

# Chilton Chronicle

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**Hello from Hayleigh & Sarah - an update from  
your Local District Councillors**



Hello! We are Hayleigh Gascoigne and Sarah Medley, your newly elected councillors on the Vale of White Horse District Council. We represent the residents of the Blewbury & Harwell ward, which includes the beautiful historic villages of Blewbury, Harwell, Chilton and Upton, and a large section of the vibrant new Great Western Park housing development.

We would like to thank the former district councillors Reg Waite and Janet Shelley for their many years of service for the ward. We are currently working hard to get up to speed with our new role as councillors - so far it has been a pleasure to attend the meetings of the four Parish Councils and the Great Western Park Residents' Association, to meet the residents volunteering their time to support their local communities.

If you have any queries or issues you'd like to raise with us, please do not hesitate to get in touch - our email addresses are

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We are delighted to have been elected as your district councillors, and we are looking forward to working closely with residents to represent your views and help our communities thrive.



## **Chilton Primary School Annual Report to the Parish Council - May 2019**

I am delighted to be able to write this report as my time as custodian of Chilton Primary School comes to

an end with my retirement this summer. I was appointed as Headteacher in July 2010, and took up this post in January 2011; over the last few years it has been such an honour to work with so many such amazing colleagues, and see hundreds of happy children learning and flourishing.

### **Ofsted Inspection - February 2019**

Following a rigorous two-day Inspection, led by a member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate, we were delighted with the Ofsted Report. There were so many positives, and I can recommend you read the full report for yourself, but we are especially pleased that the inspection team were able to describe a school that stands out from the crowd with its 'outstanding' behaviour, 'unique', 'broad and ambitious curriculum' and pupils who 'fizz with enthusiasm'.

### **Admission and organisation**

The school continues to be popular, with high demand for places in most age groups. From September 2016 the school expanded to take 45 children into Reception, and there are now three cohorts with this admission number. Although there are places in the current Reception (a low birth year across our region), the expansion is going to plan and there will be 45 children in the 2019 entrants' cohort. From September there will be two small Reception classes, three Key Stage 1 classes (Years 1 and 2), three Lower Key Stage 2 Classes (Years 3 and 4), and two 'stand-alone' classes in Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6).

The new building, a Carillion-led project with completion delayed for a few months, has now been open and occupied for just over a year and is a great addition to our school premises, providing purposeful and attractive learning environments with additional facilities for the whole school, including a Food Technology Room and a Learning Mentor 'snug' base.

### **Teaching School Designation**

Chilton Primary School is one of 720 designated Lead Teaching Schools and although the Department for Education has indicated that there will be a considerable reduction in the number of designated schools, we continue to work across Oxfordshire as a Lead School in Oxfordshire Teaching School Alliance (OTSA). This includes planning, facilitating and delivering Continued Professional Development,

playing a key role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession and delivering School to School Support through OTSA's contract with Oxfordshire County Council.

### **Our School Ethos**

We pride ourselves on the rich opportunities we provide for all the children. Outdoor Learning plays a significant role in the children's experience with a Forest School area on site used by the youngest children every week, and by all other classes for a half-term each year. Chilton is a lead school in an Enthuse science project, developing high quality science opportunities and working closely with other schools and STEM partners. With our focus on the whole child, and a values-based approach to education and behaviour management, mental well-being is a strong thread throughout the school. The broad and creative curriculum is designed to motivate and engage all the children, and ensure that our school motto is a reality for all, *'Learning to Live, and Living to Learn'*.

This is the end of my chapter at Chilton Primary School. I will miss all the fabulous children and the talented and inspirational staff, but I am sure that the school will continue to thrive under the leadership of my successor, Mr Zaheer Ahmed.

Thank you.

Sandra North Headteacher



### **Wanted for Chilton School**

Chilton Primary School will be looking for an after school club assistant to work 2 days per week from 3.15-5.30pm from September 2019. Please check the school website [www.chilton.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.chilton.oxon.sch.uk) for full details and a job description or contact Christine Reardon, 01235 834263, at the school for further information.



