

# Cholsey Village Voice April 2016

## Welcome

Welcome to Cholsey Village Voice (CVV), the monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. The newsletter is available free from most shops and pubs, The Pavilion foyer, the library and The Great Hall. CVV can also be read on the Parish Council website in the News and Events section. If you have any short, topical articles that we could publish, please forward them to [cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk](mailto:cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk)

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Community Library at the Pavilion. There will be reports from your County Councillor, District Councillor, Parish Council Chair and Thames Valley Police.

## County Councillor Mark Gray writes ..... Grundons Gravel Gamble

Following last month's exhibition by Grundon, about their plans for gravel extraction at New Barn Farm, many people have assumed that they have planning permission and will be pushing ahead with their plans.

This is not the case; Grundon have to apply to Oxfordshire County Council for permission to extract. I believe that they will not be given permission as their application is pre-emptive and lies outside the strategy document that has been produced by OCC. They are hoping to be allowed to dig their pit before the Council has a policy to guide minerals extraction.

When there is an application CAGE, the Parish Council and I will swing into action to garner public opinion across both Wallingford and Cholsey.

## Children's Centre News

### Team Leader Appointed

We have appointed our first Team Leader, Felicity Emmerson.

Felicity has much experience of working in early years children's services, including working in another children's centre and at the maternity department of the John Radcliffe. She will be taking up the post in the near future.

### Fundraising Auction

Good to report that, despite a small turnout, our auction raised £820.

Many thanks to our wonderful helpers and to all those who bid.

## Tesco Bus

With cuts to rural buses so much in the news at the moment, it has been brought to my attention that Tesco still run their weekly bus to the Didcot store. The coach leaves The Forty every Tuesday at 9.20am and departs from the supermarket at midday. Users of the service tell us that they have plenty of time in the store to shop and for a drink in the Costa after or a trip to B&M.

## Celsea Place Appeal

We have been notified by the planning inspectorate that the appeal will take place between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mark Gray on 07971 805416.

## Historic Fair Mile: guided walks

Ian Wheeler, local historian and author of *Fair Mile Hospital: a Victorian Asylum* will be offering guided walks around the former mental hospital at Cholsey. The walks will take about 90 minutes and will explain the layout of the old hospital, the way that the establishment came into existence and was run for more than 130 years, and some of the many changes over time.

The cost will be just £3 per person and start time from the Great Hall is 10.30. If you would like to take the tour, call 01491-652295 or email [ian@cholsey.com](mailto:ian@cholsey.com) to reserve a place. Special arrangements can be made for parties. Small children may not find the tour entirely to their taste.

## Tennis Anyone?



Cholsey Tennis Club are holding a New Season Open Afternoon on April 10<sup>th</sup> between 1.30pm - 4pm. If you have been thinking about playing tennis for a while and would like to have a go then why not come and visit us during the afternoon you will be most welcome.

## A Spring Clean for Cholsey

Join us on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9am for a couple of hours litter picking to give the village a clean up for Spring. Bags and litter pickers will be provided and afterwards there will be tea and sandwiches at the Pavilion. If you would like to volunteer please contact Karl at the Parish Office on 01491 652255 or email [cholseypc@mediummail.co.uk](mailto:cholseypc@mediummail.co.uk)

## Are you looking for work?

SOHA Launchpad is here to help you by providing support and advice on a one to one basis here in Cholsey. To find out more, please see [www.soha.co.uk](http://www.soha.co.uk), email [ri@soha.co.uk](mailto:ri@soha.co.uk) or call Jackie Logan on 01235 515900/ 0800 014 15 45

## Compost Giveaway

SODC are repeating their compost giveaways again this year. The events will take place for all South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse residents on....

- Saturday 9 April between 9am – 11am at Rye Farm car park, Culham Road, Abingdon, OX14 3NN (located off Bridge Street just south of the River Thames)
- Sunday 10 April between 9am– 11am at the old South Oxfordshire District Council car park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED

Grab yourself some recycling goodies, compost bins (£10 cash!) and replacement kitchen caddies, buckets and liners (all while stocks last).

