

Cholsey Village Voice July/Aug 2015

Welcome!

Welcome to the summer edition of 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

Keep it Safe !



On Saturday 18th July the Police will be at the HortSoc Store at The Pavilion to mark hand tools, power tools, lawnmowers and anything in between for FREE using CRE marking (your postcode is written on the item and then sprayed with protective lacquer). They will also have some SMARTWATER kits for sale for £15 which uses ultra violet technology to mark your property.

Sue Harris PCSO writes

We are unfortunately experiencing an unusually high number of tool thefts from vehicles, garages and sheds in the Wallingford area and surrounding villages. I would therefore ask you do not leave tools in vehicles and invest in an anti bolt cropper padlock and consider a shed alarm (battery operated ones are available on the internet for approx £10.00).

Action In The Park

For the fifth year we will be running "Action In The Park" our free programme of summer activities, including the return of the Cholsey Beach and the climbing wall. We will also have Zorbing, a Fun Day (with FREE B-B-Q!) and a 999 emergency service day.

The programme will run EVERY weekday from 3rd to 14th August.

We would like volunteers to help – if you could offer some time (even half a day) please contact Jacob Dearman (Youth Worker) on 652255.

Community woodland



Some residents are planning to create a new area of community woodland in the park. A number of native species have been ordered from the Woodland Trust and planting will be organised for the autumn.

The plan is to utilise a small area of land between the rec and the Whitehead Meadow.

The group is likely to have significant numbers of trees left over, so if you are aware of a piece of land that could benefit from a few trees, please contact the Parish Office.

Wildflowers on the Forty

A number of residents have expressed an interest in having a wildflower area on The Forty. Council is looking into the possibility and a plan is being drawn up. It has also been suggested that wildflowers might be sown in other parts of the village. If you have any ideas for sites, please let the Parish Office know.

We are aware of the strength of feeling in the village about The Forty and will fully consult with villagers prior to taking any action.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council have now received delivery of two defibrillators for the village.

We hope to have these installed during the summer, one in the centre of the village and one on Papist Way.

The phone kiosk on Papist Way has now been adopted by Council and will be undergoing a spruce up prior to installation of the defibrillator.

We plan to offer training in use of the equipment, dates will be circulated via notice-boards and social media.

Reading Road

Following concern from residents at Fair Mile about the safety of individuals crossing Reading Road, Mark Gray, County Councillor has undertaken a number of actions, including:

Arranging visits from highways engineers and road safety experts

Ensuring the school bus picks up and drops children at the new bus stop and not on Papist Way

Looking into the possibility of new signage

Arranging for the police to undertake more speed checks

Looking into the possibility of a lollipop person at the Ferry Lane/ Papist Way crossing

Unfortunately it will not be possible to site a new crossing on the road as the cost would be prohibitive due to the need for speed humps and lighting which would be necessary for a crossing on this type of road.

A pedestrian refuge will be installed by Linden homes (end of July we are told) at the farm gate entrance to the site, which should make crossing at that end of the site somewhat safer.

The County Council is also looking into (and pricing) speed "roundels" on the road surface. Parish Council will also ensure the existing signs are cleaned.

Wallingford Road Cycle Path

Following the public consultation, which was almost 100% positive, we are pressing ahead with plans for the installation of the cycle path.

Needless to say we have brushed up against a good deal of County Council bureaucracy, but are hopeful that we should be in a position to start construction in the early autumn.

It is really unfortunate that someone else had to die on this road in the absence of a usable cycle path. The Parish Council is fully committed to providing this path.

Roads update

Mark Gray, County Councillor, writes:

I am continuing to try to get the road under the Westfield Road bridge re-surfaced. On close inspection with highways reps the surface is in a very poor state. The drainage culverts, however are clear and operating perfectly following work earlier in the year. As previously reported an un-expected issue is holding up this improvement - Network Rail is asking for the mainline to be closed if the existing road surface is taken up.

My fight to get the road surface at the Papist Way/ Reading Road junction re-surfaced continues. The County Council has raised a Section 80 order with British Gas as the issue was caused by them laying a new gas main. The order was presented some time ago and the County is waiting for a response.

Police Update

Local police have informed us of two recent incidents in Wallingford town centre where elderly shoppers have been targeted by distraction methods and had their debit cards stolen. It appears that the offenders have watched them input their pin numbers when using their cards in the shops. One victim was followed home and the offenders asked for directions distracting him and took his debit card. Please be on your guard for this and ensure no one can see your pin number when using your card.

Cholsey Holiday Play Scheme

(CHiPs) CHiPs is a locally run affordable play scheme which this year will run w/c 27th July, 9-3 daily for one week. For more information and how to register please contact:

Cholseychips@gmail.com

Cholsey Horticultural Society Annual Show



Saturday August 8th 12.30-5pm Cholsey's Big Annual Show will be back in the Whitehead Meadow, Church Road. Full afternoon of family entertainment and hundreds of exhibits to see in the Grand Marquee. This year we have Punch & Judy, The Goring Growlers' Dog Agility display (plus "have a go"), Birds of Prey display, Cholsey Silver Band, vintage vehicles, Fire Engine, "Bowl for the Pork", coconut shy and children's games, tombola, big raffle, charity/trade stalls, plant stall etc., plus the usual BBQ, bar, afternoon tea cafe and ice creams. We do hope you will come along. If you would like to enter something we can send you a schedule, and if you would like to have a stall we can send you a form (Jennie Kent, 01491 652100). 12.30pm (free entry).

What's On

Saturdays – Cholsey Pavilion Cholsey Community Tea Shop open from 10 til 12.30 selling delicious home-made cakes and drinks. People also on hand til noon from **COPA**: Community information advice service for older people, their families and carers. Practical help and advice on issues such as benefits, activities, services and support.

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!

Monday 6th July – Thames Valley Police "Have your Say" 10-10:30am, Cholsey Tesco Express

Wednesday 8th July – Cholsey Scouts – Race for Life, rec ground 6-8pm

Saturday 18th July – Garden/power tool marking by TV Police at HortSoc Shop, Pavilion 10-12am

Week commencing 27th July – ChiPs Holiday Play Scheme (see above for details)

Saturday 8th August – Cholsey Horticultural Show 12:30-5pm Whitehead Meadow

Weekdays Monday 3rd to Friday 14th August – Action in the Park – rec ground.