

Cholsey Village Voice July 2016

Welcome

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

Parish Council Vacancies

We now have two vacancies for parish councillors. If you think you might be interested in becoming more involved in your community and serving on the Parish Council, come along to a meeting and find out more about what being a councillor involves.

Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Community Library.

East End Farm



There will be an exhibition by Bellway Homes regarding the proposed East End Farm housing development at the Scout Hall on Friday 15th July between 2pm and 8pm. This is an opportunity to view the plans, get your questions answered and have your say on the proposals before a planning application is submitted. The Parish Council would urge all those who may be affected by the proposed development to go along.

Celsea Place

Mark Gray writes ...

We have now heard that a planning inspector has given Linden Homes permission to build sixty homes at Celsea Place.

The Parish Council, alongside a number of residents, put up a spirited defence of this part of our village, but we were on a hiding to nothing as SODC had been forced to withdraw its objections by the Planning Inspectorate.

My biggest surprise was that the Inspector made no recommendations about the existing road as she saw two near accidents in her time visiting the site. I had

also hoped that she might compel Linden to help with the costs of improving the village centre, but again there was no comment.

I am aware that there is much concern over the capacity of the school, so it should come as a relief that there is a substantial infrastructure contribution from the developer towards new school buildings.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has had its first meeting and the group has agreed that most of our work will be carried out through sub groups. The chairs of these groups were elected and are:

Beryl Guiver, Housing

John Sinclair, Transport

Paul Ramsay, Commercial and Employment

Val Bolt, Education

Mark Gray – Services, Leisure and Environment

The titles of the sub groups give some idea of the subject areas we hope to cover and influence.

If you would like to join one of the groups, please or contact one of the sub group chairs via info@cholsey-plan.com

The dates of the next steering group meetings are 28th July, 25th August and 29th September. The venue is the library, starting at 7.30pm. For more information about the Plan go to the dedicated website www.cholsey-plan.com

The Happy Hub



The children's centre is going from strength to strength with more and more families attending our activities.

Sessions include Wild Wednesdays (nature and gardening) and a number of "stay and play" sessions, including one at Fair Mile on Thursday mornings. During the summer holidays we will be suspending our normal timetable and will be running a programme of activities to support "Fun In The Park". If you would like to contact us have a look at our Facebook page Happy Hub Cholsey.

Fun in the Park

Fun in the Park is two weeks of fun FREE activities aimed at children in the 8 to 12 age group, from 1st to the 5th and 8th to the 12th August

Activities will include, Zorbing, 999 day, bike zone, drumming workshop, dance session and the return of Cholsey Beach. This year as well as activities being centred around the Rec Ground the climbing wall and a Fun Day will be held at Cholsey Meadows.

A timetable will be available shortly from the Parish Office, Community Library, Great Hall and School.

News from the First Step Forward Learning Hub

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our grand launch on Wednesday 29th of June. We had a brilliant turnout and the interest in courses was phenomenal. We will be contacting everyone who registered very soon. It's not too late to find out more about courses starting in September such as Maths and English, Everyday First Aid, Family Learning and Self Esteem Building. You can contact our dedicated group of community volunteers via email at thefirststepforward@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/thefirststepforward. We look forward to helping you take your first step forward into adult education.

Cholsey Village Volunteers

Would you like to get involved in maintaining an attractive village environment for your fellow residents?

The Parish Office is looking for volunteers to help with occasional projects. For example one particular project would be to give the telephone box on The Forty a new coat of paint.

If you would be interested in helping then please get in touch with Karl at the Parish Office on 01491 652255 or email estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com

Tesco Bus



Just a reminder that Tesco still run their weekly bus to the Didcot store.

The coach leaves The Forty every Tuesday at 9.20am and departs from the supermarket at midday. Users of the service tell us that they have plenty of time in the store to shop and for a drink in the Costa after or a trip to B&M.

Swap Shop

Sustainable Wallingford is holding a Swap Shop on Saturday 9th July at the Regal Centre from 09.45 to 11.30. It is free to everyone and provides the opportunity to pass on unwanted items to a good home, and/or pick up something useful, instead of adding to the waste problem – no clothes, shoes or paint please. For large items, bring a photo or description to display. You can swap small portable electrical items after testing to show that they work – they must have a "CE" mark; no TVs or computers please. Items for swapping must be brought before 10.30, to give more people a chance to take them. Fluorescent light tubes, low energy light bulbs, CDs, video and audio cassettes and mobile phones will be collected for recycling.

South Oxfordshire Music Centre

Does your child enjoy making music?

South Oxfordshire Music Centre offer music groups for all abilities. Saturday mornings 9:30am-12:00 pm, at Wallingford School.

For more information call 01865 816990 or email: lorna.waters@oxfordshire.gov.uk

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice New Number 07494 893997



Community information and advice is available from "Cholsey Older Persons Advice" on 07494 893997 – just call and we will arrange to meet you. We are also available at Cholsey Day Centre on the third Wednesday of each month between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

As we have registered as a "Good Neighbour" scheme a befriending service will be available soon. Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." Just knowing where to ask for help could be all you need. YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP!

Help! – Salvation Army Clothes Collection Bin

We will soon be getting a slightly larger clothes collection bin to replace the one in the Pavilion car park. Until that time if the bin is full PLEASE take your unwanted clothes home, do not leave them by the bin. The Salvation Army only collect once a month so they can be sitting there for three weeks or more in all weathers before collection. Also please make sure that you keep bags to a sensible size so that they can go through the opening provided.

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

Tuesdays - The Great Hall - Short Mat Bowls. 7-9 - kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com

Wednesdays – The Great Hall – Adult beginners ballet – 6:30pm-7:30pm

Thursdays – The Great Hall 7pm-9:30pm – Art for All – vicki.senior@me.com

Saturday 9th July - Family Fun Day – Harwell – 11am-4pm

Sunday 10th July – NGS Open Gardens – North Moreton 2-5pm

Saturday 2nd/16th/20th – St Peter's Wallingford – Music at St Peter's – 8pm