

Chilton Chronicle

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Update from The Crown

We are now serving weekday lunches at The Crown, with the pub open from 11am for coffees, teas, cakes and snacks on Tuesday to Friday, in addition to our regular opening hours. Lunches and full bar start at 12, and include a variety of sandwiches, ploughman's and charcuterie boards, and these will evolve as the weeks progress. Thanks to everyone who has come along to try so far, we have been getting some great feedback, plus suggestions moving forwards, which we are always very open to. Julia is doing a great job running our daytime operation, and we hope our new daytime opening gives Chiltonians the opportunity to meet up during the daytime, or just enjoy a change of scenery and a chin wag. We are also hoping to open on Mondays soon, depending on how weekday lunches go, and if they are being well supported, nothing would please us more than opening seven days a week to serve the community at all times. Also, if your organisation wants to do a coffee morning, charity event or meeting, just let us know and we'll be delighted to help if we can.

Please note, we now have a large fridge at the rear of the pub offering chilled takeaway drinks, at shop prices, including beer, wine and cider. We are also stocking a small amount of daily essentials, including milk, juices etc, and will be building this up in the weeks ahead to offer a small but perfectly formed village convenience store.

You may also have noticed we are currently working on a small covered section to serve our garden food from at weekends. This will be up and running very soon to give Andy and his team some cover when the weather is against us. We are moving forwards with the refurbishment of the main kitchen, with new windows and doors arriving imminently. We're still trying to solve the 3-phase electricity problem and are currently applying for a government Rural Prosperity Grant which we hope we will be allocated some funds from to enable us to complete the works and will keep you updated.

We really appreciate everyone supporting us - whether it's just for the odd drink, snack, coffee, or more of a daily event, it's been fantastic to see the level of engagement with the local community. We are very pleased to have given you your pub back, and long may it continue!

Katy, Ben and Chris

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Chilton "Have Your Say" Roadshow

Chilton Field Community Room, 18th July 14:30 – 20:00

Join your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to share your concerns, discuss local issues, and learn more about community safety initiatives.

Free SmartWater Property Marking

Bring your bikes or power tools for free marking with SmartWater—an effective deterrent against theft and a valuable aid in recovering stolen property.

Community Policing Survey

Have your say by completing our Community Policing Survey on-site, or scan the QR code below to complete it online at your convenience.

Or follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h0s2Vp2d0S>



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From Bagpipes to Spinning Wheels

Over the last 14 years numerous fascinating items have been given to us to sell at the charity market. Items as diverse as a canteen of cutlery to a cat's toilet training seat, and hundreds of books, jewellery, a spinning wheel and bagpipes. We are incredibly grateful for all these donations which have helped contribute thousands of pounds for many different charities. Sadly, we are now unable to accept any more white elephant items or books, so please let the local charity shops benefit from your donations.

We are still able to accept jigsaws. So many thanks for your generous donations over the years, and please continue to come and support Chilton's monthly charity markets.
Judy and Norman Goodall

Charity Market

The amazing total of £1,018.22 was raised for "Brain Tumour Research" at the June Charity Market. Thank you to everyone who supported us by baking, making, growing plants and buying.

The market on **Saturday 12th July** on Crafts End Green between 9am and midday will be for the **"Oxfordshire Branch of Dementia UK."** Come and try Liz's delicious, nutritious individual chicken pies, beef pies, hot pasties, and goat's cheese tarts. There will be a wide range of cakes, brownies, scones, homemade jams, marmalade and chutneys and also jigsaws and plants. Hope to see you there.

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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 Oasis Café will be held in All Saints' Church on **Saturday 19th July**, between 10.00 and 12.00. See you there!

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Warm Welcome Café

During this very warm spell of weather come and find a cool space with a warm welcome every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the Morris Room in the Village Hall. Drop in for a quick chat and a refreshing drink and /or stay for the duration and enjoy a light lunch of cheese scones and a cup of soup and a slice or two of homemade cake.

