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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Letter from Councillor Stewart Lilly Oxfordshire County Council

With Christmas fast approaching and the nights closing in we are already thinking forward to the spring and the lighter evenings. But before that we have Christmas, which I hope will bring peace and some happy family occasions to all of you in the holiday period. A very happy Christmas.

The New Year will bring a fresh set of challenges and the County Council will be doing their utmost to ensure that, with the difficult and continuing financial circumstances that not only surround the UK, but Europe as well, all of our front line services will be protected to the best of our ability.

With winter comes snow and I am delighted that most Parishes in my Division have accepted the 1 ton of free salt from the County Council. Hopefully this is appropriately stored in the villages and is available should any local difficulties occur. This should resolve immediate local problems before the County's teams and vehicles can get to where these problems occur. The County Council has to salt over 1800kms of road that are primary routes. Recently the County Council has acquired a new fleet of vehicles, which hopefully will assist in minimising inconvenience and problems, if the snow returns this winter.

The Government has been focussing recently on the adoption of children, and the County Council's Adoption Team is encouraging people to come forward. If you have ever considered adoption do feel free to make a confidential call to our team at County Hall.

The Trading Standards Department have had a lot of success in recent months regarding doorstep traders, and many successful arrests, with the co-operation of the police, have been made. Always remember that doorstep crime can happen anywhere and those of you who feel vulnerable and frightened should alert the Trading Standards Department and / or the Police for advice. **(Action Line: 0845-051-0845)**

During 2011 the Government has awarded this area special status as The Science Vale Enterprise Zone which will see, over the course of the next year or so, advances in

Broadband speed and availability, as well as a much required contribution to local infrastructure.

New bus contracts have been awarded as from December, affecting most of my Division, and we will see some changes to timetables. I am encouraged by people using their public transport more effectively as the cost of running a private motor vehicle seems to be ever increasing.

My best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.
November 2011



The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund are planning to visit some of the senior citizens of Chilton on New Year's Day 2012 to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these groceries is an annual event and on 1 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.

Again this year, we would welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent this 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:

Brian Morris 6 Latton Close
Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close
John Berry 'Schneeberg', South Row
Pam Rolls 15 Elderfield Crescent

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.

Pam Rolls



Bus Service Changes

There were some alterations to the bus timetable from 11 December. Hopefully you received the Thames Travel timetable for routes X32 and 32 in advance of the change. In case you find difficulty reading the composite timetable in the Thames Travel leaflet, we have attached a simplified timetable, showing just the X32 journeys from Chilton, to this edition of the Chronicle.

The principal change is that the Sunday service from Chilton will now be every two hours, rather than hourly. Also on Mondays to Saturdays the buses will now serve Milton Park. We are fortunate in Chilton to enjoy a really useful bus service to Didcot and Oxford. Please continue to support it, by using it.

Thank You Very Much

All Saints' Church would like to say a very big thank you to Chilton Garden Centre for their generous donation of a Christmas tree for the top of the Church tower. Christmas in Chilton would not be the same without a tree on top of the tower. Thank you very much.
The Churchwardens



Christmas and New Year at The Rose and Crown

Your village pub will be open throughout the holidays.

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

Open 12 noon to 12 midnight.

Disco and karaoke with Disco Dave from 5pm to midnight. Fancy dress optional.

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

Open 12 noon to 2pm

Boxing Day Monday 26 December

Open 12 noon to 12 midnight

New Year's Eve Saturday 31 December

Disco with DJ Alistair from 8pm to late (ie early Sunday morning)

New Year's Day Sunday 1 January

Open 12 noon to 12 midnight

All-day brunch £10 per head, including Bucks Fizz. Must be pre-booked on 01235 862992



Chilton Village Market

The next market will be in the Rose and Crown car park on **Saturday 13 January** from 9am to 1pm. Support this local initiative, which could grow into a village shop.

Produce to include bread, cheese, vegetables, meat. Local charity stall. Refreshments available in the Rose and Crown.

