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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came to Brian's Thanksgiving Service on 5th September; it was truly amazing to see you all there. It was such a lovely, special service and we felt very proud that so many of you wished to remember him.

We would also like to thank everyone for all the support you have given us during Brian's illness and afterwards. There have been so many acts of kindness that have helped during this difficult time. Without the love and support from all our friends in Chilton it would have been so much more difficult.

Thank you

Liz Morris, Petra, Alexandra and family

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Come and Support

MacMillan World's BIGGEST Coffee Morning on **Saturday 28th September** at Crafts End Green **2-5pm**

We are looking for help and would be grateful for any offers and donations of cake or raffle prizes please.

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

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Oxfordshire County Council Report from Mike Fox-Davies, your Oxfordshire County Councillor for Blewbury, Upton, Chilton, Harwell, Steventon, East Hendred, West Hendred and Ardington.

Your District Councillors for my parishes are Janet Shelley (Ardington and both Hendreds); Matthew Barber (Steventon); Sarah Medley and Hayleigh Gascoigne sharing Harwell, Chilton, Upton and Blewbury.

Although I regularly attend the Parish Meetings for all eight of my Parishes, I am aware that the information from those reports does not necessarily reach all the residents of my division. So, when possible, I will be providing a summary of my activities as your County

Councillor, as well as any noteworthy County developments.

Over the past couple of months, I have attended meetings of the Full Council and the three main committees of which I am a member. These are the Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC); the Performance Scrutiny Committee (PSC); and the Planning and regulations Committee. I also carry out duties as Deputy Chairman (Back Benchers).

Additionally, I sit on several sub-groups which have also met several times during the same period: the Transport Cabinet Advisory Group; the Transformation group of the PSC and Audit and Performance Committees; and the Task and Finish sub group of JHOSC which I chair, scrutinising the progress by the NHS Project Group following the 'temporary' closure of the overnight beds at Wantage hospital some 3 years ago and how best to serve the healthcare needs of the population of OX12.

I will give more details on the progress of these sub-groups in future reports.

I also continue to support local events and organisations within my eight parishes by contributing my time and business expertise as well as participating in and attending fund raising events for local charities. It's always a pleasure to meet you at these. I have much admiration for the enthusiasm and generosity of those who support their community's efforts.

One major success for residents, especially Chilton, was a motion I presented in July to Full Council as I have had many complaints from Chilton and other parishes about the slow adoption by the County of infrastructure on new housing developments, where the Contractors had finished the housing, but were not finishing the ancillary works necessary for OCC to sign off on the infrastructure as complete.

I was initially planning to request financial pressure such as a bond to help accelerate the works but was surprised to find that such powers currently exist but were not being applied by the officers responsible. So, the motion changed to DEMAND that the OCC Directorate responsible used ALL the powers at their disposal to ensure the contractors delivered on their responsibilities ASAP.

Based on this success at Full Council, the adoption of Chilton Field has been passed to the County Adoption Team to help accelerate this process. This issue is one that all Councillors were experiencing so the motion was passed unanimously (and worth noting that it was passed in less than 5 minutes, a record for efficient use of time within the Full Council). It is my strong

belief that motions put forward should be neither frivolous nor ill-informed and should be expedited with efficiency for the benefit of the electorate rather than be used for political posturing.

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

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a well-deserved summer holiday break. Sunday 19th August was a historic day for the local area, with the demolition of the final three cooling towers of Didcot A power station. Like many others, we watched from a safe distance, and we now find it very strange driving from Chilton in the direction of Didcot without seeing the familiar landmark on the skyline!

August was a quiet month for council business, but we're happy to report that progress has recently been made regarding the artwork project for an informal seating area. After a constructive meeting between parish councillors and Vale officers, the parish council is now proceeding with the necessary applications for planning and release of the funds. We have also been working with residents and Vale officers to address the concerns around contractor traffic related to the new Harwell Campus car park, which was recently granted planning permission ([P19/V0926/FUL](#)).

Otherwise, we'd like to pass on the following information from the council:

Every household must confirm their details:

Household Enquiry Forms (a.k.a. "yellow letters") are being sent to every home in the district, and residents are required to confirm everyone over the age of 16 that lives in their property. As soon as you receive your yellow letter, visit

housholdresponse.com/southandvale to confirm your details or update your information (you will need the two-part code on the yellow letter to do this). For residents that don't have access to the internet, you can confirm your details by post using the pre-paid envelope that comes with the letter. If all the details are correct, you can also confirm this by phone using the contact numbers on the letter.

Polling stations review: The councils are carrying out a review of the polling districts and polling places to help ensure that they meet the needs of voters. All views are welcome, and the council is especially keen to hear from disabled residents and those who have experience of assisting disabled people with access requirements. Comments are open until **Friday 27 September**. Have your say by visiting the Vale website <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/> or send a written response to Electoral Services, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB.

Changes proposed to support Vale residents on low income – have your say

Residents and local organisations in the Vale of White Horse are being asked to comment on some proposed changes aimed at supporting people on low income. The Council is proposing to make three amendments to its Council Tax Reduction Scheme to benefit some people of working age who receive a reduction in their council tax payments. To find out more and comment on the proposed changes please visit <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/ValeCTRS/> before **5pm on Wednesday 9 October 2019**.

