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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards, friendly visits, prayers and well wishes that I have received following my recent Stroke, but please no more chocolates, sweets, magazines and books.

Betty Cox

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March Charity Market

The market this month will be held on Saturday 9th March between 9.00 and 12.00 on Crafts End Green, just before Mothering Sunday. We will be raising funds for "The Alexandra House of Joy". This project on completion will offer a centre in Oxfordshire (Bicester) providing Day Time Support, Respite Services and Hospital Care for adults with severe and profound learning difficulties.

On sale will be an amazing selection of cakes, brownies, buns, millionaire's shortbread and of course Liz's now famous chicken and mushroom pies, beef pies, cheese tarts and hot pasties. There will also be pots of marmalade, jams and chutneys. Ponder over a wide range of books, jigsaws and some white elephant items and some colourful spring plants.

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ARTWEEKS 2024

Five artists in Blewbury at The Clubhouse
Lin Kerr (from Chilton) - still life oil paintings and quirky floral watercolours and four professional Blewbury artists:

Yvette Phillips - textile and embroidery art

Ellie Wong - semi-abstracts in acrylic

Josie Clouting - expressive landscapes

Julian March - ceramics for soul food

18 - 27 May

10am - 3.00 Monday to Friday

10.00am - 5.00 Weekends and Bank Holiday Monday

The Clubhouse, (opposite Savages) Boham's Road, Blewbury, OX11 9HF

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Wanted

The Village Hall Management Committee needs some volunteers to help run the Hall and the Community Room. We are very lucky to have two excellent venues for all sorts of village activities, but it does take people to help keep them running efficiently. Please can you think about offering some time to help run a village asset. The Committee usually meets about once a month in the Village Hall. Any volunteers with accounts knowledge would be particularly helpful but don't let that put you off from offering to help, there are other roles as well.

For more information, please contact Liz Morris parishclkchilton@btinternet.com or Chris Broad 01235 834347

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Paddock for rent

The Parish Council has a small paddock for rent, it is 0.8acre and adjacent to the Garden Centre, it has a field shelter but no water supply. Please contact the Clerk, parishclkchilton@btinternet.com for further information.

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News from the Rose and Crown

PADDY'S DAY PARTY WITH LIVE MUSIC!

"Special Raiders" visit the Rose and Crown on **Sunday 17 March** to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Live music from 6 pm featuring Country Rock and Irish too. Complimentary nibbles as well!

SIX NATIONS RUGBY LIVE AT THE ROSE AND CROWN

The Six Nations Championship reaches its climax this month, and you can watch all the matches live on the big screen television at the Rose and Crown, enjoying drinks at popular prices and complimentary refreshments during each match.

Round 4 matches are on the weekend of 9 and 10 March, with the big fixture England v Ireland at 4.45 pm on Saturday 9 March. The three Round 5 matches all take place on Saturday 16 March, culminating with France v England at 8 pm.

STEAK NIGHT SATURDAY

Two steaks and a bottle of wine £40.

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: £14.95 (£7.95 for under 10 year olds, free for under 5 year olds – one per adult). Please book on 01235 862992.

FUN QUIZ ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next quiz **Tuesday 25 March**

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

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Chilton Amphi-fest - Save the date

We are looking to host a mini festival at the Amphitheatre again on **Sat 3rd August**. Format very similar to two years ago, bring a blanket and some food, drink and enjoy great acts and weather. If you would like to perform (maybe you are in a choir, band, group, dance act, want to perform a piece of work etc) please get in touch.

We think it would be good if anyone would like to have a stall to sell anything, maybe WI, Scarecrows, Cubs/Guides want to have a stand with food/drink/BBQ or anything else you feel would help the day.

We are also looking for sponsorship to help cover the cost of the day, so if you work for an organisation and would like to donate to help cover the costs, please get in touch. If you have any other thoughts or ideas, or maybe want to help, please get in touch, markursocale@hotmail.com

Thank you

Mark Urso-Cale

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February Charity Market

A fantastic £1,054.24 was raised at the February Charity Market. This means that The Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, Sobell House, (the charity that the 2nd Chilton Scout Group were supporting) and the Warm Welcome Cafe will each receive just over £350. A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

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Chilton Based Cleaner

Local domestic cleaner available, can use own products or your own if you prefer. Please contact Helen on 07545479178

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Linda's Quiz

General Knowledge

- 1 Which Prime Minister was MP for Kirkcaldy & Cowdenbeath?
- 2 What was Joanna Lumley's character called in The New Avengers?
- 3 Up to 1999 it was nationalised as British Steel; from 2010 it's been known as Tata; what was its name from 1999 to 2010?
- 4 Nils Bohlin while working at Volvo in 1959 invented which car safety feature?

