

Chilton Chronicle

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Thank You

Carol, Tracey and Danny would like to thank all who came to the funeral of Howard especially under the difficult conditions imposed on us due to Covid 19.

The family would also like to acknowledge the support and kindness we received at this sad time.

Carol Wilkinson



Chilton Scarecrow Trail - We're going on a bug hunt!

Calling all bug builders, minibeast makers and insect inventors. We need your help to create an un-bee-lievable trail of giant bugs throughout our village for children and families to enjoy this October half term (Saturday 24th October to Friday 30th October).

This year we will be raising money for Chilton Primary School and the Chilton Baby and Toddler group by selling paper maps for £1. Collect a letter from each scarecrow to complete the missing phrase on your map and enter the brilliant prize draw. Don't forget to nominate your favourite scarecrow - prize for the best bug!

To enter a scarecrow please email chiltonscarecrows@gmail.com by October 3rd.

For more information keep an eye on our Chilton Scarecrows Facebook page.



End Polio Now

Polio has now been eliminated in most of the world. The only two countries where it still exists are Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary International have been working with the World Health Organisation and others for many years to help to immunise children against this dreadful disease. If successful it will be only the second disease to have been eliminated in the world. The Charity Market Stall on 10th October will be supporting the End Polio Now campaign. Richard and Hazel Benton will also be holding a raffle to

collect for the charity. Please come along to support us.



Another quiz from Linda!

- 1 Which language is used in the TV advert for Kelly's ice cream?
- 2 What meat is traditionally used in a wiener schnitzel?
- 3 What does a twocker do?
- 4 A Tom Collins cocktail is based on which spirit?
- 5 Willow, Marsh & Dartford all types of which British bird?
- 6 Suzanne Collins wrote 3 books made into a series of films starring Jennifer Lawrence – what were they?
- 7 Harry Redknapp was manager of which club from 1983 to 1992 before moving to West Ham?
- 8 Tom Cruise is an ardent advocate of which church?
- 9 Which board game is set in Tudor Close?
- 10 Which character in Friends had 3 failed marriages?



Sales at the Garden Gate in Crafts End during August

We were delighted to be able to raise £426.50 for PARKINSON'S UK during August by selling plants, books, facemask, homemade jams, home grown vegetables and some home baked pies. Thank you

Judy Goodall



Rose and Crown – Safe Socialising

OPENING HOURS:

- 5 – 10 pm Mondays and Tuesdays
- 5 – 11 pm Wednesdays to Saturdays
- 12 noon to 9 pm Sundays

Drink and eat inside or outside the pub, with full Covid 19 precautions.

MEALS SERVED:

- 6 – 9 pm Wednesdays to Saturdays

- 12.30 – 2.30 pm Sundays, lunchtime carvery

TAKEAWAY MEALS AVAILABLE:

- 5 – 7 pm Wednesdays to Saturdays
- 12.30 – 2 pm Sundays

Please phone 01235 862992 to order a takeaway or to book a table for a meal.

TAKEAWAY MENU:

Wednesdays to Saturdays

- Beer Battered Fish n' Chips £9.95
- Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan Bread £8.00
- Home-made Hamburger and Chips £8.00

Sunday lunch

- Roast Loin of Pork £9.95
- Roast Shoulder of Lamb £9.95
- Roast Chicken with Stuffing £9.95

TO DINE IN:

See the specials board, typical menu:

- Rump Steak, chips, peas, onion rings £11.95
- Sausage, mash, onion gravy £7.95
- Beer Battered Fish n' Chips £10.95
- Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan Bread £8.95
- Roast Chicken, veg and potatoes £8.95
- Deluxe Burger and Chips £8.95

STEAK NIGHT SATURDAY

- Two steaks and a bottle of wine, £25.00

SUNDAY LUNCH CARVERY

- Roast Loin of Pork £12.50
- Roast Shoulder of Lamb £12.50
- Roast Chicken with Stuffing £12.50

Children under 10 eat for £6.95, under 5 years old free



Lin Kerr is tutoring art at the main Village Hall again beginning on Tuesday 29th September. She is teaching in a choice of oils or acrylics from 10.00am - 1.00pm in the big hall. The multi-level class is limited to ten people and there is plenty of space for social distancing, with an easel or table for each person. If you would like to try oil

painting from scratch you are welcome. Autumn theme "Still life inspired by Cezanne"

For more info email

Lin: lin@linkerrdesign.co.uk or see www.linkerrdesign.co.uk or view www.linkerrdesign.co.uk



Charity Market

We plan to hold our next charity market on Saturday 10th October on Crafts End Green between 9 am and 12 noon – but all dependent on the Government guidelines at the time.

The charity we will be supporting is END POLIO NOW. There will be an amazing selection of home baked products and garden produce including of course the famous Crafts End Chicken Pies. There will be a book stall and some plants. All enquiries to the Goodall's on 01235 834503.



Cryptic Quizzes

The next cryptic quiz, No. 60, will be available from Saturday 3rd October and all money raised will go to END POLIO NOW. Quiz sheets will be available from the Goodall's, Atomic Hair and Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close. The results of the last quiz, No 59, are not yet known at the time of going to press as the closing date is 15th September.

