

# Chilton Chronicle

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### *Carol Singing*

*Monday 18 December from 6.30pm starting at the Church lychgate We will be singing around the old village.*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 8.00pm at the Rose and Crown, Chilton  
Come and Join us!*



### **Ho Ho Ho**

Why not pop along to the Produce Market on Saturday 9th December from 0900 - 1200hrs on Crafts End Green and grab a little bit of Christmas joy..... Our Pop Up Stall will be serving Warm Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, homemade mince pies and sausage rolls....all for a donation to charity please.  
Linda



### **Chilton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chilton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is looking to employ a secretary for a few hours a month to help take forward the development of a village plan. If you would like to assist in this important community-led project then please contact Stephen Druce for further information.

Thank you.

Stephen Druce (Tel. 01235 834285)



### **Bus service changes**

The bus service had some slight changes in October, mainly affecting the route taken in Oxford city centre. On the way into Oxford the buses now stop in St Aldate's rather than Castle Street. This is to reduce the number of buses running through the largely pedestrianised Queen Street. From St Aldate's the buses turn right into High Street and turn at The Plain

before returning along High Street to pick up in St Aldate's.

We have attached the revised timetable to this edition of the Chronicle. Note, the Thames Travel timetable at the bus stops shows the time at Oxford High Street, whereas our timetable shows St Aldate's times. We thought most people doing Christmas shopping in Oxford will find St Aldate's more convenient than High Street.



### **Christmas and New Year at the Rose and Crown**

Below is the Christmas celebration menu at the Rose and Crown which is being served between 1<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

To start: Seafood Salad (smoked salmon, prawns, rollmops, mackerel); Country Pâté; Prawn Cocktail; or Homemade Soup.

Main courses: Roast Turkey (with honey roast ham, devils on horseback, homemade stuffing); Poached Salmon (with a white wine and lemon sauce); or Vegetarian Crumble (with side salad and garlic bread). All main courses are served with roast potatoes, new potatoes and fresh seasoned vegetables.

Desserts: Traditional Christmas Pudding (served with brandy butter sauce); Homemade Bread and Butter Pudding (with custard); or Chocolate Sponge Cake (with fresh cream).

Coffee or tea served with mince pies and cream  
1 course £15.95, 2 courses £17.95, 3 courses £19.95.

The pub will be closed on Christmas Day, but otherwise open every day.

On New Year's Eve there will be a party until late, with free juke box and complimentary buffet. No tickets required for entry, so come along and see in the New Year with your friends.



### **Come and Join us at Chilton School**



This is a busy time in school as children start to practise for their Nativity and Christmas Performances; the festive season has started early.

We have also been busy showing people around as it is the time of year when parents are looking for places in Reception.

Our school admission number is now 45 per year group, but we expect the applications from catchment to be significantly lower than in previous years.

If you know anybody that would be interested in a Reception class place at Chilton please encourage them to get in touch and arrange a visit. The closing date for applications is Monday 15 January 2018 and we are happy to arrange visits for prospective families – just ring us on 01235 834263 or email [office.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2555@chilton.oxon.sch.uk).

Children who are three years old can have a place in our Nursery class. This means children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 December 2014 are entitled to a 15 hour, five mornings a week place in our Nursery from 1 January 2018.

If you are entitled to 30 hours you may be interested to know that you can share it between two providers, so your child could come to Chilton in the morning and go to a day nursery or childminder in the afternoon. There are also spaces in Years 4, 5 and 6 so if you know anybody that is looking for a place at Chilton please contact the school office.



Many thanks to everyone who helped us secure a £2,000 Tesco Bags of Help grant by voting for our cycle track project in store. Together with a significant

donation from our PTA we have now been able to install a fantastic cycle track for our Reception children. We have also been fortunate to receive a very generous donation of time and materials from Willmott Dixon, which has helped to revitalise our Reception garden. Our school extension is growing quickly and now has windows and doors; we are expecting this to be completed by February 2018. We are all very excited. Years 3 and 4 are going to be the first children to move into the new building.

It will be lovely to see many friends from our Chilton community joining us at our annual Christmas Fayre from 1700 – 1930 on Friday 8 December 2017.

Sandra North



## **Thank You!**

An enormous thank you to all those who helped out in the churchyard on Saturday 4 November, (plus those who were clever enough to pre-empt the rain and turned out on Friday!) Despite the wet a lot was achieved including weeding, ivy removal from trees and walls, chopping back brambles and nettles and of

course several tons of rather wet leaves. The effort and results are much appreciated.

