

Chilton Chronicle

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Update from The Crown

'The Crown at Chilton is now open Wed-Sun, and we expect to be open seven days a week in the weeks ahead. Please keep an eye on social media and signage outside the pub for updates. At the moment we are doing hot food Fri-Sun, which changes each week, with cheese, ploughmans and charcuterie boards. The new kitchen is currently under construction and more news to follow soon...'

The Crown - Supper Pub Quiz

'**Tuesday 22nd April.** Food from 7pm, quiz starts at 8pm. £20 entry - includes hot supper in a bowl, pint/glass of wine/soft drink and quiz entry. Monthly cash prize accumulator. Maximum teams of 6 please. Booking is required via hello@thecrownatchilton.co.uk. Please pop into the pub if you have any queries.'

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April Charity Market

We will be raising funds for "Be Free Young Carers" at our charity market on **Saturday April 12th** on Crafts End Green from 9:00 am until midday. This Oxfordshire charity, based in Harwell, provides essential support and advice to local young carers to improve their own lives and well-being. There will be an Easter theme to the market which of course will include all the usual delicious homemade pies, pasties, cakes, breads, jams, marmalades and chutney. There will be an opportunity to win a basket full of Easter goodies. There will also be some plants for sale. Come early not to be disappointed.

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March Charity Market

It was an incredibly fast, furious and friendly morning at the March market and we were completely sold out before 11:00 am. The market raised the wonderful total of £1,190 for Chilton children's clubs and activities. Thank you to everyone who supported us and we hope to see you again in April.

No Oasis Café in April

There will not be an Oasis Coffee morning in April as the third Saturday of the month falls on Easter Saturday.

Our next Oasis coffee morning will be on **Saturday 17th May**. See you there!

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Church Flowers

All Saints' Chilton will be beautifully decorated with flowers for Easter Sunday, **20th April**. Please come along to view the flowers on Easter Sunday or anytime during the following few days.

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Warm Welcome Café

A warm welcome awaits you every Tuesday morning in the Morris room in the Village Hall from 11am until 2:00 pm. Call in for a free hot drink, homemade cake and biscuits, and lunch time soup and tasty cheese scones. Come and meet friends, neighbours and other villagers in a relaxed, friendly environment.

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80th Anniversary of VE Day

It will be the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on **Thursday 8th May**. Whilst VE Day is the 8th May, to support this year's momentous anniversary, the bank holiday **Monday 5th May** has been officially dedicated to community celebrations.

So it is time to start thinking about what you want to do to celebrate. Street parties, BBQ's, Tea and Cake, Drinks parties. Anything goes - just so long as it is a celebration of our Second World War veterans. Let's make Monday 5th May a day to both remember their efforts and to honour the freedom that VE Day represents.

There are lots of resources available to help you celebrate. Bunting, flags, tablecloths, paper plates, etc. Take a look on Google or in local shops.

If you want any further information, please contact Hazel Benton, Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser on hazel.benton@btinternet.com.

All Saints' Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:45pm in All Saints' Church. We are a mixed group of women and men and we always welcome visitors and new members. This month we will be meeting on Tuesday 8th April. Our planned speaker will be a probation officer who worked supporting prisoners at Grendon Underwood Prison. Please contact Judy Goodall for more information on 01235 834503.

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Chilton WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 17th April** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall when we plan to hold a 'bingo evening'. We are a very friendly group and look forward to welcoming new members and visitors. Please just turn up or for more information, contact Liz Robbins 834501 or Shona Sugden 831723.

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Cryptic Quiz Sheets No 79

Cryptic quiz sheets are now on sale on the theme of "Symbols on Ordnance Survey maps" to raise funds for "Hamlin Fistula UK". This charity supports free treatment and aftercare for women in Ethiopia with childbirth injuries causing obstetric fistula. On sale now at the new price of £2.00 which will include free answer sheet available from Judy after the closing date. Quiz sheets will be available from:

- Atomic Hair
- Charity Market on Crafts End Green, April 12th
- Audrey Slater 9, Latton Close
- Judy Goodall 43, Crafts End

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Cricket in Chilton

Based at Harwell Campus, Harwell International Cricket Club is your local Chilton cricket club! We are a growing club, expanding to 2 Saturday league teams for 2025 and looking for new adult members. We offer cricket for all levels of players, with a range of weekly fixtures including Saturday league games in the Cherwell league, Wednesday evening T20 fixtures in the local area, and Sunday friendlies at home and around clubs in beautiful Oxfordshire. We hold weekly net sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm on

the main field next to DiSH at Harwell Campus. If you are interested come along to nets or get in contact with harwell.cricket@gmail.com for more information.



