024

Family Yoga for Parents and Children with Bloom with Daisy Yoga!

Children ages 2-12 welcome.

Coming to Chilton Field and Chilton in the New Year. Move, have fun and relax as a family as we go on an adventure each time with a different theme.

Check out my website for class dates or email me for more information.

Namaste.

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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 for more information.

Thanks

Christine Reardon

Tuesday Night Rose & Crown Fun Quiz

Tuesday Jan 9th- (delayed Dec quiz)

Back to normal last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 30th Jan.

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

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

20 January 2024

17th February 2024



Opportunity to train as an ARCh Reading Helper

ARCh volunteers work one to one with selected children in a primary school, close to their home or workplace, providing personalised support to boost confidence, build self-esteem and turn around negative attitudes to reading.

We are looking for more people to join us in making a real difference to children's lives.

All volunteers are vetted (including enhanced DBS) and receive initial and ongoing training and support as well as resources tailored to each child.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or supporter, or if you work in a school and are interested in our service, please email

info@archoxfordshire.org.uk

Please support us – you can donate via

<https://localgiving.org/donation/arch>



Registered Charity number 1146276

Company number 7962217

ARCh is committed to Safeguarding and this role is exempt from ROA 1974 and eligible for enhanced DBS certificate/barred list check

Linda's Quiz

1 More common in the USA what type of soup took its name from the French word for cauldron?

2 Which British singer of the 50s & 60s had a backing group called The Bruvvers?

3 If you are playing white in a game of chess, how many of your pieces could make the first move?

4 Which famous pirate sailed in a ship called Queen Anne's Revenge?

5 Paul Drake and Della Street were assistants to which TV lawyer?

6 What was Dorothy's surname in The Wizard of Oz?

7 Which fictional newspaper is edited by Perry White?

8 What is tattooed on Popeye's arms?

9 What is the official language of Surinam?

10 Buzz Aldrin wasn't the first man on the Moon, but he was the first man to do what on the Moon?



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 for more info.

Budget don't fudge it!

All Saints' Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January in All Saints' Church at 7.45pm. Hazel Benton will be our speaker and her topic "Our recent visit to Morocco". Visitors are most welcome to join us. Any enquiries please contact Judy on 01235 834503.

Chilton WI

The first WI meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is still to be confirmed.

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.

Warm Welcome Cafe

We meet every Tuesday in the Morris Room in the Village Hall, from 11am to 2pm All villagers are most welcome.

We first met on the 3rd January 2023 and have enjoyed meeting up every Tuesday since then. There is always a warm welcome, and plenty of hot drinks ,biscuits, home baked cakes and over lunch time cheese scones and a mug or bowl of soup. Please just call in for a chat and a cuppa. Help with transport can be arranged phone Judy on 01235 834503.



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

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Monthly Parish Update from

Vale of White Horse District Councillors

CLlr Hayleigh Gascoigne and CLlr Debra Dewhurst

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra

As we head towards Christmas, this will be our last update of the year. It has been a busy end to the year for us. This month the VWHDC has been finalising the 'preferred options' for our Joint Local Plan with South Oxfordshire District Council. The Joint Local Plan will guide the kinds of new housing and jobs needed and where they should go, informing planning application decisions for the districts. Consultation on the preferred options will open in the near year for residents and parish councils to comment on.

We know residents are very concerned about healthcare locally, as are we. This month Debra spoke at the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting to raise the issue of healthcare provision in and around the Didcot area. She also challenged Dan Leveson, the Place Director for the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) to give reassurances that the health centre planned for Great Western Park (GWP) will be built and asked him what is causing the delay. We are currently awaiting a response from Mr Leveson in writing and will share that when we have it.

We also raised the issue of dangerous parking around Costa and the other shops on Greenwood Way on GWP, with Thames Valley Police (TVP). Cars are being parked on the pavements reducing visibility, which could lead to an accident, but the situation is made all the more complicated because the roads are yet to be adopted. Chief Constable Jason Hogg kindly suggested a meeting between TVP and Western Valley Parish Council to see how this issue can be tackled, which we hope to set up in the new year.

Whether you are celebrating Christmas or just taking a break, we wish you and your families an enjoyable and restful festive period. We hope that you can spend much-needed time with your loved ones, and we wish you happiness and good health for the new year ahead.

Merry Christmas!

Council News

Council services over Christmas and New Year 2023/24

Abbey House – Reception will close at Abbey House from 4.30pm on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Waste collections – all you need to know about waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period – including the changes to the collection dates and what to do if collections are disrupted – is on our **Vale Christmas waste page**.

Housing – If you know anyone who is at immediate risk of being made homeless while our offices are closed, contact our out-of-hours service, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number to call is 01235 422420. If you see someone sleeping

rough and in an emergency situation you can call Streetlink on 0300 500 0914.

Cost of living help – The Community Hub will be closed from 4.30pm on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 8.30am. If you need support or advice over the festive period please **go to our Cost of living help pages for more information** or please contact our emergency out of hours phone number – 01235 422420.

Planning – Any planning applications or post submitted/received after 4.30pm on 22 December 2023, including electronic submissions, will be treated as having been received on our next working day, Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Council tax and benefits services – If anyone needs urgent help with council tax or benefits during the holidays, Capita's phone lines will be open as usual between 27 and 29 December.

Emergency Situations – There are details of what to do and who to contact during an emergency on our websites – **Emergency situations Vale**

Leisure Centres and Warm Spaces – over the Christmas period there will be changes to the opening times of our Better Leisure Centres, please check via the **Better UK website** or with staff at your local centre for details. Our Leisure Centres are also open as **Warm Spaces** this winter from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. Pop in and charge your phone, have a hot drink and chat with others.

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.



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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th January 2024 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 31st January 2024. **Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: parishclerkchilton@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 Chowder
- 2 Joe Brown
- 3 Ten (8 pawns & 2 knights)
- 4 Blackbeard (Edward Teach)
- 5 Perry Mason
- 6 Gale
- 7 Daily Planet
- 8 Anchor
- 9 Dutch
- 10 Have a pee