

# Chilton Chronicle

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## Happy Christmas

No. 398 December 2013

### Christmas Tree

Thank you to Chilton Garden Centre for their generous donation of the magnificent tree which adorns the top of the tower at All Saints', Chilton. It looks lovely and we are very grateful for their kind gift.

Hazel King and Members of the Parochial Church Council



### Bus Service Changes from 8<sup>th</sup> December

Thames Travel are making big changes to the bus timetable from Sunday 8 December. For Chilton it is an improvement on the current service, with the X32 extended to Wantage on Mondays to Saturdays. There are also earlier and later services, including an 0632 and 0730 from Chilton on Mondays to Fridays, and last buses back from Oxford at 1843 and 1943 (Didcot Parkway 1917 and 2017) which make it feasible to commute from the village by bus and train to London for a full day's work – with the bus fare far less than the cost of parking a car at Didcot station. How's that for value?

There has been some easement to the timetable early in the morning, which hopefully will make the service more reliable as it will be less affected by peak hour delays. The bus stops in Chilton village are at Latton Close and Main Street. For Chilton Field residents the buses stop on the A4185 at the shelter close to the war memorial.

We have extracted a simplified Chilton version of the timetable, **which is attached to this Chronicle**. We are also hoping to receive a supply of Thames

Travel's printed timetables to distribute with the Chronicle. If it has not arrived in time for this edition we will distribute it in January. You can also download it at [http://assets.goaheadbus.com/media/cms/\\_page\\_media/468/X1\\_X32\\_Dec13\\_Web2.pdf](http://assets.goaheadbus.com/media/cms/_page_media/468/X1_X32_Dec13_Web2.pdf)

The 32 bus route, which serves Harwell Campus, is also being revamped and renumbered as X1. This currently runs between Wantage and Abingdon via Harwell Campus and Didcot. Most X1 journeys will now be extended from Abingdon to Oxford



### Thank You

A big thank you to all those who turned out for the Chilton churchyard working party on Saturday 9th November. Despite the wet - by the end of the morning a finer collection of mudlarks would have been hard to find! – a lot was achieved and their hard work is clear for all to see.

Thank you

Judith Russell



### News From The Rose And Crown

#### Southern Blues Fiasco

**Saturday 7 December**, Live Music from 9pm. Free entry.

This review is of an earlier gig: "Southern Blues Fiasco could play a stadium; they have that much energy and a powerhouse delivery that left the crowd literally entranced. One of the best blues acts I have seen this year." See:

[www.southernbluesfiasco.co.uk](http://www.southernbluesfiasco.co.uk)

#### Christmas Menu

Come to your village pub and enjoy celebration dining until 24 December.

## Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve, 12 noon to 12 midnight.

Christmas Day, 12 noon to 2 pm.

Boxing Day, normal hours.

## New Year's Eve Party

See in the New Year with your friends and neighbours in the village pub. Free entry and disco with DJ Ali. Complimentary food and spot prizes (fancy dress optional).



## Harwell-Chilton Campus Local Stakeholder Group (LSG)

### Meeting

The public are invited to attend the LSG meeting to be held at Catapult Satellite Applications, Electron Building, Fermi Avenue, Harwell Oxford, OX11 0QR (note change of venue) on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am.

The Agenda will include presentations on Research Sites Restoration Limited's Harwell programme and update reports by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency. The SSG meets three times a year to hear reports and raise questions about operations on the site licensed area of the Harwell Oxford Campus. The committee consists of representatives of local government from parish to county level, local interest groups and the independent regulators. Members of the press are invited.

The meeting will be chaired by Chris Broad, Chairman of Chilton Parish Council, is open to all and anyone attending may raise questions. Due to limited space please register your interest prior to the event.

Further information from the Secretariat, Angela Vincent: tel: 01235 435234. Email: [angela.vincent@research-sites.com](mailto:angela.vincent@research-sites.com)



## A Christmas Storytelling!

Please join us at Chilton Village Hall on **Saturday 14 December** at 3pm – 5pm for a fun and festive family afternoon of

Christmas story telling. Presented by Rosemary 'Rosie' Gardiner of Tiny Tunes. Christmas cakes and goodies will be available for purchase as well as a raffle prize the whole family can enjoy!

Admission: Child - £5.00

Adult - £1.00

(Children must be accompanied by an adult).

For tickets, please contact Autumn Tull 07791 244126, Claire Morgan 07947 311300, or Sian Francis 07541 080807. All proceeds will be donated towards the refurbishment of Chilton Village Hall.



