

Cholsey Village Voice August 2018

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free 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

Cholsey HortSoc 75th Annual Show



Saturday August 11th

Noon to 5.30 at Whitehead Meadow, Cholsey

Full afternoon of entertainment for all the family.

Punch & Judy, Fun Dog Show, Cholsey Silver Band, Morris Dancing, Bumper Raffle, Hilarious Dog & Duck herding display, Craft and Trade stalls Musical STOMP (Treehouse School), Donkey Sanctuary exhibit Static Steam Engine, Have-a-Go games, Boot Sale Barbecue, Red Lion bar, Afternoon Tea Café.

Hundreds of flower, veg and craft exhibits in the Marquee

Entry Schedules from Ray Park, Library, Red Lion and on line
www.CholseyHortSoc.org.uk

In the evening the Cholsey Red Lion is holding a Big Village Quiz with live music and food

in the Marquee. Bar open from 5.30pm

Volunteering at Cholsey Day Centre

Would you be interested in volunteering for a few hours a week to help at our thriving Day Centre in Cholsey?

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to the community and find real personal satisfaction by helping others. Our Day Centre members are a lovely bunch of active and fun people!

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between 10 a.m. and 4.00p.m.

If you would like to see the work we are doing and meet our friendly team before possibly

committing, then please arrange a visit by emailing cholseydaycentre@btconnect.com, or phoning 01491 652970. We would love to hear from you.

Fun in the Park

The usual mix of fun and mayhem will run for the middle two weeks of August. Activities on offer include the climbing wall, Cholsey Beach, Zorbing and Meet the Animals.

All activities are free and run from Monday 6th to Friday 17th August

See *Cholsey's Fun in the Park* on Facebook for more details.

COPA News

Enquiries 01491 652100, 07979 188701 (Jennie Kent) COPA direct line 07526 291088, Cholsey Older Persons Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards 07855 606894, 01491 200291.

We are a community activities/advice/befriending service working alongside Vicky Beardall-Richards, Cholsey's Older Persons Worker, and the Cholsey Day Centre.

See the What's On section for this month's dates for our activities.

COPA are looking for volunteers to speak at the monthly brunch club if you are interested in assisting this important community group please contact Vicky (details above).

Defibrillator training

Recently the Parish, at the Annual Council Meeting, hosted a defibrillator training session. Unfortunately, it was not well supported, but was well received by those present who all felt that they had learned a great deal and had lost their fear of having to use one.

A point of interest of is that defibrillators are, at times, needed for infants and children and the myth that they are mainly for the elderly has been put to rest. Active children are subject to accidents at time and a number are sport related. They procedure for using a defibrillator for infants and children differs from adults and this was demonstrated.

It has been requested that in view of this that an additional training session be organised. The Parish Council has not budgeted for another free session, but can organise a defibrillator training session at £5.00 per head if there is sufficient interest.

If you wish to attend a defibrillator training session, please book a place with the Clerk. By the way, you can bring a spouse with you for free.

Pavilion News

Please note that The Pavilion and car park will not be open to the public on Saturday 11th August.

Organising a Funeral



If you have to organise a funeral for someone and there are no clear instructions in the will, bear in mind that you can organise the procedure without using the services of a funeral director. The Cemeteries and Crematorium Department of your local authority can offer help and guidance, and there are many sources of help online, for instance the Natural Death Centre at www.naturaldeath.org.uk At the current time, when the high prices charged by funeral companies are under government investigation, an alternative funeral can also cost much less. If you're on certain benefits you might be able to get help paying for the funeral. Citizens Advice has guidance for people planning a funeral for themselves or their near ones:

- Shop around and get quotes from local funeral directors. These quotes can vary surprisingly, sometimes by as much as £2,000. Also, try asking for a "basic funeral" and get the costs itemized so you can see what you are paying for.
- Choose "direct burial" – that way, there is no need to pay for embalming or visiting rights.
- Purchase a biodegradable cardboard or cloth-covered coffin, or a wicker basket.
- A woodland or "natural" burial site is an option. There are 200 of them around Britain and several in Oxfordshire.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444, or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

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August's What's On

Saturdays - The Pavilion Community Tea Shop – 10:00 – 12:00pm (**not 11th August**)

Monday 5th – Friday 17th Fun in the Park

Saturday 11th Aug 12 noon Whitehead Meadow – Hort Soc Annual Show

Sunday 12th Aug 2.30 The Day Centre – Afternoon Tea

Monday 13th Aug 7pm The Pavilion Chelsey Fibromyalgia Support Group

Thursday 16th Aug 2.30pm The Pavilion Bingo in aid of the Happy Hub

Tuesday 21st Aug 1.30 pm The Old School COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book. Murder on the Orient Express

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 652255

VACANCY

Cholsey Parish Council in Association with Oxfordshire Fire Service would like to appoint a **Community Safety Co-ordinator**
Help us to make Cholsey the safest community in Oxfordshire

12 hours per week Salary £7488

This is a new and innovative post and the role will/might include activities such as

Installation of smoke alarms and fire training.

A watching and befriending brief over younger, disaffected people.

A supportive brief for elderly people, particularly those living alone.

Promoting and supporting Speed Watch.

Supporting schools to deal with issues such as parking, cycle safety/fitness and bullying.

Supporting Parish Councils to deal with dog waste and litter.

Promoting defibrillators/ AED training.

This might seem a daunting list, but we have dedicated group of staff and volunteers who will help you deliver this innovative new role.

Support will be offered from both the Parish Council and Fire Service

To apply ring the Clerk on 652255 or email clerk.cpc@outlook.com