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Bus service from 23 July

There are some alterations to the bus service later this month, but the good news these days of continual cuts is that the village will retain its buses with little change in frequency. We have attached a summary of the timetable to this edition of the Chronicle.

Mondays to Fridays the X32 buses between Wantage and Oxford will continue to call at the village early mornings and late afternoons/early evenings in both directions.

Mid mornings to mid-afternoons the current X32 Connector service between Didcot Parkway station and Harwell Campus, which also serves the village, will be replaced by the 98 service.

The reason is that the X32 Connector service was introduced two years ago with central government subsidy to provide a Monday to Friday daytime service approximately every 15 minutes between Didcot and Harwell Campus (when added to the existing X32 and 32A services). This government subsidy was for two years, so it finishes in July 2017.

Meanwhile the 98 service was introduced some years ago between Great Western Park and Didcot. This is supported by developer contributions from the builders of the 3,000+ houses west of Didcot.

The bus company, Thames Travel, has now merged the 98 and X32 Connector service to make a route between Didcot and Harwell Campus via Great Western Park on Mondays to Fridays. The new 98 route will extend to Chilton village from mid-mornings to mid-afternoons.

The resulting change compared with the X32 Connector service is that the 98s will run through Great Western Park then to Didcot Parkway station before continuing to the Orchard Centre shops. They will then make a circuit of Didcot town centre before returning to Great Western Park, Harwell village and Chilton.

The downside is the 98 route will not pass Didcot Hospital or the Woodlands surgery, although it will go past Didcot Health Centre. The X32s will continue to go past the hospital and Woodlands.

Saturdays the X32 service between Wantage and Oxford will continue virtually unaltered in both directions, serving Chilton.

Sundays the X32 service between Chilton and Didcot will continue virtually unaltered in both directions.

The village is fortunate to have retained a useful bus service, when many communities have lost theirs since Oxfordshire County Council withdrew all bus subsidies last year. Your continued use of the buses will help ensure their future.

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Chilton Primary School – Expansion Plans

Thank you for all your support with helping us make a case for expanding our numbers. We now look forward to this new chapter for Chilton School. We are excited that our long-awaited building project will start on Monday July 10th. This three class extension and other works inside our building are going to have a huge impact on our whole school. The scale of the works means that the building contractors require a large compound with a turning circle and to make this available we have agreed to give up our staff car park.

From Monday 10 July until March 2018 all school staff will be parking in the spaces in Downside. As we have 40+ members of staff there will be very few places left for parents. We therefore are asking for the whole Chilton community to come together to support us.

If you live in Chilton Dene or Chestnut Fields but park in Downside, could we please ask you to use your allocated space so that we can maximise the parking available?

We will be working with our parents to encourage people to come to school by bike, scooter or indeed to walk but as our building works are primarily over the winter months there are going to be days when many children are brought to school by car. We will ask that our parents park considerately and would hope that there will be no problems for local residents. If you do experience any difficulties with accessing your drive please let the school office know the registration number of the car concerned. Of course, where difficulties persist we will not hesitate to contact the PCSOs for support.

Whether you have children at school or not I am sure you will all agree that we want the very best school

for our community. We might have six tricky months but we are all looking forward to securing the future for all the children in our village.

Sandra North
Headteacher
July 2017

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Outdoor Fit Camp

Want to get fit this summer? Join Gemma for Outdoor Fit Camp!

Get fit in the great outdoors at Chilton Recreation Field and make a difference to how you look and feel.

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Thursdays at 6.30pm at Chilton Recreation Field (next to the Village Hall)

Running for 5 weeks, starting on Thursday 20th July until Thursday 17th August 2017 £5 per person or £20 for all 5 weeks, payable on the day or in advance on my website www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk

For any further info, contact Gemma
info@gemmapearcefitness.co.uk

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2nd Chilton Beaver Scouts

2nd Chilton Beaver Scouts (6-8yrs) have worked hard this year towards earning their Community Impact badge. At the start of the year they decided that they wanted to spread their efforts across a number of different activities and communities. They sent gifts at Christmas through the Shoebox appeal, they walked 9 miles (and the Cubs a massive 18 miles) to raise sponsorship money for Syrian refugee children (their choice of charity) and they supported the Chilton Fun Day in June followed by the D-Day ceremony at the stone. They wanted me to tell you how important supporting the community is, and we intend to work on a new community project in the new academic year.

However, we are in great need of new volunteers - at least one more Leader willing to help plan and deliver the programme for Beavers, plus other volunteers throughout the older sections. We are a very healthy and vibrant group with a great support network. If you are interested in knowing more about what we do and how you could help our young people, please contact us at 2ndchiltonscoutgroup@gmail.com.

Sarah Beardsley, 2nd Chilton Beaver Scout Leader

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Thank You

I would like to pass on my thanks to all those from Chilton Village who supported and attended the Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Family Fun Day on Saturday 3 June.

It was a great day where science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics came together with croquet, motorbikes, first aid, a fire engine, an assault course, stalls, youth organisations, excellent food and drink; all in the name of Family Fun and to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House and the Chilton defibrillator project.

Around 3500 people from the Campus and local community came together to have a good time in splendid surroundings whilst acknowledging the heritage and sacrifice of former service personnel. In so doing, over £2200 was raised for the vital work of Helen and Douglas House and towards the Chilton defibrillator project.

The day would not have been possible without the dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and sheer hard work of all those who helped organise, gave up their time and who contributed to the day. The feedback has been fantastic, with folk commenting on the wonderful friendly atmosphere, great activities, engaged, enthusiastic children and the great time in the sun!

The plan is to make this an annual event. So please make a note in your diary for Saturday 9 Jun 2018. However, this will only be possible with the support and contribution of individuals from within the community. If you have any feedback or want to get involved as a volunteer/contributor then please let me know.

Bob Girling
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D Day Memorial Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 3rd June 2017

This years' service was organised by Harwell Branch and Harwell Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches.

Wreaths were laid by Legion County, Branches and Veterans Organisations from across Berkshire and Oxfordshire and on behalf of the local communities and on site businesses, led by the Chair of the VOWH District Council.

Cadets Didcot ATC Squadron formed a guard of honour and laid a wreath along with pupils of Chilton Primary school.

£80.58 was collected for the Poppy Appeal.

Harwell Branch thanks all who participated and helped make the day a success.

Chilton WI

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th July** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. This month Martin Sirot-Smith will be giving us a costumed run through of the history of Sulgrave Manor and its intriguing inhabitants. 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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Sunday lunch at the Rose and Crown

Shea reminds everybody about the 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.

Don't forget the fun quiz either – 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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Volunteer for Oxfordshire's Water-Blitz

Volunteers needed for one day only! Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide water blitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk subject "Waterblitz" and join in on Monday 2nd October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.

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Clare Mowbray

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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 **01235 861253**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 26th July at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**. 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 16th August**.

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