

**JUNE 2015**

# **RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET**

**Saturday 6th 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 & CHILTON FESTIVAL

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 2015 Service will take place on Saturday 6th 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.

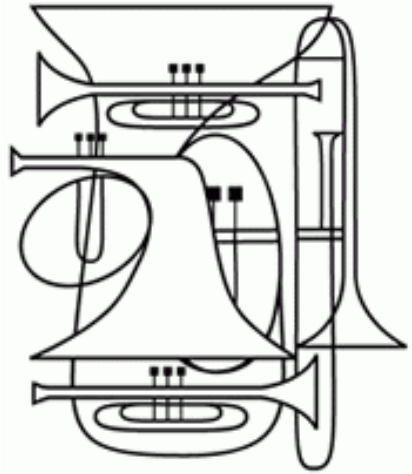
Chilton Village is holding a festival adjacent to the venue from 1.00pm, which will include a selection of stalls and entertainment laid on prior to the Parade and Service with a military theme. The Legion County Marquee will be in attendance raising the Legion's profile and fund raising for the Poppy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

All Saints' Church will be open from 2pm-5pm with a display of information about some of the pilots, and a flower festival. All members of the village are very welcome to provide flowers for the display.



Please contact Alex Reich if you are thinking about making a flower contribution on 07804 281754.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Chilton Festival can visit <http://chiltonfestival2015.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).



As part of the festival, there will be a Songs of Praise event on Saturday at 3pm on the recreation ground to which all are very welcome to attend. We have a brass band accompanying this open-air event.

**Songs**  
*of Praise*

Why is there still fighting when the battle is won? Why is there sickness and suffering if Jesus is Lord?

Advertised on the front page of this month's Broadsheet is the annual D-Day memorial service held at the 'Harwell Stone'. Harwell and Chilton have a strong historic connection to the events of D-day, 6 June 1944, in which Allied forces invaded northern France. The beach landings in Normandy were a break through the German army's defences, and the beginning of an attack that took them all the way to the German capital Berlin, to the bunker that was Adolf Hitler's headquarters. D-Day was a decisive day that culminated in bringing World War Two to an end.

But the War in Europe didn't actually end until VE-Day, 8 May 1945, the 70th anniversary of which we have just celebrated. There was an 11-month gap between D-Day and VE-Day. The decisive battle had been won on D-Day, but it was not until VE-Day that hostilities ceased.

There is often a time lag between a decisive event and its conclusion. Cancer is a terrible disease and sometimes there is no cure. But sometimes an operation can remove the cancer which would otherwise kill the individual affected. The surgical 'cure' is instant, but it can take weeks or months for the person to make a full recovery.

On the Cross, Jesus won the decisive battle against the hostile forces set against humans. He defeated sin and death itself, proving his victory by rising from the dead. But that victory was won almost

2000 years ago, and still sin and death are very much a part of our world. How does that fit with talk of Jesus being 'the victor'? There is much in the world that would seem to contradict such a notion.

But Jesus' victory is similar to the victory of the Allies. The Cross marked a kind of cosmic 'D-Day' – a decisive win. But hostilities will continue until the appointed 'VE-Day' ('Victory on Earth Day') when Christ will return in glory, crush his enemies, and establish a new heaven and a new earth, when wars will cease and death shall be no more.



But why the delay? 2000 years seems an awfully long time to wait. God has his reasons. The Apostle Peter, brutally martyred for his faith in Jesus, understood and wrote:

"Dear friends, don't forget that for the Lord one day is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years is the same as one day. The Lord

isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost."  
(2 Peter 3:8-9)

The Lord is not unmerciful in delaying – quite the opposite. In this time between the First and Second Coming of Christ, God is giving all people an opportunity to join God's side, the winning side. Have you joined the side of the divine victor?

