

# Chilton Chronicle

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## **Christian Aid Plant and Book Sale**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on May 13<sup>th</sup> and also who generously donated plants and cakes. We are delighted to say that on the day £1356.54 was raised for Christian Aid .  
Judy Goodall

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## **Chilton School Annual Report 2016-17**

### Our Thriving Village School

Chilton School is an exciting and purposeful place to learn, and this year has been particularly successful as we begin to grow in numbers and prepare for the significant changes to come. Last summer four teachers left Chilton for reasons of relocation, retirement, retraining and promotion. We have successfully appointed new teachers who have embraced Chilton's approach to teaching and learning and have all proved to be excellent practitioners. Chilton is both a National Teaching School and a National Support School. We work within Oxfordshire Teaching Schools Alliance to provide Continuing Professional Development for teachers across Oxfordshire and support other schools locally.

### Learning at Chilton

Our thematic and creative curriculum has involved the children learning about a very wide range of topics. Here is a taster of some of the topics over the last year: I'm a Celebrity (famous people through the ages), Yabba Dabba Do (the Stone Age), Off with Her Head (the Tudors), ROAR! Here Come the Dinosaurs and The Future's Bright...the Future's Didcot (Local Study). Children enjoy their learning and are engaged with the topics, often producing work of high quality. We know this because we welcome many visitors from other schools, actively ask other headteachers to monitor our work and host training days for teachers from across Oxfordshire; we always receive very positive feedback about all aspects of the school.

We have worked hard to enhance and enrich the curriculum. Learning outside is a very important strand at Chilton. Every child gets an opportunity to spend three or four afternoons in the Forest School area (in one corner of the school grounds), and Nursery and Reception children visit Forest

School throughout the year. All children have external trips and visits, and this year these have included a four-night residential to Yenworthy Lodge in Devon, and visits to Stonehenge, a mosque, House of Parliament, Winchester Science Centre, the British Museum together with theatre trips to Oxford and to the Cornerstone.

### Expansion Update

The school's expansion began in September 2016 as we welcomed 45 new four year-old children in our two small Reception classes. With small classes of 23 or 22, as opposed to the usual 30 children in a class, we are able to give the youngest children the very best foundation to their learning journey. To accommodate these additional children we created a new Reception class, by moving the well-stocked refurbished library back to its original home. These new classes begin our new Chilton tradition of every class having a Tree name; so far we have Oak and Maple.

Early indications suggest that we will have 45 more new children joining our school in September, but with no empty classroom this time, we are dependent on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) delivering us a new three-classroom extension. Unfortunately this work is already delayed, and will not be ready for September. We are working with the project team to agree mitigation. OCC does not have full control of this project, as it works in partnership with Carillion and Capita; you may have read about the issues surrounding this contract and the impact building delays are having in schools across the county. Unfortunately for Chilton School, these delays mean that we are going to have a disjointed year as we temporarily accommodate a class in the old ICT Suite while living with a major building project in our grounds.

### Getting involved

The school is open to involvement from the local community and welcomes visitors. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our school garden project or support in Forest School (Tuesdays and Thursdays), and we are keen to employ more lunch time supervisors. Please get in touch if you are interested!

We have a supportive and active Governing Body and a vibrant Parent Teacher's Association. As the school grows these volunteers will play an increasingly vital role. We currently have about

250 children on roll; over the next five years the school will grow to one and half form entry, with 45 in every year, and there will be almost 350 children at Chilton School.

We will keep you informed, through The Chronicle, as the school changes and grows. This is the very beginning of an exciting time for the school, and for the whole community.

Sandra North Headteacher

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### **Tesco Bags of Help Scheme**

Chilton Primary School has been successful in submitting a grant application through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme (which is funded by the 5p levy for carrier bags). This grant will help towards the cost of installing a cycle track in our Reception garden. However we need your help!

Throughout May and June you will be able to vote for our project in three Tesco stores, namely:

Tesco Express, Cockcroft, Didcot, OX11 8LL

Tesco, Didcot, OX11 9BZ

Tesco Express, Cholsey, OX10 9ND

You will receive one voting token per transaction; it is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag. You use this token to vote for your preferred project (hopefully, Chilton Primary School cycle track). At the end of June, the votes for the three different projects on offer are counted up; the one with the most votes receives £4000, second place is £2000 and third place is £1000. We'd love to receive the higher amount and would appreciate your votes.

