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#### Thank You and Can You Help?

After a number of years John and Hilary Alner are retiring from the White Elephant Stall at the Charity Market. We would like to give them an enormous thank you for all the hard work they have done sorting, cleaning, repairing, testing and storing all the White Elephant goods. They have contributed so much every market day and it is very hard to resist Hilary's friendly persuasive sales technique. They will be greatly missed, cheerful even on the coldest and wettest mornings.

At present all the items are stored in the Alners' garage. Please can you help? Do you have some spare storage space in your garage or garden shed? Could you help in any way?

Please contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

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#### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Lemonade Stall and Toy Sale' over the summer holidays. We raised £12.24 for Meningitis Now. Happy Holidays. Laura, Lucy and Friends xx

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The Annual Hobby-horse Championships to be held on Crafts End green Saturday, 15th September 2 - 4 pm

Races and Fun Competitions for all the Family (all ages welcome)
Refreshments

Bring along your trusty steed (hobby horse)....

Be creative....!

Contact: lindamcwhirter@hotmail.com or text 07800 512695 with your children's ages please

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The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Recreational Society will be putting on another Music & Dance festival this year, on **Saturday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **September from 12** – **7 pm**. As well as live music and dance, there will be science displays, arts & crafts stalls, local food & drink vendors, and free kids entertainment. Residents of Chilton are warmly invited to attend the event – for more information and tickets go to https://www.ralmadfest.com

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Come along and support our World's Biggest Coffee Morning at Crafts End green on Saturday, 29th September 2 - 5pm

Contact:

Liz Robbins, fireflyplus2@me.com or 10 Crafts End

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# Bus service changes from Sunday 2 September

The bus timetable is changing at the beginning of September. Saturday and Sunday service will remain much the same, but Mondays to Fridays will revert to the pattern we had up until two years ago when there

was an hourly bus to Oxford and one hourly to Wantage through most of the day.

In July 2016 the hourly service to Oxford and Wantage was replaced by a half-hourly service to Didcot between about 9am and 3pm. This was more frequent, but involved a change if you wanted to get to Oxford or Wantage. So now we are getting the through buses back, but fewer of them.

Back in July this year we had an email from Edmund Tresham, the commercial manager for Thames Travel: "We will be making a number of changes to our Didcot area services from 2 September. The next phase of Great Western Park (GWP) funding will result in an enhanced 98 service between GWP and Didcot Parkway and town centre. An extra bus will be added to the cycle to provide 'short' trips between GWP and Didcot giving a bus up to every 15 minutes over this section of route.

"From the autumn (no exact date confirmed but possibly in October) the bus station at Harwell campus will close and the land used for redevelopment. This will result in revised routeing of buses on the Harwell Campus site. This will mean that there will no longer be sufficient time for the 98 journeys to serve Chilton. Therefore from 2 September the 98 buses that serve Chilton on Monday to Friday will be replaced by an hourly service on the X32. The service will revert to being hourly as it was prior to summer 2016.

"Disappointingly increasing the frequency of the service through the village to half-hourly had very little impact in terms of growing patronage. It is envisaged that reverting back to an hourly service will similarly have little impact. An advantage of operating the X32 through the village is that it will provide a consistent service pattern across the week and will restore direct links from Chilton to Wantage and Oxford."

Now the timetable has been published and we have produced the usual summary for Chilton services from 2 September, which is **attached to this edition of the Chronicle.** We hope you will find it useful – particularly with the Christmas shopping season approaching and the buses making it easy to get straight from the village to the retail delights of Oxford without all the hassle and expense of finding somewhere to park a car. Edmund's email shows that we are being watched and usage of the buses recorded. Chilton is very fortunate to have retained a useful bus service, when many villages have lost their service altogether following local government budget cuts. We hope everybody will support the buses when possible.

#### **Charity Market Stall**

The next Market will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** on Crafts End Green from 9 am to 12 noon. The charity we will be supporting is the Oxfordshire branch of the Crohn's and Colitis Society. There are always treasures to be found on the White Elephant Stall, bargains to be found on the Book Stall and a wide range of cakes, tarts, home-made breads, jams and pickles and home produce to tempt you.

At the July market we were delighted to raise £426 for the Oxfordshire Motor Neurone Disease Association. In June we made £432 for the local branch of Parkinson's UK.

