

# Cholsey Village Voice February 2015

## Welcome!

Welcome to Cholsey Village Voice (CVV), the new monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. We have been aware for some time now that the village lacks an up to date news source and we hope this will go some way to filling the gap.

The newsletter isn't just for Parish Council news, so 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)

## Defibrillator



The Parish Council has enough money to fund a defibrillator in the centre of the village and are well on their way to funding a second machine to be located on Papist Way.

Cardiac Arrest happens around 140,000 times a year in the UK, making it one of the UK's largest killers – equivalent to a jumbo jet crashing every day! The potential for saving a life is dependent upon time, the faster medical help can be attained, the better the chance of survival. Studies suggest you have less than 5 minutes to save a life, this decreasing by up to 23% per minute.

### **In rural areas like ours it takes time to get medical help.**

When someone's heart stops an AED delivers an electrical current through the chest, shocking the heart back into a normal rhythm allowing it to pump again. It is the only thing that can do this. CPR resuscitation alone does not restart a heart.

If you feel you can support this project we would like to ask you to donate £5 towards the cost. Donations can be by cheque payable to "Cholsey

Parish Council" and either dropped into the Parish Office during opening hours, or posted to CPC, The Pavilion, Station Rd, OX10 9PT.

## Looking For A Pre School Place?



An Early Learning Seminar is planned to look at options for generating a solution to the lack of pre school places in the village. We know many parents are unable to find local places for their children and the irony of the situation is that there is Government funding for new places.

The meeting is sponsored by Cholsey Primary, the Parish Council and the Children's Centre.

The Seminar will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in The Great Hall at Fair Mile from 9.30am to 12.30pm for further information please call the Parish Office on 01491 652255.

In the mean time there are many activities for young children in the village including: Now We Are Two 1 to 2.30pm Mondays, Craft Story and Sing, 1.30 to 2.30pm on Tuesdays, Bumps Bundles and Tiny Tots, Fridays 9.30 all at Fair Mile Great Hall; Little Fishes, Tuesdays 9-12pm Laurence Hall; Music and Movement, Mondays 10-11.30am, Scout Hall; Cholsey Toddlers, 9.30am to 12pm Thursdays, Laurence Hall; Tiny Tunes Fridays 9-1pm, Laurence Hall and Action Songs and Rhymes, Wednesday 10am Community Library; Play Bus, Thursday afternoons, Fair Mile.

## Fair Mile Bus Stop

The bus stop is on the move due to difficulties accessing the current site.

The new stop will be on the Reading Road and will include paths from the development and a new shelter. This will also have the benefit of making the bus stop more easily accessible for most residents.

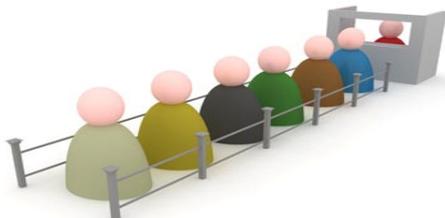
## COPA

A support and advice group for older people has been established by a group of local residents. The group COPA - Cholsey Older Peoples Advice – will be available on Saturday mornings at The Pavilion to give help and advice on a wide range of topics from benefits to making a will. In time the group hope to become part of the Age UK Community Information Network. COPA volunteers will be available from 10am to 12pm

## New Polling Station

Cholsey now has two Polling Stations for elections. In addition to the traditional venue at The Pavilion a second Polling Station will be run at the Fair Mile Cricket Pavilion.

The first time both sites will be in use will be for General and District elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May.



## Surgeries

Councillor Mark Gray is available most Saturday mornings in the Parish Office at the Pavilion, Station Road.

If you need to contact Mark or wish to make an appointment please 'phone him on 07971 805416.

## WW1 Commemoration

At 11am on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be meeting in the lobby of the Pavilion for the fourth time, to remember the sacrifice of men connected with Cholsey. This time we will be honouring Private James Pearce who fell during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on 11 March 1915.

Everyone is welcome to this secular remembrance ceremony, which lasts about ten minutes, and so far we have been getting 20-30 people each time. In particular it has been lovely to see children from the two schools in the village getting involved and contributing poetry.

## Parish Plan Update

The next issue of The Forty will contain an update on actions from the Parish Plan. It is surprising to see how much has been achieved.

## Electrifying News

We have heard from Network Rail that from now on the overhead lines along the rail track should be treated as live at all times.

You do not need to touch the wires to get a shock and they recommend a minimum distance of 2.75 metres - nine feet; Hence the work that will soon be done to raise the bridge parapets to stop people throwing things at the lines.

## What's On

**Saturdays – Cholsey Tea Shop** – Cholsey Pavilion 10am-12:30pm in support of local community groups. The café has recently completed its first year of “trading” and has raised £3,225 for, among others, Youth Club, Hort Soc and WI.

**Sundays - Fair Mile Café** - Fancy a Sunday Morning cooked breakfast? New Community Cafe (non-profit) at The Great Hall on the Fair Mile 10am-12pm, local produce and Sunday papers too!

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Clothes Swap Shop** – Cholsey Pavilion, 1pm- 4pm.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Whist Club** - £3 The Old School 7pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Cholsey Hort Soc** – social evening and AGM. The Old School 7pm.

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> –Cholsey WI Quiz Night** – Cholsey Pavilion 7:30pm.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Early Education Seminar** – Great Hall, 9:30pm – see article on page 1.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> History Talk** -Great Hall History Talk Series 1 "Life in the Victorian Asylum" Mark Stevens. Wine and Cheese. Book signing and other publications for sale. Tickets £5 (includes glass wine/soft drink). Contact [info@cholseycdt.org.uk](mailto:info@cholseycdt.org.uk) 01491 652339.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Cholsey Silver Band Concert** – Cholsey Pavilion 8pm

## Job Vacancies

### Older Persons Worker

Cholsey Parish Council is seeking to appoint an Older Persons Worker for 10 hours per week to drive use of the Day Centre and other activities, combat loneliness, support the newly formed village advice service COPA and dementia initiatives.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information T: 01491 652255 or Email [cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk](mailto:cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk)

### Street Cleaner/Lollipop Person

Cholsey Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Street Cleaner/ Lollipop Person for 12.5 hours per week.

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