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Carol Singing

Monday 16 December from 6.30pm starting at the Church lych gate and ending at 8pm in South Row.

Wednesday 18 December from 8pm at the Rose and Crown, Chilton. Come and join us!

Chilton Parish Council wishes all our readers a Merry Christmas.

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who helped out in the churchyard on Saturday 2 November. Despite the rather blustery day much was achieved, including ivy removal, cutting back of trees, pruning, tidying round graves and of course the removal of lots of leaves.

There are, however, still quite a lot of leaves to come down so if anyone has half an hour to spare to help with raking them up it would be much appreciated. They can be dumped on the compost heap behind the sheds.

Judith Russell



Chilton WI

Don't forget, the next meeting is our Christmas Party and it will be held on **Thursday 19 December** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, so make sure your party dresses are ready.

For more information please contact Liz on 834233.



Chilton Film Club for 50+

Come and join us for the next film club on **Monday 2 December**, 2 – 4.15pm at Chilton Village Hall.

The film will be Paddington 2.

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

For further details contact Rachel on 07827 235420.



All Saints Women's Group

Our next Meeting is on **Tuesday 10 December**.

There will be Christmas Festivities with hot food, starting at the earlier time of 7pm in All Saints' Church. The speaker is Anita Pepper talking about the paintings in the Gallery at Christ Church College.



Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The Christmas cryptic quiz sheet, priced at £1.50, will be raising funds for SeeSaw and will be out on **Tuesday 10 December**.

The last quiz was won by Barbara Anderson from Harwell with a perfect score of 50 out of 50 and raised £230 for the Neurorehab Team at the Children's Hospital at the JR, who require individual items to help in the rehabilitation of children with brain acquired injuries.

Quiz sheets will be available from:

- Atomic Hair
- Shea at the Rose and Crown
- Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close
- Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End.



Charity Market Stall

The Christmas charity market will be held on **Saturday 14 December** on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12 noon. There will be a festive theme with Christmas

wreaths and many bargains to be found on the White Elephant stall. There will be mince pies, cakes, tarts, jams, chutneys, pies, breads, etc. Come and visit us and help raise funds for the Oncology Ward at the Churchill Hospital. We'll be there rain or shine!

Also at the market will be Emma from Watercress Meats with hot dogs and lamb products, and Sally from BZB selling eco-friendly goods, bar shampoos and providing refills for household products.

We are always pleased to receive offers of books, cakes, home produce, small white elephant goods and plants.

Thank you all for your continued great support!



Monthly Market Stall, Thank You

Once again the Chilton Team
Met upon the Crafts End Green
To sell their jams and cakes and pies
Under ever-lowering skies

The bric-a-brac flew off the stall
As Chilton folk came one and all
With open purse and kindly hearts
To purchase goods and tasty tarts

To support a cause they hold so dear
And bring a touch of Christmas cheer
To families hurt to the core
And need the help of dear SeeSaw.

So enormous thanks to all those who made the wonderful produce, sorted the bric-a-brac and stood by in the freezing cold on 9 November to sell the goods to all those kindly folk who were so generous once again in support of SeeSaw – a charity which supports bereaved young people and their families in Oxfordshire. An absolutely mind-blowing £705 was raised – Unbelievable!! Thank you all so very very much – I know your continued support is very much appreciated by all the staff and families at SeeSaw.



Live Music with the Bellini Sisters

A repeat visit by the popular **Bellini Sisters** to the Rose and Crown on **Saturday 14 December** with a 1940s swing session from 8.30pm, followed by Festive Songs with **Jerry Diamond**.



Christmas Menu at the Rose and Crown

The Christmas celebration menu at the Rose and Crown is being served from **1 December** until **23 December**.

To start: Seafood Salad (smoked salmon, prawns, rollmops, mackerel) served with a house dressing; Country Pâté with toast and side salad; or Homemade Soup with crusty bread.

Main courses: Roast Turkey (with honey roast ham, pigs in blankets, 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 seasonal vegetables.

Desserts: Traditional Christmas Pudding (served with brandy butter sauce); Homemade Bread and Butter Pudding (with custard); or Tiramisu.

3 courses £21.95; 2 courses £18.95; main course only £16.95.

Coffee or Tea served with Mince Pies and Cream, £4.95.

