

# Chilton Chronicle

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## **No.429 October 2016**

### **Bus to Oxford and Wantage Reinstated**

Thanks to Thames Travel who have reinstated through buses to Oxford at 0928 and Wantage at 0933 on Mondays to Fridays. This will be particularly useful to holders of concessionary bus passes who are entitled to free travel after 0900 on Mondays to Fridays.

The change, which took place at the beginning of September, is in response to representations from Chilton villagers and from our County Councillor, Stewart Lilly.

The summary timetable from 4 September for Chilton is attached to this edition of the Chronicle. Other changes on Mondays to Fridays include the first bus to Didcot and Oxford leaving earlier, at 0554 rather than 0616. For pupils at King Alfred's in Wantage the 0825 bus from Harwell Campus has been retimed to leave at 0810, arriving in Wantage at 0829 in time to walk to school.

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### **Council Binning Black and Coloured Sacks in Recycling Bins**

From November the Vale of White Horse District Council will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks.

Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness of the issue, some people are still putting in things like food waste and dirty nappies, contaminating whole truckloads of recycling - when these things are put into recycling bins in black or coloured sacks they're not spotted until it's too late.

If there's a sack in a recycling bin and the waste crews can't see what's in it, they'll have to assume it contains contamination and won't empty it.

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### **Gobo Theatre**

Be part of classes and a production run by a professional theatre company with a love of fostering young talent. You'll learn how to act, sing and dance as well as designing your own costumes, make your own props and help create the set.

We are a charity for young people and have a tiered pricing structure so that performing arts can be

available to all. Fee is based on family income. £50-£200/term.

Saturdays, 10am-12:30, Chilton Village Hall, ages 7-21. New members always very welcome. No experience needed.

As a taster the FIRST SESSION IS FREE.

Please contact Amy on 07970 581924 or [amy@gobothatre.co.uk](mailto:amy@gobothatre.co.uk) [www.gobothatre.co.uk](http://www.gobothatre.co.uk)

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### **Spaces at Chilton Primary School**

It has been very exciting to have 45 children start in our Reception Classes this year. As you will remember we have been working with the County Council to change our admission number going forward so that every child in our community can have a space at our school.

Across the school we do have a few spaces in different classes so if you would be interested in one at Chilton for your child or you know of anyone please give us a ring on: 01235 834263.

#### **Lunchtime Supervisors**

Would you like to work at school between 12.15 and 13.15? We have vacancies for lunchtime supervisors who could either work Monday to Friday, or we would also consider you if you only want to work one or two days a week. We are especially short staffed on Friday. Duties include supporting the children as they eat their lunch in the school hall (clearing tables, filling water jugs, cutting meat etc.) and supervising the children at play on our school field. If you are interested please give us a ring on: 01235 834263.

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### **Sewage flooding in The Lane & Dene Hollow**

Can you help me compile a calendar of dates when the sewers in The Lane and Dene Hollow were unable to cope and flooded the roadway? Ideally a record of all the occasions since January 2000. The rising of springs etc. is NOT required; only interested in the foul sewer system.

The aim if successful is to provide independent factual evidence to Thames Water etc. of the seasonal inadequacy of the system in Chilton village. If you have dates from diaries etc. when such surcharging occurred that would be most helpful, no matter if it is just for one or two occasions- It all helps.

All info please to [secretary@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk)

Thanks

Brian Morris, Chilton Parish Council

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### **Volunteer for Oxfordshire's Water-Blitz**

Volunteers needed for one day only! Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide water blitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing [hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk) and join in on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.

### **FREE fortnightly Environmental Email Bulletin**

For the latest conservation news, evening talks, or an afternoon of volunteering, plus jobs and training SIGN UP to Wild Oxfordshire's email bulletin. Just click on their website [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk)

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### **Chilton Baby and Toddler Group**

The Chilton and Baby Toddler Group meets Friday mornings from 0930 - 1130 in term time. The group is entirely run by volunteers and has had a volunteer to prepare the healthy toddler snack and drink for the little ones and a well-earned cuppa for the mums. The group is looking for a new kitchen helper from September 2017 and would love to hear from anyone who would be available to volunteer their services. Please contact Fiona by email [chilontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:chilontoddlers@gmail.com), or through the Facebook page 'Chilton Baby & Toddler Group - Near Didcot, Oxfordshire'.

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### **Poppy Appeal**

I will be co-ordinating the 2016 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for Chilton village and Chilton Field. If you would be willing to call house to house to sell poppies during the end of October and early November, please contact Hazel King on [hazel.king@btopenworld.com](mailto:hazel.king@btopenworld.com) or call 01235 821714. Many thanks, Hazel

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### **Chilton Churchyard Working Party**

#### **Saturday 5 November**

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints' churchyard on Saturday 5 November 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. 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.

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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### **Can You Help With the Poppy Appeal in Harwell?**

We are looking for someone to take over from our Poppy Appeal Organiser who has stepped down. This is organising the annual house to house and business collections in Harwell and the Harwell Campus business park in October - November and the ongoing activities including supply of wreaths for the D Day and November Remembrance commemorations.

For more information see

[www.harwellrbl.co.uk/branch/poppy\\_appeal.html](http://www.harwellrbl.co.uk/branch/poppy_appeal.html) or contact [branch@harwellrbl.co.uk](mailto:branch@harwellrbl.co.uk).

Peter Cox

Harwell RBL Branch Secretary

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### **D Day Memorial Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

This years' service was organised by Harwell Branch and Harwell Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches.

Wreaths were laid by Legion County, Branches and Veterans Organisations from across Berkshire and Oxfordshire and on behalf of the local communities and on site businesses, led by the Guest of Honour Group Captain Timperley, representing 38 Group RAF. Cadets from Wantage and Didcot ATC Squadrons formed a guard of honour and laid a wreath along with pupils of Chilton Primary school.

Refreshments were provided afterwards by the Harwell Village RBL Club. £102.77 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

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### **Trees on Hill Piece**

Please can children playing on Hill Piece green take more care of the trees and not tear or break off the branches.

Thank You

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Addition to the Chilton Business Directory

**Babysitting.**

*Two 14 year olds prepared to look after your children safely. Trained in CPR and First Aid.*

During the evening we will ensure your children will have a safe and relaxing atmosphere as well as getting to bed at a sensible time.

We are students from Didcot Girls' School and are looking for an extra job we can take experience from.

Contact: If you wish to make a booking or any questions please contact us at 01235 834317 or

Email- anushka.swannell26@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you Anushka Swannell and Ellie Marron

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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**

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: **parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com**

**Parish Council Chairman**

Mr Chris Broad

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

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Attached to the Chronicle is the **revised** timetable