### **Charity Market Stall**

The next charity market on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>** will be for **Brain Tumour Research**.

There will be plenty of plants of all kinds for sale in addition to the usual wide selections of books, cakes, pies, jams and other home produce and our fabulous white elephant stall.

The charity market continues to raise incredible sums of money. In March we raised £592 for The Porch supporting the homeless and vulnerable in Oxford and in April £545 for Against Breast Cancer. Thank you all for your amazing support !



### **Ever Thought of Playing Croquet?**

Harwell Croquet Club is a friendly club of around 25 members. We have two well-maintained courts , all

required equipment and the use of the adjacent Harwell Campus sports Pavilion.

The Club has regular club sessions each week. Why not come and see us and have a free go for yourself, or stop by at the Harwell Campus and Chilton Village STEAM Day on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>**? We shall be on the Croquet Lawns by the Pavilion to welcome you.

For further information contact any of the following members :

Peter Allan	07810 852961
Jim Bartlett	01491 873307
Norman Goodall	01235 834503 or 07518 032140



### **The Circus is in Town!**

Roll up, roll up! The circus is in town! Chilton School PTA will be hosting **Popup Circus** on **Saturday 15 June**, from 12noon. There will be two amazing performances on the day, at 1pm and at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £6 each and under twos who sit on laps are free. As well as the amazing circus show, there will also be food, tombolas, rides, and games in the school field. Entry to the field is free. Come and see a circus for a fantastic price and enjoy all the other fete festivities on offer. Tickets are available from the Chilton School office and also online at

[www.tickettailor.com/events/chiltonschoolpta](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/chiltonschoolpta)



### **Quiz & Curry Night - Saturday 22nd June**

In the mood for a brilliant quiz night, including a free curry supper too? Then get down to Blewbury Post Office to buy your tickets for the Quiz & Curry Night in Blewbury Village Hall on **Saturday 22 June!**

Everyone is welcome - doors will open at 7.30 for the curry supper, and quiz starts at 8pm. Tickets are £15 per person. Book a table of ten and get a FREE bottle of white and red wine for your table.

There will also be a special raffle which will be drawn on the night. Prizes so far include; a week's stay at Yorkshire holiday cottage, an £85 travel holiday voucher, a subscription to Retro Cars and Fast Car magazines plus a pair of tickets to TRAX car event at Silverstone, adult and child tickets for Beale Park, a case of wine, a round of golf for four at Haddon Hill Golf Course, and a family ticket for Blenheim Palace.

Tickets for the Quiz & Curry Night are available now from Blewbury Post Office – and if you can't make it, you can still buy tickets for the raffle, which are also on sale there. All profits will go to Blewbury Pre-School.



### **Cryptic Quiz Sheets**

The last cryptic quiz for Christian Aid was won by Barbara Anderson from Harwell with a perfect 50 out

of 50. Well done!! This quiz has so far raised £185. The next quiz sheet will be out in September.



### Quiz Night 30<sup>th</sup> March

All Saints' Women's Group would like to thank everyone who supported this very enjoyable evening . 112 tickets were sold and £1,317 was raised which was divided between the two charities – Hamlin Fistula UK which provides free treatment and support to women in Ethiopia who have suffered obstetric fistula and All Saints Chilton to help pay for the improved access to the Church. Thanks to everyone who cooked and baked for the evening, and congratulations to the winners, Peter and Hilary Groves and their team.



### Grand Plant Sale for Christian Aid

The Village Hall was buzzing at this annual event, and on the day an incredible £1,672.70 was raised. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed and helped and especially to the Guides who cheerfully carried boxes of books and plants on Friday evening - it was truly a Community event. The flower stall on its own raised £510.

Judy Goodall

All Saints' Women's Group



### Parking at the Community Room

Following a number of complaints to the Parish Council, residents are reminded that the car park at the Community Room is only for use of the Room hirers. It must not be used as an overflow car park and commercial vehicles must not be parked there at any time. This also applies to the Village Hall carpark, commercial vehicles must not be left there at anytime.



### Lights Out, Potholes, Fly Tipping?

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

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



### 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 Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 26<sup>th</sup> June** Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

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

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