

Cholsey Village Voice April 2017

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free from/in 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 clerk.cpc@outlook.com

Drainage Update

Eagle eyed readers will have spotted workmen in the centre of the village over the past week or so. These men are carrying out the final stage of works to the surface drainage system.

So far, a CCTV inspection of the system has been carried out and as a result of the information this has given us debris (mainly tree roots) has been cleared.

The final stage of the process is to fit much larger grills to the 'hot spots' in the centre of the village to enable more water to flow into the pipes when we have a downpour. The contractors have also replaced two broken pipes that were found in the CCTV survey.

It is hoped that this maintenance and upgrading of the system will stop the flooding that we have seen in recent years.

We are still waiting to hear from the Environment Agency about their survey of the brook, but we understand that it has taken place.

The County Council are also looking at a potential bottleneck in the brook near the sewage works that may be causing it to back up when there is heavy rain.



Bell Tower Open Day

Saint Mary's Church Cholsey are holding an open day at the Bell Tower. Sunday 2nd April 2-5pm. You will have a chance to see Bellringing and view the bells from the safety of the gantry. If you are interested in taking up bellringing, please contact Jenny Jeskins on 651579



Exercise Walking with WI

The Pavilion on Tuesday 4th April at 10.00am
No need for walking boots etc, just something flat and comfortable.

We will be doing laps round the recreation ground. Flat, not muddy, speed and number of laps up to you. Opportunity to go to Cafe on the Forty for coffee afterwards. Hope to see you on Tuesday and do bring friends along.

COPA News

Enquiries: 01491 652100 (Jennie Kent)
A community activities/advice/befriending service, COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services. Or maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP!

Easter at The Happy Hub

The Happy Hub will be open all through the Easter Holidays, with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday.

All sorts of activities will be on offer, including craft and play sessions, with an Easter Egg hunt on Tuesday 18th April.

Generally, activities will run from 10 – 11.30 am

Burial Ground Bench Policy

Cholsey PC has a new benches policy for the cemetery.

A few years ago the cemetery got into a bit of a mess with dilapidated benches all over the place and we hope the new policy should stop this happening again.

Relatives will be able to buy a third share of a good quality bench with an individual plaque that will be guaranteed to remain in situ for at least ten years.

Tennis Club Open Evening

Cholsey Tennis Club. Open Evening April 26th from 6.30pm come and have a go.
Jenny Robson 651477

SODC Local Plan Second Preferred Options Consultation

Interested in where new houses and employment should be located in South Oxfordshire? Or how money is raised for roads, schools, leisure centres, parks and shops? The Local Plan: Second Preferred Options sets out the District Councils thoughts on this and you now have an opportunity to let them know your views.

Read and comment on the plan at www.southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Drop in events are also being held, where you can view the consultation documents, information boards and ask questions.
5th April Didcot - Cornerstone, 1 - 7pm
7th April Wallingford – Regal Centre, 3 - 7pm

Cholsey Parish Council Community Governance Review

Proposal not to reduce the number of parish councillors on the Parish Council

In 2014 Cholsey Parish Council asked South Oxfordshire District Council to conduct a review to consider reducing the number of parish councillors on Cholsey Parish Council from 13 to 12 following the transfer of Winterbrook from Cholsey to Wallingford. Because of the timing of the request it was not possible to undertake a review prior to the 2015 elections.

During the initial period of consultation earlier this year on this proposal Cholsey Parish Council responded that it did not wish to see any reduction in the number of parish councillors as a result of the growth in population since the initial request which provides sufficient workload for 13 councillors.

South Oxfordshire District Council would like to know your views on whether the number of parish councillors on Cholsey Parish Council should remain unchanged at 13. The council is not proposing any changes to any of the parish council's other community governance arrangements.

The closing date for comments is 30 June 2017.

You can let South Oxfordshire District Council know your comments by emailing steven.corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk or alternatively in writing to

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What's On

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

Station Road Allotments Cholsey HortSoc Store – 10 - 12

Mondays – The Scout Hall 8pm-10:30pm – Round Dancing class. Call Nick 01491 598135 (see article)

Tuesdays The Great Hall - Short Mat Bowls. 7-9 - kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10.45am The Library – Senior Stretch

Wednesdays – The Great Hall – Adult beginners ballet – 6:30pm-7:30pm

Thursdays – Community Library – Art for All 7.30 – 9pm. info@jo-wilson.co.uk

Tuesday 4th April 11-12.30 The Pavilion
COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 01491 652100.

Tuesday 11th April 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion
COPA Stretch Class £3 per session.

Tuesday 18th April 2 pm The Pavilion
COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment).

Monday 17th April 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo

Tuesday 25th April 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion
COPA Stretch Class £3 per session.

Wednesday 26th April 7.30pm The Pavilion – Cholsey WI – 'History Beneath my Feet'

Opening Times

Parish Office – Monday to Thursday 10am 12pm
Library Monday to Friday 2- 4.30pm, Friday 6 – 7.30pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm
Day Centre Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 4pm. Phone 01491 652970.