

Chilton Chronicle

Happy Christmas from the Parish Council

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Winner of Business & Community Award 2014

Congratulations to Bob Girling who organised the very successful Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival. The Festival was a winner in the Didcot First Business and Community Awards, it won the Community Sector- Raising Awareness. Well done Bob and your volunteers for all your hard work.



Don't Forget

Last week a special edition of the Chronicle was circulated to every house giving information about the proposed increase to housing in Chilton. Don't forget to make your views known about the Local Plan. If you want more information please contact savechiltonaonb@gmail.com



Chilton Primary School

Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December 11.00am - 2.00pm

Traditional Hog Roast - Craft Stalls - Children's Activities Father Christmas - Raffle and lots more. Come along and join the fun!

Entry Fee - Adult £1
Chilton PTA



Thank You

A big thank you to all those who turned out for the Chilton churchyard working party on Saturday 8th November. Despite the wet -again! - lots was achieved and it was

good to see the churchyard looking good for Remembrance Sunday.

Judith Russell



Get ready for Christmas & New Year with Mashed. Pickles and juice for stocking fillers?

Our bacon, smoked salmon & gravadlax are a must for the special breakfasts and party nibbles. Visit us at the produce market, or order via email to info@mashed.xyz or at www.mashed.xyz.



Produce Market

The Saturday 13th December market will be in aid of the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

Offers of books, small White Elephant items and cakes are always welcome.

Judy Goodall



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



News From the Rose & Crown

BOOK NOW FOR CHRISTMAS MENU

The Rose and Crown's traditional Christmas menu available every day until 23 December, buffet or table service. Book in advance on 01235 862992.

NOW SERVING SUNDAY CARVERY
Every Sunday 12 noon to 3pm, £9.50.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Christmas Eve till midnight.

Christmas Day 12 noon to 2pm for drinks.

Boxing Day 12 noon to 10pm.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

8pm till late, complimentary buffet, disco with music by D J Lewis (ex Radio Bournemouth). No ticket required, all welcome. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes and be ready to party!

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

£9.50, with complimentary Buck's Fizz.

Book in advance on 01235 862992.

Find us on www.roseandcrown.info



Gemma Pearce Fitness Classes in Chilton

Join our fun and friendly fitness classes in the village:

Zumba and Zumba Gold

Thursday morning classes from 8th January 2015 at Chilton Village Hall. Zumba at 9.30am and Zumba Gold (low impact) 10.30am

£5 per class or £25 for 6 classes. Drop in class, no need to book.

Body Blitz

A fat-burning total body workout, followed by a blissful stretch on Thursday evenings at Chilton Village Hall. Classes in 6 week blocks, booked in advance on www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk

Pilates

Mixed ability classes on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Chilton Village Hall and the Chilton Fields Community Room. 6 week courses, booked in advance. Visit www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk to sign up for January.



Camomile Babies

I now run 4 week Baby Massage courses in the Village Hall in Chilton on Friday mornings. These courses are suitable for babies aged 4 weeks to pre crawling and are a lovely way to soothe and bond with

your baby. It is also a great way to meet other mums with small babies in a friendly relaxed environment.

This is feedback from one of the mums I have recently taught massage to:

Lizzie Smith – 5 star I would really recommend the baby massage course- the classes were lovely and relaxed and my son enjoys being massaged so much we do it nearly every day now at home. It's a lovely way to spend time together and having done the course I can just concentrate on him rather than having to think too hard about what I'm doing! I'm really pleased we did it.

For more information about taster sessions and the courses available please:

email me: at camomilebabies@gmail.com

phone: 07979592032.

Facebook: Camomile Babies



A Date for Your Diary

On **Saturday 28th February** there will be a dance (over 18s) in memory of Gwen Pearce and also to raise funds for cancer research and Sobell House Hospice.

There will be a live band, disco and food. BYO drink.

Tickets are £12.50 per person and are available from

Marcia Oliver 07861658880 or

Lianne Vickers 01235 861545 or

Email: jenpuk1@yahoo.co.uk or

lianne.vickers@btinternet.com

It's been a while since we have had a dance in the village hall so let's make it a good one and raise some money for an excellent cause.

If you can help with donating any raffle prizes then please let either Marcia or Lianne know.

Looking forward to seeing you then.



From Your County Councillor

For most of the County- and most of those residing in my division – the private car is still the preferred mode of transport for a large majority. Some areas are seeing an increase in cycling, but many of our roads are not appropriate. In this area, compared with other parts of Oxfordshire, we do have a relatively successful bus

network. Most are run commercially and let us all hope that continues, especially as a review of bus subsidies, I fear, will not be good news as our budgets for such things, are cut further by Central Government. So do think "could I use the bus today instead of the car?"

