

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

**JUNE 2014**

Saturday 7th June at 5:30pm  
The anniversary of D-Day  
A parade and service will be held at  
the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone  
at the Harwell Oxford Campus

More information on inside page.



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## D - DAY SERVICE

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, a parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Oxford Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day. This is organised by the Royal British Legion Harwell Branch and supported by the various local companies on the Harwell Campus.

The 2014 Service will take place on Saturday 7th June 2014 at 5.30pm. Legion Standards and Service Standards plus Cadet Forces and other youth organisations will be present and assembling at 5.00pm. Attendees should note there are no facilities at the Stone.

In recognition of the 70th anniversary year, Chilton Village is holding a festival adjacent to the venue from 1.00pm, which will include a selection of stalls and entertainment laid on prior to the Parade and Service with a military theme. The Legion County Marquee will be in attendance raising the Legion's profile and fund raising for the Poppy Appeal and also recruiting new members.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Chilton Festival can visit <http://chiltonddayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk> or contact the festival Chairman, Bob Girling via [Gnilrig@aol.com](mailto:Gnilrig@aol.com).

Those wanting to know more details of the Parade or Service can contact the Harwell Branch Ceremonial Officer Peter Davies. Those wishing to organize a wreath to lay during the service can contact the Branch PAO Wendy Clarke both via [branch@harwellrbl.co.uk](mailto:branch@harwellrbl.co.uk).

## D - DAY COMMEMORATION

Chilton residents are organising a D-Day Commemoration event for Saturday 7th June 2014 which will take place near the new Community Room on the Chilton Field development. There will also be an exhibition in All Saints' Church. Two villagers are going to put together displays (photographs and descriptions) relating to the airmen who took off from RAF Harwell in support of the D-Day landings. If there is anyone who would like to display other World War II memorabilia (photographs, objects, art, poetry) they are very welcome to exhibit these in the Church, too. There is no need to make a link to the military, in fact artefacts relating to civilian life, non-fighting roles, pacifism, etc. would be very welcome. It would be very nice to have as many different contributions as possible. The Church will be open during the afternoon, from 2.00 pm to approximately 5.00 pm. Please let Carolyn in the Church Office know if you are able to help. Thank you for your support.

## CONNECT

Sunday 15th June. 'Connect' is a free family event every third Sunday of the month at Chilton School, 4.30-6pm. All welcome. For children there are crafts and hot food; for adults tea and cake and a chance to relax with other local families. For everyone an interactive 'thought for the day' on a Christian theme, and music. It is informal, interactive and fun.

The Rev Richard Bewes considers what Pentecost did for our access to Jesus

## Why Pentecost makes Christ accessible

*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house (Acts 2:2)*



Christianity is more than a fading memory scrapbook. The day of Pentecost came, to make our Lord accessible, even to the newest follower!

Imagine the late Nelson Mandela arriving at Heathrow Airport. On stepping onto the tarmac a group of admirers and friends wave to him excitedly from the airport roof. But instead of lingering with them, he only waves briefly, and is immediately whisked away. Yet any disappointment among his friends is tempered later, when they see Mandela in a major TV programme addressing himself not only to them but to an entire nation. His removal from them had been essential if he was to have been made available to many millions more.

During Jesus' earthly ministry, no more than a limited number of people could be near enough to hear him, let alone speak to him or touch him. His Ascension – followed by Pentecost - was to change everything to a global dimension. Earlier he had reassured his disciples, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you....It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you....(John 14:18; 16:7). To have the Holy Spirit is to have the very presence of Jesus in your life.

The mystery of Pentecost. The coming of Christ's Spirit – 'the Counsellor' - reminded people of a wind (unseen, yet powerful in its effects) - and of prophecies such as Ezekiel 37:9. Christians have always loved these vivid descriptions of the Holy Spirit - wind, fire, oil, water, a dove.

The sovereignty of Pentecost. 'The wind blows where it wills' said Jesus to Nicodemus (John 3:8). So was the Spirit's working in Acts 2 - suddenly there were new believers swept into the Church of Jesus Christ - from lands all around the Mediterranean basin. Don't say the Gospel can't work in certain places and people. It has! It does.

The energy of Pentecost. At the start of Acts 2, there were about 120 believers in the church. By the end of the day they had ballooned by over 2,000 percent. And today? Why, to take the statistics of Africa alone, for every little African baby being born today, there will be two Africans becoming followers of Jesus. Pentecost is a phenomenon worldwide!

