

Cholsey Village Voice May 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

Celsea Place



A display of the finds from the Celsea Place development was held on Friday 28th April. The event was a huge success and attended by people of all ages.

Pictured above are the skeleton of a young woman who was buried on the site – there were also a number of cremations – and various pottery fragments including a colander.

The site was a farmstead and was in use from 500 BC to 200 AD, taking it from Iron Age to when the Romans finally left.

It is likely that the site was used as a grain processing operation as it is full of wells and grain dryers.

The archaeologists plan to hold a second event in late summer to display these and further finds prior to their leaving the site.



County Council Elections

The County Council Elections take place on Thursday 4th May.

The Candidates for the Benson and Cholsey Division are:

Adrian Cull – Liberal Democrat

Mark Gray – Independent

Jim Merritt – Labour

Caroline Newton – Conservative

There are two Polling Stations in the village –

The Pavilion, Station Road and The Cricket

Pavilion at Fair Mile (please see your Poll Card to confirm which is your station)

Voting will take place from 7am – 10pm.

News from The Pavilion Trust

The Pavilion Trust are in the process of purchasing a projector for use in the building.

Hire charges will be £25 per event.

To hire this equipment please contact Karl

Musson on 652255 or email

estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com

Drainage Update

We were pleased to see that during the recent downpour the cleared drains functioned well.

SODC are also continuing to explore the issue of the missing drainage ditch that ran through the land which is now the gardens of Goldfinch Lane.

GO MAD at The Pavilion

Fundraising event for GOMAD for much needed projects in Tanzania on Saturday 20th May 7pm in The Pavilion.

Quiz, supper and Favours Auction to include bids for baby-sitting, dog walking, cake making, signed arsenal Football shirt, holidays in Marrakesh, Lapland, London & Bournemouth, and lots more.

Please come and have a fun evening. Tables of six (more or less welcome). Call Maureen 07812 786242.

The Choko Family Colour Run

Saturday 10th June at the Recreation Ground from 12pm for a 1pm start. BBQ, activity stalls, ice-cream/snacks.

£3 advance entry or £5 on the day. Entrance

bands available from R.G. Park Butchers. All

proceeds will go towards Choko's new project in Ntwetwe, Uganda.

Benson Barn Dance

23 Scouts from across Oxfordshire, including 2 from Benson Parish, have been selected to take part in a 3 week expedition to Western Kenya in the Summer to support the Nasio Trust and work in their orphanages as well as visiting the Scouting founder Baden Powell's grave in Nyeri. As part of their fundraising efforts, the Group will be holding a Barn Dance in the Benson Parish Hall on Saturday 10 June from 7-11pm. The Larkrise Ranters, a fantastic Country Band from Oxford will provide the live music for the event and their caller will keep everybody dancing to the right step.

Tickets for this event can be purchased from The Village Place, opposite the Benson Coop, at £9 per adult, £5 per child (under 18) or £25 for 2 adults and 2 children.

Attendees can bring their own picnic supper to the event and a bar will be provided for alcoholic and soft drinks.

If you would like to support the Scouts to undertake this once in a lifetime expedition, please come along and join the fun.

COPA News

Enquiries: 01491 652100 (Jennie Kent)

A community activities/advice/befriending service, COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services. Or maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP!

The Happy Hub

The Happy Hub is now open on Friday and Saturday mornings. We are pleased to be welcoming three new members of staff who are enabling the longer opening hours.

We are also going to be offering a parenting course in The Hub on Wednesday evenings (7.30 – 9.30pm) from 10th May to 21st June. Issues covered will include tantrums, bedtime and mealtime problems, lying and fights between siblings.

To book a place speak to a member of staff or email us at thehappyhub@outlook.com

Cost £15 per person for all six sessions.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 4th May.

What's On

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

Station Road Allotments Cholsey HortSoc Store – 10 - 12

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

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

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10.45am The Library – Senior Stretch

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

Tuesday 2nd May 11-12.30 The Pavilion
COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 01491 652100

Tuesday 9th May 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion
COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

Saturday 13th May 10-12.30 The Pavilion
Cholsey Community Choir at the Community Tea Shop

Tuesday 16th May 2 pm The Pavilion
COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment)

Monday 15th May 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo

Saturday 20th May 1pm – Car-share trip for HortSoc members to Babylon Plants. Details Maureen Buch 651281

Saturday 20th May 9.30-11.30 The Forty – HortSoc Plant sale

Tuesday 23rd May 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion
COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

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 652970.