

# Chilton Chronicle

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## Revised Bus Timetable

The local bus services were revised on 6 July. We have attached a summary of the local X32 timetable connecting Chilton with Didcot, Oxford and Wantage. Some of the last services on Mondays to Saturdays will no longer run due to Oxfordshire County Council having withdrawn the subsidy. The Sunday service to Didcot remains, which was also under threat of withdrawal.

Oxfordshire County Council is currently having to cut back even more on subsidised bus services, due to cuts by central government. It is expected that the Budget delivered on 8 July will result in more cutbacks of local government, and the possibility of Oxfordshire County Council having to withdraw bus subsidies altogether.

In the circumstances it is fortunate that the X32 buses at Chilton village are run as a commercial service with no subsidy from the County Council. However, that means their continuation depends on the amount of use the village makes of the service. With the school summer holidays coming up, the buses are a way for young people to travel to local towns without relying on parents' cars.

There is also a new Connector service between Harwell Campus and Didcot railway station which gives a bus approximately every 15 minutes on Mondays to Fridays between 6.30am and 8pm.



## Mrs Margaret Turner retires after 16 years as one of your District Councillors

In May, Margaret Turner completed 16 years as a District Councillor for Harwell Ward in the Vale of White Horse District Council and certainly led a very active final year, mainly as a member of the Planning Committee where she displayed a very sound knowledge of planning law, regulations and application processes. She became involved in the Vale's Youth Council for a number of years and was appointed the Vale's representative for the Harwell Site Stakeholder Group and its working party.

Following her husband Barrie's health problems and his fall last Autumn, Margaret decided to retire from Council work and will be sadly missed by Vale officers and residents. Nevertheless her council interests will undoubtedly remain at heart for some while and she will continue to listen to residents of Chilton and Harwell when taking their dog, Crumpet, for his walks .... and then pass their concerns and comments on to

Janet Shelley and myself! And my goodness, woe betide anyone failing to pick up their dog poo!!

I enjoyed working alongside Margaret in Harwell Ward for the past 8 years and know all readers will join me in wishing Margaret a happy retirement from the current political pressures and demands and in thanking her sincerely for her 16 years excellent service as a dedicated and passionate District Councillor.

CLlr Reg Waite



## French Christmas Market Trip

Join us for 3 days 2 nights HALF BOARD coach trip to Lille and Arras Christmas markets 27-29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Cost £219 per person. Deposit £10 pp.

For more details please contact

Marcia Oliver 07861 658880 or

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## Chilton Village Festival 2015 Report



On behalf of Chilton Parish Council and Chilton Village Hall Management Committee I would

like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all those who helped and assisted in making the Chilton Village Festival such a great event. With well over a 1000 people attending and over £700 raised towards improvements in the Chilton Village Hall the Festival was an outstanding success.

The enlarged and refurbished Chilton Village Hall provided the ideal centrepiece for the Festival with excellent facilities and ample space for all. It was good to see so many folk from the local community enjoying the relaxed 'village' atmosphere, as well as attending the poignant Harwell Stone Memorial Service before returning for an evening of live music.

The Festival would not have been possible without the contribution from volunteers and support of local businesses, individuals, companies, organisations and stallholders. Thank you!!

Looking to the future for the Chilton Village Festival to continue there is a need for a small dedicated team of volunteers to come forward to take up the mantle and build on the success of the last two years. If you are interested in organising and running the Chilton Festival next year please contact Bob Girling – [gnilrig@gmail.com](mailto:gnilrig@gmail.com).

To all those who made the Chilton Village Festival possible and for those who attended.....thank you!

Bob Girling  
Chilton Village Festival  
Project Manger 2014 & 2015  
PS for photo report of the Festival please check out  
the website:  
<http://chiltonfestival2015.blogspot.co.uk/>



### **Chilton School**

Do you enjoy gardening? If so, would you be interested in volunteering at Chilton Primary School? One of our gardeners is hanging up her school secateurs so we're looking for new volunteers to help with our fantastic gardens. We have the following opportunities:

**Regular sessions:** We are looking for a knowledgeable volunteer to help run gardening lessons with children during school hours and a person to help at after school gardening club. These run on a weekly basis during term time from February half term to October half term. Alternatively, if you'd just like to help out with basic maintenance work in our vegetable garden (without the children) please do get in touch to find out more.

**Ad-hoc sessions:** we need someone with basic carpentry skills to make a timber bed for our vegetable garden. We also need muscle power (or machinery) to help remove some concrete foundations in the garden ready for replanting. No gardening experience required for either of these. If you are able to volunteer to help with any of the sessions above please contact Chilton Primary School on (01235) 834263 or drop in and ask to speak to Christine for more information.



### **Rose and Crown News**

OPEN ALL DAY TUESDAYS TO SUNDAYS  
Cream teas (£4.50) and toasted sandwiches (£3.95)  
served every afternoon.  
Fresh bean coffee, cappuccino and latté always  
available.

#### **Regular Favourites**

Sunday lunch time carvery £9.95, children under 10  
£5.95, under 5s eat free!  
Choice of three roast meats, plus six fresh vegetables  
including roast and dauphinoise potatoes.  
Tuesday evenings fun quiz.  
Saturday evenings two steaks and bottle of wine £20.

#### **A BAR FOR YOUR FUNCTION?**

Functions and outside bars catered for. Further  
details from Shea at the Rose and Crown, phone  
01235 862992.



