

# Cholsey Village Voice Nov 2015

## 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](mailto:cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk)

## Celsea Place Development

Mark Gray Parish Council Chair writes:

The agents for Celsea Place have submitted an appeal against "non determination" as the District Council have not made up their collective minds on the proposed development within the time allowed to them.

This is not good news. In Benson where the district allowed this to happen the Planning Inspector allowed the appeal and as a result the village will be getting 120 extra houses in a location that they had not planned for.

Further, with the government's presumption in favour of sustainable development there is pressure on inspectors to allow these "rogue" developments. We will have a fight on our hands to stop this, but I truly believe that, at this stage, Celsea Place is not the right area to be developed as our village grows. This kind of ad hoc development is not good in general and is a disaster for Cholsey in particular.

## County Budget Cuts Consultation

Following further cuts in the funding they receive from central government the County Council need to make additional cuts to services. Between now and 30<sup>th</sup> November you will be able to have your say on the 95 savings options which the County Council have identified across all areas of the council.

To do this you can either submit comments online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/budget](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/budget) or pick up a form from the community library at the Pavilion where you can also find out more information about the budget cuts.

OCC will also be holding a public meeting about the cuts in Wallingford on 5<sup>th</sup> November 7-8:30pm at the Regal Centre.

## Leader Funding for small businesses

Oxfordshire LEADER grant funding is now open for business.

LEADER funding will grant £1.55 million to businesses in Oxfordshire from now until March 2020.

Grants are for farmers, foresters, small or micro rural businesses and communities.

It supports projects that will create jobs and boost our local economy.

Projects must fit into one or more of our four themes:

- Growing, selling, eating more local food.
- Vibrant villages.
- Reviving the River Thames and associated waterways.
- Unlocking the potential of woodlands.

You can find out more information at [www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk](http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk)

## Goring Gap Gantries - Petition



Network Rail has responded to public concerns about the use of gantries as part of the electrification of the line through the Chilterns & Downs AONBs .

They are planning to start a consultation period early next year. Depending on the outcome, it has confirmed it will **retro-fit** a more sympathetic design for the length of track passing through the Chilterns and North Wessex Downs AONBs - **if the public demands it in sufficient numbers**. This is a major concession, but with caveats, so RAG the Railway Action Group is asking local residents "to act quickly to make your views known".

They have a website [www.savegoringgap.org.uk](http://www.savegoringgap.org.uk) where you can sign a petition and watch a short film they have made about what could happen if the existing Network Rail plans go ahead.

## Calling all Creatives!

Do you have a hobby, interest or passion in life that you would be willing to share with older people in our community? Be it music, art, poetry, cooking, cars or trains...we are open to ideas and inspiration! Sharing your skills or favourite pass time could enhance the wellbeing and prevent isolation of our older generation. You could be paid for your time and expenses or simply volunteer, whatever you feel you can offer we would like to hear from you....Please contact our Older Persons Worker on Louise Pearce 07956596284 or [opwcholsey@hotmail.com](mailto:opwcholsey@hotmail.com)

## Drivers Needed

Cholsey Old School Day Centre is looking for voluntary drivers. Mileage is given for fuel. If you could help at all please call the Old School Day Centre on 652970

## Oxfordshire Advocacy Service

This is a new service run by Oxfordshire Advocacy in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, providing one to one support for anyone aged 50+ affected by cancer, whether they are a Patient or a Carer.

The service is free and they can help with many issues, including treatment and care, social, financial and employment issues and provide a listening ear. Call **01865 230203** or Email [copa@oadg.org.uk](mailto:copa@oadg.org.uk)

## Chinooks at Benson



As of 22<sup>nd</sup> October four Chinook helicopters will begin flying out of Benson as part of the Chinook Operational Conversion Unit. A further 2 will join them in the new year. Benson plan to fly 2 Chinooks a day, plus any additional air-testing that is required. In response to local concerns about the extra noise which these much larger helicopters can cause RAF Benson have said there are a number of procedures in place to minimise the impact of flying on local communities, including local area avoids and limited flying times. The number to call with issues about noise etc is 01491 837766

## COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice

### New Number 07494 893997

COPA offers a community information service for older people, their families and carers. Every Saturday morning we aim to provide an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support in your locality. Just knowing where to ask for help may be all you need. Come along to the Pavilion, Station Rd between 10am and 12noon for a chat or call us on 07494 893997 for advice or to make an appointment.

## Anyone for the Tennis Club Quiz?



Cholsey Tennis Club will be holding their Quiz night at 7:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Pavilion.

Tickets are £7.50 per person including supper. There will also be a bar.

Teams should be a maximum of 6 people.

Please contact Jenny Robson on 01491 651477 to enter a team.

## Gravel on Thames

The Parish Council have received notification that another company London Rock is interested in extracting gravel in Cholsey – this time from a site known as White Cross between the A329 and the Thames.

This is in the very early stages with London Rock consulting with SODC on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment that would need to be carried out as the first stage of any plans. Because the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy is still underway it is likely that this will have to wait until a decision on the overall core strategy for Oxfordshire has been agreed early next year.

## Do you have attention to detail, and want to be at the heart of Cholsey's community?

Due to the ongoing success of the Pavilion in Station Road, we are looking for additional help to keep our new building looking the best it can be. Working alongside our existing regular cleaner, you will be responsible for spot-cleans of various areas, in particular the large, commercial-standard kitchen. Duties will include all types of light cleaning such as sweeping, clearing cobwebs, mopping floors, deep-cleaning the kitchen, steam cleaning the kitchen and toilet areas and also light decorating duties (touching up paint on walls).

We are initially looking for a few hours per week, at a rate of £8 an hour but as our needs change this could increase. Early mornings would be an ideal time, but hours can be flexible, subject to the needs of those using the building.

## What's On

**Saturdays** – Cholsey Pavilion Cholsey Community Tea Shop open from 10 til 12.30 selling home-made cakes

**Sundays - Fair Mile** - Community Cafe (non-profit) at The Great Hall, Fair Mile 10am-12pm

**Mondays – The Old School** 2pm-4pm – Cholsey Scrabble Club - just turn up!

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Fair Mile** Bonfire & Fireworks 6pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Old School** – Talk about local donkey sanctuary 8pm.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** Cholsey Remembrance Service

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – The Great Hall – “A history of Cholsey” talk by local history expert Judy Dewey.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Pavilion** - Tennis Club Quiz 7:30pm

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – The Pavilion** – Making Christmas Gifts – Have a go day – 11am to 4pm £1.50