Rev'd Dr Jonathan Mobey  
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

**Mondays**

- 9:30-11:30am Fledgelings (during term time) at St Matthew's Church Hall  
 7:30pm Bell-ringing at All Saints' Church Tower  
 8.00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

**Tuesdays**

- 8.00pm Home group at various homes in Chilton

**Wednesdays**

- 9:15-11:15am Fledgelings (during term time) at Chilton Field Community Room  
 10.15am Home group (during term time) at St Matthew's meeting room  
 1.45pm Home group (during term time) at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton  
 7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field  
 7:30pm Bell-ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower  
 7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

**Thursdays**

- 7.30pm Alpha Course (see <http://hcchurches.org/alpha>) at Chilton Village Hall  
 8.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Home group (term time)

**Fridays**

- 2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

**Saturdays**

- 8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

**Sundays**

- Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's meeting room  
 6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9  
 7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 10-13

**OTHER EVENTS**

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| 3rd June 8.30pm   | Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton   |
| 9th June 6.00pm   | All Saints' Womens Group to Abingdon Museum   |
| 16th June 10.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell  |
| 16th June 2.30pm  | Harwell Evergreens, Service & Garden Party led by Jan Radford   |
| 16th June 7.30pm  | Harwell Ladies Group, Garden Meeting at Dromore, Harwell.<br>Bring & Share Supper and Bring and Buy Stall |
| 27th June 10.00am | All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall   |

**Sundays at All Saints'**

7th June	9.30am Morning Worship
14th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship
21st June	9.30am Holy Communion
28th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship

**Sundays at St Matthew's**

7th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
14th June	11.00am Morning Worship 4.30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
21st June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
28th June	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

You are very welcome to join us for any of our meetings. For more information about any of these events please check our website [www.hcchurches.org.uk](http://www.hcchurches.org.uk) or email [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk)

\*BCP = Book of Common Prayer



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Join us on Father's day for one of our Church services. We'd love to see you!

### PRAYER SPACES IN SCHOOLS

#### 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.

Prayer Spaces started in 2008 and have multiplied into many events in primary and secondary schools.

We are planning another Prayer Spaces week in Chilton School from Monday 22 to Friday 26 June. We will be at Harwell School for the first time from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Peter Shields on [cfw.hcchurches@gmail.com](mailto:cfw.hcchurches@gmail.com).

### FOOD BANK

Didcot Emergency Foodbank always needs non-perishable goods. There is a list of items required in both church porches, or see [www.didcotbaptist.org.uk/mission/local-activities/emergency-foodbank.php](http://www.didcotbaptist.org.uk/mission/local-activities/emergency-foodbank.php) Please bring donations to St Matthew's Church office (in the church and up the stairs) on Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri/Sun. Thank you.

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) MEMBERS

At the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), Alex Reich, Naomi Gibson, Christina Wood 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 Mobey, Pam Rolls and Jan Radford (curate) and the Churchwardens, are as follows:

**Harwell PCC:** Peter Barclay-Watt, Jean Barton, Monika Buxton, Hazel Connelly, Tony Hughes, Andrew Keene, Frances Taylor, Jane Woolley. 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.

### ALL SAINTS' WOMENS GROUP

On Tuesday 9th June there will



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be an outing to Abingdon Museum at a cost of £5 per person which includes refreshments and a guided tour. There are over 120 steps in the building and we will be visiting the roof and the cellar. If anyone would like to join us (husbands and friends as well) please contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

### CHARITY MARKET STALL

Saturday the 13th June at the Rose and Crown Car Park between 9am and 12 noon. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Marriages

*"Those that God has joined together"*

David Lock & Kathryn Roberts  
Simon James & Rebecca Poffley

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Audrey Cumberland  
Mary James

### Baptisms

*"Welcome into the Lord's Family"*

Alfred Peter Hoddinott

## HARWELL OPEN DAY 11TH JULY

Did you know that some of the world's best scientists and engineers work right on your doorstep? And for the first time in a decade they will be opening their doors for the Harwell Open Day, an exciting family science event, on Saturday 11 July. The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is welcoming visitors to the Harwell campus, where scientists and engineers work around the clock on cutting-edge research projects that are changing life in the 21st century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get inside the laboratories and experimental areas to see the science up close.