Please book on 01235 862992.

Email: roseandcrownchilton@gmail.com

A 10% service charge will be added for large parties.



Too much month left at the end of your money? A short, local, no cost, no obligation course can help.

All over the country, trained coaches from award-winning charity Christians Against Poverty run free courses to help people from all walks of life budget, save and spend well. The skills they teach help delegates get into the kind of spending habits which will last a lifetime.

If demand in 2019 is anything to go by, there should be a course running in Harwell or Chilton roughly every two months in 2020 – but there are also other local ones, including in Wantage, Abingdon, Newbury and Oxford. There's a whole variety of courses at different times of day and on varying days of the week so you have lots of opportunities to find one that works for you: www.capmoneycourse.org for more information or to book.

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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 or around New Year's Day to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these gifts is an annual event and in 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:

Hazel Benton	15 The Orchids
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 72 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.

If any of our existing recipients would like to change from groceries to a basket of fruit, or from fruit to groceries, please let one of the Trustees know as soon as possible. We will be ordering the goods in mid-December.

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.



Romeo and Juliet in Blewbury

The 2020 summer production by Blewbury Players will be Romeo and Juliet, directed by Christopher Staines.

Auditions will be held at Blewbury School on the weekend of **1 and 2 February**. Please email us: **blewburyplayers@gmail.com** to book an audition, or call Sheila on 01235 850537 for more information. Please do still contact us if you are interested but not available to audition on those dates.

We are looking for a cast aged from 16 upwards.

Performance dates will be **15-18 July 2020** at Blewbury's Orchard Dene Garden Theatre.

Rehearsals will take place over weekends in June and July and possibly two individual weekend days before then.

If you would like to know more about Blewbury Players or look at photographs of previous productions visit www.blewburyplayers.co.uk

Please do let us know if you would like to have your name added to our contact list for casting future productions or for box office details nearer the time.



Oxfordshire County Council Report from Mike Fox-Davies, your Oxfordshire County Councillor

County Council backs proposals for integrated health and social care system

Proposals for a new 'integrated care system' (ICS) for Oxfordshire designed to improve health and social care services were welcomed by the county council's Cabinet. The new joined-up health and care system will also cover Buckinghamshire and Berkshire West. A draft of the five-year plan for an integrated care system has been published and was due to be submitted to NHS England in November. In the draft plan, the NHS and local authorities in the three areas have committed to planning health and care services around individual needs. Health and care organisations will work collectively to help people enjoy better health by focusing on preventing illness and improving care for those who need it.

The principle of 'local first' has been established, with community-run services a vital part of the integrated care system. GP practices will become part of 'primary care networks' that serve communities of around 30-50,000 people. By working together, GP practices will offer access to a wide range of local services, such as NHS and social services, as well as services provided by voluntary groups.

These care networks will also be part of larger 'integrated care partnerships' – one for each of the three county areas, including Oxfordshire. The partnerships will join up local hospital and mental health services with council and community services.

Oxfordshire backs ambitious regional transport and connectivity plan

Oxfordshire County Council has endorsed the development of a strategy which sets out a vision for a regional zero-carbon transport network by 2050. England's Economic Heartland is currently engaging on the first stage of a region-wide strategy which sets out a vision for the development and investment in 'connectivity' – the ability to travel and communicate – across an area which stretches between Swindon and Cambridgeshire.

The strategy will be out for full public consultation in 2020 and will set out the region's strategic infrastructure needs to both government and the private sector.

Oxfordshire communities invited to bid for £1m fund to provide youth services

Voluntary and community organisations are being invited to bid for a share of Oxfordshire County Council's new £1m Youth Opportunity Fund. The fund is aimed at groups that can provide activities and opportunities for young people between the ages of 11-18, and 11-25 with special educational needs.

Feedback from Oxfordshire residents points to strong support for improving community-run youth services. This new fund is available to help existing projects expand and new ones get started. Grants of up to £70,000 are available.

Minerals and waste sites approved in a draft plan for consultation

The county council has a statutory duty to prepare a new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan to replace the existing Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which was adopted in 1996.

Public consultation on site options took place in 2018, which covered all the minerals and waste sites that had been nominated for possible inclusion within the Site Allocations Plan.