Thank you to everyone who supports the market. Any offers of home produce, books and small White Elephant items are always welcome.

Judy Goodall

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## <u>Chilton Neighbourhood Development</u> <u>Plan</u>

There will be a Chilton Neighbourhood Development Plan community engagement event at Chilton Village Hall on **Saturday 29 September** from **5pm to 7 pm**.

Please do come along and join us in some light refreshments and open discussion with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

We want to hear your views of how housing, village amenities and business activities should be developed. We are circulating a survey to all residents that can be completed in paper form or online. Please do take time to complete the survey so that we can get a wide representation of community views

If you would like to discuss the survey, or just want to learn more about the Chilton Neighbourhood Development Plan, then please join us.

Stephen Druce Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator 01235 834285

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

Don't forget the ever-popular Saturday evening offer, two steaks and a bottle of wine, £25, for a romantic evening and who knows what for afters.

Shea also 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.

Please book these meals on 01235 862992.

#### **Chilton WI**

The next meeting of Chilton WI will be on **Thursday 20**<sup>th</sup> **September** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The talk "Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles " will be by Jane Stubbs who will be giving us an insight into the lives of Victorian women.

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.

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## <u>Chilton Churchyard Working Party</u> Saturday 27 October

We Need You!!

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints churchyard on Saturday 27 October any time from 9.00am and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like as there are lots of jobs to be done to tidy up before winter and to have it looking good in time for the Remembrance Day services. The main jobs are: weeding the borders in the Garden of Remembrance, trimming and tidying round grave stones. and of course raking leaves. For those looking for a heartier workout (treat it as a green gym perhaps?!) there is some tree trimming and digging out of nettles.

While we have some gardening tools if you are able to bring your own it would be really helpful, not forgetting the gardening gloves.

Thank you

For more details please contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484.

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## <u>D Day Memorial Service at the RAF</u> Harwell Memorial Stone 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

This year's service was organised by Harwell Branch and Harwell Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches. Wreaths were laid by RBL 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 District Council. Cadets from Wantage and Didcot ATC Squadrons formed a guard of honour and laid a wreath along with pupils of Chilton Primary school.

The event was closed by a Tiger Moth flypast with many enjoying the sight and sound of the vintage aircraft. £42.27 was collected for the Poppy Appeal. Harwell Branch thanks all who participated and helped make the day a success.

**Peter Davies** 

Harwell RBL Branch Ceremonial Officer

#### **Golden Cryptic Quiz Sheets**

This is No. 50!

The first quiz sheet was compiled in March 2006 and has supported over 27 different charities raising over £9,200 with a wide range of topics from Public Houses in Oxfordshire via Fruit and Veg to shops and businesses. This quiz is to raise funds for Chilton Lunch Club.

Quiz Sheets at the new price of £1.50 will be on sale at the September charity market and from Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown, Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci Reading Rd Harwell (tel 221047), Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close (tel 834558) and Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End (tel 834503).

Many thanks for your support over the years.

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#### **Astons Online**

Astons Online free-of-charge drop-in workshop is on Tuesday 18 September in Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe Village Hall (OX11 9EQ) from 10:00am to 12:00 noon with a discussion at about 10:30 on **Online bullying and harassment**.

See <a href="http://www.astonsonline.uk">http://www.astonsonline.uk</a>, email <a href="mailto:theastonsonline@gmail.com">theastonsonline@gmail.com</a> or phone 07780 958249 for further information.

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#### **Rubbish Bins**

There are two new rubbish bins in place either end of the underpass, <u>Dog walkers</u> – please use these bins to place bags of dog poo in, instead of leaving it around the underpass.

Bags containing dog poo can be placed in ordinary litter bins, please use them. It should be easier now that there are two more bins.

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## **Lights Out, Potholes, Fly Tipping?**

These can all be reported on Fix-My-Street by going to <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>

Follow the link above and then enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or **street** name and area; Locate the problem on a map of the area; Enter details of the problem

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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 Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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** 12<sup>th</sup> September. <u>Clerk:</u> Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

#### **Parish Council Chairman**

Mr Chris Broad 14 Latton Close 834347

<u>Please Note:</u> The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Chronicle.

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Attached to this Chronicle is the new bus timetable effective from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.