Entry to the campus, the research facilities and all activities are completely free. For more information, and to register:

<http://harwellcampus.com/open-days>

There will be many activities on offer for children and adults alike, including:

- Extracting DNA from strawberries
- Rocket building and launching
- Finding out how X-rays help us to learn about dinosaurs
- Witnessing an exploding volcano
- Programming mini robots to navigate around a map

## THANK YOU

Frank & Doreen Cox were married at St Matthew's Harwell in April and would like to say a big thank you to the vicar for a lovely service, Debbie who decorated the Church so beautifully, Poppy Tearooms who provided such lovely food, and all those who helped make their wedding so special and enjoyable. Thank you.

## DIDCOT & DISTRICT U3A

Didcot & District University of The Third Age meeting on the 16th June is about "The Growth of Popular Music" with Ken Kitt. 2pm at Didcot Civic Centre. Contact Anne Hales, on 07804 159993 or [didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com](mailto:didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com).

## GRAND CHRISTIAN AID PLANT SALE



The total raised so far for Christian Aid is in excess of £1,225 with

a little money still coming in. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, especially those who grew plants for sale, or helped on the day.

The Charity cryptic quiz for Christian Aid (money raised included in the above figure) was won by Peter and Hilary Groves of Chilton with 50 out of 50, with Mary Napper from East Hagbourne via Didcot Library coming a very close second on 49 ½.

## HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

1st June Garden Visit & Demo. Hardy's Plants, Priory Lane, Freefolk Priors RG28 7NJ. Meet there for 7pm. Contact Mrs Alexander on 835359 for more info.

## YVONNE SANDERSON IN UGANDA



The purpose of my visit to Jinja, Uganda, in March this year, was to help a Youth with a Mission (YWAM) "ToRCH" initiative, Child Education Sponsorship, with their admin. For several decades, CES has enabled children from poor and often destitute families in the Jinja area to receive an education at primary and secondary level, and then to follow an apprenticeship or university course. Whilst primary education is free, there are fees to pay for secondary and post-school education, and even at primary school, families incur costs for uniform and books. A

child can be "chased" from school if they don't have black school shoes or a proper school bag. Through the generosity of many people in Chilton and Harwell, I was able to take over several pairs of regulation shoes, rucksacks and books, as well as mobile phones for health workers, and for some children this meant that they could return to school for the first time since Christmas, as they were correctly equipped.

An inspirational initiative started by YWAM is the Foster Family Network (FFN), consisting of 9 Christian couples who foster children who for one reason or another (death, illness, abandonment) are unable to live with their parents. Sam and Irene have 4 "biological" children, and they foster around 60 more – of which approx. half live with them. The rest live in "satellite" families – families usually with a widowed mother related to them, and they take responsibility for them, ensuring they have enough to eat and that the children are being educated. They are caring people with big hearts, and I was privileged to have dinner one evening at their home. I took them some of the shoes, rucksacks and clothes that people had given, and the joy on 4-year old Patrick's face when he realised that his Clarks Velcro shoes flashed when he ran..... The other 8 families have fewer children, but still significant numbers – maybe up to 20 foster children. I visited Peninah and Moses' home; they were so welcoming, and it was a joy to meet some of the children.



Before leaving, I met with YWAM staff to discuss the future of CES. There are students who are no longer sponsored – and for this reason CES is not currently taking on new students. Some of these students are at crucial stages of their education, and need a little help to enable them to complete their O'Levels, A'Levels, degrees or apprenticeships. I have the profiles of some of these students, including Innocent, Dennis, Ebir and Janet. If you are interested in sponsoring, or part-sponsoring, a student for 1 or 2 years so that they can finish their courses and sit their exams – please email me ([yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk)) and I can give you details. £10 a month completely covers costs for a primary child, and £20 is sufficient to help a secondary student or part-sponsor.



Finally, a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported me financially to cover the costs of my trip by donating, and to everyone who prayed for me and/or who gave me items that I was able to pass onto people there – it has been so much appreciated. It has been a very enriching experience for me and is a very worthwhile project to support. Everyone at YWAM in Jinja sends you their grateful thanks.

Please submit notices to Vicky via the website, by email or by phone.

The deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Please note that the next broadsheet is for July & August.

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