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Thank You

Pat, Vicky and Mark Hillier would like to say thank you very much to everybody for all their support, kind words and cards following Adrian's death.

Thank you.

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held **on Wednesday 17th April 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>

All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question, or just listen.

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Found

An earring was found near the back of All Saints' Church on Tuesday 12th March. Enquiries about it can be made to Rev Pam Rolls at pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk

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Tell The County Council Your Priorities for Improving Oxfordshire's Bus Services

The Oxfordshire Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) sets out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) key ambitions for improving the local bus network and how the county council and bus companies will work in partnership to deliver them.

Oxfordshire was successful in receiving over £14m of BSIP funding from the Department for Transport to deliver improvements between April 2022 and March 2025. This funding is going towards a number of projects from large scale bus priority measures in Oxford, to new bus services (such as the X34 between Didcot and Newbury via Chilton) and discounted travel. For further information please see the website: **<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/bus-service-improvement-plan>**

OCC is updating its BSIP this summer which will include proposals beyond March 2025. There is no guarantee of any further government funding being available, however OCC is excited about the opportunity this presents and wants to ensure that the updated

Improvement Plan reflects the views of Oxfordshire residents and those visiting or working in the county.

To help OCC develop and update the plan it is keen to hear from people who already use buses and also from those who currently do not. OCC also wants to hear from public, private and voluntary organisations who have an interest in making our bus services work better.

Your views will help OCC shape the BSIP particularly for plans beyond March 2025. You can access the survey at:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-bus-improvement-plan-2024>

Alternatively you can get a paper copy of the survey by phoning the OCC Customer Services team on 01865 816000 or emailing consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk

The deadline for responses is 11.59 pm on Sunday 14 April.

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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.

The future of the halls is at risk if volunteers do not come forward.

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

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The D Day Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone – Saturday 8th June

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, an annual parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Oxford Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day.

We will be joining the nation by recognizing the 80th anniversary this year, with a commemorative service taking place on **Saturday 8th June**.

Persons can assemble at the stone from 5pm for the service starting at 5.30pm after Legion, Service Standards and Cadet Forces Standard have marched on. Attendees should note there are no facilities at the stone.

For those wanting to know more details of the Parade or wish to lay a wreath at the Memorial can contact the Harwell Branch Ceremonial Officer Peter Davies using the email address, harwell.vicechairman@rbl.community
Peter Davies
Ceremonial Officer
Harwell Branch RBL

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News From the Rose and Crown

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY OPENING

The pub will be open from 12 noon to 8pm on Bank Holiday Monday 1 April.

Sunday lunch carvery as usual on Easter Day, 31 March

- 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.

STEAK NIGHT SATURDAY

Two steaks and a bottle of wine £40.

Please book on 01235 862992.

FUN QUIZ ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next quiz Tuesday 30 April

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

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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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Chilton WI

The April meeting will be on Thursday 18th April at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

This month's meeting will be an informative and entertaining talk on the history and etiquette of afternoon tea from Shaun.

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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Linda's Quiz

- 1 Deep Blue was an early computer AI designed to play which game?
- 2 In New England which seafood is traditionally cooked in a bed of seaweed in a clay pit?
- 3 Which comedian who passed away in 2021 was best known as a team captain on 8 Out Of 10 Cats?
- 4 Which non-alcoholic cocktail is made with ginger ale & grenadine garnished with a cherry?
- 5 In which British city is Heriot-Watt University?
- 6 Which sports commentator was known for gems such as "there's nothing wrong with the car except it's on fire"?
- 7 Which bright star in the night sky is often called the Dog Star?
- 8 In the 1950s the Birmingham Small Arms company produced a quarter of the worlds market of which type of vehicle?
- 9 In the New Avengers which character was played by Gareth Hunt alongside Patrick McNee and Joanna Lumley?
- 10 Who has the lowest IQ – a moron, an imbecile, or an idiot?

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April Charity Market

The market this month will be held on Saturday 13th April between 9am and midday on Crafts End Green. We will be raising funds for the charity " Action Against Hunger," who are working to try to alleviate the crisis in Gaza, where one third of the children in Northern Gaza are suffering from severe acute malnutrition, the most life-threatening form of hunger. Where nearly two thirds of households in Northern Gaza, people have gone entire days without eating at least ten times in the last month.

Since October Action Against Hunger have been able to reach almost 425,000 people so far. Their work has included :

- *Distributing over 2.2 million litres of drinking water
- *Building 30 toilet blocks and handwashing stations
- * Supporting 105,000 women and girls through their water, sanitation and hygiene services
- * Distributing over 48,000 food baskets one food basket is enough to feed a family of 6 for 15 days
- * Providing a cleaning service in shelters for people fleeing from their homes

Any money raised will help them deliver vital aid as quickly as possible.

