

Cholsey Village Voice Feb 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

Gravel Pit



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News has just reached us that the Grundon Application for a gravel pit has just gone live on the New Barn Farm site off the Wallingford Road. Grundon are looking to develop the whole site as a series of mini gravel pits, with the site exiting onto the bypass.

CAGE and the Parish Council will be working to oppose this plan as we do not feel it is good for the village or the surrounding area.

For up to date details and news of what you can do please see the CAGE gravel website at <http://www.cagegravel.org.uk/>

Neighbourhood Plan

A group of Cholsey residents are working on the Neighbourhood Plan with Cholsey Parish Council. The plan will allow the residents of Cholsey to advise SODC how they wish Cholsey to be developed in the future and what facilities and infrastructure will be needed to support it. It covers everything from where buildings are located, what they look like and what facilities should be provided, so please make sure you have your say!

In December we launched our first Questionnaire - the culmination of seven months' work by the members of our Working Groups to find out the main issues, concerns and priorities of the parish. All this information will help us develop policies for the

Neighbourhood Plan. The analysis of the survey is now nearing completion and the detailed work to produce a draft plan begins. To make this as big a success as possible, the Steering Group (all volunteers), would like more villagers to come forward and join the team.

The www.Cholsey-Plan.com website plays important role and serves as a point of contact between the Steering Group and the community. All of our minutes and much of our background material is posted on the site. I do urge all members of the Parish community to keep in touch with our activities by keeping a regular eye on our site.

The next meeting is in the Pavilion on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm, so please come along. If you wish more information please email me info@cholsey-plan.com

Cycle Path

As many of you will be aware the newly refurbished and widened path along the Wallingford Road is now dual use, meaning cyclists as well as pedestrians can use it.

I have noticed that cyclists are often choosing to ride on the road, partly because there is no sign at the village end to tell them they can use it. I have asked County to rectify this and a sign should be erected soon, but in the interim, can we all encourage cyclists to use the path.

Three cyclists have lost their lives on that stretch of road in the last fifteen or so years, I would be mortified if there were to be any further casualties now we have a safe route.

Vehicle Thefts

The Police have seen a rise in car thefts recently. They advise that tools are removed overnight. Be aware of who is watching you and of vehicles following you home. When visiting beauty spot car parks do not leave anything on show, if you do, expect it to go! Do not think it is safe in the boot. Thieves will smash the back window and parcel shelf to access your boot area. They are quite often watching from a distance to see if you place handbags, etc in the boot. Do not leave house keys in the car, quite often there is something in the vehicle with your address on and you would need to change the locks on your home.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously please dial 101 or if you think a crime is been committed 999.

Drainage and Flooding Update.

The County Council has now completed its CCTV survey of the drains in Station Road, Church Road, The Forty and Wallingford Road.

As a result of the survey large amounts of tree roots will be removed from the system, a broken

pipe will be repaired on The Forty and a number of kerb "offlets" will be replaced with gullies to increase water flow.

The Environment Agency have also completed their survey of the brook and we await the outcome of that piece of work. I recently met with many of the farmers and landowners who border the brook and they are committed to ensuring the water course runs as freely as possible.

COPA News

Activities for older people.

Brunch club will run on Tuesday 7th, "senior stretch" exercise class on 14th and 21st and Cinema Club on 14th – this month we will be showing the classic "Brief Encounter".

All activities take place in The Pavilion.

For further details contact Jennie Kent, 01491 652100

First Steps Forward Learning Hub

Our first independent course, a Dyslexia Workshop with Sally Eccleston a Local Primary School SENCO teacher and private Dyslexia assessor to be held on February 10th 1.30-3pm at The Youth Room, The Pavilion. This will be an informal session with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, look at resources, learn to identify dyslexia, how to get your child assessed, learn how to support your child and understand the school's role in helping your child.

We have future plans for 'Eat Well for Less' and food hygiene courses and 'Knowing Me' a self-esteem building course. Along with awareness events including a Fibromyalgia Awareness day.

We are interested to hear from anyone looking at Math and English GCSE course, at present we need to establish a need for these in Cholsey before we can look at bringing tutors in. The future for The First Step Forward learning Hub is one of excitement, growth and potential. If you are interested in signing up for future courses or in joining our team of dedicated Community Champions please contact us on thefirststepforward@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Found

A small key was found on 26th January in the recreation field and a set of keys was found near The Pavilion late last year.

For further details please contact the Parish Office.

Bingo Dates



Monthly bingo will continue in support of the Happy Hub on 20th February, 13th March, 17th April, 16th May and 19th June.

Entry is £8 eyes down at 7.30pm at The Pavilion and there will be many prizes! Refreshments will be served.

Cholsey Village Volunteers

Many thanks to those who turned out for the January Litter Pick. Over 50 people volunteered and we litter picked the entire village as well as some hedge trimming and washing the signs around the village centre. If anyone would like to join a future village volunteers day, please feel free to get in touch by calling Karl on 652255 or estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com

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

Every other 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

Fridays – Happy Hub – Rhyme Time for little one's 10am-11am.

Monday 6th February 2pm The Old School – Scrabble

Tuesday 7th February 10am The Forty – SAS Walk

Thursday 9th February 9pm Marymead Common Room – Whist

Tuesday 14th February 2pm The Pavilion – COPA Film Club

Friday 17th February 12 noon The Old School – Friday Lunch Club (652970 to book)

Monday 20th February 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo

Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm The Pavilion – Cholsey WI

Saturday 25th February 6.30pm The Graet Hall – Sustainable Wallingford's Barn Dance. Live band, caller Pete North and bar. Tickets to include supper from Ray Park Butchers or 201229