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Oktoberfest

The Crown at Chilton's Oktoberfest, Friday 3rd October from 4pm and Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th from noon. This Beer and Sausage Festival will include 35+ beers, German Sausages and Bavarian Music. All the family are welcome.

Tickets are available from The Crown and The George or online via Eventbrite.

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Poppy Appeal 2025

We will be calling House to House in the village during the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. The dates for collection are between Saturday 25th October and Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough collectors to cover all the roads in both parts of the village. If you would be interested in helping with this worthy cause and could spare a few hours calling at some houses, please contact me. Any help is gratefully appreciated. We particularly need collectors in Chilton Field.

Hazel Benton

Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Charity Markets

Thank you to everyone who supported the charity market in **September** which was held for the Oxfordshire branch of Crohn's and Colitis UK which raised the great total of £950.75. Despite the very windy weather we were sold out by soon after 11o'clock. With the winter weather approaching we now plan to close the market by 11.30 and maybe a little earlier if we have sold out, so please come early to avoid disappointment.

The **October Market** will be held on **Saturday October 11th from 9am to 11.30am** on Crafts End Green. We will be raising funds for "**Helen and Douglas House**". Come and stock up on Liz's

amazing pies, hot pasties, goat's cheese tarts and a wide selection of yummy cakes, tarts, brownies etc and jars of marmalade, jam and chutney. There will also be a few plants and jigsaws.

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Chilton churchyard working party

Saturday 1st November

Your help is needed!

All Saints' churchyard is a beautiful feature of our village which needs regular maintenance. A working party to tackle a range of jobs will be held on **Saturday 1st November**. Your help any time between 9am and 12 noon would be much appreciated.

The main jobs are: weeding the borders in the Garden of Remembrance, trimming and tidying round gravestones, removing side shoots from the lime trees and of course raking leaves.

For those looking for a heartier workout there is some clearing of the French drains around the church to be done.

Please bring tools e.g. forks, secateurs, takes, bags for garden waste etc.

Refreshments will be provided.

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Warm Welcome Café

The Warm Welcome Café is held every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the Morris room in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome and refreshments are free. Drop in for a quick chat and a refreshing drink and/or stay for longer and enjoy a light lunch of cheese scones, a cup of soup and a slice or two of homemade cake.

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Oasis Café

Oasis Café is an opportunity for villagers to gather once a month for a coffee (or tea!) and a friendly chat in relaxed surroundings. The next Café will be held in All Saints' Church on **Saturday 18th October** between 10.00 and 12.00. See you there!

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Tea Party

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan tea party on Saturday 6th September on Crafts End Green, we made the amazing sum of £1,005.85! Thank you to everyone who made cakes, donated raffle prizes, served cakes and teas and coffees and helped with the setting up and clearing away. It was a lovely event and sun even came out for us! A special thank you to Marie Hughes who procured an amazing array of raffle prizes.

Chilton WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 16th October**. This is our birthday meeting and we will celebrate with a Ceilidh with the Pandemonium folk music group, followed by refreshments. For more information, please contact Liz Robbins 834501 or Shona Sugden 831723.

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All Saints Group

Our Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th October** at 7.45pm in All Saints Church. Our speaker Amanda will tell us about "Family of Hope". This charity helps Ugandan Children with special educational needs find a secure educational and caring environment where they can thrive and improve their prospects. We are a small friendly group and visitors are most welcome.

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September update from Chilton Primary School

This month, we celebrate our 75th birthday. On **October 2nd**, our school will be in party mode as we celebrate 75 years of service to our incredible community. We will be open to the public from **3:45 pm**,



armed with tour guides, celebratory artwork, photos, items from our archives and even a slice of cake to help us celebrate. Whether you or someone you love has passed through our doors, we welcome you to come and celebrate with us.

From humble beginnings...

Built on land made available by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), Chilton Primary School enabled the children of the village, as well as those whose parents worked on the AERE site, to be educated under one roof. With 86 children, four classes and a budget of just £90 to equip the school, Chilton Primary School officially opened its doors to pupils for the first time on 2nd of October 1950. By 1965, the school welcomed over 200 pupils each day from Chilton and beyond - it even had a swimming pool!

...come great things.