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All Saints' Group

On **Tuesday 15th July** All Saints' group will be visiting "Bridewell Gardens", Wilcote, OX7 3DT. The walled garden and vineyard provide a vital sanctuary for people recovering from mental ill health. Bridewell is a beautiful working garden. The walled garden and vineyard are gardened following organic principles. There is much to see The Avenue, Potager, Herb Wheel, Fruit Cage,

Cottage Garden, Raised Beds, Hot Border, Knot Garden, Forge and the Vineyard.

Bridewell is about a 45 minute drive from Chilton. Our visit starts at 6pm. We are able to take 35 people and we have a few vacancies. There will be a suggested donation of £5.00. If you would like to join us please contact Judy Goodall on 01235 834503.

Website www.bridewellgardens.org

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Poppy Appeal Thanks

A huge thank you to The Crown at Chilton for the very generous donation of £100 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal from their takings on VE80 day.

They will be holding an event on VJ80 (end of the war in the Far East) in August, so do please support them.

Many thanks.

Hazel Benton, Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Chilton WI

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th July**, at 8pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Luke Waclawek who set up the Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, in Blewbury, and he will talk about their work and how they plan to build a wildlife hospital to cater for the needs of the Oxfordshire and West Berkshire area.

For more information, please contact Liz Robbins 834501 or Shona Sugden 831723.

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Community Art Project

Community Art Project

Calling all members of the Chilton community! Chilton Primary School, in partnership with the Village Hall Committee and Chilton Parish Council, will be creating artworks to be displayed in the Community Room on Horsa Lane.

To get involved, simply draw around your hand and fill the shape with any design you would like.

Together, we hope our handprints will represent the diverse and unique individuals that make our community so special.

Just place your finished handprints into the special post box, which can be found outside of the school, before the week ending Friday 4th July and look out for more information about our unveiling event later in July.



Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The latest cryptic quiz sheet is now available on a theme of "European Countries and their Capitals" raising funds for Abingdon Sea Scouts. They are needing to buy new kayaks and canoes. Quiz sheets priced £2.00 are available from "Atomic Hair", Audrey Slater 9, Latton Close and Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End.

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Blewbury Tennis Club

Blewbury Tennis Club offers a full range of activities for its members in South Oxfordshire. We have competitive match play, social and cardio tennis, an established coaching programme for juniors and adults, club tournaments or just a lovely setting to play a game of tennis with family and friends. If you are interested in joining a local tennis club, please do email us on info@blewburytennis.co.uk or take a look at our website Clubspark / Blewbury Tennis Club / Home.

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Linda's Quiz

General Knowledge

1. Which famous ship docked at Tilbury London on 21st June 1948?
2. What is the most abundant metal in the human body?
3. Which planet's day is longer than its year?
4. How many ghosts did Scrooge see in Dickens A Christmas Carol?
5. What does the V stand for in DVD?
6. Dangermouse had a companion called Penfold – what kind of creature was he?
7. Which actress died apparently of accidental drowning from the yacht Splendour in 1981?
8. Which kitchen appliance is called a poppityping in Welsh?
9. Who were the last team to win the FA Cup playing in striped shirts?
10. How many tittles are in this sentence?

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Vale of White Horse District Councillors

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra:

'The 6th June marked D Day, and on Saturday 7th June we attended the ceremony at the Harwell

Stone to lay a wreath on behalf of the Vale of White Horse District Council to honour the memory of those brave men that took off from the Harwell site 81 years ago to take part in the Normandy landings. It is always an honour to take part in such an event. Thankfully the weather held off just long enough. It was also very nice to see the new memorial sculpture inspired by the Horsa Gliders, to honour the 6th Airborne Division, the No. 38 Group RAF, and the Glider Pilot Regiment.

In the first week of June, the Joint Local Plan for South and Vale was undergoing examination by the planning inspectorate, taking place at the Bee House in Milton Park and the sessions were livestreamed. The next steps are for the Inspectorate to consider what they have heard and seen and then make their decision whether to proceed to the next stage of the examination.

