

# Chilton Chronicle

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## Colin Smith

Colin Smith, Chilton's popular postie for the past 8 years made his last round in the village on 26th July. He is currently on holiday and then takes up a new area for Royal Mail deliveries.

Colin will have a chance to enjoy another round in the village, but it will be of the liquid type in the Rose & Crown to meet up with his friends in the community. The date is **Saturday, 13th September at 8pm - all welcome.**

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift we are organising a community collection, which we aim to keep as a complete surprise. Please drop any donations in a sealed envelope to any of the following addresses:

Rachel Downey, 18 Crafts End

Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End

Janet Williams, 28 Crafts End

Katy Astley-Cooper, 16 The Orchids

Susie Tilbury, 15 Hill Piece

Ann Shaw, 'Ashcroft' Lower Road

Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close

Jane Woods, 'Layton Cottage' Main Street

Barbara Hatley, 18 Isis Close, Chilton Field

There will be a book available for you to write your personal messages, this can be found:

- Every day in the Church on the window ledge LHS as you go in
- At the Village Market on Saturday 13th September 9am
- In the Rose & Crown on Saturday, 13th September from 8pm



## Chilton Work of Art Update

It's on its way....! Plans for the Chilton Work of Art are now progressing through the planning department at the Vale, and as soon as they have approval, work will begin!

For those new to the village, this work of art has come from specifically allocated money from the Section 106 agreement for the new housing development at Chilton Field. From the first, the village has taken a driving seat with this project, with the Chilton Artwork Committee (made up of old and new residents) doing their best to make sure all

residents could have their say about what form the artwork should take, and who our artist could be. The only fixed criteria were the amount of money and the location on Chilton Field open space (as decided by David Wilson Homes). Tim Norris was chosen by us as our artist last year and examples of his beautiful artworks can be seen on his website [www.timnorris.co.uk](http://www.timnorris.co.uk). To see first sketches of Tim's beautiful amphitheatre planned for our village and more on the history of this project, go to our BlogSpot **[chiltonfieldartwork.blogspot.co.uk](http://chiltonfieldartwork.blogspot.co.uk)**

Next steps? As soon as the planners give Tim the go ahead, work can begin! Tim will be consulting with residents the whole way, giving us all a chance to be involved. If you want to know more, or have your voice heard, please contact the Chilton Artwork Committee on 861 253 (Sue)



## Bruges Christmas Market Trip

**28-30 November 2014**, there are a few places still remaining. Includes

Coach travel from and to Chilton

2 nights bed breakfast, evening meal (3 courses with a glass of wine)

Visit to Bruges and Gent Christmas Markets  
£199 per person (single room supplement available)

For more info please contact  
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## Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO)

Did you know that current plans for the county include 80,000 new jobs, 90,000 more residents and 100,000 more houses – all within the next 17 years? This proposed growth in housing is the equivalent of every town and village increasing in size by 40%.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned about how the speed and scale of this development could cause irretrievable damage to our landscape and local communities, and the impact it will have on already over-stretched

services and infrastructure, particularly in rural areas.

It has launched a campaign – Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO) - to fight for a more sustainable vision for the future of the county.

To find out more see our website ([www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)) or follow us on Facebook

([www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire)) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin (E: [administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk) / T: 01865 874780).



## FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES



All who moved to Chilton during the last 12 months are invited to an afternoon of games and fun for all on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September** from **3.30 – 6.30 pm** at the Community Room on Chilton Field.

Hot & cold drinks and nibbles provided, please bring your own picnic and blankets to sit on.

To give us an indication of how many are likely to attend, please email

[welcometochilton2014@outlook.com](mailto:welcometochilton2014@outlook.com)

if you are planning to come.

Thank you

An event organised by All Saints' Church Chilton



### Produce Markets

The next Produce Market will be on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** from 9am to 12 noon in the car park of the Rose and Crown. **The Old Farm Shop** will be selling fruit, vegetables and meat products, **Inglenook Catering** will be supplying bread, cakes and pastries including Lardy Cakes and the **Charity Stall** will be raising funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. As well as home-baked tarts and cakes, the Charity Stall has a wide

range of second-hand books and a variety of White Elephant objects.

The Pub will be open for **Shea's Breakfast Baps** – go on, treat yourselves! Offers of help and small White Elephant goods and books are always welcome – phone Judy on 834503 or call in at 43 Crafts End.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Market in August; we raised **£138.20** for the Motor Neurone Disease Association following on from the **£175** raised at the June Market for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

Future Market Dates are Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### A Grand Day Out

Now is your chance to have a day out at the Newbury Racecourse and learn about bell ringing. On Saturday 6 September 2014 there is a 'Ringing Roadshow' between 10am and 5pm with many stalls where you can learn all about bell ringing as well as some 'mini-rings' where you can have a go yourself with experts to show you how it is done. Full details are on the internet at: [www.ringingroadshow.co.uk](http://www.ringingroadshow.co.uk)

We are expecting some visitors who have been to the Show to call into Chilton on their way home to ring the All Saints' bells for an hour, starting at about 5.30pm. Why not come to the churchyard to listen? Further information from Kate Crennell tel: 01235 834357



### 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 September meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September when Derek Pooley will talk about "Clocks, Heavenly Clocks and Calendars".



### Chilton WI

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in the Community Room.