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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All Saints' Group

At our next meeting on Tuesday 9th of April we will welcome Sue Collard who will be running a question and answer session on recycling at Chilton Waste. We meet at 7:45 PM in All Saints' Church and welcome visitors. Any inquiries please contact Judy on 01235 834 503.

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March Charity Market

Thank you to everyone who supported the March market for the Alexander House of Joy when we raised the great total of £954.50. We were amazed that we had sold out of all our cakes and pies by soon after 10:30 AM.

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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 20th April.

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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.

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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 into spring, it's lovely to see the daffodils sprouting up across the ward.

During February, Vale of White Horse District Council held a full council meeting where the annual budget was set for the 2024/2025 financial year. Despite the major challenges all councils continue to face, including government funding increases not keeping pace with inflation, council tax limited to a below inflation increase, the continued rise in the cost of living and ongoing economic and political uncertainty, the budget does not propose any reductions to district council services and continues to invest in key areas.

Both councils' have launched the Playing Pitch and Leisure Facilities Consultations which will decide what sport facilities are needed in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. The consultation is open until the 17th April on our [Join the Conversation Page](#) on the Vale website so do have your say. Sports clubs and organisations across the Vale will also be consulted.

On 1st March, the Cabinet member for affordable housing, infrastructure, development and governance at the Vale, Cllr Sue Caul, approved the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds (20% of which is ring fenced for public healthcare) to support the Great Western Park Health centre project. CIL is money collected from developers. It can be spent on any number of local projects and this 20% pot of money is allocated generically for healthcare. This is in addition to the S106 money ring fenced specifically for the GWP health centre.

Council News

Retrofitting measures: A large portion of greenhouse gas emissions come from people's homes. The councils have set up new webpages to help residents who want to retrofit energy-saving measures to their properties but are unsure if they need planning permission. This specially created online guide offers information whether people want to add simple insulation, solar panels, air source heat pumps or cladding to their

properties. They can be found at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/retrofitting-rules

Council Tax: For 2024-25, council tax for services provided by Vale of White Horse District Council has been set at £156.69 for a Band D property for the entire year. Vale residents will therefore continue to pay one of the lowest rates in the country for services provided by a shire district and significantly less than the equivalent fee paid by those living in Oxford. The district council's services are funded, in part, by only a small portion (7 per cent) of the total council tax paid by Vale households.

Changes to garden waste services: South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have set out plans to change the way their garden waste service is paid for in 2025. The councils' have agreed a permit scheme from April 2025 which will include subscribers receiving a sticker for their bins to identify them as fully paid-up.

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.

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<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 24th April **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 *Chess*

2 *Clams*

3 *Sean Lock*

4 *Shirley Temple*

5 *Edinburgh*

6 *Murray Walker*

7 *Sirius*

8 *Motorcycle*

9 *Mike Gambit*

10 *An idiot (IQ 0-25)*

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



Chat, Supper and Explore

We are lucky to have beautiful churches in Harwell and Chilton and even better, behind the church buildings there is a small army of brilliant people who serve our community in many different ways from providing a warm welcome to everyone who joins the services, to bustling toddler play groups, from engaging kids and youth events to specialist services for those struggling with debt and food poverty.

And in addition to all these great things, we also run Alpha Courses. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. No matter your background or beliefs. Last year, globally 1.89 million people did Alpha in 148 countries. In the UK alone over 4,000 churches and organisations ran a course.

We are now coming to the end of our current course at St Matthews, Harwell. Just over 20 of us have been meeting every Monday evening for a delicious supper followed by a talk and then discussion time to explore the big issues around faith – with lots of cake and coffee to help!

A highlight of the course is always the away day which was last Saturday in Aston Tirrold. This is a special opportunity to take time out to explore deeper and reflect. As we shared stories from the day after the event it is clear that the course has a profound effect on many of the attendees. And judging by how late everyone stayed last Monday they are evidently hungry for more! And that is one of the great joys of Alpha, seeing new friendships form as people journey together over the weeks.

If you are interested in Alpha then please visit our website (www.harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk) where you will find more information and a place to register your interest in our next course

What's coming up during April and May 2024

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.

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 (all BCP) 11th April All Saints' Chilton and 25th St Matthew's Harwell. 9th May All Saints' Chilton and 23rd St Mathew'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).

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

7th April **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

14th April 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 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

21st April **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell

28th April 9.30am Intergenerational Worship, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Intergenerational Worship St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

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

12th May 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

19th May **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship (BCP), St Matthew's Harwell

26th May 9.30am Intergenerational Worship, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Intergenerational Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our services.