A Monster Calls, 16-19 July, Orchard Dene Garden Theatre

We held the first gathering of our cast and production team last weekend for welcomes, introductions and to read the play together. There's also lots of activity with onsite theatre design meetings and we will soon be able to share our online poster design. We have very experienced cast members and director Sabina Netherclift is bringing other talented industry professionals along with her to help us create Conor's world. This promises to be a very special production. Lots of wonderful and imaginative ideas abound. If you'd like to get involved in the non-performing roles please contact us at blewburyplayers@gmail.com.

We are particularly looking for people interested in FRONT OF HOUSE ROLES.

Friends Evening, 14 March, The Lost Art of Keeping a Secret

This year, The Linnet Theatre performed a rehearsed reading version of their play The Lost Art of Keeping a Secret. George Brooks was born and raised in Blewbury and appeared in Blewbury Players' productions since the age of eight. He has now graduated from Guildford School of Acting and is a founding member of The Linnet Theatre. There was a wonderful turn out to watch their performance. Blewbury Players and Linnet Theatre would like to pass on their appreciation of the support and reception they received. The company are currently in rehearsal for their first full production of the Script at the Drayton Arms Theatre, London on the 4th and 5th of May. If you're intrigued as to what happens next, or want to support this brand new piece of theatre, the link to tickets is here:

www.thedraytonarmstheatre.co.uk/the-lost-art-of-keeping-a-secret

Diary Dates: Summer Box Office opens for Friends Box on 4 June and general sales on 6 June

Jeff and Peter's Music Quiz – November, 2025

Linda's Quiz

General Knowledge

1. What was the first name of Dr McCoy in the original Star Trek?
2. What piece of sporting equipment is almost exclusively made from material on Ailsa Craig?
3. Which craftsman is most likely to use a tool called a hawk?
4. Which brand of detergent was reckoned to have a blue whitener?
5. Which singer/songwriter has been nominated for Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in Wicked?
6. Which Rodgers & Hammerstein musical features the song When I Marry Mr Snow & You'll Never Walk Alone?
7. Who was Hitler's Minister for Armaments & War Production during WW2?
8. Who represented the UK at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 at the age of 76?
9. Which after shave adverts claimed that you should "be careful how you use it"?
10. What is 20 degrees centigrade in Fahrenheit?

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Vale of White Horse District Councillors

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra:

Spring is just around the corner, and we have been so delighted to see the sun shine so much. We hope that with the improvement in the weather, the major flooding issues that have plagued our area will be alleviated somewhat. However, if you continue to experience issues, then do get in touch and we can contact the appropriate agency to take action.

On 31st March, Didcot Powerhouse will be hosting an impact report launch event. *What is Didcot Powerhouse?* The Didcot Powerhouse Fund is a donor advised fund, managed by the Oxfordshire Community Foundation and hosted by Didcot First. They collect funds from local enterprises and businesses and redistribute them in the Didcot area (including the surrounding villages) to charity and community groups who may not otherwise have the resources to apply for national grants. If you want to learn more about how the group works, who it helps or perhaps even make a donation – please contact Hayleigh (who sits on the Advisory Board) who can help you register for the launch event.

Local Government Reorganisation continues to dominate the work of the council as it will for the

foreseeable future. The leader of the council continues to meet with leaders of the neighbouring councils in order to come to a consensus on what will be best for our area. Two clear options on the table at the moment appear to be either an Oxfordshire unitary or a rural combined authority comprising Vale, South and West Berkshire. The government is mainly engaging with county councils, and so will take proposals from them. Ultimately, the government will decide what it wants. To read more information about this, [see papers](#) from Vale's extraordinary council meeting on 19th February. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for us as councillors, please do email us. As a reminder, council meetings are held in public and if you wish to address council or committee, you can contact Democratic Services ahead of time. If you need more guidance on this, please let us know!

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 and www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell Please get in touch with any issues or concerns via email

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Councillor - Councillor Sally Povolotsky (Hendreds & Harwell Division)

Hello Residents,

Please find Latest News and Information online:

<https://hendredsandharwell.mycouncillor.org.uk>

You can call me on - 07939 912997.

Email me at: sally.povolotsky@oxfordshire.gov.uk

March Update from Olly Glover, MP

'This month, I met many constituents in surgeries, out and about, and online—technology makes it easier to connect. And of course, our constituency is rich in technology, engineering and science; it was a privilege to meet some of the Harwell Space cluster and visit Williams Engineering.

Often, I am meeting constituents who need support; flooding has continued to need attention, and many constituents have contacted me about the appalling track record of Thames Water. I

supported Charlie Maynard, MP, in challenging Thames Water's significant water bill increases and ongoing debt-financing and will continue to do so. I am engaging with the agencies responsible for flood management, pushing to see preventative and mitigation work completed as soon as possible.

In Parliament, it was an honour to speak in the debate to mark the third anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. The tragic situation has also shown the best of our constituency and I was able to recognise the huge contribution of local families and charities.