The speaker at the meeting will be Ian Scott-Hunter "A Royal Butler". 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



### A Date for Your Diary

Celebrate **HARVEST** **SUNDAY** with a **DELICIOUS CREAM TEA** on Sunday **5th October** 3.00 - 5.00pm at All Saints, Chilton, in aid of Tearfund\* and also buy local produce, cakes, flowers and jam. There will be children's activities.

\*Tearfund help people in poverty worldwide and this year they are using raised funds to help the most vulnerable children.



### Cryptic Quiz Sheets

After a summer break the next Cryptic Quiz Sheet will be to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It will be available from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and will be on sale at the Produce Market on the 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Rose and Crown Car Park. Quiz Sheets will also be available from **Judy Goodall** at 43 Crafts End, **Audrey Slater** at 9 Latton Close, **Shea** at the **Rose and Crown** and **Atomic Hair** in Curie Avenue.



### Response to Last Month's Dog Letter

I agree whole heartedly with the letter from Maureen Kilczynski (Chilton Chronicle No. 405 July 2014) and I raised the same topic at the last Parish Council meeting following my experience at the playing field.

I took two of my grandchildren to the activities area for about half an hour. During that time three dog owners came into the area and let their dogs deposit faeces. All three picked up their dogs mess, no doubt leaving smears. One placed his bag in the nearby waste bin, while the other two walked into the woods just beyond the activities area and appeared five minutes later without bags. No doubt that the bags were thrown into the trees or left on the path.

Why on earth do dog owners use the children's play area as a dog's toilet when they have their own gardens? If need be, with so much open country surrounding the village, dogs could be taken for a run there but please, not in the playing fields, or my

front garden, which some dog owners allow to happen.

Earlier this week when I took my grandchildren to the activities area there were four dogs running free, outnumbering the children!

It is not my intention to condemn all dog owners or spoil their pleasure, but if some are so irresponsible that they disregard notices and continue to use the play area as a toilet for their dogs there are three possible solutions:

- fencing off the activities area
- making a small compound for dogs to stay in.
- tethering post.

What a shame that we have to consider these options because of a few irresponsible dog owners who risk the health of children.

John Alner



### D-Day Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 7th June 2014

The annual D-Day Service held at the Harwell Stone took place this year recognising the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944.

It was organised for the second time by the Harwell Branch of the Royal British Legion and Duncan Rogers of Harwell Oxford Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches.

As part of the recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to bring the Harwell Stone and significant history of RAF Harwell to the attention of the residents of the new Chilton estate a village festival was also held adjacent to the Stone. This ran from lunchtime as an ideal build up to the Service and continued after with evening entertainment in the form of musical acts and bands.

Despite a wet start the day's weather continually improved which encouraged many villagers to attend the festival, and then on to the Service which saw the largest crowds in some time, exceeding all expectations. It is estimated between 350 and 400 people were in attendance.

This included representatives from organisations and business on the Harwell Oxford Campus and British Legion Branches and Veterans organisations across Oxfordshire and Berkshire. These included the Parachute Regiment Association, the RAF 38 Group Association, Glider Pilot's

Regimental Association, and Airborne Forces Association. 17 Standards were paraded.

With such a significant anniversary year the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Tom Stevenson OBE accepted the invitation to be Guest of Honour for the Service and lead the laying of the wreaths, followed by 25 others which included the Chairman of the VOWH District Council, the Mayor of Didcot, and Chairmen of the Chilton and Harwell Parish Councils, veterans associations as mentioned above. Also organisations on the Harwell Oxford Campus including Diamond Light Source, Medical Research Council, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Oxford Campus, Public Health England, European Space Agency, Research Sites Restoration Limited and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary

Wantage and Didcot Squadrons of the Air Training Corps formed a joint Guard of Honour for the service with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chilton Scouts, pupils from Chilton School and Chilton Baby and Toddler Group also taking part in proceedings by laying wreaths and posies.

The Service was conducted by Rev. Pam Rolls with the Last Post sounded by Tony Hughes.

A collection was made for the Poppy Appeal which totalled £166.85.

Thanks are due to the Chilton Festival Committee for raising the profile of the Service to the local community, Duncan Rogers of Harwell Oxford Campus for the site preparation and management and for printing a significant number of service sheets and also to the Civil Nuclear Constabulary granting permission and access to hold the event.

Thanks should also go to Chilton WI for the excellent refreshments they laid on for the veterans following the service. Finally thank you to all those who attended and helped make the day go so well.

The inscription on the stone reads:

"THIS STONE MARKS THE END OF THE RUNWAY FROM WHICH AIRCRAFT OF No. 38 GROUP ROYAL AIR FORCE TOOK OFF ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JUNE 1944 WITH TROOPS OF THE 6th AIRBORNE DIVISION WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST BRITISH SOLDIERS TO LAND IN NORMANDY ON THE MAIN ASSAULT FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE"

Peter Davies  
Harwell RBL Ceremonial Officer



### Astons 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 16 September** in Astons Village Hall, Thorpe Street, Aston Upthorpe OX11 9EQ.

We're ready to discuss all your Internet, email, online services and computer issues; just turn up and we'll do our best to help you. The event is free-of-charge; tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and a post office are also available.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at 8.00pm in the Community Room**

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. Village Hall Improvements
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 17<sup>th</sup> September**.

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