### **Gemma Pearce Fitness Classes in Chilton**

Join our fun & friendly fitness classes in the village:  
**Outdoor Fit Camp**

Thursdays 6.30pm, running 16th July until 20th  
August. £5 per session or £20 for 6 weeks .  
Chilton Recreation Ground next to the village hall.

#### **Pilates**

New courses starting w/c 13th July on Tuesday and  
Thursday evenings at Chilton Village Hall and Chilton  
Community Room.

Book your place on [www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk](http://www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk)  
**Zumba Gold**

Low impact dance fitness on Thursdays at 10.30am,  
No need to book, just turn up!

More information

on [www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk](http://www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk)



### **Chilton WI**

Chilton W.I meets on the third Thursday of each  
month. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall and the speaker  
will be Christine Wallace who reached the quarter  
finals of The Great British Bake Off in 2013. Come  
along to hear Christine tell us about her experiences  
of the popular TV baking show and her career on local  
radio. We will be raffling one of her cakes during the  
meeting.

The meeting is open to members and non-members  
so if you would like to hear Christine talk please come  
and join us.

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



### **Calling Chilton Residents to Support your Parish Councillors**

Margaret Turner and Reg Waite wish to thank your  
Chilton Parish Councillors for their ongoing strong  
forbearance, dedication, commitment and  
professional approach to their ever increasing and  
challenging duties.

Reg comments, "Being a voluntary, elected or  
adopted Parish Councillor can be tough: the public  
profile, credibility and expectations placed upon  
parish councillors are numerous, requiring the  
maintenance of high levels of energy and  
performance. Carrying out multiple roles and working  
with a wide range of people and managing a variety of  
different roles and situations (not to mention getting  
the 'work-life balance' right) requires resilience."

"Chilton Parish Councillors have certainly maintained  
that personal resilience in maintaining a sense of

wellbeing, being mentally alert and strong, effectively meeting different demands and performing at their very best on behalf of all Chilton's residents, individuals, organisations and communities as well as being effective leaders.

Undoubted thanks go to past Parish Councillors for all the work they undertook and achieved; and Janet Shelley and Reg now ask for residents to support and assist your team of parish councillors over the next four years since this can help the pressures and challenges they face, and enable them to be able to maximize the positive aspects of their roles."



### **Huge thanks to ALL voters.**

Janet Shelley MBE and Reg Waite thank everyone who turned out to vote on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, and especially those of you who voted to return both of us as District Councillors for Blewbury & Harwell Ward in the Vale of White Horse District Council.

We will continue to do our very best and fight hard for our four villages – Blewbury, Chilton, Harwell and Upton – and to undertake our duties professionally on behalf of all our residents regardless of how you voted on the day.

Janet was District Councillor for Blewbury and Upton for the last 4 years but following the redrawing of the boundaries a few years ago the Vale's councillors have been reduced from 51 to 38, and our larger ward which is known as Blewbury & Harwell Ward consists of approximately 4,600 voters. Reg has been District Councillor for Harwell Ward for the past 8 years.

Amongst their many duties, Janet is to continue as a member of the Planning Committee whilst Reg has been appointed and sworn in as Vice Chairman of the Council.

Reg Waite



### **Didcot & District University of The Third**

**Age** 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.

At our meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July Malcolm Nelson will talk about "40 Years of Smugglers."

**It's never too late to expand your horizons.....**



**Secretary, Vale of White Horse District,**

**Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

Put your admin skills to use with a respected local

environmental organisation! Vale of White Horse CPRE urgently needs a secretary to assist our volunteers to speak up for the local countryside. This is a home-based role of 1-2 hours a week, with a quarterly daytime meeting held in the Vale District.

Tasks to include general administrative and secretarial duties. This role is key to ensuring an efficient local District. The Secretary is the cornerstone for the other volunteers in the area. By keeping other volunteers informed, you will help to motivate them and make sure that their efforts are directed to maximum effect. CPRE reimburses volunteers for reasonable expenses occurred.

For more information about the role visit our website <http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk>

If you are interested in applying, please email the District Chairman, Peter Collins at:

[Peter.Collins@maths.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Peter.Collins@maths.ox.ac.uk) or call him on: 01235 763081 / 01865 727796.

For more general enquiries please email the branch office at: [administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk) or call on: 01491 612079.

The English countryside is wonderful - help us look after it!

Dr Helena Whall

Campaign Manager

Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO)



### **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library comes to Chilton every two weeks, from 1.30pm – 1.50pm. on a Tuesday. It stops at the bottom of Crafts End and the next visit will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.



### **Fly Tipping**

There has been a spate of fly tipping recently. If you see anything that has been fly tipped please report it to the Vale. Phone number **03000 610 610**, or email [admin.vale@biffa.co.uk](mailto:admin.vale@biffa.co.uk). Please give as much information as possible, including where it is, how much, what the waste is and if you see a vehicle involved, a description and the registration number. The Vale always tries to find anything that will identify the fly tipper so that they can prosecute.



### **Want to know what classes are on at the Village Hall or the Community Room?**

Then go to the Village Hall website <http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk/> and check out the Regular Hirers section.

To book the Village Hall or Community Room contact the **Bookings Clerk** on

**[bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk)**  
**01235 861253**



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 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. Minutes of the last PC meeting
6. District Council Report
7. County Council Report
8. Planning
9. Matters Arising
10. Finance
11. VHMC Report
12. Play Equipment Inspection
13. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.**

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Parish Councillors

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

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Attached to the Chronicle is the revised bus timetable