

# Chilton Chronicle

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## *Happy New Year*

### **Chilton Christmas Poetry and Prose Night**

Thank you so much to all those who came along to the Christmas poetry evening in Chilton Village Hall on 30th November in aid of SeeSaw. In addition to hearing some wonderful verse and prose from a wide variety of authors, we raised an amazing £115 for this very worthy charity which supports bereaved children and young people in Oxfordshire. You were all incredibly generous and on behalf of SeeSaw we would like to say a huge thank you - and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Christine Druce and Barbara Hatley



### **Thank you**

Over the years the support from SeeSaw's friends in Chilton Village has been amazing. We have benefitted from the village sales, Judy Goodall's Christmas Quizzes and all manner of other fundraising events and are hugely grateful for all that you do. It is lovely to know that the folk in Chilton are there supporting us - thank you so much.

Jane Elliott

SeeSaw Fundraiser



### **Christmas Tree**

Thank you to Chilton Wyevale Garden Centre for the very generous donation of a Christmas tree. It was displayed at the top of the church tower and shone out across the Village. Chilton Wyevale Garden Centre support us every year and we are very grateful for this.

Thank you once again.

All Saints' Parochial Church Council



### **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)



### **Village Dance**

Funds are being raised so the Parish Council can buy two defibrillators for the Village; one will be sited at the Village Hall and the other at the Community Room on Chilton Field. Marcia Oliver is organising a dance on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30-midnight.**

There will be a Band and a disco – dress up in 60/70s outfits if you want to!

Tickets £10 per person, BYO drink. Adults only

There will also be a raffle.

Tickets are available from Marcia Oliver

Contact: [jenpuk1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jenpuk1@yahoo.co.uk) or 07861658880

Tickets are limited so get your place reserved asap



### **News from The Rose & Crown**

#### **Tuesday Fun Quiz**

The Rose and Crown's Famous Fun Quiz returns on Tuesday 9 January after the Christmas and New Year break. Questions set by Adrian the Aussie quizmaster. Complimentary refreshments from Shea, the landlord. The quiz starts at 8pm each Tuesday, entry £1 each person, teams of up to six players.

#### **Advance Notice - Six Nations Rugby**

All the matches will be screened live in the Rose and Crown, starting 3 February and leading up to the climax of England v Ireland on Paddy's Day, 17 March. Put it in your diary.



### **Chilton Baby & Toddler Group**

Chilton baby and toddler group holds an open play session in the village hall on Friday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 (In term time). £3 entry (1 adult and up to 2 children) and £1 per extra child/adult. We have lots of great toys, activities and crafts for curious children and carers to enjoy. Free refreshments for adults and snacks for children. Find out more at [Facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup](https://www.facebook.com/chiltonbabyandtoddlergroup) or email [chiltontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:chiltontoddlers@gmail.com).

The group is very friendly, welcoming and run by local parents. We are always in need of new toys to refresh our current stock. If you are having a clear out after Christmas please bear us in mind and message us with details of items you are willing to donate. We also desperately need help with running the session. If you have an hour to spare on a Friday morning to make tea and wash up, we and the children would be grateful for your time.



## **2017 Poppy Appeal**

House to house collections plus the boxes and collecting tins in the Curie Avenue shops and businesses raised a total of £1,396.73 for the 2017 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and a special thanks to all of the house to house collectors.

Many thanks,

Hazel Benton. Chilton Village Poppy Appeal Organiser



## **The Crafts End Crew**

Our POP UP STALL in December raised an amazing £123.25 for the Oncology Department at the Churchill Hospital. Thank you for all the kind donations. We hope you enjoyed the mulled wine, hot chocolate, homemade mince pies and sausage rolls. A very BIG Thank you to Jan, Kev, Karen, Paul, Shona, Liz, Phil, Tom, Isabel, Jackie and Linda.

Happy 2018 - Our POP UP STALL on Saturday 13th January from 0900-midday will be 'Unwanted Christmas Presents'.... please bring them along to the stall. We will be serving hot drinks and nibbles all for charity. We look forward to seeing you.

The Crafts End Crew.



## **It was a Record Breaker !!!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Monthly Market on a cold but dry Saturday in December. Hot chocolate, mulled wine and homemade mince pies dispensed by a happy band of Crafts Enders warmed everyone who came. Donations from this made a great £125! The books, the amazing Christmas wreaths, white elephant and a fantastic variety of cakes, pastries, bread and jams made a further £625. A cheque for £750 has been sent to the Oncology Dept. at the Churchill Hospital.

Thank you to all who baked and donated goods and time. It is heart-warming to know that by everyone working together happily so much can be achieved.

Next month the market will be held at our new venue on Crafts End Green on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January between 9am and 12 noon. We will be raising funds to enable the Parish Council to buy two defibrillators for the Village.

Any small white elephant items are always welcome. Contact Judy and Norman Goodall at No. 43, on 834503 or at [thegoodalls43@outlook.com](mailto:thegoodalls43@outlook.com)

Please be careful if you are driving in Crafts End as children enjoy playing on the Green.



## **Chilton WI**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker this month is Marie Noelle-Witty on How French

Women Stay Slim. She will explain what is so different about French women's diets to our own. Don't forget to bring your cheque book or money with you as the annual subscription is due, this year it is £41.00

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



## **All Saints' Women's Group**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45 pm in All Saints' Church. The speaker will be Sarah Beardsley on Space Science. We are a small friendly group and visitors are always welcome. Any enquiries to Judy Goodall on 834503.



## **OCC Anti-Scam Campaign**

OCC's Trading Standards is asking people to "Take a Stand Against Scams". This month, National Trading Standards started offering free call blockers to any person living with dementia that is currently receiving fraudulent or nuisance calls. It's the latest initiative in the Friends Against Scams campaign launched last year to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams and empowering communities. Locally, OCC introduced free training and local awareness sessions, available online and face-to-face to provide people with the confidence and skills they need to identify and prevent scams. Around 100 people have now received training and some have become "SCAMChampions", which means they are now busy spreading the message and hosting their own sessions to recruit more "Friends". The campaign aims to inspire action, highlight the scale of the issue by encouraging communities and the nation to talk about scams, change the perception of why people become scam victims and prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim.

More information can be found here: <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/friends-against-scams-in-oxfordshire-would-you-like-to-become-a-scamchampion/>. Applications for a free call blocker for people living with dementia can be made via [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker)



## **Smoke Alarm Testing**

OCC's Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to test smoke alarms regularly. The Local Government Association warned that almost 40% of battery-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in residential fires in England in the past year. Figures show that more than a fifth of households never test their smoke alarm and one in 10 homes do not even have one. More information can be found here:

<http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/smoke-alarms-0>



## **From PCSO Tim Deane re parking at Chilton Field**

Parking is an issue that takes up a lot of our time. In most cases common sense by the driver of the vehicle could prevent a lot of the problems. Under Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, you **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road. Think before you park and lock your vehicle if you are obstructing anyone or anything, or are committing an offence by parking there. Just take that moment to look around you; you could prevent that fine. Also bear in mind, if your vehicle is causing an obstruction it may be removed in your absence.

Under section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, you must not leave your vehicle in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road. **A vehicle that is blocking a foot path can constitute an unnecessary obstruction.** These offending vehicles can be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice of £30 under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Some emergency vehicles require a minimum of 10ft (3 Metres) clearance, inconsiderate parking can cost lives.



## **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 17<sup>th</sup> January at 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 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

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