

Cholsey Village Voice Nov 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 clerk.cpc@outlook.com

New Owners at Cholsey Café

After last month's good news at The Memories of Bengal it is pleasing to be able to report that The Cholsey Café has new owners.

Paul and Deborah Snell have recently moved to the village following early retirement and say that they 'jumped at the chance' to take on the café.

Running a café is new to both Paul and Deborah but they say they are up for the challenge. Paul used to run his own business and Deborah worked with special needs students at Gillotts School.

The couple are hoping to have the café open in the first week in November.

Red Lion Under New Ownership

In a second major change for Cholsey's businesses it is good to hear that the Red Lion is to be placed on a more stable footing for the first time in several years. Four local men – Steve Crosby, Alex Venners, Rob McMahon and Clive Miners have decided to take the venue in hand and turn it into 'a proper local pub'. The take over will take place on the 7th November and following a brief refresh they will re-open on the 12th with a free hog roast.

Plans for the pub include a pizza oven and a full menu. The new owners are currently interviewing chefs and hope to be able to offer a full Christmas menu. They plan to use local suppliers whenever possible and to be reasonably priced.

Steve Crosby said "We all live in Cholsey and we want this to be a proper pub".

Happy Hub Bingo

Monthly bingo will continue in support of the Happy Hub on Monday 14th November. Entry is £8, eyes down at 7.30pm at The Pavilion and there will be many prizes! Refreshments will be served.

Wallingford Road Dual Use Cycle Path



The dual use cycle path is close to completion and should be available for use within the first two weeks of November.

The path has been paid for using infrastructure money (section 106) accrued over many years from developers.

First Steps Forward.....

Adult Education courses are continuing for the next few weeks.

Courses include Introduction to Adult Social Care, Keeping up with your Children – Maths, IT for Beginners and Story Sacks.

For further information please contact the dedicated team of community champions at thefirststepforward@hotmail.com or 07931 563707

Neighbourhood Plan

Over recent months the steering group has been working hard evaluating the comments from the Flower Show and September consultation event.

Those who attended these events gave us lots of issues to think about however we do want to hear from everyone in Cholsey so we are working with a local organisation on a community survey to understand your views better. This survey will be distributed to all houses in the Parish during late November and early December. It is important you fill in your questionnaires and return them before the closing date of 1st January 2017

The neighbourhood plan is being prepared voluntarily by local Cholsey residents for the whole community, we value your input to help us prepare the best plan we can for our community.

Why?

Because it will help us secure money to be spent on infrastructure and facilities in the parish and is the best way to influence where and how new development takes place in Cholsey.

Not for me some else will do it!

No this time we need EVERYONE to take part both young and old. For the plan to be successful we need to demonstrate we have the views and opinions of our whole community.

Do visit our website <http://cholsey-plan.com/> for more information or to contact us.

Flooding Update

Mark Gray writes.....

Following the flooding in mid September I have now been able to draw together a number of interested parties who will look at the surface drainage infrastructure needs for the village.

The group will be joined by Ed Vaizey MP for its first meeting as it is felt by the County Council that the only place from which funding can come is the Government.

Friday Lunch Club at the Old School

There will be a Lunch Club at The Old School, Church Road. Starting on **Friday 18th November** 12 noon - 2pm. Cost £7 BUT the first lunch is FREE!

The club will continue on the third Friday of the month. Booking and Enquiries – 01491 652970.

Have a go day

Our popular 1000plus event 'Have a go day' is running once again this year at Cholsey Pavilion on Sunday 27th November from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be a great range of crafts/activities for all ages.

Entry fee £1.50 including 2 tokens. Activities range from 50p (1 token) to £1.50 (3 tokens). So come along and join us for a great selection of arts and crafts - lots new ideas plus some old favourites. Refreshments are also available.

Cholsey Village Volunteers

Would you like to get involved in maintaining an attractive village environment for your fellow residents?

The Parish Office is looking for volunteers to help with occasional projects.

If you would be interested in helping then please get in touch with Karl at the Parish Office on 01491 652255 or email estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com



COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Advice & Befriending Service

Tel. 07494 893997

A community information/advice/befriending service, COPA provides an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services (on e.g. budgeting and benefits, mobility issues, practical help and support at home, local social/community activities, help for carers (dementia support service, respite care, training opportunities, emergency support).

Are you (or someone you know) sometimes 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 a COPA volunteer at the Cholsey Day Centre on the third Wednesday of every month, 10 til 12 (November 16th, December 21st, January 18th, February 15th).

NEW...NEW...NEW...COPA BRUNCH CLUB

on the first Tuesday of every month (next date 6th December, 3rd January, 7th February, etc). 11am til 12.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey. Full English breakfast and refreshments for only £3. Plus free raffle! Local transport can be arranged. Bookings up to two days before via Jennie Kent, 01491 652100.

Gravel Update

Communities threatened with gravel extraction have received a knock back from a government inspector.

At the Examination in Public of the county's Core Strategy the inspector accepted the larger target amount for minerals extraction. This could mean two extra gravel pits in the county. On a slightly more positive note he did question the county's 50/50 south/west split approach.

Locally, the Grundon application for a pit at New Barn Farm is still being assessed by the County Council prior to the public stage of the planning process being undertaken.

What's On

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

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

Tuesdays - The Great Hall - Short Mat Bowls. 7-9 - kevinhowarth017@yahoo.com

Wednesdays – The Great Hall – Adult beginners ballet – 6:30pm-7:30pm

Fridays – Community Library – Rhyme Time for little one's 10am-11am.

Sunday 13th November 7.45pm St Mary's Church Riding Lights Theatre Company perform their Autumn Show "Simeon's Watch" Tickets available at the door.

Monday 14th November 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo
Thursday 17th November 10am – 4pm St Mary's Church

"Still Waters" a quiet day at St Mary's Church run by Annie Hibbert from The Well in Leamington Spa. Tickets from the Church Office 01491 651812

Saturday 19th November 7.30pm The Pavilion 7.30pm

Cholsey Tennis Club Annual Quiz. £7.50 per person (teams a max of 6). Supper inc. Bar available. Contact Jenny Robson 01491 651477 to enter a team.