If you want to run a stall contact Jan on 01235 820561 or email craftsend@aol.com



The "At home" Group

The Working from Home Group has now been meeting for over 12 months and the members felt it would be nice to extend the group to anyone at home during the day i.e. in between jobs, retired, self-

employed, stay at home parents or housewives/husbands.

So, if you are at home on the last Thursday of each month and fancy meeting up with some other members of the village for a social coffee and a chat, please pop down to the Rose and Crown from 11.00am. The next date is **Thursday 26th January**.

If you would like any more information please contact Fiona on 863331 or Fiona.edlington@tesco.net



Charity Quiz Night

Date for your Diary - Chilton Wives' Group Annual Quiz Night will be held on Saturday March 17th 2012. Further Details in the next Chronicle .

Results of Charity Quiz Sheets : £220 was raised for Parkinson's UK in the September Quiz on ball sports. The winner was Gill Riches from West Hagbourne with 49.5 out of 50.

The Quiz Sheets for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Rex Hastings have raised just over £230. The theme was Musical Productions and four people had perfect scores so the winner had to be decided by Tie-break. Molly Farmer from Chesham (Chris Druce's Mum) was found to have devised the best. Debbie Davies from Harwell, Judy and John Gold from Chilton and Julia Gilling from Plymouth were the others with perfect scores.

The results have been amazing. Thank you to everyone who supports these quizzes, especially Gurmit at the Post Office, Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown and the Mobile Library for selling Quiz Sheets. If anyone is able to sell a few sheets or can identify an extra outlet I should be delighted to hear from them .

The Christmas Quiz is out now (closing date January 7th) to benefit SeeSaw and is on a Christmassy theme - Confectionery.

Judy Goodall

The next Chilton Wives' Group meeting will be on **January 17th** (not the 10th as in the Programme) in Chilton Church at 7:45pm. The speakers will be Janet and Andrew Stretton on "Garden Gate Life" . This couple run a home for pregnant

teenagers and young single mothers and their babies in the Nottingham area. We are holding a bring and buy to raise funds for this project. New Members are always welcome.

Judy Goodall



Female Runners Wanted

Female runners wanted to join me in weekly running during dark winter months. I have recently moved to the area and am keen to continue my passion for running. However, running at night in a small village is quite a challenge when a lone female, therefore I am thinking of setting up a small group to allow women in a similar situation to get together maybe once or twice a week during the darker evenings and run between 5 and 10km. Also happy to assist if you are new to running and need someone to go out with. All that is required is usual running gear plus a head torch and a hi-viz top. Please ring or text me on 07881 525587 if interested.

Thanks Lindsay Sedwards



Help Wanted

Would you like to see some Village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next June? Many of you will remember the good time we all had when we celebrated the Golden Jubilee. But to organise some more celebrations again volunteers are needed to do this. If you would like to find out more about it please contact Liz Morris on 834233 or parishclkchilton@btinternet.com Thanks to those who have already contacted me, I plan to organise a meeting early January.



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 19th January at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be by Christine Brewer on Basket Making. The competition will be a woven paper item.

Don't forget that annual membership fees are now due.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. For more details please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



Tai Chi

The class will start again on Monday 9th January in the Village Hall from 6.00pm to 7.15pm. and costs £5.00 a session.

If you want to get fit (but are not fanatical about it) or just want to stay supple then Tai Chi is ideal. Its slow and soft movements improve posture and keep the joints flexible. The class benefits all ages and is open to anyone, so why not give it a try and join those of us who already enjoy this tranquil interlude in a busy week. Just turn up for a trial session, or if you would like more details ring our instructor Tony on 01235 813857. Give it a go!