Don't forget to take a shovel!

## COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice New Number 07494 893997



COPA offers a community information service for older people, their families and carers. Every Saturday morning we aim to provide an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support locally. Come along to the Pavilion, Station Rd between 10am and 12noon for a chat or call us on 07494 893997 for advice or to make an appointment.

## A Couple of slightly unusual days out.....

### See what happens to your waste

SODC are inviting South Oxfordshire residents to join a tour of the Ardley Energy Recovery Facility on **Tuesday 7 June 2016** at 10am – 12pm.

Please call 01235 540566 NOW to book a space as places are limited.

### Public Open Day –Biomedical Research

The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre are holding a public open day “Celebrating Biomedical Research in Oxford” Thursday April 21 from midday to 5pm at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The event will be held at Tingewick Hall in the Academic Block at the JR Hospital, will include interactive stands and lectures about the work of the Oxford BRC, which funds medical research across areas including cancer, diabetes, stroke and genetics.

## Calling All Artists!

Cholsey Art Show invites all Cholsey artists and crafts-people to take up the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work at Cholsey's 2<sup>nd</sup> big Art Show on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Great Hall, Fair Mile.

This is open to any Cholsey or Moulsoford resident over the age of 16. Paintings, drawings, prints, craft, sculpture, ceramics and photography are all welcome. Artists may submit up to 4 pieces for a fee of £3.50 per piece, and there will be a 20% commission on sales. All proceeds go towards the costs of running the Show for our community.

For more information, please contact Ros Nicholson on 01491 651126 or 07881 787477

## Coffee Morning Success!

Great news from the “Wear A Hat Day” coffee morning organised by Parish Council staff in support of brain tumour research.

We had a very lively morning with around sixty visitors wearing a truly wonderful selection of decorated hats.

Thanks to sterling support from the council staff and our supporters we raised a magnificent £240.

## Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team – Update on Courier Fraud

Thames Valley Police have had several reports of Courier Fraud recently including Oxfordshire.

**What is it?** A fraudster ‘cold calls’ the victim on the landline pretending to be from their bank or the Police, they claim to have identified a discrepancy on the victims bank account. To gain the victim’s trust they will ask the victim to call them back straight away, but unknown to the victim they have not disconnected the call, when the victim dials the correct number the fraudster is still on the line and ask for bank details, PIN number etc. Finally the fraudster will send an innocent Taxi driver or courier to the victims address to collect the money/bank cards and the items will be sent to the fraudster.

**What should you do?** Report it! Close and lock your door, ring the Police immediately and or call action fraud 0300 123 2040.

**Advice:** Police officers and your bank will never send couriers to your home to collect cash or bank cards or ever ask you for your PIN number. Do not give your PIN number out to anyone! Your bank will NEVER ask. In an emergency call 999. For more information please get in touch. We also have advice to pass on to elderly/ vulnerable adults if you wish.

Contact us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

[WallingfordBerinsfieldCholseyNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:WallingfordBerinsfieldCholseyNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk). If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

## What's On

**Saturdays Community Tea Shop – The Pavilion** 10:00 – 12:30pm

**Mondays – The Scout Hut** 8pm-10:30pm – Round Dancing class. Call Nick 01491 598135

**Thursdays – The Great Hall** 7pm-9:30pm – Art for All – [vicki.senior@me.com](mailto:vicki.senior@me.com)

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April – Abingdon** 9-11am Compost giveaway  
**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April – Crowmarsh Gifford** 9-11am Compost giveaway

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April – Treehouse** 10K- [treehouse10K.org.uk](http://treehouse10K.org.uk)  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April – The Pavilion** 9am – Village Spring Clean – Call Karl 01491 652255

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April – The Pavilion** 6pm – CGS – Race Night – for all the family.