Some of you may know that at OCC we have the legal responsibility for child protection. I am always saddened by the circumstances of children needing protection throughout this county. (Towns & Villages) We have several hundred children who are lovingly cared for by Foster Parents & others. As the festive season becomes closer please read this small piece below. Can you help to give a child a Happier Christmas?

Christmas is a time for family... for some children... that's a Foster Family...

"Playing with my foster sister is the best part of being a foster family. It makes me feel really good about myself I just feel really happy".

Foster children vary in age from babies to teenagers. Every child's story is different, but what they all need is security, stability and the opportunity to achieve their full potential. These children need the security of ordinary family life until they can return to their parents or if this is not possible to live with either an adoptive family or foster family in their forever home.

Foster carers work closely with parents, social workers and other professionals supporting families, rebuilding relationships and shaping children's lives. All foster carers receive allowances and an excellent support and training package to enable you to provide the best quality care to vulnerable children.

Thinking about adoption - Some children may miss out on adoption - older children, children with disabilities and brothers and sisters, we are looking for adoptive families who can be flexible about their wishes for adoption. You will receive training and support to help you prepare for adoption and this support is continued for as long as you feel it is needed.

This New Year do something amazing, fostering & adoption changing children's and many families lives. Could you shape a child's life? If you think YOU could help and feel you need to find out and know more – Tel: 0800 783 5724 or email fostering@oxfordshire.gov.uk or adoption@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/adoption

2015 will see OCC delivering more necessary infrastructure. As The Vale of The White Horse are taking steps to increase the local population, we as the County are obliged to modify the infrastructure based upon their decisions as to where building is to go. I do know from my emails that people have very mixed feelings, but please understand that OCC is only a consultative authority; when it comes to planning decisions for new development it is the District Council alone that takes that final decision.

So next year will see many tasks commencing. So our local highways will be changing, and with it will be some disruption of varying degrees. I can only apologise in advance, but these works are essential and doing nothing is not an option.

On the A34, the Highways agency has allowed us to commence work on the Chilton Northern Slip roads. That will start early in the year, as will the necessary modifications to the Milton interchange. The A417 between Blewbury & Ardington has a programme of modifications to aid cycling and also steps to slow down the traffic flows at peak times. Featherbed Lane is to be widened & improved. My personal ambition should see the commencement of the Harwell relief road commencing later in the year ahead. YES – it will be a difficult time, but when completed traffic can move more easily. So always allow extra time – just in case.

May your families have a Happy Christmas, and I do hope that these road works will not spoil 2015 too much!.

Stewart Lilly



Didcot & District University of the Third Age

The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civil Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to a meeting as a taster before joining. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm when we will celebrate Christmas with a buffet lunch and an afternoon of seasonal entertainment for all our members.



Notice Of RBL Club AGM

The Harwell Village Royal British Legion Club Annual General Meeting will be held at the club on FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2015 at 8 p.m.

This will cover all aspects of Club business including election of Committee members under the current club rules.

An update of the current trading position and future development plans will be given.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Ian Clarke, Club Secretary.



Notices From the Parish Council

Did you know that in May 2015 there will be an election for all the seats on the Parish Council? Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor? All you need to become one is:

- Be aged 18, on electoral role, citizen of UK, Commonwealth, EU or Ireland or resident within 3 miles of the parish or own land or work in the parish
- Be able to attend regular evening meetings
- Be interested in local issues, but not just a single issue
- An understanding and willingness to represent the views of the whole community
- An interest in being a professional and effective councillor

For more information about what is involved please contact Liz Morris, the

Parish Clerk, on 834233 or parishclkchilton@btinternet.com.

Postal Collections

Please note that there is a change to collection times from the post box in Main Street, post will be collected at 9.00am Monday – Friday and 7.00am Saturday. The 4.00pm collection at Latton Close is unchanged.

Mobile Library Consultation

Oxfordshire County Council have recently reviewed their mobile library service and found that whilst the service is clearly valued, many of the stops currently offered are not very well used, and some are not used at all.

OCC believe it can better serve the needs of people who find it difficult to get to library buildings by joining up mobile services and delivering them in a different way.

The consultation is open until 31 December, look on the OCC website under consultations

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/mobilelibraryserviceconsultation/consultationHome>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 17th December 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

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. Planning
8. Minutes of the last PC meeting
9. Matters Arising from the Meeting
10. Finance
11. Reports of Meetings attended
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 22nd October**

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Please see overleaf for article about primary school admissions.