

Cholsey Village Voice May 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.

Planning for the Future

A group of residents, supported by the Parish Council, have started to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is an opportunity for residents to say how they would like to see our village develop and to give us a say in how we would like to see the village change. Developers are already "circling" the village with a view to developing a number of sites and SODC now has less say in where they are able to build, so an NDP is a strong tool for constraining developers. A meeting and exhibition has been arranged in the Cholsey Pavilion from 2 to 4pm on Saturday 21st May to enable you to have your say. Further details are available at www.cholsey-plan.com

Cholsey Children's Centre – The Happy Hub at Cholsey

The new Cholsey Children's Centre will be opening its doors on 28th May with a Teddy Bears Picnic and on 11th May you can drop in and meet the team between 3-4pm at the Pavilion on Station Road. If you can't get to the Pavilion that day the Happy Hub team now have a phone number and Email address if you wish to contact them with any ideas, suggestions or questions. Mobile number: 07754081674 Email: thehappyhub@icloud.com
If you have anything you would like to donate they are particularly looking for blankets, pillows junk modelling stuff, Children's books as well as people power.

31 Days in May



The Cholsey Community Library is running a series of events called "31 Days In May" which has an event in the library on most days.

Events include book launches, children's events, a local history afternoon (19th), a treasure hunt (14th) and a quiz sheet available from the library.

Major events include the launch of our new audio-visual section (23rd), a retro record evening run by the Wallingford Music Box (26th) – bring your own discs and a Murder Mystery Evening on the 28th entitled "The Body In The Library".

The library is also giving people an opportunity to view and participate in a Book Group on Friday 20th. The book being discussed is Monsieur Linh and his Child.

Great British Tennis Weekend - Play Tennis for Free

On May 15th between 10am and 4pm Cholsey Tennis Club are holding a 'Play Tennis For Free Day' as part of the Lawn Tennis Association Great British Tennis Week-End

So come and have a go, we will be pleased to see you there!

Blooming Spring!



Now that the weather has improved stock up your garden by going along on May 21st - 9.30 - 11.30 to Cholsey HortSoc's plant sale on The Forty.

Then on May 24th HortSoc are having an early-evening car-share trip for members to Babylon Plants, Cuxham, Nr. Watlington (a wholesale nursery, with fabulous plants!). If you want to go along contact organiser: Maureen Buch, 01491 651281. If you're not already a member you can join up for only £3 per household per year.

Dawn Chorus Walk

If you're an early riser you might like to join Cholsey 1000+ on 22nd May for an early morning stroll with local birders Tony Rayner and Paul Chandler. Both walks start at 4:30am (yes that's right!). There's a River Walk which leaves from the Morning Star on Papist Way and a Woodland Walk which leaves from The Forty. Both walks are free and finish with bacon butties.

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.

Are you looking for work?

SOHA Launchpad is here to help you by providing support and advice on a one to one basis here in Cholsey. To find out more, please see www.soha.co.uk, email ri@soha.co.uk or call Jackie Logan on 01235 515900/ 0800 014 15 45

A Spring Clean for Cholsey

The litter pick held on Saturday 24th April was a great success. Over 20 volunteers gave up their time to give the village a clean up for Spring. We hope to make these a regular feature so watch this space for details of the next event.

Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team – Shed break-ins

In April we received reports of attempted breaks to sheds in the village of Cholsey. The locks have being cut or forced. Fortunately on both occasions the locks held up and no entry was gained. Can I please ask that you do the following to protect your belongings in sheds:

- Fit a really good quality anti bolt cutter padlock
- Ensure the fittings you are using are strong and fitted with non return screws
- Purchase a shed alarm (approx cost of £20.00). These are battery operated and work well if in a built up area in which they will be heard.
- Mark your property with Smartwater (kits can be purchased for £15.00 from local police stations)
- Fit a ground anchor and lock valuable tools, garden equipment and bicycles to it.

If you need any further advice or would like to purchase a Smartwater kit please contact PCSO 9825 Sue Harris on sue.harris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Your nearest available police station to buy Smartwater is

Abingdon but if you are unable to do this PCSO 9825 can facilitate delivering a kit to you if you are local.

Growth at All Costs?

Need not Greed Oxon is a campaign dedicated to protecting Oxfordshire's rural environment, whilst recognising the development and infrastructure needs of residents. They are a coalition of 26 local community groups from across Oxfordshire who have come together to campaign against a "growth at all costs" policy that has led to a plan for Oxfordshire that envisages building at virtually double any previous rate, and threatens to overwhelm infrastructure, services, landscape and communities. You can find out more on their website www.neednotgreedoxon.org.uk

Wildlife in the Churchyard

For the last six years Ben Hobbs has been managing parts of the Burial Ground to encourage wildlife to flourish there. Butterflies are counted approximately fortnightly from April to November and the results sent to Upper Thames Butterfly Conservation. A large area has been close mown for the last five years in the hope that this may reduce soil fertility and for the first time this year it will be allowed to grow – it should be interesting to see what the results are ... In general the butterfly count has increased in both species and numbers and the area is also enjoyed by bees, grasshoppers and moths. Although the area is not necessarily attractive to humans the insects love it!

What's On

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

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

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

May 11th – The Pavilion 3pm-4pm – Drop-in and meet the Happy Hub team

May 14th – The Community Library 9:30am-12:30pm – Children's Treasure Hunt

May 15th – Cholsey Tennis Club, Rec Ground 10am-4pm – "Play Tennis for Free" day.

May 19th – The Community Library 2pm - 4.30pm – Local history afternoon.

May 20th – Community Library – Book Group evening

May 21st – The Pavilion 2pm-4pm – Neighbourhood Plan meeting and exhibition.

May 21st – The Forty - 9:30am-11:30am – Hort Soc plant sale

May 22nd – The Forty and Morning Star - 4:30am-Dawn Chorus Walks

May 24th – Hort Soc trip to Babylon Plants – contact Maureen Buch 01491 651281

May 26th – Community Library 7pm-9pm – Retro Record evening run by Wallingford Music Box.

May 28th – Community Library 7pm-9pm – Murder Mystery Evening – Tickets only.