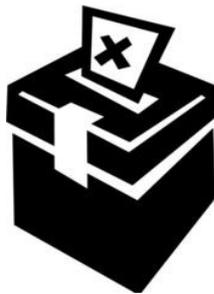


# Cholsey Village Voice May 2015

## Welcome!

Welcome to the fourth 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](mailto:cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk)

## Election reminder



Don't forget that the election is on 7<sup>th</sup> May – as if we could!

There are now **two polling stations in the village**, so check your poll cards to save a wasted journey. The two polling stations are in the Pavilion, Station Road and the Cricket Pavilion at Fair Mile.

In addition to the General Election there is an election for SODC District Councillors.

The candidates are:

Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Green
Steve Beatty	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Adrian Lee Cull	Liberal Democrats
Pat Dawe	Conservative
Barbara Tompsett	Labour
Ginnie Herbert	Labour
Jane Murphy	Conservative
Bob Nielsen	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Mark Stuart Gray	Independent

There are nine candidates contesting two seats

## Celsea Place

Parish Council are very keen for residents to know that we are opposing Linden Homes attempts to develop this area.

This is not to say that in the fullness of time this area will not be built on, but we believe any new development must be planned holistically and with regard to the wishes of local people.

Council firmly believes that the ongoing Site Allocations process, the fact that SODC has an up to date Local Plan and the five year land supply should all mean that this application will be refused by both SODC and then an inspector if Linden go to appeal.

Linden have contacted us to say that, following comments from the County Archaeologist, they will be undertaking further investigations. These works will involve the digging of around twenty trenches and will be carried out by a team of professional archaeologists. Work is likely to start on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The developer is at pains to point out that this activity is not a sign that development is commencing.

## Re-surfacing and lining

After much pressure from our County Councillor, residents and the Parish Council it is good to be able to report that Pound Lane and Brookside are to have their footpaths re-surfaced.

These footpaths have definitely come to the end of their lives, despite much patching, and it is good to see that they are being replaced.

Work will begin later this month.

Some of our County Councillor's locality budget has been put to good use to refresh some of the road markings in the village. We are particularly pleased to see the demarcation of the footway on the Church Road bridge.

## Summer Play Scheme



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.

The programme will run on weekdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August.

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Jacob Dearman (Youth Worker) on

## Parish Councillors Needed

Following nominations for Parish representatives we still have vacancies for three councillors.

If you have a strong interest in the development and running of our village and have some time to spare, please contact the Parish Clerk on 652255. You will need to have lived in the village for more than a year or be permanently employed here.

## Older Persons Worker

The Parish Council's Older Persons Worker will be starting work imminently we are delighted to have appointed Sue Spackman, a long term village resident.

Sue's role will involve driving use of the Day Centre and combating loneliness. If you know of an older person who might require some support you can contact Sue confidentially on 01491 652255.

## Defibrillators

We are on the point of purchasing the defibrillators, a supplier has been chosen and we hope to have them in place this summer.

## Sunday Lunch

The Cholsey Café have asked us to let people know that they are doing a Roast Chicken Sunday Lunch for £ 4.99, to include a free bowl of ice cream. The free ice cream offer is also available with any meal purchased on a Sunday.

## Anyone for Tennis?



On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of May you can try tennis for free at Cholsey Tennis Club between 10am and 4pm.

## Cholsey Art Show

The Cholsey Art Show will be held at the Great Hall, Fair Mile on 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## Cholsey Community Choir Concert

May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Pavilion 10am to 12 midday.

## Cholsey HortSoc News

Plant Sale Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May on the Forty between 9:30am and 11:30am. Plant donations welcome.

Car-share trip to Babylon Plants wholesale nurseries at Cuxham, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you are interested in going please contact Maureen Buch on 01491 651281

## Grants for Village Organisations

### Are you a village organisation looking for a grant?

Recent grants from the Parish Council have gone to: the community car scheme (£200), Cholsey and Wallingford Concert Band (£150), Cholsey Primary Forest School (£150), Home Start South Oxon (£200), The British Legion (£50), Cholsey Toddlers (£150) and South & Vale Carers (£150).

Apply to [cholseyipc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk](mailto:cholseyipc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk)

## Don't Forget!

### 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

## Fix my Street

If you spot a pot hole or other roads issue that you think needs to be dealt with please go direct to the Fix My Street website.

You can identify the area on an OS map, attach a brief description and send your report straight to County Highways.

Alternatively you can contact the Highways Department direct on 08453 101 111

## What's On regular events



**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!

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