

Cholsey Village Voice Dec 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 clerk.cpc@outlook.com

Flooding Update

Mark Gray writes.....

Following the flooding in September I have managed to have a meeting with our MP Ed Vaizey the County drainage team and the Environment Agency.

County discussed the ongoing maintenance of the surface drainage system - including jetting the pipes (soon, with a larger pump) and annual gully clearing – instead of three yearly as we are a high risk area. County will also ensure drains in the centre of the village, Church, Wallingford and station Roads are subject to a camera survey, followed by root cutting works and jetting. These works are possible as OCC has recently made a successful bid for Government money to help with flooding issues.

Another issue is that the outflow pipes into the brook are under water, thereby inhibiting the outflow, possibly suggesting that the brook might benefit from lowering to help the outflow. County undertook to bend the pipes to increase the flow as water rushing past currently impedes the flow.

The rep from the EA talked about the riparian responsibilities of owners along the brook, but said that capacity makes this difficult to enforce. He undertook to survey the brook with a view to see what maintenance is needed and to look at any infrastructure that might improve the flow.

Some discussion ensued around whether government funding might be available for infrastructure projects, but it was felt that a cost benefit analysis might preclude this. I think this is a discussion we may need to have once the survey has been undertaken.

This is just the start of a process that should improve our surface drainage and that, of necessity, will involve many organisations. We are also talking to developers to ensure the new homes they build will not adversely impact on our fragile infrastructure.

Library News

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Quiz night. This is our biggest yearly fundraiser in aid of the Library and we wish to thank everyone who contributed to a very successful evening. We raised about £800.

We are such a well stocked library due to the wonderful support from Friends, committee and volunteers who fundraising and donations allow us to keep our shelves well stocked and up to date.

If you would like to become a friend or a volunteer or indeed both, of the Library, please do pop in during any opening times and leave your details with the Librarian on duty. Alternatively please do email Amanda, the library organiser, for more information at Cholsey.library@gmail.com or phone 07747012002

The Library is available to hire on a selection of days and times at very reasonable rates. We can help with single or block bookings during the daytime and evenings. Please do get in touch to see if we have the perfect date for your hall hire needs

Happy Hub Bingo

Monthly bingo will continue in support of the Happy Hub on Monday 19th December. Entry is £8, eyes down at 7.30pm at The Pavilion and there will be many prizes! Refreshments will be served.

As this is the Christmas Bingo we will be decorating the hall and there will be a visit from Father Christmas.



Designed by Paddy H & Steph S, Cholsey Learning Champions

First Steps Forward.....

The First Step forward learning hub is celebrating the end of an exciting first term of courses with a Christmas Celebration and Award Ceremony for members and supporters. A new programme of courses for the New Year will be announced with full details available on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thefirststepforward or by emailing the dedicated Community Champions at

thefirststepforward@hotmail.com We would like to thank everyone for their support since we began and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will be circulating a questionnaire to every household in the near future.

The survey is a vital part of making The Plan as it will tell us what residents want.

Do visit our website <http://cholsey-plan.com/> for more information or to contact us.

Cholsey Village Volunteers

Would you like to get involved in maintaining an attractive village environment for your fellow residents?

The Parish Office is looking for volunteers to help with occasional projects.

If you would be interested in helping then please get in touch with Karl at the Parish Office on 01491 652255 or email estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com



COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice & Befriending Service

Tel. 07494 893997

A community information/advice/befriending service, COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services (on e.g. budgeting and benefits, mobility issues, practical help and support at home, local social/community activities, help for carers (dementia support service, respite care, training opportunities, emergency support).

Are you (or someone you know) sometimes lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." Just knowing where to ask for help could be all you need. YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP! Please ring 07494 893997 and we will arrange an appointment for you to meet us for a chat. Or--come to see a COPA volunteer at the Cholsey Day Centre on the third Wednesday of every month, 10 til 12 (November 16th, December 21st, January 18th, February 15th)

COPA BRUNCH CLUB on the first Tuesday of every month (next date 6th December, 3rd January, 7th February, etc). 11am til 12.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey. Full English breakfast and refreshments for only £3. Plus free raffle! Local transport can be arranged. Bookings up to two days before via Jennie Kent, 01491 652100.

Cinema Club From January we will be running a monthly cinema session with Age UK.

Senior Stretch Also from January we will be running twice monthly low impact exercise session.

What's On

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

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

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

Fridays – Community Library – Rhyme Time for little one's 10am-11am.

Sunday 11th December 10.30am Reindeer Run and Preschool Christmas Fair - Laurence Hall

Sunday 11th December 7.30 'Come and Sing' Messiah and Carols St Mary's Church

Monday 12th December and Tuesday 13th December 5.30 – 7.30 Santa's Sleigh

Saturday 17th December from 9.30 Father Christmas all around the village.

Saturday 17th December 4 – 6pm Living Nativity starting on The Forty.

Saturday 17th December 7pm Carols on The Forty

Monday 19th December 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo

Situations Vacant

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a **Youth Worker**

to work with young people in our village.

The position will involve one to one work with young people and their families supporting The First Steps Forward Learning Hub, setting up a drop in centre and running 'Fun in the Park' during the Summer Holidays.

16 hours p/w, 44 weeks per year including 3 weeks holiday, mostly term time.

Salary: £7979 (from April 2017 £8098)

For an application pack please contact Lucy Dalby, Parish Clerk 01491 652255 or clerk.cpc@outlook.com

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a

Family Support Worker

For the Happy Hub Children's Centre.

The position will include morning and afternoon sessions plus 2 Saturday mornings (2 hours) a month. Some flexibility with days and hours will be necessary. In addition to working with families you will need the confidence to lead sessions.

Essential training will be provided.

10 hours p/w

Salary £9 / hour £4680 / annum

For an application pack please contact Lucy Dalby, Parish Clerk 01491 652255 or clerk.cpc@outlook.com