## Christmas Cryptic Quiz Sheets

The next quiz will be to raise funds for SeeSaw and will be out on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Quiz Sheets are priced at £1.25 and are available from:-

Gurmit at the Post Office, Shea at the Rose and Crown, Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close and The Goodalls at 43 Crafts End.

Thank you

Judy Goodall



## Chilton Village Market

The Charity Stall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be to raise funds for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford. The stall will have a Christmas Theme. Please come and support us. Any books or home produce we can sell will be warmly welcomed.

Many thanks

Judy Goodall



## Steventon Choral Society

### **"Sounds of Christmas"**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm Steventon Village Hall. Join us for an evening of festive music and carols. Tickets are £8 and include interval refreshments. A pre-concert bar is available from 7.00-7.20pm.

See [www.steventonchoral.org.uk](http://www.steventonchoral.org.uk) or contact Trish Napper on 01235 848292 for more details and tickets.



### Didcot & District University of the Third Age

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall.

Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

To celebrate the festive season the December meeting will be a fantastic **Christmas Entertainment** including a quiz to be held at 2pm on 17 December!



### Date for the Diary - Saturday 7 June 2014 - Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival.

Operation Overlord (D-Day) 6 Jun 1944 saw the largest armada ever assembled with the objectives of establishing a beachhead in Mainland Europe where men and equipment could be landed with the aim to defeat the Third Reich and liberate Europe. As part of this extensive and elaborate plan aircraft of No 38 Group Royal Air Force took off from Royal Air Force Harwell (now the Harwell Oxford Campus) on the night of 5 June 1944 with troops of the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division who were among the first British soldiers to land in Normandy as part of the main assault.

Next year (2014) will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and Chilton is planning to hold a Village Festival on Saturday 7 June 2014. The festivities will be centred in and around the new Chilton Field Community Centre in order to:

- Bring the whole Chilton community together and welcome new members who have moved into the new housing development.
- Commemorate the D-Day landings, recognising the links to RAF Harwell and the Royal British Legion.
- Provide an opportunity for local clubs, societies and groups to demonstrate and advertise their activities in order to attract new membership.
- Provide an opportunity for local artists and performers to show their talents for the enjoyment of the wider community
- Above all to have some FUN as a community!!



#### **Volunteers**

Initial planning is already underway and we are looking for volunteers to:

- Help with the organisation.
- Provide stalls, demonstrations, acts, 'good ideas' etc.
- Get involved; lend their support skills and experience.

If you wish to get involved or can provide details of potential sponsors please e-mail Bob Girling – [gnilrig@gmail.com](mailto:gnilrig@gmail.com)

This is the first Chilton Festival since 2012 and we intend to make the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival on Saturday 7 June 2014 a memorable and enjoyable experience for all – Please put the date in your diary and get involved!

*"This operation is not being planned with any alternatives. This operation is planned as a victory, and that's the way it's going to be. We're going down there, and we're throwing everything we have into it, and we're going to make it a success."*

--General Dwight D. Eisenhower

## New hire rates for Chilton Village Hall/Community Room

The recommendations of a recent review of hall hiring rates by the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) were accepted unanimously by the Parish Council at its November meeting. The new user charges will come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014. The VHMC, which is entirely run by volunteers, was commended by the Council for the careful housekeeping which has enabled it to hold rates pegged for almost 4 years (last review in April 2010) whilst maintaining the village hall in excellent condition for its many users.

<b>Chilton VH/CR hire charges from 1/2/2014</b> <i>(All rates are per hour, fractions of hours will be charged at the full hour rate)</i>	<b>Main Hall (per hour)</b>	<b>Small Hall (per hour)</b>	<b>Meeting Room (per hour)</b>	<b>Whole Building (per hour)</b>	<b>Community Room (per hour)</b>
Regular Village Hirers	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£28.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
Casual Village Hirers	<b>£12.00</b>	<b>£12.00</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£33.00</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
Regular Non Village Hirers	<b>£14.00</b>	<b>£14.00</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£37.00</b>	<b>£14.00</b>
Casual Non Village Hirers	<b>£17.00</b>	<b>£17.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£44.00</b>	<b>£17.00</b>
Daily Rate [Non Commercial] (9am to 12 midnight)	-	-	-	<b>£150.00</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
Daily Rate [Commercial] (9am to 12 midnight)	-	-	-	<b>£250.00</b>	<b>£250.00</b>



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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 the Meeting
11. Finance
12. Reports of Meetings attended
13. VHMC Report
14. Play Equipment Inspection
15. Correspondence

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January.**

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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](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk) and then contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street for details, booking form etc. 831750

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