

# Chilton Chronicle

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### Vacancy

Are you interested in being part of the community of Chilton? If so, there is a vacancy for a parish councillor. If you are interested, please contact Chris Broad on [broadcj@yahoo.com](mailto:broadcj@yahoo.com) or Jacquie Berry on [parishclkchilton@btinternet.com](mailto:parishclkchilton@btinternet.com) for more information. The Council meets 11 times a year, usually on a Monday evening in the Village Hall.

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**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

### Macmillan Tea Party

**Saturday 6th September**, 2-5 pm, Crafts End Green. Come along and support this amazing charity and enjoy some lovely cakes! Tea and coffee will be served and we will be having a raffle with lots of prizes. Donations to the raffle and cakes are welcome, contact Liz Robbins Tel: 834501 or Shona Sugden Tel: 831723.

### Update from The Crown

As ever, lots going on at The Crown.

We'll be opening our new street-food kitchen in September, serving burgers, loaded fries and other weekly specials. Full information to follow, but in the meantime, we are continuing to serve cold lunches from Tuesday to Friday from 11am onwards, with different tasty sandwiches each week, plus our ever-popular cheese and charcuterie boards.

We really appreciate your continued daytime patronage as we increase our opening hours - we would like to open on Mondays as well, and as soon as it is viable, we will be open seven days a week. To tempt you during weekday lunchtimes, we are running some special offers as follows:

- Any sandwich and pint of Crown Best Bitter or glass of house wine £12
- Any barista coffee and cake £6

Please do use and enjoy our valuable community resource, even if you are just popping in for a coffee. It's a great place to get together with friends, and with our open fire and new log burner about to go on, The Crown will be the toastiest it has ever been this autumn....

Please note that we are now taking bookings for Christmas parties at The Crown - we can offer a wide variety of relaxed food and drink packages so if you are interested, please email:

[hello@thecrownatchilton.co.uk](mailto:hello@thecrownatchilton.co.uk), call us on 01235 634090 or ask at the bar. We can cater for numbers from 2 to 100.

Bookings at The George at Upton are now also open for sit-down parties and larger events - if you are interested in more info and menus for our sister pub, please call them on 01235 635053 or [eat@thegeorgeatupton.co.uk](mailto:eat@thegeorgeatupton.co.uk)

Watch out for a few Crown events coming up soon as well - more about them next time. Lastly, don't forget it's our Magic Roundabout free shuttle bus service between us, The George and The Blewbury, taking place Friday 5th & Saturday 6th September - last month's was very popular, so why not give it a try if you haven't done so already?

Thanks for your support as ever,  
The Crown Team

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### A34 Chieveley-Chilton Closures Update

The A34 northbound will be closed between 9pm and 6am, from the M4 junction 13 Chieveley Interchange to the A4185 Chilton Interchange on the following dates:

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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### Charity Market

At our market in August we were delighted to raise £932.75 for CAP Christians Against Poverty. This charity works very locally helping to lift people out of debt and poverty. Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

On **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** the market, held between 9am and midday on Crafts End Green, will be for the Oxfordshire branch of Crohn's and Colitis UK. Come and sample Liz's delicious, nutritious individual chicken pies, beef pies, goats cheese tarts and hot pasties. There will be a wide range of cakes, brownies, scones, homemade jams, marmalade and chutneys and also jigsaws and plants. We hope to see you there.

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### VJ80 Celebration

A great afternoon at The Crown at Chilton on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate VJ80, 80 years since the end of the Second World War.

Music was from Harriet Jane and the food was an excellent Hog Roast. The pub is generously making a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Hazel Benton, Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser

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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 20<sup>th</sup> September**, between 10.00 and 12.00. See you there!

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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 and a cup of soup and a slice or two of homemade cake.

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### All Saints' Group

After a summer break All Saints' Group will meet at 7.45pm on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** in All Saints Church. The speaker has yet to be confirmed. Any queries please contact Judy Goodall on 01235 834503. Visitors are most welcome. We are a small group of men and women.

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### Chilton WI

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**, at 8pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Jane Abbott who will talk about her herd of Alpacas and share her passion for felting using their wool.