Saturday Art Group

The Saturday morning Art Group will be meeting on **Saturday 28th January from 10.00am to 1.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Future Dates

- 25th February
- 31st March
- 28th April
- 26th May
- 30th June
- 28th July

We are a friendly informal group where you can try painting as well as having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

All ages and abilities are very welcome. Please contact Lynda Ward on 834479 for more information or just turn up – art material is supplied.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 4th January at 8.00pm.**

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Area Beat Officer's Report
4. Open Forum
5. Minutes of the last PC meeting

6. District Council Report
7. County Council Report
8. Chilton Field
9. Planning
10. Matters Arising from last Meeting
11. Finance
 - (i) Budget for 2012/13
12. VHMC Report
13. Play Equipment Inspection
14. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 25th January**
Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233
 Email: parishclkchilton@btinternet.com

Parish Councillors

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 Dene Hollow
 Dene Hollow
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Mr. Chris Broad Chairman
 14 Latton Close
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Mr Andy Candelent
 21 Elderfield Crescent
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Mr. Frank Dumbleton
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 Mr. Brian Morris,
 6 Latton Close
 834233

Mr. Ian Thompson Vice Chair
 22 The Orchids
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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please check the calendar on the Village Hall website for dates: www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk and then contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street for details. 831750

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You can find it on the Village Hall website: www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Chilton Directory is attached to the June 2009 edition of the Chronicle, also available on the website are minutes from recent Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Directory.

Attached to this Chronicle is the new bus timetable and the table of regular clubs and classes held in the Village Hall.

Thames Travel bus service X32 from Sunday 11 December 2011 Chilton — Harwell — Didcot — Oxford

Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays)

Chilton Old Post Office	—	—	0755	0840	0946	1040	1140	1240	1340
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	—	—	—	0844	0950	1044	1144	1244	1344
Rowstock Corner	0605	0700	0800	0848	0954	1048	1148	1248	1348
Harwell Village	0607	0702	0802	0850	0956	1050	1150	1250	1350
Didcot Broadway	0616	0711	0811	0859	1005	1059	1159	1259	1359
Didcot Parkway Station	0620	0714	0814	0902	1008	1102	1202	1302	1402
Milton Park stop 2	0627	0721	0821	0909	1015	1109	1209	1309	1409
Oxford Castle Street	0652	0749	0854	0935	1040	1135	1235	1335	1435
Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	0656	0754	0859	0940	1043	1140	1240	1340	1440

Chilton Old Post Office	1440	1540	1640	—	—	1846	—	—	—
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	1444	1544	1644	1720	1750	1850	1935	—	—
Rowstock Corner	1448	1548	1648	1724	1754	1854	1939	—	—
Harwell Village	1450	1550	1650	—	1756	1856	1941	—	—
Didcot Broadway	1459	1559	1659	—	1805	1905	1947	—	—
Didcot Parkway Station	1502	1602	1702	—	1808	1908	1950	—	—
Milton Park stop 2	1509	1609	1709	—	1815	1915	—	—	—
Oxford Castle Street	1535	1635	1735	1755	1841	—	—	—	—
Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	1540	1640	1740	1800	1846	1938*	—	—	—

* arrives at stop G1

Saturdays

Chilton Old Post Office	0740	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	0744	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544
Rowstock Corner	0748	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548
Harwell Village	0750	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550
Didcot Broadway	0759	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1559
Didcot Parkway Station	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602
Milton Park stop 2	0809	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609
Oxford Castle Street	0835	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635
Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640

Chilton Old Post Office	1640	1740	1840	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	1644	1744	1844	1935	—	—	—	—	—
Rowstock Corner	1648	1748	1848	1939	—	—	—	—	—
Harwell Village	1650	1750	1850	1941	—	—	—	—	—
Didcot Broadway	1659	1759	1859	1947	—	—	—	—	—
Didcot Parkway Station	1702	1802	1902	1950	—	—	—	—	—
Milton Park stop 2	1709	1809	1909	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford Castle Street	1735	1835	1935	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	1740	1840	1940	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sundays and public holidays

Chilton Old Post Office	0949	1149	1349	1549	1725	—	—	—	—
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	0953	1153	1353	1553	1729	—	—	—	—
Rowstock Corner	0957	1157	1357	1557	1733	—	—	—	—
Harwell Village	0959	1159	1359	1559	1735	—	—	—	—
Didcot Broadway	1007	1207	1407	1607	1743	—	—	—	—
Didcot Parkway Station	1010	1210	1410	1610	1746	—	—	—	—
Oxford Castle Street	1040	1240	1440	1640	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	1045	1245	1445	1645	—	—	—	—	—