Thank you for your support!

Chilton Primary School

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**Fun, friendly and affordable physical activity sessions for people aged 60+**

### **Nordic Walking- Free 6 week course**

Nordic walking is a fun, friendly and sociable activity that's easy on the joints and suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

The course will consist of learning the basic Nordic Walking technique

**Starts Monday 5 June, 10am-11am**

**Chilton Recreation Ground**

Equipment will be provided.

To book contact: Annalie 07766991487

Annalie.thomasson@southandvale.uk

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### **Charity Market**

The Charity market on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** will be for the benefit of **TAB – THE ABINGDON BRIDGE**, a vital service that helps young people between the ages of 11 and 25 who do not know where to turn to for support and a non-judgmental ear.

We welcome small white elephant items, home produce and books and the market will take place in the Rose and Crown Car Park between 9am and 12noon. In April we raised £425 in aid of Against Breast Cancer; a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

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### **Chilton WI**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The talk this month is "Improve your Driving confidence". Philip Russell from the Institute of Advanced Motorists will advise us on how to stay safe and confident on the road. Visitors are welcome.

We are a friendly group and new members are always very welcome. Just come along to a meeting, or phone Liz Morris on 834233 for more details.

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### **News from the Rose and Crown**

#### Sunday carvery

Served from 12.30pm to 3pm each Sunday. £9.95, children under 10 £5.95, under 5 free.

Freshly prepared with a selection of three roasts: shoulder of lamb, loin of pork or stuffed fillet of chicken wrapped in smoky bacon. Choice of vegetables and potatoes.

Booking advisable on 01235 862992.

#### Tuesday fun quiz

Exercise your brain cells every Tuesday evening, starts 8pm with questions set by Adrian the Aussie quizmaster. Teams of up to six players, entry £1 per person. Complimentary refreshments, prize of drinks voucher for winning team.

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## All Saints Women's Group

Our annual outing this year is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We are going to Wallingford to visit the Castle and Museum with a talk by local historian Judy Dewey. The cost is £10 per head. Contact Judy Goodall on 834503 for further details.

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## Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The latest quiz on the theme of Beatrix Potter and the Lake District. The winner was Barbara Anderson from Harwell with 49½ out of 50. Second was Mary Napper from Didcot Library. The quiz made a further £162 for Christian Aid. There is a break now until September when the next quiz will be released.

Thank You, Judy Goodall

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Want to know what classes are on at the Village Hall or the Community Room?

Then go to the Village Hall website <http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk> and check out the Regular Hirers section.

To book either venue contact the **Bookings Clerk** on [bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk) 01235 861253

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 14th June 8.00pm in the Community Room.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Parish Council website can be found at <http://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 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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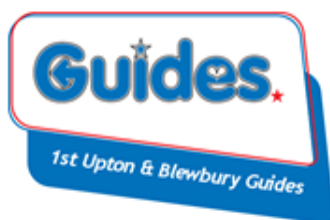
## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Chris Broad

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# Guides and Senior Section



## Chilton Village Hall

*Fridays in term time 7:30 - 9pm*

**Guides age 10-14 years**

**Senior section aged 14 years+**



*Adventure, fun and friendship. For girls*

**Confidence Building**  
**Meet new people**



**Variety of experiences**  
**New skills**

Email Rachel at [rachelvj@aol.com](mailto:rachelvj@aol.com)

for more details



## SUMMER SPORTS

If you're out and about on the Recreation Field for a breath of fresh air and some exercise now that the fine weather (!) and long evenings are here, here's some useful information. For those of us that like ball games, don't forget that the Recreation field has a full size soccer pitch, and a hardstanding area marked out to 5-a-side and roller hockey (both full court).

If you just fancy some practice or a knockabout, there are two EBBA basketball goals on the hardstanding while the multi-sport wall is marked out with lines/targets for soccer, cricket, 5-a-side, tennis and roller hockey, with corresponding half-court line-marking for tennis and basketball (see illustrations below).