Now, our school has 12 classes and over 300 aspirational, compassionate and enthusiastic pupils who fizz with enthusiasm. We are beyond proud to be celebrating our history and look forward to a bright and exciting future for Chilton Primary School.

We welcome everyone to come and celebrate with us from 3:45 pm on Thursday 2nd of October. If you'd like to buy us a birthday present, you can do so by scanning our Wishlist with any smartphone.



Chilton Primary School.

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Didcot & District u3a

New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month** for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the **Didcot Civic Hall, meetings start 2:30pm.**

Meetings for the Autumn months include:

October 21st - All about Swans - from author Dan Keel
November 18th - "Good Hare Days!" by photographer David Bailey

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Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The next quiz No 81 is now available. The topic is "Gardening terms" and is to raise funds for "Family of Hope", supporting children in Uganda with learning difficulties. Quiz sheets priced £2 are available from:

Atomic Hair	Curie Avenue
Audrey Slater	9, Latton Close
Judy Goodall	43, Crafts End

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Linda's Quiz

General Knowledge

1. Sandwell, Dudley, Wolverhampton & Walsall are known collectively by what name in the West Midlands?
2. Which country has the largest Spanish speaking population?
3. The Puskas Award is given annually in which sport?
4. What is the nickname of the Argentinian Rugby Union team?
5. Which war between England & France lasted for 116 years?
6. In which science fiction novel and subsequent film is it a requirement for the population to die when they reach 21?
7. Haldi is the Hindi word for which yellow spice?
8. The 17th Parallel separated which Asian country into North & South until 1975?
9. Which Olympic track athletics event has a worlds record of 7 minutes 52.11 seconds set in 2023?
10. Which holiday camp company has only one location left near Weston-Super-Mare?

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Vale of White Horse District Councillors

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra:

Over the summer, things tend to be quieter with fewer council meetings, both Parish and District, as well as our residents being busy with other things! As we head into Autumn, with the seasonal changes that brings to the weather, the leaves on the trees and the children returning to school – our workload increasing again. We look forward to the challenges that brings, representing our residents, raising their concerns at council and helping people with their council related issues.

Hayleigh visited the Upton village fete at the start of September, which fortunately had beautiful weather despite the rainy weekends both before and afterwards. It was great to chat with a number of villagers who are working to make their community a lovely place to be. Please do invite us to such events, as we love to go to them!

The Climate continues to be at the top of the Vale Council's agenda, and later this month, groups that made applications to our Climate Action Fund will hear if they were successful. The scheme was well subscribed which just goes to show how much people care about the environment and want to do their bit. Watch this space to find out if one of your local organisations was successful. Awards have been given to Sustainable Blewbury and Little Pippins pre-school in the past, to name a few.

Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils are in the top ten performing district councils in the country for taking action on climate and nature recovery, according to research by an environmental organisation. Both councils, which have just published their new joint nature and climate action plan, were rated in the top ten of the Climate Emergency UK's (CEUK) 2025 **climate action scorecard**:

councilclimatescorecards.uk/scoring/district/

Vale of White Horse Council takes a strong line on fly-tipping and has a good record of taking offenders to court and successfully prosecuting. There was a recent example of fly tipping in a A34 layby and magistrates imposed a £300 fine. If you spot a fly-tip or suspect that someone is involved in fly-tipping, please report it by visiting whitehorsedc.gov.uk/flytipping

As a reminder, council meetings are held in public and if you wish to address council or committee, you can contact Democratic Services. 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. Please also follow us on facebook:

www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh &

www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell

Or email us:

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Oxfordshire County Councillors

Dear Parish Councillors and residents,

Summer is usually quite quiet for council work as many officers and councillors are taking leave during school holidays. This has regrettably led to delays in progressing my enquiries over the last month. However, I was able to support Chilton Parish Council at a meeting with our trees officer to discuss maintenance and safety issues. We are back in full swing now and I'm able to push a little bit harder to get remaining enquiries picked up.

Pubs of the Parishes - on 11 October (subject to the weather), I'm planning on doing a walk across the division with stops at local drinkeries. We'll be starting at The Station Garden, then stopping at The White Hart, The Harwellian, The Crown at Chilton, The George at Upton, The Red Lion in Blewbury and finishing at The Blueberry. If you would like to join me, either for a chat in your local, or for a walk in between them, please follow my Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/CllrBekahFletcher for updates nearer the time.