Community grants worth up to £75,000 are now available

Local groups in the Vale of White Horse can apply for grants totalling up to £75,000 as part of a community grant scheme which has opened this month. Groups can apply for a minimum of £1,000 (and up to 50 per cent of the total cost) towards projects which benefit the local community. The final amounts awarded will depend on the number of applicants. Applications are invited between **2 September 2019 - midday 28 October 2019**. Decisions will be made by the end January 2020.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants/new-homes-bonus-community-grant>

PopUp Business School in Shrivenham - 7th – 11th October

The PopUp Business School is coming to Shrivenham on 7-11 October. Would-be entrepreneurs from the Vale can attend the free five-day course taking place at the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall from 10am-3pm. The school gives positive and practical training on how to get a business idea off the ground through a series of hands-on workshops. Registration is now open via

popupbusinessschool.co.uk/shrivenham.

Remember, 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

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and sarah.medley@whitehorsedc.gov.uk. We have also

now set up a dedicated councillor Facebook Page: [Cllrs Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley](#). To stay up to date with the latest news, please Like our Facebook page and Follow us on Twitter: [@hayleighhelium](#) and [@SarahMedley91](#).

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Rose and Crown

Rugby World Cup 2019

Watch the World Cup games on the large screen television in the Rose and Crown with your friends. Bacon rolls and Breakfast served with all games starting after 8am!

Please phone 01235 862992 to let Shea know if you are coming so he can plan the food!

Home nation games in the pool stage are listed below:

- Ireland v Scotland Sunday 22 September 8.45am
- England v Tonga Sunday 22 September 11.15am
- Wales v Georgia Monday 23 September 11.15am
- England v USA Thursday 26 September 11.45am
- Japan v Ireland Saturday 28 September 8.15am
- Australia v Wales Sunday 29 September 8.45am
- Scotland v Samoa Monday 30 September 11.15am
- Ireland v Russia Thursday 3 October 11.15am
- England v Argentina Saturday 5 October 9am
- Scotland v Russia Wednesday 9 October 8.15am
- Wales v Fiji Wednesday 9 October 10.45am
- England v France Saturday 12 October 9.15am
- Ireland v Samoa Saturday 12 October 11.45am
- Wales v Uruguay Sunday 13 October 9.15am
- Japan v Scotland Sunday 13 October 11.45am

You will also be able to watch other nations' matches starting after 8am in the pub – don't expect to get in for any of the 5.45am starts!!

Also don't miss the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final which will also be screened in the pub with breakfast fare appropriate to the time of day.

Don't forget to phone Shea on 01235 862992 and let him know if you are coming so he can plan the food!

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Chilton Churchyard Needs You!!

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints churchyard on **Saturday 2 November** 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 clearing of the French drains around the church and nettles along the border with the church path.

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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Chilton Film Club for 50+

Come and join us for the next film club on **Monday 7th October** Chilton Village Hall **2.00 – 4.00pm**

Enjoy a cinema experience with coffee and homemade cake. £3.50 per session.

Next film: Fisherman's Friends

Future dates: 4th November, 2nd December

For further details contact:

Rachel Downey

07827 235420

Community Information & Activity Worker

Age UK Oxfordshire

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Chilton WI

The next meeting of Chilton WI will be on **Thursday 17th October at 7.45pm**. in the Village Hall, the talk is Powerlifting. Local resident Kate Walter will talk to us about the advantages of resistance training for all ages. 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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Poppy Appeal 26th October – 11th November

If you would be willing to call house to house during the end of October and early November to collect for the 2019 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, please contact Hazel Benton hazel.benton@btinternet.com or call 01235 821714

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Pastoral Care

Harwell and Chilton Churches have a small team of volunteer pastoral carers.

Anyone who is experiencing sadness, feeling down or lonely can contact the team, in confidence, to request a friendly visit.

Please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

Telephone: 01235 834256 or e-mail:

office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

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Tea and Cake on Thursday 24th October 2019

We will be serving tea and cake in Chilton Village Hall between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Thursday 24th October.

All donations will go to the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign which is working towards the eradication of Polio from the world.

Richard & Hazel Benton

All Saints' Women's Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th October in All Saints Church at 7:45 pm .Our speaker will be Alan Winchcombe on the subject of "The writers and the artists of the Goring Gap". Visitors and non-members are always welcome. For further details please contact Judy Goodall. 01235 834503

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Charity Market Stall

The next Charity Market will be held on Saturday 12th October on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12 noon. We will be raising funds for the Style Acre Hub in Didcot for people with moderate learning difficulties and autism. We will have a new stall "BZB" selling eco-friendly products such as bar shampoo and providing refills.

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Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The latest quiz, No 54, is out now on a theme of Composers and famous Painters. All money raised will help towards providing specialised equipment at the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe to help in the rehabilitation of children with acquired brain injuries.

Quiz sheets are available from Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown, the Goodalls at 43 Crafts End and Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close .

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Poop it, Scoop it, BIN it

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 Council. 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 or carry it home if you are out walking on the paths around the village. 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.

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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

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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 or **01235 861253**

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd October 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 October.** Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Chris Broad
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