Judith Russell



## **The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund**

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund are looking forward to visiting some of the senior citizens of Chilton on New Year's Day to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these groceries is an annual event and on 1 January this year we were delighted to be able to supply some substantial gifts because of the generous donations from kind parishioners which swelled the Fund.

We always welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent in the current year or whether they would prefer the Trustees to invest the gift so as to enhance our spending power in future years. So if you would like to make a donation to the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund please contact one of the following Trustees:

Brian Morris	6 Latton Close
Audrey Slater	9 Latton Close
John Berry	'Schneeberg', South Row
Pam Rolls	15 Elderfield Crescent

The Trustees are also glad to hear of any potential new recipients – to qualify recipients must be aged 71 or over and have lived in Chilton (including Chilton Field) for at least 6 months. Please let us know if a family member, neighbour or friend is eligible.

*A little background information: Lydia Thomas was a benefactress of Chilton who died in 1807 and provided in her will the sum of £333-6-8d in 3% Consols for distribution of £10 each New Year's Day for the benefit of the poor. The endowment was administered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish and used for a distribution of goods, usually of loaves of bread. It is believed that Lydia lived at the Malt House in Main Street. In 1975 the Fund was amalgamated with the Chilton Aid Fund (set up in 1955) to form the present day Fund. The Chilton Aid Fund arose from the Chilton share of the proceeds of the sale of the Nurse's House administered in connection with the Harwell and Chilton Nursing Association. That charity was comprised in a conveyance dated 1926.*



## **Chilton Produce Market And Charity Stall**

We should like to thank Shea for very kindly allowing us to use the Car Park at the Rose and Crown as a base for the market for the last 6 years. We have really appreciated Shea's generosity and support.



## Order now for Christmas & New Year!

We've hampers for foodie friends and family. Or how about stocking fillers of brinjal pickle, smoked salt and apple juice?

### **Manshed Hampers £24**

Gift box with bacon, smoked salmon, brinjal pickle, smoked salt, apple juice and spiced apple chutney or grape and rosemary jelly.

And for the serious pickle fans? Supersized brinjal with a bauble!

**Mega Brinjal 750ml £8**

**Brinjal pickle 300ml £3.75**

You can also order as much bacon & smoked salmon as you like for your special meals and party nibbles.

### **Smoked salmon**

Small packs at £44/kg or

Half a side, unsliced £17

Half a side, hand sliced £19

Whole side, unsliced £33

Whole side, hand sliced £37

**Order now on 07900565033**, or email

[info@manshed.xyz](mailto:info@manshed.xyz), visit [www.manshed.xyz](http://www.manshed.xyz) and come and see us at the **Chilton School Christmas Fair, 5-7.30pm on 8 December** and **Chilton Produce Market, 9-12pm on 9 December**.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 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 27<sup>th</sup> December**.

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**Email: [parishclkchilton@btinternet.com](mailto:parishclkchilton@btinternet.com)**

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



The updated Bus Timetable is overleaf.

Our biggest problem has been that in wet and windy weather we have been unable to tether down gazebos in the car park to keep the goods dry. The market is now relocating to Crafts End Green.

The November market raised £350 for SeeSaw – we were delighted.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December the charity stall will be raising funds for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital. There will be a festive theme to the market and there will be Christmas Wreaths on sale. We would love to see you there on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12 noon.

### Cryptic Quiz Sheets

In time for the Christmas break the next cryptic quiz sheet will be out on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December and will be raising funds for SeeSaw . Priced at £1.25 they will be available from :

Atomic Hair

The Old Farm Shop , Rowstock

Shea at the Rose and Crown

Audrey Slater , 9 Latton Close

Judy Goodall , 43 Crafts End



### All Saints' Women's Group

We will be holding our Christmas Celebrations on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Community Room on Chilton Field Way

between 7pm and 9pm .Entertainment will be provided by flautist Peter Selby . Please contact Judy Goodall on 834503 if you have any queries – everyone welcome .

Judy Goodall



### Poop it, Scoop it, BIN it

**If only dogs could read!!**

Sadly this is another plea to dog owners in the village. We are so lucky to live in such a lovely village in such a beautiful area. We are also lucky that we can walk our children to school and it is a pleasurable part of the day. However, the current 'sport' is to dodge the dog poo. And if it's not dodged it finds its way into our homes and the classroom.

The Parish Council is very aware that this is not the first message along these lines but the problem is getting worse and not better. A number of reports have been made to the community police and they are responding. Please stop this even being an issue. If you dog poops, **you have to pick it up and dispose of it appropriately** – in a bin. The bags can be put in the rubbish bins as well as dog poo bins. Poo bags hung around the village do not qualify as Christmas decorations. Put them in a bin. Thank you.