Mobile digital twin – the council is investing money into a new data capture project designed to pinpoint areas of poor/no mobile coverage and provide informed solutions. The end goal is better mobile signal throughout Oxfordshire. You can read more at:

<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=39581>

Councillor Priority Fund – all County Councillors have access to a pot of funding to support local community projects. Applications are open from now until November 2026. All parish councils and community groups or charities are welcome to submit applications – the minimum grant is £500, and there are rules regarding eligibility of applicants and projects. You can read more at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/communities/councillor-priority-fund>

You can keep updated on my activity via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CllrBekahFletcher

Best wishes, Bekah

Message from Olly Glover, MP

After a short holiday at the end of summer, Parliament started sitting on 1st September with a very busy first few weeks for me and my team.

At Prime Minister's Questions, I challenged Keir Starmer on the government's decisions to scrap the UK Space Agency - based at Harwell - as an executive body and make it part of a government department. With so many local businesses relying on the Space Sector, I will be keeping an eye on how this change impacts funding and governance. In other debates at Westminster, I raised local concerns about vehicles parking on pavements and spoke about car sharing schemes in rural areas. I also had the pleasure of hosting local teenager, Mikayla, whose charity supports children being treated in hospitals across the UK. My first appearance on ITV's The Last Word gave me the opportunity to talk about the government's cabinet reshuffle and how that impacts on our constituency – for example, I had arranged for the Minister for Future of Roads to join a Bikeability session at a school in Wantage, but that minister is no longer in post.

At a Palestine Solidarity Campaign lobby event, I met with constituents opposing the selling of arms to Israel. Engaging with my constituents on Palestine is vital, and I remain committed to ensuring that their voices are heard in Parliament. Alongside my Liberal Democrat colleagues, I will continue to urge the Government to take action to bring an end to this devastating situation.

Back in the constituency as well as holding regular surgeries for constituents, I visited the RWE Combined-cycle gas and steam turbine power plant at Milton Park, met with County Council officers to discuss poor broadband coverage in our villages, attended the Wilding and Andrew Service in Wallingford to remember the Canadian servicemen who gave their lives to save the town in 1944, and I met with Post Office staff in Didcot to discuss their challenges and changes to the services they provide.

As always, if there is anything you feel I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me and my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk, or by leaving a voice message on [0207 219 7657](tel:02072197657).

Parish Council Notices

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Every neighbourhood in the Thames Valley area has a dedicated neighbourhood policing team that works together with the local community and partners to reduce crime and incidents. The Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood Policing Team cover Chilton.

The team can be contacted online at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/area/your-area/tvp/oxfordshire/wantage-and-grove/contact-us/>

or Phone 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

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 Meetings** will be on **Monday 6th October** and **Monday 3rd November 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://chilton.parish-council.com>. The website includes details of all the Parish Council meetings, your Councillors and other useful information including upcoming events, monthly newsletters and bulletins from the Vale of White Horse and Oxfordshire County Council, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Neighbourhood Watch and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk by **Wednesday 29th October**.

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. Black Country
2. Mexico
3. Football by FIFA
4. Pumas
5. Hundred Years War
6. Logan's Run
7. Turmeric
8. Vietnam
9. 3000 metres steeplechase
10. Pontins



What's coming up during October and November 2025 in All Saints' Chilton and St Matthew's Church Harwell

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.
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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 9th October and 13th November held in 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 too).

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

5th October	9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
12th October	10.30am Chilton Village Hall Service 10.30am Holy Communion St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) St Matthew's Harwell
19th October	9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
26th October	9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell

2nd November	9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Worship St Matthew's Harwell
9 th November	9.30am Remembrance Sunday, All Saints' Chilton 10.45am Act of Remembrance at Harwell War Memorial 11.15am Remembrance Sunday, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Holy Communion St Matthew's Harwell
16th November	9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's Harwell
23 rd November	9.30am All Age Service, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Morning Worship St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Holy Communion St Matthew's Harwell
30th November	9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints' Chilton 10.30am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Harwell 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Matthew's

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