

# Cholsey Village Voice Dec 2015

## Welcome and Seasons Greetings!

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)

## Community Transport

Mark Gray Parish Council Chair writes:  
The Cholsey Transport Group is looking into the possibility of buying a community minibus. We are joined in this endeavour by the Primary School, Scouts and Day Centre as they each have transport needs at different times. If your organisation would like to be involved in this exciting project please contact the Parish Office on 652255.

## School Library - Can you help?

Cholsey School are looking for someone who could spare a couple of hours a week to help to run the School library – signing books in and out, organising books and possibly hearing children read. If you think you can help then please get in touch with the school office T: 651862 email [office2596@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office2596@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk)

## Christmas Community Tea Shop



The Community Tea Shop at the Pavilion on December 19<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12.30 has a Christmas flavour. As well as tea and cake there will be a visit from Santa and his helpers at 10am and a concert from Cholsey Community Choir at 11am. And Cholsey HortSoc will be having a sale of door wreaths, posy bowls and potted bulbs which will you will also be able to buy the week before at their.....

## HortSoc Christmas Sale

Cholsey HortSoc will be having a sale of door wreaths, posy bowls, and potted bulbs on December 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:30 on the Forty. Great for Christmas gifts!

## St Mary's Church – Living Nativity



- Encounter an angel on the Forty
- Journey to the stable at the Laurence Hall
- Visit the shepherds on the Mound in the Rec
- Meet some kings at the Pavilion.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3:15 to 5pm from The Forty.

## Drivers Needed

Cholsey Old School Day Centre is looking for voluntary drivers. Mileage is given for fuel. If you could help at all please call the Old School Day Centre on 652970

## Carols on The Forty

Cholsey 1000 Plus invite everyone to join them for their annual "Carols on The Forty" 7pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Come and sing along to Cholsey Silver Band. There will be mulled wine and hot chocolate to help keep out the cold.

## Father Christmas visits Cholsey !



Father Christmas has confirmed he will be making a special visit to Cholsey again this year on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec along with two of his reindeer and two elves - as well as Baby Bear. You can meet him at Cholsey Meadows at 9:30 or the Community Tea Shop at about 10am then he will fly down to The Forty where he will be between 10:15 and 12 noon.

## Walk off the Christmas Pud ....

Join in Cholsey's annual Welly walk on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Leaving from the Forty at 11am and taking local footpaths you will be back by 12:30 for hot soup and bread for just 50p. Please note the route won't be suitable for buggies.

## Calling all Creatives!

Do you have a hobby or interest that you could share with older people in our community? Be it music, art, cooking or trains...we are open to ideas and inspiration! Sharing your skills or favourite pass time could enhance the wellbeing and prevent isolation of our older generation. You could be paid for your time and expenses or simply volunteer. Please contact our

Older Persons Worker on Louise Pearce 07956596284 or opwcholsey@hotmail.com

## Logs for Labour

Would you like free firewood, or do you have a woodland that needs managing? The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment's "Logs for Labour" programme aims to promote sustainable use of firewood by running events where volunteers help to manage woodlands in return for logs. The events run most weekends in the winter, are about 3 hours long, and could involve coppicing hazel, thinning trees or piling up brash. All you need are sturdy gloves, shoes and a saw (only hand tools are allowed for insurance reasons)... or let us know if your woodland needs the help of volunteers. [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour) or Riki Therivel, 01865 243488.

## Keep it Safe

**PCSO Sue Harris from Thames Valley Police writes:**

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in shed and garage breaks in the village. There are a few simple steps you can take to protect your property:

- Ensure you use high security padlocks that are anti-bolt cropper proof, preferably a closed shackle padlock. Also thieves are prizing off the clasps from sheds to gain entry. Please ensure you have a good quality hasp or par-bad and ensure it is fitted with security screws or coach bolts which cannot be unscrewed once in place. Please ensure you also use these on exterior hinges as well.
- Any glass windows in the shed should be fitted with a grille fixed to steel inside the shed or for a low cost alternative use chicken wire. Also fit a curtain to stop people looking through to see what is kept inside your shed.
- You can buy a shed alarm which are battery operated for a cost of approx £10-£20.
- If you have a house alarm and have electricity in your shed or garage your alarm company should be able to link these areas to your house alarm.
- For garages consider getting a locksmith to fit garage door bolts for added security and look at getting a "Garage Defender" fitted.
- Please ensure that bicycles and other high value items such as lawn mowers are locked up. Fit a ground anchor and lock bicycles and other valuables to it with a high quality chain lock. If you are not able to fit a ground anchor ensure items are chained to something solid. Please check your insurance policies as often bicycles which are not locked to a solid object are not covered by your home insurance.
- Mark your property. Smartwater kits are available from Didcot Station for a cost of £15.00. For more information please look at the website [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com).
- Please lock garden gates to prevent access to gardens and consider planting thorny shrubs against walls or fences to prevent people climbing over.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously phone us on either our non emergency number 101 or if you feel a

crime is about to be committed 999. If you are able take note of vehicle details, registration number, colour and make. For people a description of their clothing, build, ethnicity and age do really assist us when searching following a suspicious incident.

The local neighbourhood team offer free crime reduction surveys and these can be arranged by contacting myself PCSO 9825 Sue Harris on [sue.harris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sue.harris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

## Knowing Me

A free five week course to help you manage your life more positively to be run at Cholsey Pavilion by tutors from Abingdon and Witney College and Parish Council staff – starts Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12:30 EVERYONE WELCOME. Call Sue Funge 07788 745903 or Phoebe Shephard 07554 103499. The Parish Council is hoping to be able to organise a crèche for those with little ones to look after.

## 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 in your locality. . 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.

## ENRYCH - Get involved.

Enrych are looking for people to become involved with their charity and have asked us to mention the following in our newsletter. You can get involved by:

- Joining as a member - if you are an adult with a physical disability which restricts your ability to take part in the activities of your choice then find out about the services ENRYCH offers in your area.
- Volunteer some time, share a hobby or skill with one of our members - we can provide training and support to assist you. Tel: 07518 300387 or visit [www.oxfordshire.enrych.org.uk/oxfordshire](http://www.oxfordshire.enrych.org.uk/oxfordshire)

## What's On

**Saturdays Community Tea Shop – The Pavilion** 10:00 – 12:30pm **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Community Tea Shop  
**Sundays - Fair Mile** - Community Cafe (non-profit) at The Great Hall, Fair Mile 10am-12pm  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Old School** 9:30am -12:45pm - HortSoc wreath making workshop  
**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Forty** 9:30 – 11:30pm HortSoc Sale  
**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Scout Hut** 6pm– Treehouse School Carol Concert  
**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols** at the Great Hall – 6:30pm  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Forty** 3:15 – 5:30pm Living nativity  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Forty** 7pm – Carols with Cholsey Silver Band.  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Father Christmas** visits Cholsey!  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – The Forty** 11am - Welly Walk