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

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### Chilton Primary School

We are excited to welcome back pupils and families and are looking forward to hearing about everyone's summer adventures. We have a wonderful term ahead of us, where the children will explore some interesting topics to answer their enquiry questions:

Our reception children will go on a walk to spot the signs of autumn, considering 'What if there was only one season?', and will also visit the church, as they study the Harvest festival, to explore 'What makes a happy planet?'.

Key Stage One are asking 'Who should we listen to?'. They will be learning about the events surrounding the Gunpowder Plot, where Protestant King James was the intended target of conspirators, and the Great Fire of London, where Samuel Pepys recommended houses be pulled down to stop the spread of the fire, but Lord Bloodworth - the Mayor of London - refused such 'destruction'.

Our Lower Key Stage Two children are considering 'What makes a great leader?'. Exploring the Maya civilisation, they will learn about Pakal the Great, who became King at a young age but proved to be a formidable leader.

In Upper Key Stage Two, children will explore ancient Greek democracy, asking 'Was Greek democracy a success?'. They will consider how the roots of democracy in ancient Greece have changed in modern-day society.

As the old adage goes, 'it takes a village'. We are always so pleased to welcome members of the community into school, whether reading with our children, helping us with cooking sessions or sharing your knowledge. If you feel you have some time to spend with our aspirational, enthusiastic and compassionate pupils, please do contact our office team at:

[office.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk).

Best wishes, *Laura Davies*

## Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The next quiz No 81 will be out on **September 13<sup>th</sup>** and quiz sheets priced £2.00 will be available from:-

Charity Market on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> on  
Crafts End Green  
Atomic Hair Curie Avenue  
Audrey Slater 9, Latton Close  
Judy Goodall 43, Crafts End.

## Linda's Quiz

### **General Knowledge**

- 1 Which cricket club owns Lord's Cricket Ground?
- 2 What do you add to sailor's rum to make grog?
- 3 What kind of creature was Rikki Tikki Tavi in the story by Rudyard Kipling?
- 4 Being bitten by which creature is the main source of suffering sleeping sickness?
- 5 Which region in Italy would become an English county if you add a C at the front?
- 6 Which diminutive actor played The Penguin in Batman Returns?
- 7 What is the only word in English to end with the letters "mt"?
- 8 Olena Kyiashko married which current European Head of State in 2003?
- 9 How many different colours are there in a pack of Smarties?
- 10  $5 + 5 \times 5 + 5 =$

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## Christmas Gifts for Injured Soldiers in Ukraine

This Christmas marks the third year that we are uniting to bring comfort to Ukraine's wounded soldiers. Each gift is more than a present - it is a message of gratitude, love and hope. These brave men and women have made huge sacrifices defending their country and our freedom, and together we can remind them they are not forgotten. With your help, we will deliver warmth, care, and dignity to hospital wards across Ukraine.

If you would like to help, you are invited to pack a shoe box for an injured soldier. The soldiers have suffered severe, life-changing injuries, and are in rehab hospitals often a very long way from home. They are mostly men, but there are some women.

Please fill a shoe box with:

- something to wear - socks, warm hat, gloves,
- something to do - small game (not language dependent), puzzle, airfix kit (avoid military), notebook, pens, art materials
- treats to eat - biscuits, chocolates, sweets, durable cake
- maybe some nice toiletries, but not everyday things - they can get toothpaste, shower gel etc in the hospital
- a Christmas card with simple message - happy Christmas, thinking of you, with love ----- / the ----- family

Please wrap the OUTSIDE OF THE BOX AND LID SEPARATELY - but not the contents - so that they receive a brightly wrapped box/lid. No need to list contents, just make sure the lid is removable.

Deadline: Please bring your gift to St Matthew's in November by **Sunday 16th November**. If you can't get to the church please contact Yvonne Sanderson ([yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk), or 07930 998221) to arrange collection. Thank you so much; your support is much appreciated.

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## Vale of White Horse District Councillors

### **Hello from Hayleigh and Debra:**

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer with warm weather locally, and hopefully some time spent off work relaxing with loved ones.