During a rally at Westminster of those who provide adult social care, I was able to show my support, and since then I have been able to voice, including on BBC Radio Oxford, just how important and urgent the review of adult social care is.

Whilst I was pleased to see that revised planning was put in place for the GP surgery at Great Western Park, there's still a long way to go, and I will continue to press those involved so we see GPs and other professionals providing care for residents.

As a Transport Select Committee member, I raised concerns about barriers to bus use, especially in villages, which affect many constituents.

With the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Motor Neurone disease (MND), it was an honour to visit the Kings MND Care and Research Centre and see their work.

Finally, I was pleased to hear the local elections are going ahead in May. This is your opportunity to listen to the candidates and vote for who represent your needs.

If you have concerns, would like to meet me or would like me to visit you, please contact me at:

Olly.glover.MP@parliament.uk

For more regular updates you can follow me on Bluesky: [@ollyglover.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/ollyglover.bsky.social) and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OllyGloverLD/>

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Parish Council Notices

Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices

The Parish Council has received advanced notices that Hagbourne Hill and the village roads (Townsend, Church Hill, Main Street and Lower Road) will be subject to 2 temporary closures for:

Surface Dressing, 27 April - 1 May 2025, 9:30-15:30
Surface Sealing, 8-11 May 2025, 04:00-18:00

Neighbourhood Police Team

wantageneighbourhoodpoliceteam@thamesvalley.police.uk phone 101

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 **Annual Parish Council Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 7th May 2025** at 8.00pm in the Community Room and the **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Monday 19th May 2025** at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. The agendas will be published on the Council's website. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council's website can be found at <https://www.parish-council.com/chilton> where you will be able to find 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 by **Wednesday 30th April**.

Clerk: Jacquie Berry

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Council Chairman: Mr Chris Broad

14 Latton Close, 01235 834347

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

Answers

- 1 *Leonard*
- 2 *Curling stones*
- 3 *Plasterer*
- 4 *Daz*
- 5 *Ariana Grande*
- 6 *Carousel*
- 7 *Albert Speer*
- 8 *Engelbert Humperdinck*
- 9 *Hai Karate*
- 10 *68*



News from St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton

I wonder if, like me, you are pleased to experience lighter mornings and evenings as the days lengthen? The sight of spring flowers such as snowdrops, primroses and daffodils are beautiful to behold. If you walk through the churchyard at All Saints' Chilton you will see plenty of snowdrops nodding their heads in the breeze, as well as other spring flowers.

Listening to birdsong is so uplifting too. There's nothing like it for raising my spirits when I feel down. Recently I had the joyous experience of a robin landing in a hedge nearby and singing his heart out only a few feet away from me. Despite the cold and rather drab day, his song was a great blessing to me. Perhaps you enjoy listening to the birdsong too – and maybe you are better than me at identifying birds from their songs!

It is natural for us to feel low at times but I'm reminded of Jesus' promise "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Christians believe that, when we trust in Jesus, he lifts our burdens and accompanies us every second of every day. This doesn't mean that life becomes easy and that we don't go through difficult times, but we can know that we are not alone. We can also be supported by friends through their prayers and practical help.

As we approach, Holy Week and Easter, I hope you will feel welcome to join us at our services (see details below) or that you feel able to ask for a conversation with one of our church team. We'd love you to join us in this most special season of the year.

With blessings.

Pam

Rev Pam Rolls, Associate Minister, Harwell with Chilton

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 (BCP) 11.00am 10th April All Saints' Chilton, 24th April St Matthew's Harwell, and 8th May All Saints' Chilton. 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).

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

- 6th April** **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
- 13th April 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Holy Communion St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship (BCP), St Matthew's Harwell
- 17th April** **Maundy Thursday Passover Supper with Communion St Matthew's Harwell**
- 18th April** **Good Friday 'At the Cross' 9.30am All Saints' Chilton and**
11.00am St Matthew's Harwell
- 19th April** **8.00pm Easter Vigil All Saints' Chilton**
- 20th April** **Easter Sunday**
9.30am Family Communion, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Family Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
- 27th April 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am All Age Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
- 4th May** **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
- 11th May 10.30am Chilton Interactive, Chilton Village Hall
10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship (BCP), St Matthew's Harwell
- 18th May** **9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton**
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
- 25th May 9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton
10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
6.00pm Evening Communion, St Matthew's Harwell
- 29th May** **7.45pm Ascension Day St Matthew's Harwell**

Additional Easter Services

- 17th April 7.45pm **Maundy Thursday**, Holy Communion All Saints' Chilton
- 18th April 9.30am **Good Friday**, 'At the Cross' All Saints' Chilton
- 18th April 11.00am **Good Friday**, 'At the Cross' St Matthew's Harwell
- 19th April 8.00pm **Easter Vigil**, All Saints' Chilton
- 29th May 7.45pm **Ascension Day**, St Matthew's Harwell

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