Local Government Reorganisation is still in discussion amongst Local Authorities as we begin to gather evidence for our submission to the Government; the deadline is November. The councils have opened a consultation with the public at twocouncils.org

On 14th May, Vale of White Horse had its Annual meeting. A new chair and vice chair were elected – Cllrs Oliver Forder and Jill Rayner respectively. The leader, Cllr Bethia Thomas also announced changes to the cabinet. Cllr Hayleigh Gascoigne is the new cabinet member for Environmental Services, Climate Action and Nature Recovery, having previously been Chair of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee.

Several residents have asked about the new stickers for garden waste brown bins. The Vale of White Horse District Council introduced a new garden waste subscription on 1 April 2025, changing the way that you pay for your garden waste collection. It will make it easier for you to keep control of your payments – for example, if your bank details change. You now require a permit sticker on your bin, which will be sent to you when you pay. This identifies to the waste crews that you have paid for that year, and they can empty your bin. The colour of the sticker will relate to the year that you have paid for, so will change each year (it's yellow this year). If have any queries please check:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste/garden-waste-scheme-changes/ or get in touch with us.

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:

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and

debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Councillors

Following division boundary changes prior to the recent elections, Chilton is now divided between two Oxfordshire County Councillors.

Cllr Jane Hanna, (Charlton, Ardington and the Hendreds) has responsibility for the area of the village west of the A34 including Chilton Field, Avon Road and Newbury Road.

Cllr Rebekah Fletcher, (Harwell, Western Valley & Blewbury) has responsibility for the old village to the east of the A34.

Jane and Rebekah will be working closely together for the benefit of our village.

Message from Olly Glover, MP

A Message from Your MP

'July marks one year since being elected as the MP for our constituency. Learning how parliament operates, establishing a constituency office and recruiting a team took some time, but I can now reflect on our work over the last 12 months.

Since the election, my team and I have opened over 7,000 cases and responded to 12,500 emails to constituents. Some involve signposting local people to the services they need, but others are more complex and take time to work through. Cases cover many topics, from health and care, to immigration and international trade.

Alongside helping constituents on a personal level, I have been able to use cases and local issues to inform efforts to drive national policy changes. I've

been asking questions of Ministers in the House of Commons, speaking in Westminster Hall debates, securing one-to-one meetings with Ministers and taking part in cross party groups: the Transport Select Committee, and the Planning and Infrastructure Bill Committee. These are just some of the ways I have been able to voice your issues to the people with power to influence them. Recent successes include getting a decision on an export licence for local business which saved several jobs.

There has been some progress, too, on the big issues impacting our constituency: I secured a meeting with the rail minister to make the case for Grove Station; the County Council has started work on a feasibility study. I have presented a bill to ensure infrastructure targets accompany housing targets, which the Housing Minister has taken an interest in. Finally, after being rescheduled and delayed by the minister's office, I have secured a meeting with the Water Minister about the SESRO reservoir to make her aware of all local concerns. Of course, on all these and many other local issues, there is more work to do.

Recently, I have had the pleasure of visiting the Cornermen project, based in South Moreton, doing fantastic work to support men's mental health; discussed ideas to get people taking action to reduce their carbon footprint with trustees of local charity myzerocarbon.org at a recent [constituency surgery in Wallingford](#); and attended the [South East RFCA](#) Armed Forces Briefing at RAF Benson to learn about the relationships between defence and the wider community, and the critical role in our communities and our future defence played by cadet and reservist schemes.

During the summer, I will be undertaking many visits and holding regular surgeries around the constituency. If you would like to come and meet me, please contact:

olly.glover.MP@parliament.uk (or leave a voice message at 0207 219 7657). Feel free, as always, to use these contact details for anything else I can help with.'

Olly Glover MP for Didcot and Wantage Constituency

Parish Council Notices

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Chilton lies within the Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood Policing Team. You can meet the team at the Chilton 'Have your Say Roadshow' on the 18th July 2025 or contact them:

<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 Meeting** will be on **Monday 21st July 2025** at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda 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 Police and Crime Commissioner.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk by **Wednesday 30th July**.

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 *Windrush*
- 2 *Calcium*
- 3 *Venus*
- 4 *Four*
- 5 *Versatile*
- 6 *Hamster*
- 7 *Natalie Wood*
- 8 *Microwave oven*
- 9 *Coventry City*
- 10 *Three (dot on the i)*