- 5 In which city would you find Dealey Plaza?
 - 6 Which actor and comedian who passed away in April 2023 created the character Sir Les Patterson?
 - 7 In 1859 the Whigs became which political party?
 - 8 Which actor played Doc Brown in the Back To The Future film series?
 - 9 In order to be "stainless" steel it must contain at least 10.5% of which element?
 - 10 How much CO2 makes up the Earth's atmosphere – 0.04%, 0.4% or 4.0%?
- Answers on back page*

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Girlguiding

Are you thinking of volunteering? Would you like to make a difference? Join us in helping all girls know they can do anything! ✨ ✨

Become a Girlguiding volunteer and join a community who are inspiring girls and gaining new skills and lifelong friends along the way.

We have a Guide unit that meets in the village on Friday nights - we would love a volunteer to join our team.

We also would love to start an extra Rainbow and Brownie unit in the area to help more girls with their Girlguiding journey.

Please get in touch with any questions about these opportunities - contact Rachel - 07766900190 or email - millbrookdistrictcommssioner@gmail.com

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All Saints' Group

At our next meeting on Tuesday 12th March, we will be welcoming our Rector, Rev Jeremy Parsons, as our speaker. We meet at 7-45pm in All Saints' Church and welcome visitors. Any enquiries please contact Judy on 01235 834503.

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Chilton WI

The March meeting will be on Thursday 21st March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

This month's meeting will a games evening and when we will have a fun Bingo Night with Shona and Liz calling the numbers.

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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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

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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. See you on 16th March.

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Warm Welcome Cafe

What do you normally do on Tuesdays at lunch time? Do you know that there is a "Warm Welcome Cafe" in the Morris Room in the Village Hall from 11am until 2pm every Tuesday?

All are welcome.

Come and meet other villagers over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice or two of homemade cake and biscuits. Over lunch time enjoy some home-baked cheese scones and a mug of soup. There is no charge. If you are looking for a warm welcome and friendly conversation or you would like to join the jigsaw puzzle team why not come along?

Finding it difficult to get there? Help with transport could be provided, please contact Judy and Norman Goodall on 01235 834503.

Cryptic Quiz Sheets No 75

The next quiz will be on sale at the next market March 9th and will be to raise funds for The Chilton Lunch Club whose members meet once a week on a Thursday for a hot meal and companionship. Quiz sheets will also be available from:

Atomic Hair

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close

Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End

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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

At the start of February, Debra with the Western Valley Parish Council, organised a

meeting with Thames Valley Police officers and the Police and Crime Commissioner, to discuss the issue of dangerous and illegal parking on Great Western

Park. The parish council is planning to implement some solutions to deter this. If you see illegal parking, dangerous driving or crimes being committed, then log the activity on the police website -

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-us/> or call 101.

This allows the police to build a base of evidence to take action. Of course, if an emergency, always call 999.

As mentioned in our last update, the Joint Local Plan 'preferred options' is open for consultation and will run until 11.59pm on Monday 26 February 2024. The Joint Local Plan sets out a strategy for both Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council areas in terms of the housing (type/location), infrastructure and employment – amongst other things. Once adopted, all planning applications that are determined by our council will be following the policies within it – so it's important we get it right. Visit southandvale.gov.uk/JLP to find out more and have your say.

The previous plan committed both districts to delivering a large amount of housing which, for the most part, are carried through into the new plan but there are no new allocations for housing sites.

We have continued to chase answers to the questions we asked Dan Leveson (NHS Place Director for Oxfordshire, BOB ICB) regarding the planned Great Western Park Health Centre. We asked these questions in November at the public HOSC meeting. Sadly, we still feel our questions have not been sufficiently answered. Here is the latest update sent by Dan and his team: <https://www.bucksoxonberksw.icb.nhs.uk/our-places/great-western-park-didcot-gp-services/>

We are pushing for a meeting between Dan, the ICB and parish councils.

Council News

Vale Scrutiny: The Vale of White Horse Scrutiny Committee, on which Hayleigh sits, met on 5th February to discuss the future of the Beacon in Wantage, the Corporate Plan and the Annual Budget. These were three large and important topics for our council. You can see the full agenda and public papers here on the Vale website. Councils up and down the country are under immense pressure to deliver services against the backdrop of rising costs and little extra support from government. The good news is, we were able to set a balanced budget this year without a cut to services.

Councils seek volunteers to recommend councillors' allowances: Would you like to be involved in setting councillors' expenses and allowances that are reasonable for the work they do? By law, we are required to appoint a panel of independent people and are inviting members of the local community, the business community, or voluntary organisations to apply. See the Vale website for more information.

Game, Set and Match! £165,500 investment in new tennis courts for Abingdon: There's great news for tennis fans – who will soon be able to play all year round thanks to a revamp of the courts in Abingdon. Work is due to begin to install four new 3G Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) tennis courts at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre. Vale of White Horse District Council own the centre and the land surrounding it and have invested money from CIL and S106 contributions from housing developers. We're proud that the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre is of a standard that it is used for professional tennis tournaments.

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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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

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.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th March 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 **Monday 25th March. 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 Gordon Brown
- 2 Purdey
- 3 Corus
- 4 3 point seat belt
- 5 Dallas
- 6 Barry Humphries
- 7 Liberals
- 8 Christopher Lloyd
- 9 Chromium
- 10 0.04%