Thank you to everyone for supporting these charities.

Judy Goodall



Chilton Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 7 November

Chilton Churchyard Needs You!!

You are invited to help with tidying up All Saints churchyard on Saturday 7 November any time from 9.00am. This is open to everyone in the village. We would be grateful for any help during the morning.

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 (those who have been missing their gym sessions perhaps?!) there is some clearing of the French drains around the church and nettles along the border with the church path.

Since we will be working outside, we should be able to maintain a suitable distance from each

other. If you have or suspect you might have any virus symptoms, then please don't join us. If you prefer to work alone, then do please feel free to come and help at some other time. In the circumstances I would ask everyone to bring their own tools: forks, secateurs, rakes, gloves etc. Thank you. For more details please contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484.



Free and friendly help for computer users every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. We provide help remotely using telephone, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Teams or WhatsApp, whichever is best for you. **Book** a 30 minute appointment by emailing theastonsonline@gmail.com or, if this is not possible, by phoning 07780 958249.



Threat to Bus Services

Back in July Oxfordshire County Council distributed a self-congratulatory letter about its ingenuity in gaining funds to support bus services: The County Council has been very successful in recent years in obtaining Section 106 funds from developers for the improvement of local bus services. In addition, the Council has secured £588,000 in one-off Government funds for the improvement of bus services in the financial year 2020/21.

Among the improvements it boasted was this one to be introduced in September 2020: **Route X32 (Wantage – Harwell Village – Didcot)** New evening and Sunday journeys (hourly) What the County Council omitted to mention was that the extension of Sunday buses to Wantage would be at the expense of Chilton, which lost its Sunday buses from 30 August. Another boast in the County Council's July letter was this change from January 2021: **Route 94 (Harwell Campus – Chilton – Upton – Blewbury – East Hagbourne – Didcot)** Route extended to/from Chilton and Harwell Campus. West Hagbourne will no longer be served, except by schooldays only route 94S which will continue unchanged. Service will start earlier and finish later to improve rail connections at Didcot. New Saturday service (six journeys each way)

Having been caught by the County Council's economy with the truth over the Sunday bus service, the Parish Council took the precaution of asking Thames Travel whether the extension of

route 94 would affect the X32 service to Chilton. Back came the reply:

Whilst I am confident that the X32 changes will, overall, be seen as an enhancement for most people, I'm afraid it does mean that the X32 will stop serving Chilton from next January. Instead the County Council supported 94 service will be re-routed to serve Chilton and Harwell Campus. This will provide a bus between Didcot and Chilton roughly every 90 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays.

The way these announcements normally happen is that we are told on Christmas Eve they will take effect from 1 January. Thanks to the percipience of the parish council in asking the question early on, we now have several months to argue for the village to retain its X32 buses, which provide a direct service to Oxford and Wantage as well as Didcot.

In addition, there are some practical problems with the route X32 being replaced by the route 94:

- The X32 route into Didcot passes Aureus School and UTC, the hospital, Woodlands Medical Centre, Didcot Girls' School and Didcot Health Centre. The 94 route into Didcot is from the East Hagbourne direction so it serves none of these places.
- The X32 is used by Aureus School and UTC students to return to Chilton in the afternoon. There is no indication yet of how they will get home if the X32 no longer serves the village.
- The section 106 funding raised by Oxfordshire County Council is finite, and the one-off government funds to support bus services are for 2020/1 only. What will happen to the 94 service after this funding runs out? The X32 is a commercial service so does not rely on subsidies from the county council or government.
- The 94 service will come over Hagbourne Hill to Chilton. During normal times when everybody is travelling to work, that route is congested at peak times because traffic is prevented from entering the

roundabout at the bottom of Hagbourne Hill by traffic leaving the southbound carriageway of the A34 and having priority. How will that be managed to prevent delays to the bus service?

The Parish Council has asked these questions of Thames Travel and our County Councillor. We will keep you informed of progress.



Useful Reminders

The Chilton Mutual Aid Group can be contacted on chiltonaid@gmail.com or their Facebook page, Chilton Mutual Aid Group.

Facebook pages that will have information

Chilton Village Community

Chilton Village, Oxfordshire

Chilton Field Community

The play equipment is open for use; please remember to keep your distance when using the equipment. No food or drink in the areas, wash your hands or use sanitiser before and after using the equipment. Stay away if you feel ill.



Flower Troughs in front of Bus Stop

The flower troughs in front of the bus stop in Main Street have become rather overgrown and in need of some loving green fingers. If anyone would like to take over the care of them please contact Liz Morris, Parish Clerk, for further information.

Thank you.



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



The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 30th September at 8.00pm**. This meeting will be a remote meeting and the agenda and the link to join the meeting will be published on the Council website. 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 the 14th October. Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

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



Answers to Linda's quiz

- 1 *Cornish*
- 2 *Veal*
- 3 *Steals cars*
- 4 *Gin*
- 5 *Warblers*
- 6 *The Hunger Games*
- 7 *AFC Bournemouth*
- 8 *Scientology*
- 9 *Cluedo*
- 10 *Ross Geller*