

Cholsey Village Voice June 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 Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. 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.

Cholsey Children's Centre – The Happy Hub at Cholsey

The Happy Hub is now open in our dedicated space in the Pavilion, Station Road!

We had a really successful teddy bear's picnic to launch the centre. There was lots of jelly and ice cream and so much cake!! Thank you so much to everyone for all the donations of food.

We are running sessions every day. Highlights include Ante-Natal drop-in on Mondays from 9:30am to 11am, Stay and Play on Tuesday from 10:40-1:00pm, Wild Wednesday from 10-12pm, nature theme for all the family and on Thursday the Happy Hub "on tour" at the Great Hall from 10-11:30am.

For sessions that run around lunch-time we are encouraging people to bring their lunch with them and stay for a social meal.

We are also running a bumps and babies session on Thursday at 2-3pm at the Pavilion.

All sessions are free but please feel free to make a donation if you would like to.

Come and meet Loren, Sarah and Felicity or contact us on 07754 081674 if you would like to know more.



Neighbourhood Plan

A packed meeting on 14th May attended the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Paul Ramsay, the NP co-ordinator, outlined the reasons for creating a plan.

The Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local people to have an impact on the type of issues that effect the village. The plan is about land use planning, housing, business, green space, leisure facilities, those sorts of things. It provides an opportunity for local people and organisations to develop their own ideas about the place where they live, work and visit and for these ideas to become part of South Oxfordshire's Core Strategy, which is the primary governing document for planning in the local area.

A number of people have joined the steering committee for the NP, but there are still a few spaces. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Office on 652255. You can also keep up to date on the progress of the plan on the dedicated website

www.cholsey-plan.com

"Missing Link" work begins

Linden Homes have finally started work on the "missing link" at the Wallingford end of the Reading Road; this will complete the footpath from Cholsey Meadows to the Mongewell roundabout.

Once this is completed the Parish Council will start a conversation with OCC about improving the rest of the path between the village and the new piece of path.

The "missing link" project also includes the pedestrian refuge at the Farm Gate entrance to Fair Mile. This will allow pedestrians to cross the road with greater safety when accessing the Ilges Lane byway to the village.

Providing Linden complete on time we should be able to start work on the widening of the Wallingford Road (cycle) path in July.

Attention Cyclists

Network Rail are introducing a new bike policy on their long distance High Speed Trains. In order to guarantee cyclists a space, a compulsory bicycle reservation is being introduced.

Reservations remain free and can be made online, by phone (0345 7000 125) or at a station when booking a ticket.

There is no change to local services.



On Sunday 12th June CTC Wallingford are providing an opportunity to get your bike checked for free by an experienced mechanic, between 11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Wallingford Market Place, followed by a relaxed 10 mile cycle ride leaving from the Market Place at 1:30 p.m.

Exciting learning opportunities coming to Cholsey

Come along to our launch at Cholsey Pavilion on Wednesday 29th of June, grab a slice of cake and coffee while meeting the team, chat to tutors and register interest.

Courses range from practical learning such as 'First Aid', 'Eating Well for Less' and 'Maths and English' through to 'Wellbeing and Self Esteem'.

Our dedicated group of volunteers will also be available to chat at the Queen's Birthday Picnic in the Park on 11th June and Cholsey school fête on 25th June.

Take your first step forward in adult learning.

Police News

Neighbourhood Police report that there are no crime related issues in Cholsey.

In May they ran Crime Reduction Bingo at Cholsey Day Centre; a fun and interactive way to get older people to think about personal safety.

To contact the Neighbourhood Team call 101 or email:

WallingfordBerinsfieldCholseyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

HortSoc Trip

On June 28th HortSoc will be having an early-evening car-share trip for members to Clematis Corner, Shillingford (recently featured on BBC Gardener's World). You can become a member for only £3 per household per year--call in at the Store on Saturday mornings (Station Road allotments, next to Pavilion) or contact Jennie Kent on 01491 652100.

Schedules are also now available for the HortSoc Annual Show: start planning your entries!

Kodumela Schools Link

Choko have launched a crowdfunding initiative to help under achieving South African children by bringing their teachers to the UK to observe, learn and deliver effective interventions in the class room. The target of the project is to raise £17,000 to enable this to happen.

The initiative runs until the 29th June and can be accessed by going to the crowdfunder.co.uk website and searching for Kodumela Schools Link.



Quiz Winner

The winner of the community library "31 Days in May" quiz was Marilyn Dyer-Lynch, who answered 54 of the 57 questions correctly.

COPA—Cholsey Older Persons Advice

New Number 07494 893997



A community information and advice service for older people, their families and carers. COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services in our village. 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! Please ring 07494 893997 and we will arrange an appointment for you to meet us for a chat. Or come to see an adviser at the Cholsey Day Centre on the third Wednesday of every month, 10 til 12.

Come and Sing!

St Mary's Church are hosting a concert of well known and patriotic music by Cranford House Choral Society to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 18th June at 7:30pm.

The audience will be invited to sing the more well-known pieces and a brass ensemble will be performing some royal fanfares and other pieces. Tickets are £10 or £5 for children.

What's On

Saturdays Community Tea Shop – The Pavilion 10:00 – 12:30pm

4th June - No tea shop today as there is a wedding in The Pavilion

Mondays – The Scout Hall 8pm-10:30pm – Round Dancing class. Call Nick 01491 598135

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

4th June - Cholsey Community Choir concert in support of The Happy Hub, Cholsey Children's Centre. 7:30 at The Free Church

7th June - and every Tuesday, Short Mat Bowls. 7-9 The Great Hall - kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com

11th June - Birthday Picnic for the Queen. 2-5 in the rec. Stalls, live music and a balloon race.

11th June - Barn dance at Manor Farm "old barn" 7:30pm £10 to include supper, under 14's free. Details 01491 651248 or 651812

18th June – 7:30pm Come and sing at St Mary's to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

23rd June - Don't forget to vote in the EU Referendum. Polling stations at The Pavilion, Station Road and at the Fair Mile cricket pavilion.

25th June -12 -4 Cholsey Primary Summer Fete; Rio Comes to Cholsey.

28th June - Car share trip to Clematis Corner, Shillingford. Details: 652100

29th June - Launch of "learning opportunities" 10am to 1pm at The Pavilion