

Cholsey Village Voice December 2017

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

Gravel News

I am terribly sorry to have to report that the OCC Planning Committee has given permission for Grundon to develop a gravel pit on the New Barn Farm site.

We put up as strong an opposition as we could, but we just don't have the planning reasons that would have enabled the committee to reject the application.

There was no appetite from the committee to pass the application as only three voted in favour, three against and four abstaining. The chair's casting vote carried the day.

Mark Gray

Sunday Tea at the Day Centre

We are once again holding Sunday Afternoon Tea at The Day Centre on Sunday, December 10th, 2.30 p.m - 4.30 p.m.

Everybody welcome. We would love to see you there.



Santa Comes to Cholsey

We are happy to say that Father Christmas is again able to fit a trip to Cholsey into his busy schedule. His usual helpers will be there too.

Santa's sleigh will be calling at the Great Hall at 9.30am, with a stop-off at the Community Tea Shop at about 10am, and they will then zoom off to The Forty near the shops between about 10.30 and 12 noon. There is no charge and children will be able to tell Santa what they would like for Christmas.

The First Step Forward Learning Hub

It's been a fantastic year for the First Step Forward and we will be celebrating the end of our first year with a Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 13th December 12-2pm at Cholsey Pavilion. There will be an exhibition of our first year as well as the chance to win a Christmas Hamper and sample homemade Christmas cake as well as visit from Santa for the little ones. Come along and meet members and tutors and see the launch of the new program.

After the success of the Fibromyalgia Awareness event held in May we have now set up an online support group and will be holding the first support meeting in January.

Looking ahead to 2018 we have A Makaton Workshop running from January aimed at Parents and Carers. ITC Accredited course with Abingdon and Witney College as well as Soha Get Online sessions and Confidence Building. We will also be bringing wellbeing workshops in partnership with Cholsey's Complementary Clinic and courses from The Oxfordshire Recovery College.

If you are interested in joining the support group, enrolling on any of the courses or in running workshops please do contact us on thefirststepforward@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thefirststep or twitter @thefirststep10

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.

Befriending: Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening

ear." We have a team of befrienders ready to help.

Activities: We have a monthly Brunch Club, Film Club, and Chat Group (with focus on cancer, dementia and bereavement).

Regrettably we have cancelled the stretch classes as they were not well attended (if you are still interested in a class why not go along to the Day Centre, Old School/Marymead, which does a monthly session).

Also, there will be no Chat Group this month due to the Christmas holidays.

From January the Film Club will meet in the Coffee Lounge at the Old School/Day Centre in Marymead, Church Road. If you enjoy watching a good movie do come along.

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

Newsletter: Monthly information leaflet: copies available in the Pavilion (outside library), Day Centre, or contact Jennie Kent 01491 652100.

Happy Hub

Don't forget Cholsey's own Children's Centre. Activities and fun Monday to Saturday 9.15/10 – 11.30 with baby group Wednesday 12.30 -2 and Family Fun Monday 3.15-4.15.

All activities free, but donations welcome. Look for us on Facebook. The Happy Hub at Cholsey

M4 Junctions 12(Theale) to 13 (Chieveley) bridge maintenance work

Between August 2017 and June 2018, Highways England is undertaking essential repairs to three bridges which carry the M4 over the B4009 Hampstead Norreys Road, Brocks Lane and Burnt Hill Road near Hermitage in West Berkshire.

This work will involve road resurfacing, replacing the central reservation deck beams, bridge joints and sections of safety barrier.

During works to demolish and install the large bridge deck beams, we will need to shut the M4 between junctions 12 and 13 on selected weekends, from 9pm Friday through to 5am Monday.

These closures are currently planned for:
Friday 24 to Monday 27 November 2017
Friday 08 to Monday 11 December 2017
Friday 15 to Monday 18 December 2017
Friday 12 to Monday 15 January 2018
Friday 19 to Monday 22 January 2018
(contingency)

A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A4 (through Newbury, Thatcham and Woolhampton).

December What's On

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

Monday 4th Dec 2pm The Old School – Scrabble – free!

Friday 8th Dec 7.30 the Pavilion Cholsey Silver Band Christmas Concert

Saturday 9th Dec 7pm St Mary's Church Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12th Dec 11-12.30 The Pavilion COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Tuesday 12th Dec 2 pm The Pavilion COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book.

Thursday 14th Dec 2pm The Old School Whist £3

Friday 15th Dec 12 noon The Old School Lunch Club £7. Please book 652970 by 13th Dec

Friday 15th Dec 7pm The Great Hall 'Follies' NT Live Film

Saturday 16th Dec Santa Comes to Cholsey

Saturday 16th Dec 9.30 – 11.30 The Forty HortSoc Sale of potted Hyacinth Bulbs.

Saturday 16th Dec 11am The Pavilion

Community Tea Shop - Cholsey Community Choir mini-concert and singalong

Saturday 16th Dec 3.30 The Forty Living Nativity

Saturday 16th Dec 7pm Carols on The Forty

Sunday 17th Dec 6pm St Mary's Church carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 20th Dec 5-7pm The Great Hall Christmas Celebrations for all ages

Monday 1st Jan 11.30 The Forty Welly Walk

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