

# Cholsey Village Voice November 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)

## Gravel News

The New Barn Farm application hasn't been put on the agenda for the November Oxfordshire County Council Planning meeting so we are 'watching this space'.

CAGE, the Parish Council and Wallingford Town Council are fully prepared to represent our views with planning arguments/discussions when the planning meeting is called.

It now looks likely that the planning meeting will be in the new year.

## Cholsey Christmas Fair

Saturday, 25th November 10am-1pm. In the Great Hall, Fair Mile. 25 Stallholders selling a variety of gifts and Christmas decorations, Santa's Grotto and festive café. £1 entry.

## Cholsey Tennis Club Quiz

November 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm start  
The Pavilion  
Teams (max of 6) Price £10 which includes supper + first drink.  
Contact Jenny Robson 01491 651477 to enter a team.

## Art for All

We continue to meet every Thursday in the Library 7.30-9pm, except the last Thursday of the month when the class does not run and the venue is used for something else. However, on the last Thursday of every month, some friends and I have started Cholsey Art Club, we meet in the Happy Hub at the back of the pavilion 7.30-9pm, £2 per meeting. It is suitable for anyone interested in Art from novice to professional, refreshments are provided but anyone attending

will need to bring their own subject and equipment.

## Are you ready for winter?

As the nights get colder and darker, the chances of severe weather increase. Since 1990, gas and electricity network companies have invested over £80bn to make the UK's gas and electricity supply more reliable than ever before. But storms, floods and other extreme weather can still cause damage and disruption. That's why the UK's gas and electricity network companies have come together to launch the Be Winter Ready campaign. The campaign aims to help the public better-prepare for power cuts and gas emergencies that may result from bad winter weather.

To Be Winter Ready, you should:

- Know your free emergency numbers - in a power cut dial 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.
- Prepare your home – keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. Contact your gas or electricity network to find out more. Visit [www.energynetworks.org](http://www.energynetworks.org) to find out who your network operator is.
- Keep your eyes open – keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.

## Go Active Gold

Free taster event for the over 60's.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am – 1 pm The Pavilion.  
Find out more about Go Active Gold, book in for your Fitness MOT and try out a new activity on the day.  
Booking Essential: Aled Newton 07756 325756  
[aled.newton@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:aled.newton@southandvale.gov.uk)

## COPA News

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

We are a community activities/advice/befriending service, providing an opportunity to access a range of information and support services. We work alongside Vicky Beardall-Richards, Cholsey's new Older Persons Worker.

**Befriending:** Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." We have a team of befrienders ready to help.

**COPA Activities:** We have a monthly **Brunch Club, Cinema Club**, and twice-monthly **Stretch Class** (local transport can be provided to certain sessions).

**Cancer Chat:** Have you been affected by cancer, either personally, or someone you know? Would you like to come along for a get-together over coffee?

**Memory Café:** If you have a memory problem or have been diagnosed with dementia, you may have someone caring for you. A memory café is a place where you and your carer could come to meet other people in the same situation as you. Have a chat and support over a coffee. There will be trained people to speak to if you need specific advice.

See the What's On section for this month's dates for our activities.

### Happy Hub

Don't forget Cholsey's own Children's Centre. Activities and fun Monday to Saturday 9.15/10 – 11.30 with baby group Wednesday 12.30 -2 and Family Fun Monday 3.15-4.15.

All activities free, but donations welcome. Look for us on Facebook. The Happy Hub at Cholsey

### Yellow Letter Reminder

Last month South Oxfordshire Council sent out yellow letters asking residents to confirm the details of the people living at each address.

The council has had a great response so far with over 70 per cent of residents completing their forms.

However, they still need to hear back from over 30,000 households on who is living at their property. The council needs this information to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote can do so in future elections.

To help prompt people to send this information back the council have started to phone residents direct and are sending out reminder letters. Residents will know when they receive the letter – it has both district council's logo on the envelope with the letter on bright yellow paper.

Everyone is being encouraged to confirm their details now. If households wait they are likely to receive a visit early next month.

Elizabeth Gillespie, legal and democratic services cabinet member for South Oxfordshire District Council said, "We are very pleased to have had such a good response so far, for which we are very thankful. We are hoping that the imminent reminder letter and telephone calls to those who have not yet replied will prompt completion of the process."

Households must confirm their details, even if they haven't changed. This is a legal requirement and by not responding it could lead to a £1,000 fine.

Where possible people can do online – it's quicker and easier and saves time. Please visit [www.householdresponse.com/southandvale](http://www.householdresponse.com/southandvale) and use the reference code included in the letter.

### November What's On

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm The Old School** Whist £3 in aid of the Day Centre

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 11am The Pavilion** Community Choir mini-concert & singalong, Community Tea Shop starting with a 2-minute silence.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30 The Old School** Afternoon Tea no need to book just come along

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion** COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2 pm The Pavilion** COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment) My Old Lady

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 10 – 12 The Pavilion** Cancer Chat

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 12 noon The Old School** Lunch Club £7. Please book 652970.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10.30am-12 The Pavilion** COPA Memory Café

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion** COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-12.30 The Pavilion** COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

### 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