Following site assessments by council-appointed consultants and a review by council officers, a list of preferred sites was produced which is now included in the draft plan for consultation, none of which is in our area.

Health and care providers working together to manage winter pressures

Health and social care professionals from across Oxfordshire, including hospitals, GPs, social services, ambulance services, mental health services and charities, will be working together to deliver responsive and joined-up services throughout the winter season.

Winter is a high-pressure season for health and social care services, with the colder temperatures and harsher weather conditions leading to increased demands on GPs and Emergency Departments as the flu season begins.

By building on last year's collaborative working, the system-wide team will help provide safe, effective, and sustainable care for people across Oxfordshire. The team will also work to improve quality and performance of emergency and urgent care in the area.

The key messages of the campaign include:

- People are urged to have a winter plan for themselves and their family so that they know what they need to do to keep as well as possible, what they can do if they become unwell, and how they can look after their elderly neighbours who may not be able to look after themselves.
- GP practices will contact those patients eligible for the free flu jab to attend vaccination clinics which are taking place over the next few months in Oxfordshire. The flu vaccine is an effective way for people to keep well and healthy over winter.
- If people are worried about an urgent medical concern over the winter period, they are advised to call 111 to speak to fully trained advisers available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

And I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

Mike Fox-Davies

mike.fox-davies@oxfordshire.gov.uk



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

Hello! On Sunday 10 November we were honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Vale of White Horse District Council at the Harwell Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to the Royal British Legion Harwell and all involved in this important event, in remembrance of all those who lost their lives for our freedom. As this is the last Chilton Chronicle of 2019, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all the residents of the village and the wider parish a peaceful and restful Christmas break, and a very happy New Year.

£10,000 available for festivals and events

The district council still has £10,000 available in our festival and events grant scheme, which is open until **28 February 2020**. Ideal for any local Christmas or New Year events, groups can apply now - their event will need to be open to the local community and allow at least 100 people to attend. You can find out more about the scheme on the council's website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk or by contacting the grants team via email: grants@southandvale.gov.uk or calling 01235 422405.

Free parking in the run up to Christmas

Every year the councils provide special free parking days to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents. We agree the days in each area with the individual town and parish councils based on which day would best suit local traders. Drivers will be able to park without needing to pay for or display a ticket on the following days:

Vale of White Horse

- Abingdon – Saturdays 7, 14, 21 December
- Faringdon – Saturdays 7, 14, 21 December
- Wantage – Saturdays 7, 14, 21 December.

South Oxfordshire

- Didcot – Mondays 9, 16, 23 December
- Goring – Saturdays 7, 14, 21 December
- Henley – Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 December
- Thame – Saturdays 7, 14, 21 December
- Wallingford – Thursdays 5, 12, 19 December.

General Election 2019

The deadline for registering to vote in the 12 December election was 26 November

More information on the general election can be found at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/elections

Polling cards: those who registered to vote by 4 November, should have received their poll card around 18 November – anyone who hasn't received it should call our Elections team on 01235 422528 to make sure they are still registered. Anybody who registered to vote between 4 November and the cut-off date of 26 November should receive their poll card by 6 December.

Postal and proxy voting: Everybody who applied for a postal vote should receive their ballot pack by 6 December – if it doesn't arrive by this date you should contact Elections on 01235 422528 to request a replacement. This is the earliest point at which they can issue replacements. With postal votes we are reliant on the mail being delivered on time. Therefore, if anyone is likely to be away after 6 December, you should consider applying for a proxy vote instead to guarantee your vote. The deadline to

apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 4 December. To find out more you should visit:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebyproxy

Remember, if you have any questions 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 also have a dedicated councillor Facebook page:

Cllrs Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley



For Information

Police

PCSO Tim Deane's contact details:

Mobile: 07976 978916.

Email: tim.deane@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



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 or **01235 861253**.



Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 December** at 8pm 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.

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Chris Broad
14 Latton Close
01235 834347.

Deadline for next Chronicle

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **27 December**. Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**.

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com



Sunday Morning Pilates Course
Improve posture, balance and flexibility

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Starts 12 January 2020

for 5 consecutive Sundays

until 9 February 2020

Main Hall

Chilton County Primary School

Downside, Chilton, OX11 0PQ

All levels welcome and catered for!

Booking required

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