

# Chilton Chronicle

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## Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival on Saturday 7 June

The Festival will be opened by **Ed Vaizey MP** at 1pm.

This is your festival which is intended to welcome new members of the expanding Chilton Village, promote local military association/history, and highlight the activities of local clubs, societies, businesses and individual/group performers.



**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE**

The Festival Site is just to the east of Chilton Field between Chilton Field Way and Perimeter Road (close to the Harwell Stone). Timings for the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival are:

- 1300hrs – 1700hrs (1–5 pm) Afternoon Activities, Attractions and Live Music
- 1700hrs – 1800hrs (5-6 pm) Harwell Stone Commemoration Service led by The Royal British Legion
- 1800hrs – 2230hrs (6-10.30 pm) Live Music

Attractions include: stallholders, displays, bouncy castle, mega-slide, obstacle course, kiddie's go-karts, food, refreshments, re-enactors, vintage cars, motorcycles; the music line-up should include:

- Harwell Young Singers
- Bag Tree Buskers
- Jackie Oates
- Vintage Sounds
- Jerry 'Diamond'
- The Good Old Boys
- Dancing Through the Decades

**Transport.** In keeping with the D-Day theme petrol rationing is being strictly enforced so please leave your car at home and walk to the Festival Site. For those from the 'established' Chilton Village who are unable to walk Jerry has kindly offered to put on a mini-bus that will run from the Rose & Crown to the Festival Site. If you wish to make use of this transport could you please contact Jerry/Jude at [enquiries@ruralcarriages.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ruralcarriages.co.uk) or call 01235 820940.

More details about the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival can be found at:

Blog: <http://chiltond-dayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk/>

Web: <http://www.chiltonvillage.co.uk/d-day-event/>

If you require additional information or wish to be involved please contact

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## Thank You

Thank you everyone for all the cards and letters we have received after Adrian's death. Everyone's kindness has meant such a lot to us all.

Janet Webber and Family.



## Bus service changes from Monday 9 June

The X32 bus service from Chilton is to have a new timetable from 9 June. We have attached a summary of the Chilton service to this edition of the Chronicle. This shows the times for Main Street. The buses also stop at Latton Close and, for Chilton Field residents, at the bus stop on the A4185 close to the war memorial.

On Mondays to Fridays the service pattern between Wantage, Chilton and Oxford remains much the same as previously, but journey times have been extended by a few minutes. Hopefully that will make the service more reliable as there will be more slack in the schedules to cope with traffic congestion.

Most buses for Didcot and Oxford will be leaving a few minutes earlier than they do currently, so remember that and you won't miss it!

On Sundays the buses will only run between Chilton and Didcot Parkway station, rather than through to Oxford.

There is also a change to the pattern of serving Harwell Campus. At present the buses divert along Fermi Avenue to the Harwell Campus bus station, then visit Chilton, and repeat the trip along Fermi Avenue. That adds a few minutes to each journey, and if the bus is late the driver usually skips one of the Fermi Avenue trips to make up time.

From 9 June the buses will do the Harwell Campus bus station diversion only once each journey - on the way to Chilton in the mornings and on the way from Chilton in the afternoons. Is that clear? If not look at the timetable to see what we mean.

Happy travelling. We get a better bus service than many villages, so please keep on supporting it. Hopefully the new timetable will be more reliable than the buses have been recently, which will encourage more people to use them.



## Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Chilton Wives' Group would like to thank everyone who supported this event, especially those who kindly grew and donated plants. The superb total raised for Christian Aid from the plant sale and the cryptic quiz on Things Found In The Garden was £1,150.

The winner of the quiz with the great score of 49 ½ out of 50 was Julia Gilling from Plymouth. Second was Cara White with 49 and joint third were Barbara Anderson from Harwell and Gill Riches from West Hagbourne.



## Royal Mail Reorganisation

Thank you to everyone who helped to collect signatures for the petition to keep Colin Smith as our Postman. We only had a limited time to collect signatures as we did not wish to miss the deadline for the decision making. Our apologies to anyone who was unable to sign the petition. The total number of signatures collected was 447.

This is the letter I received from Dawn Lewis, Customer Service Advisor, Royal Mail Plymouth :-

"Thank you very much for your recent correspondence and petition concerning alterations to local delivery arrangements and in support of a member of staff affected by the changes.

It is really good to have such positive feedback from our customers and to hear your postman is held in such high esteem. Although we cannot guarantee Colin Smith will stay on your round, we have informed his Manager of your kind comments who will take this into consideration in the event of any re-allocation of rounds.

Once again I want to thank you for contacting Royal Mail. I hope very much I have clarified our position and been able to allay your concerns."

To date I have not received any communication from the Delivery Office Manager at Didcot Royal Mail.

Thank you for helping to take some positive action to keep our loyal, reliable and friendly postman.

Judy Goodall

### Didcot & District University of the Third Age

Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. The June meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 June on the topic of Old Didcot on Film with Eugene Coyle.

