

# Cholsey Village Voice June 2017

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free 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](mailto:clerk.cpc@outlook.com)

## Celsea Place

Linden Homes have been given full permission by SODC for the development of Celsea Place. Of the points raised by the Parish Council only covenants stopping people changing their garages into living space was accepted. SODC will also liaise with SOHA and Linden to see if there is a way to displace the Celsea Place Parking on to drives at the front of the houses.

## East End Farm



SODC Planning Committee have voted against the development of 68 houses on the East End Farm site.

The reasons given were issues around road safety, education and the setting of the listed buildings. Other issues raised included sustainability and infrastructure as well as flooding concerns.

## Defibrillator Used

The defibrillator situated on Tesco has been used for the first time.

It is comforting to know that the 999 operator was aware of our defibrillator and was able to tell the caller where it was and how to access it.

## County Council Elections

The result for the Benson and Cholsey Division was as follows:

Adrian Cull – Liberal Democrat – 277 (8%)

Mark Gray – Independent – 1645 (50%)

Jim Merritt – Labour – 313 (9%)

Caroline Newton – Conservative – 1077 (33%)

Mark Gray said he was delighted to have been re-elected and thanked everyone for the trust they had put in him.

Subsequent to the election Mark was offered the Cabinet post for Communities and Inclusivity at County Hall.

## Pavilion Trust

Update on the Changing Rooms at Cholsey Pavilion.

I understand that concerns have been raised about the changing rooms at the Pavilion, so I just wanted to explain the decisions the Trust running the Pavilion has made, and why, to keep everyone informed. As the changing rooms were seeing no use by Cholsey Utd at the time, when asked we agreed, on a trial basis, to allow the Happy Hub (Cholsey's very own family centre) to set up their facility in the changing rooms – not ideal for them, but adequate.

Due to the hard work of Liz Lee and the Happy Hub organisers, they have proved a major success. They now operate 6 days a week and serve over 150 individuals, some of whom are the more vulnerable in our community. As they have grown into this, they have become increasingly ensconced in their space, and it has become apparent that it would be harder and harder for them to move aside to allow a sports team to change in the rooms.

The Pavilion Trust has therefore taken the view that, on balance and for the time being, the best community use of the changing room space is to provide the facilities offered by The Happy Hub. This is not a Parish Council decision, it is a Trust decision. We understand that The Happy Hub's long-term aim is to find other premises, more suited to their needs, and at such time we could make the changing rooms available for Recreation Ground users again. Until then, we believe a six-days-a-week facility for over 150 users is better community provision than up to 20 two-hour matches for 15-20 individuals.

## James Butler Chair Pavilion Trust

## Drainage Update

One of the things we have been aware of that dams the Cholsey Brook is a bridge that is used to access the sewage works.

Mark Gray has been working with the County Council drainage department to get Thames Water to modify the design of the bridge.

We heard recently that Thames Water are planning to change this bridge.

This means another small change has been made that further eases the flow of the brook.

## What's going on at the Sewage Works?

Many people are asking about the huge lorries that have been going up and down the Wallingford Road.

The reason is that the sewage works is being upgraded to deal with all the development that will be happening in Cholsey and Wallingford.

This necessitates the sewage having to be taken to another sewage works – hence the lorries.

## COPA News

Enquiries 01491 652100, 07979 188701 (Jennie Kent) COPA direct line 07526 291088

A community activities/advice/befriending service, COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services. Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help!

We have a monthly Brunch Club and Cinema Club, plus twice-monthly stretch class. We have just launched our monthly COPA Cancer Chat group, and our first Memory Cafe is on June 22nd (all at the Pavilion in Station Road Cholsey). Do come along to our activities (local transport can be provided to certain sessions)-- see the What's On section for this month's dates. COPA monthly newsletter with a range of information is also available.

## The Happy Hub

We are pleased to announce that the Happy Hub is now just over one year old.

To celebrate we are going to be having a first Birthday Party on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We are inviting everyone to come along to see the Hub and take part in a range of activities. There will also be cake!

## Dog Mess

Oliver Fraser-Jones writes: I have made three dog mess bag dispensers, from which you can pull the bags out from the bottom. They are all near a dog poo bin. There is one in the rec, another is situated by the vets and the last is located down Buckthorn Lane. I put them up to reduce the amount of dog waste. Thank you for reading, and please use them if you have a dog.

## Waitrose Tokens

Cholsey Youth Club are this month's beneficiary of the Waitrose Community Matters tokens. Please contribute your tokens to support our local young people.

## June What's On

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

**Station Road Allotments** Cholsey HortSoc Store – 10 - 12

**Tuesdays The Laurence Hall** – Little Fishes 9-12 during term time. For carers and children 0-5yrs. All welcome. Further details from Dot Chapman 651414 or St Mary's Church Office 651812

**Tuesdays The Great Hall** - Short Mat Bowls. 7-9 - [kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:info@jo-wilson.co.uk)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion** COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2 pm The Pavilion**

COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment) 'Eddie the Eagle'

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm The Pavilion** Bingo

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30-12 Library** Memory Café for people with dementia and their carers.

## Opening Times

Parish Office – Monday to Thursday 10am 12pm  
Library Monday to Friday 2- 4.30pm, Friday 6 – 7.30pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Day Centre Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 4pm. Phone 01491 652255

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a

### **FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**

to work with young people and their families. One to one and small group work will be required.

14 hours per week, salary £8736

To apply ring the Clerk on 652255 or email [clerk.cpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.cpc@outlook.com)