# June 2014

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Fledgelings**

9:30-11:30am Mondays (during term time) at St Matthew's Church Hall

### **Bell Ringing**

7:30pm Mondays at All Saints' Church Tower

7:30pm Thursdays at St Matthew's Church Tower

### **Choir Practice**

7:30pm Wednesdays at All Saints'

### **Home Groups**

8:00pm Mondays at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

8:00pm Tuesdays at 13 Latton Close, Chilton (usually)

10:15am Wednesdays at St Matthew's meeting room (during term time)

1:45pm Wednesdays 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

8:00pm Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th June at The Croft, Milton Hill, Steventon

### **Prayer Meeting**

8:30am Saturdays at both St Matthew's and All Saints'

### **Youth Fellowship**

7:00-8:30pm Sundays (during term-time but not 1st June) at St Matthew's meeting room

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Missions Prayer Meeting**

Monday 2nd 10:00am at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

### **Night Prayer**

Wednesday 4th 8:30pm at All Saints' Church, Chilton

### **Chilton Wives' Group**

Tuesday 10th 7:45pm at All Saints' Church - Outing to West Hendred Church

### **Connect**

Sunday 15th 4:30pm at Chilton School

### **Holy Communion (BCP)\***

Tuesday 17th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)\* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

### **Harwell Ladies' Group**

Tuesday 17th 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Garden Meeting at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell. Bring & Share Supper. Bring & Buy Stall

### **Harwell Evergreens**

Thursday 19th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church - Annual Service followed by Summer Tea Party in St Matthew's Church Hall

## SERVICES

	<b>All Saints' Chilton</b>	<b>St Matthew's Harwell</b>
1st June	9:30am All Age Worship	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship 6:15pm Evening Prayer
8th June Pentecost	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 4:30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
15th June	9:30am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
22nd June	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion
29th June	9:30am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion

(BCP)\* = Book of Common Prayer

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Combined PCC meeting**

Tuesday 3rd 7:45pm at All Saints' Church

### **Harwell Stone Service (70th anniversary of D-Day)**

Saturday 7th 5:30pm at Harwell Stone—end of the runway Harwell Campus

### **Flower Festival**

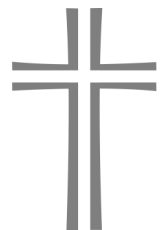
Sunday 29th Open Tower & Teas at St Matthew's Church

### **Holiday Club**

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August for children entering years 1-8 in September

More info to follow...

For more information on any of these events  
please check the website: [www.hcchurches.org](http://www.hcchurches.org)  
or e-mail the church office  
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## Prayer Spaces in Schools

<http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com>

Prayer Spaces are places of welcome, where children and young people of all faiths (and those of no faith) can find time and space and creative ways to reflect on questions of life, meaning and spirituality. So far, they have been hosted by people from across the denominational spectrum, and as such they don't promote a particular 'brand' of Christianity at the exclusion of others. Prayer Spaces started in 2008 and have multiplied into many events in primary and secondary schools.

In some areas, single Prayer Space weeks have triggered conversations between schools workers and teachers/educational professionals to multiply these Prayer Spaces in Schools across whole areas or school networks (Romford, Gloucester and Oxford, for example). And as a result of these single Prayer Space weeks, some schools are planning a week into their annual rhythm, some are considering setting up permanent Prayer Spaces, and some are considering launching or reviewing their chaplaincy/pastoral roles. The response of children and young people, and of the schools, to this simple idea has been extraordinary.

Since 2012 St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton have run an annual Prayer Spaces week in Chilton School supported by Prayer Spaces in Schools Oxfordshire. The events have been held during the summer term within the exciting environment of a prayer tent. The tent is divided into 4 zones which each demonstrate and allow the experience of a different type of prayer – for example, 'thank you', 'praise' and 'sorry' prayers. Last year the children and staff particularly enjoyed the 'Be still' zone where they could just be quiet and reflective – something for which they have little opportunity in their busy lives. The children were incredibly positive about their experiences and several described the Prayer Space tent as 'awesome'!

We are planning another Prayer Spaces week in Chilton School from Monday 23 to Friday 27 June. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Rev Pam Rolls who is co-ordinating the team. Her e-mail address is [pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk).