**2ND CHILTON  
SCOUT GROUP**

## Volunteers needed!!!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Chilton Scout Group

The Scout group have an executive committee which meet once a term in the pub to discuss matters for the whole group,  
ie Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



We are in need of the following:



**Secretary**

**Treasurer**



We require these members to continue the running of the group from behind the scenes.

For more info, please contact:

Joe Suttner on 07768 351000,

Teresa Lockett on 07778 398134 or

Rachel Watson on 01235 834505

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Nick Freestone who won the Bioscience Teacher of the Year award for the whole of the UK in April.  
Bethan Freestone



## Charity Stall and Produce Market

The next Produce Market will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Car Park at the Rose and Crown from 9am to 12 noon. The Charity Stall selling home-made cakes and fruit tarts, books plants, white elephant, jams and chutneys will be for Oxfordshire Crohn's and Colitis Society. The May Stall raised £104 for LIFEBLOOD. Offers of help and produce welcome – ring 834503 or e-mail thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk.

There is a new Cheese, Bread and Home-made Pastries and Savouries Stall now and the Old Farm Shop will be selling locally-grown produce, meat products and free-range eggs. Shea will be open for tea, coffee and Breakfast Baps and would appreciate your custom.



## From the Parish Council

### Chilton Field Community Room

The Parish Council wishes to remind Chilton Field residents that the car park in front of the Community Room is **not** to be used as a general parking area. It is only for the use of the Community Room hirers. Please park in your own allotted parking spaces or on the road in front of your house. The Parish Council are not responsible for any cars that are parked there and vehicles and contents are left entirely at owners' risk.

### Dog Fouling

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about the irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the attractive open spaces we have in this village. Due to the lack of consideration by some dog owners the Parish Council will be putting up "No Dogs Allowed" signs around the Playbuilder area on the Recreation Field.

Whilst the Council is aware that the majority of dog owners clear up after their dogs, there are still a large number of very irresponsible owners.

If you have a dog then act responsibly, clear up after it and help to keep the Village clean.

Dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases which can cause illness and even blindness.

It is a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution. (£1,000 fine) Please report anyone seen failing to clean up after their dog to the Vale of White Horse on 01235 520202 or email environmental.protection@whitehorsedc.gov.uk



## Aston Online

Aston Online aims to help everyone be confident users of the Internet and online services. Our next event is 10am to 12 noon on Tuesday 17 June in Astons Village Hall, Thorpe Street, Aston Upton OX11 9EQ.

The June event theme is online safety and security but we welcome all computer questions. Just turn up and we'll do our best to help you or refer you to local experts if we can't. Aston Online events are free-of-charge; tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and a post office are also available.



## Chilton WI

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45pm in the Community Room (provisionally).

The speaker at the meeting will be Liz Woolley, "Children and War – The Oxfordshire Story".

We are a friendly group and visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please just come along to a meeting, or phone Liz Morris on 834233 for more details



## Village Hall Management Committee news

1. VHMC Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 24 June at 7:30pm, provisionally in the Community Room (see below). Residents of Chilton are cordially invited to attend.

2. Chilton Community Room update: the VHMC has almost completed the various jobs needed to make the Community Room fit for purpose. The public premises part has been prioritised and we have one outstanding item that needs to be resolved in order to open it. We had hoped that this would be supplied and installed during May but regrettably the manufacturer mis-supplied parts so we are pursuing a new delivery. Provisionally our plans are to open the Community Room to regular hirers as soon as possible in June. We will keep them up to date on progress.

3. The VH improvements work is progressing well, with the contract to date in-budget and to time.



## Saturday Art Group

Don't forget, the Saturday Art Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 10.00 to 1.00pm. We are a friendly group who enjoy painting. The next meeting will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June in the Community Room. For more details please phone Carol Pigott on 834408.



## Advance Notice

### Chilton School Country Summer

### Fair - Friday 4th July from

### 3.15pm onwards.

Come and join us at our annual Summer Fair, this year on a **Friday**.

Lots of stalls from Bottle Tombola, Grand Raffle, Coconut shy, Children's Crafts to fun games, Bouncy Castle, Craft Stalls and children dancing in the Arena. Plus BBQ and beer or Tea and scones.

Entrance Free



## Play Equipment Thefts

We regret to report that another item of our kids' play equipment has been stolen from the Recreation Field. Last year it was the springer dog from the toddler area and last month the basket swing was stolen from the Playbuilder area. The basket swing is popular with the kids and so it is a major play loss as well as a financial drain on our rates and a pain to replace. As it's heavy, not quickly dismantled and located well away from the road/car park it must have been scouted before the theft. So would all residents using the Recreation Field please report any suspicious activity immediately to our neighbourhood PCSO Mike Clayden and make a note of the vehicle number plate. It is galling to think that the resale value of such equipment is probably less than 2% of what it will cost our community to replace.

Chilton Parish Council



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 8.00pm in the Community Room (provisionally).**

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. District Council Report
6. County Council Report
7. Chilton Field
8. Planning
9. Minutes of the last PC meeting
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 28<sup>th</sup> May**.

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

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**Parish Councillors**

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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 new bus timetable.

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Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

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