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Oxford — Didcot — Harwell — Chilton

Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays)

Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	0700	0800	0800	0900	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350
Milton Park stop 1	0722	—	0822	0920	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410
Didcot Parkway Station	0730	—	0830	0926	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416
Didcot Broadway	0733	—	0834	0929	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419
Harwell Village	0739	—	0840	0935	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425
Rowstock Corner	0742	0828	0843	0937	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	0749	0835	0850	0942	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432
Chilton Latton Close and Old Post Office	0754	0840	—	0946	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437

Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	1450	1550	1650	1750	1850	1950			
Milton Park stop 1	1510	1610	1715	1813	1910	2010			
Didcot Parkway Station	1516	1616	1725	1820	1916	2016			
Didcot Broadway	1519	1619	1729	1824	1919	2019			
Harwell Village	1525	1625	1735	1830	1925	2025			
Rowstock Corner	1527	1627	1738	1833	1927	2027			
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	1532	1632	1745	1838	1932	—			
Chilton Latton Close and Old Post Office	1537	1637	—	1843	—	—			

Saturdays

Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650
Milton Park stop 1	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710
Didcot Parkway Station	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716
Didcot Broadway	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1719
Harwell Village	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1725
Rowstock Corner	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1727
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732
Chilton Latton Close and Old Post Office	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1637	1737

Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	1750	1850	1950			
Milton Park stop 1	1810	1910	2101			
Didcot Parkway Station	1816	1916	2016			
Didcot Broadway	1819	1919	2019			
Harwell Village	1825	1925	2025			
Rowstock Corner	1827	1927	2027			
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	1832	1932	—			
Chilton Latton Close and Old Post Office	1837	—	—			

Sundays and public holidays

Oxford St Aldate's stop H5	—	1040	1240	1440	1640
Didcot Parkway Station	0916	1105	1305	1505	1705
Didcot Broadway	0919	1108	1308	1508	1708
Harwell Village	0926	1115	1315	1515	1715
Rowstock Corner	0928	1117	1317	1517	1717
Harwell Campus Bus Stop	0932	1121	1321	1521	1721
Chilton Latton Close and Old Post Office	0936	1125	1325	1525	1725

Clubs and classes at Chilton Village Hall

Chilton village hall has a range of clubs and classes each week. If you are interested in joining any of these, just contact the person listed.

N.B. [TTO] = Class runs school term time only.

Class	Time		Contact
Art Group	Mondays	2.00 – 4.00pm [TTO]	Didcot Adult Learning Centre 01235 811725
Tai Chi	Mondays	6.00-7.15pm	Tony Jones 01235 813857 tony@taichichuan.org.uk
Bowls Club	Mondays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Sonia James 01235 834224 sonia@internetfusion.co.uk
Harwell Scottish Country Dance Club	Tuesdays	8.00-10.00pm	Lesley Austin http://www.harwellscdc.mno.org.uk/ secretary@HarwellSCDC.mno.org.uk 01235 533626
Evergreens	1 st Tuesday of every month	2.00-4.00pm	Audrey Slater 01235 834558 k.slater@btopenworld.com
2 nd Chilton Scout Group			
Cubs	Wednesday	6.00-7.30pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
Scouts	Wednesday	7.30-9.00pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
Beavers	Thursday	6.15-7.15 pm [TTO]	http://www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk/
WI	3rd Thursday each Month	7.45-9.45pm	Judy Goodall 01235 834503 thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk
Toddler Group	Friday	9:30-11.30am [TTO]	Claire Morgan 07947 311300 chiltontoddlers@googlemail.com
Art Class	Every 4 th Saturday,	10.00am-1.00pm	Lynda Ward 01235 834479
Cardmaking Class	Every 3 rd Saturday,	9.30-4.30pm	Carole Waechtler 01235 525214 carole.waechtler@googlemail.com