In July, Vale of White Horse District Council had its full council meeting. Items on the agenda included, approving developer funding (known as S106) to be used for a community park in Steventon and a Games area in Drayton and two motions relating to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill – one about the proposed changes that will have a negative impact on democracy within planning decisions – removing some decision making power from Planning Committees and the other on changes that will remove environmental protection. We strongly believe that Planning Committees bring value and local knowledge to the planning process and rarely slow down delivery of housing. To read more, head to the Vale website:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/governments-proposed-planning-reform-not-wanted-or-needed-says-council/>

There was a third motion expressing the Council's support for Community Energy Benefit options on Large Renewable Projects. It's clear that for more energy security and cheaper electricity, we need to have large renewable energy schemes. A way to get more local communities supporting them, they must come along with prescribed benefits for those communities. We believe the Government should provide a framework for what those benefits look like – whether it's a % of the profits, options to buy shares, money towards local infrastructure or cheaper energy bills.

Finally, as councillors, we continue to push the BOB ICB to deliver its promise to provide a GP surgery at Great Western Park. To read more, head to the Vale website:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/uncategorised/councillors-reiterate-the-need-for-new-didcot-health-centre-as-soon-as-possible/>

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.*

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## **Oxfordshire County Councillors**

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 are working closely together for the benefit of our village.

## **A Message from your MP, Olly Glover**

Over the summer, I have enjoyed visiting many local organisations and speaking to residents in some of the villages across our constituency.

I was very pleased with the attendance at my summer surgeries in Sutton Courtenay, Uffington, Stanford in the Vale, Moulsoford, Blewbury, Didcot, Clifton Hampden, and Letcombe Regis: thank you to everybody who took the time to come and discuss a huge range of topics and concerns.

Alongside summer surgeries, I visited places I have been meaning to for some time and seen a wide range of the activities that take place in our local area. I saw the scientific progress being made on Harwell Campus: from exciting startups like Astron Systems, Oxford Dynamics, and Space Solar, to local outposts of major organisations like the UK Space Agency.

I spent an eye-opening shift with Thames Valley Police, saw the work happening to renovate the Wantage Community Hospital, and met representatives from the NHS regional Integrated Care Board to push for progress on the new GP Surgery at Great Western Park, as key to further progress lies with the regional NHS. Be it championing greater support for community policing or new primary care capabilities to keep up with local housing growth, there is still much for me and others to do to support our public sector and address the pressures they face.

Still, there has been time to appreciate the best of our area in the summer sunshine. I was very grateful to drop in on Truck Festival, to hear about the fantastic ways they combine charity and welfare commitments with putting on a good time. I narrowly avoided a game of 'sponge the MP' at TRAIN's Didcot Youthfest, where young people were connected with vital projects to support their wellbeing. There was even a moment to hone my farming skills with a combine harvester ride amongst the early August showers.

Parliament resumes in September, and I look forward to representing there with renewed energy, and to keep working on your behalf.

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](mailto:olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk), or leaving a voice message 0207 219 7657.

**Olly Glover MP for Didcot and Wantage Constituency**

## **Parish Council Notices**

### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Chilton lies within the Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood Policing Team's area. You can contact them:

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

or Phone 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

### **Thames Valley Alerts**

Residents are invited to sign up to receive Thames Valley Alerts. These are regularly issued by Thames Valley Police and provide information on a wide range of topics. During August they have ranged from 'Theft from motor vehicles', 'Loan Sharks', 'What to do if you hit a deer', and 'Abandoned dogs rescued'. To sign up go to:

<https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/#SignUp>

### **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 1st September 2025** and then on **Monday 6th October 2025**. Both meetings will be held 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 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 24th September**.

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**Parish Council Chairman:** Mr Chris Broad

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

### *Answers*

- 1 *Marylebone CC (MCC)*
- 2 *Water*
- 3 *Mongoose*
- 4 *TseTse fly*
- 5 *(C) Umbria*
- 6 *Danny DeVito*
- 7 *Dreamt*
- 8 *Volodymyr Zelensky*
- 9 *Eight*
- 10 *35*