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) MEMBERS

At the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), Alex Reich, Naomi Gibson, Tony Hughes and Mel Gibson were all elected to serve as Churchwardens. Elections were also held for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and following the APCMs the members of the Church Councils for Harwell and Chilton in addition to Jonathan and Pam and the Churchwardens, are as follows:

### **Harwell PCC**

Liz Roberts, Allan Macarthur, Peter Barclay-Watt, Jane Woolley, Monika Buxton, Roz Shipp. Deanery Synod: Gordon Gill, Lizi Bowerman & Mel Gibson

### **Chilton PCC**

Stuart Gibson, Carol Pigott, Hazel King, Helen Brook, James Hellem, Carina Lobley, Sylvie Thompson, Liz Morris. Deanery Synod: John Pigott.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Marriages

*"Those that God has joined together"*

Catherine Quarini & Stefano Utili

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Adrian Thomas Bartlett Webber

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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 a 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.

D&D U3A is a self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operative for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for its members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun. There are over 25 interest groups including family history, gardening, wine appreciation, dance, science & maths, art appreciation, philosophy, play reading, creative writing, walking, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, badminton, photography and 5 languages. There's something for everyone! Tel: 07804159993. Email: [didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com](mailto:didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com) Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

## HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Monday 2nd June Garden visit to Shaw Dene nr. Newbury RG16 9AG. Garden open in aid of 'Dogs for Deaf People'. Meet there at 7.00pm. Members £6, non-members £8 (includes refreshment). For more info contact David Drummond 821615.

## " SOUL IN DIDCOT "

This will involve three days of social action in the community (Thurs 24th to Sun 27th July), with teams of people doing things ranging from gardening, litter picking or painting in community spaces or in a home of someone who would otherwise struggle to do it. It will end with a family fun afternoon in Edmonds Park on Sunday 27th July, with activities suitable for all ages, a gospel choir, a "Church in the Park", and much more! There are all kinds of ways of getting involved. See [www.soulindidcot.co.uk](http://www.soulindidcot.co.uk) or [help@soulindidcot.co.uk](mailto:help@soulindidcot.co.uk)

## SOUL IN DIDCOT - PLANTS

From the SiD team: "Now's the perfect time to be dividing perennial plants in your garden, or maybe digging up those self-seeded plants. Why not use them to bless someone else in our community? The Soul in Didcot team would love to see those plants used to raise funds for SiD or used to add colour to gardens cleared up during the social action days which will keep on blessing the owners each year. Maybe you have some hardy geraniums, Japanese anemone, lavender, perennial cornflower, scabious, campanula, Californian poppies or other suitable hardy plants (ask a gardening friend if you need advice) to pot up from your garden. Please label them and hold on to them for now; we will let you know what to do with them towards the end of June."

## CHRISTIAN AID

The total collected so far for the Christian Aid coffee morning and sale held on the 17th May at Chilton School, comes to £1,145.60. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

## PENTECOST IN THE PARK

The churches in Didcot invite everyone to a special "Pentecost in the Park" event on 8 June to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. It will be held at the Hub/Vibe Centre in Didcot next to St Edmunds Park. This year Ridgeway Church are the hosts, and there will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages including youth football and crafts supervised by DBS-checked volunteers. The activities and food are free and available from between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. This is followed by a joint all age service from 4 pm to 5 pm. There will be crèche facilities (we ask a parent/guardian to stay with their child) with the church service streamed via video link. The facilities have good wheelchair accessibility.

For more details please don't hesitate to contact Joy or David at:  
pentecostinthepark@outlook.com

The Hub, The Vibe Youth Centre, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QX  
We look forward to seeing you on the day.  
From all the friends at Churches Together in Didcot and District (CTDD).

## WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

You can visit our website to find out about our various activities and groups, catch up on news, listen to sermons, access the members-only address book, find useful documents, and lots more: [hcchurches.org](http://hcchurches.org) or [harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](http://harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk). If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not 'like' our Facebook page? [facebook.com/hcchurches](https://www.facebook.com/hcchurches)

## HOLIDAY CLUB 2014



Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August at Harwell School. For children entering years 1-8 in Sept. More info and bookings: <http://hcchurches.org/holidayclub>

## NEW CURATE

Jonathan is delighted to be able to announce that he has been asked and agreed to take on a self-supporting Curate from July. Rev Jan Radford will serve her 3-4 year curacy with us at Harwell and Chilton, alongside her daytime, paid employment as a lay chaplain at the Oxford Hospitals. Jan lives in Marcham with her husband, Tom, and has a grown-up daughter. Jan is currently a member of Christchurch Abingdon and has been training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. She has had an extensive career in nursing, specialising in Diabetes, and is particularly interested in missional and pastoral opportunities within local communities. Jan will be a valuable addition to the team and we look forward this summer to welcoming her and Tom to worship with and serve amongst us.

Please submit noticesheet items to Carolyn by Wednesday of the preceding week, either via the website, by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in the vestry. The deadline for Ridgeway Broadsheet items is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.