

Cholsey Village Voice October 2018

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

1914-1918 Cholsey Remembers

Remembrance Sunday this year is an opportunity to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War – especially as the 11th November falls on the Sunday itself in 2018. In addition to the usual service at the church and on the Forty at 3pm, a special Centenary Commemoration will be held on the Forty at 10:45am. This will include poignant acts of remembrance, not only for the 67 men connected with Cholsey who died but also those who survived and their families who suffered hardship and loss back on the Home Front. A major part of these commemorations will be an installation of knitted poppies, produced by a wide group of all ages across the village. Aably lead by Jean Salter and Jan Morgan, this group have knitted close to 1000 poppies, almost double their intended target, and the installation is sure to be evocative and sobering. The ceremony will also include contributions from Cholsey children, showing that the spirit of remembrance continues with current generations too.

Please do attend, all are welcome. Do arrive in time for a prompt start at 10:45 – and if you are unable to attend but happen to be passing around 11, please drive respectfully as we gather at the centre of the village.

New opening arrangements for the Parish Council office.

Due to the amount and complexity of work that is now required of us we are changing our opening hours.

From Monday 15th October the office will only be open to the public on Wednesday mornings from 10am – 12pm for drop-in or informal

appointments. At all other times please contact us by phone – 01491 652255, or e-mail clerk.cpc@outlook.com to make an appointment to see a council officer.

CHOLSEY SCOUT is “Going to America”



Beth Mooring, from Cholsey, aged 13 is one of 36 children chosen to represent Oxfordshire at the World Scout Jamboree in America in July 2019

In order for the trip to be open and inclusive to all, the aim is to fundraise for the entire trip at a cost of £160,000, part of which will enable scouts from developing countries to attend. This will be done both as a Unit but also as individuals.

Beth along with other children from the local area attending the Jamboree are seeking ways to support each other in their fundraising endeavours and are hoping to have opportunity locally to raise money for the trip. If you have any suggestions of ways Beth could get involved in village events for fundraising, or need a pet sitter or babysitter please feel free to contact us at: cazgrew@hotmail.com or on 07867 410581.

Library Quiz

We are holding our annual quiz on October 12th in the Pavilion Hall. Tickets are £10 each for a delicious 2 course meal. With teams of no more than 6 per table.

We will be collecting money from tables and teams can book via cholsey.library@gmail.com. Please come and join us for our fun fundraising evening.

Car Scheme Help Needed Please

I am sure most villagers are aware of our Voluntary Car Scheme which helps older people who haven't transport get to their hospital, doctors, opticians and dentist appointments. We are in dire need of new drivers to help keep this service going this winter which tends to be our busiest time. If you can spare enough time for just one appointment a month it would help us to keep this valuable service going. Many of our original drivers are getting in need of help themselves as the years have passed. A mileage

allowance is paid and all drivers are covered by our insurance. If you can help please give me a call or email and I can give you details of how it works. Remember one day you may be pleased to use us.

Contact Moira Randall 01491 652439 or moirarandall@live.co.uk.

CWR winds back the wheels of time

The Cholsey and Wallingford Railway wind the clock back over the weekend of 6th & 7th October with the 1940s weekend, with the home guard taking guard of the station with some with well-hidden machine gun and some mortars for defence! Whatever you do don't them your name Pike!

Later in the month (27th & 28th October) the Wicked Witch of Wallingford will be giving on hand for some tricks and treats on board our trains.

COPA News

COPA—Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/Befriending

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

COPA is a community service for older people, their families and carers. We work closely alongside Cholsey's Older Persons Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards (07855606894 or opsw.cpc@outlook.com) in providing an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services, as well as regular social activities, and a team of volunteer befrienders to support those who are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help! Our activities include a monthly Brunch Club, Film Club, and Chat Group (cancer/bereavement/memory café) (see diary dates). We also organise occasional trips out, and we support activities at the Day Centre. Look out for COPA's monthly newsletter.

The First Step Forward Learning Hub

We have established an exciting partnership with Cholsey Complementary Health Centre and have begun running weekly mindfulness meditation sessions open to all over 18.

Coming up on Tuesday 9th we will have an introduction to NLP followed on Friday November 9th by an introduction to Chi Gon. To end the term, we will be holding a 2-hour Makaton Sign Language Christmas Workshop on Wednesday 21st November.

For full details or to book your place please email thefirststepforward@hotmail.com

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October's What's On

Saturdays - The Pavilion Community Tea Shop – 10:00 – 12:00pm (not 11th August)

Thursdays 12 – 12.45pm The Pavilion 'Time to Breathe' Gentle Exercise, Mindfulness and Meditation.

Mon 8th Oct 10am The Library Creative Club

Fri 12th Oct 10am – 12 The Pavilion Tea and Talk for The Mental Health Foundation

Mon 15th Oct 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo in aid of the Happy Hub

Tues 16th Oct 12.45 pm The Old School

COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book.

Mon 22nd Oct 10am The Library Creative Club

Thurs 25th Oct 10am The Library COPA Coffee and Chat Group

VACANCY

Cholsey Parish Council in Association with Oxfordshire Fire Service would like to appoint a

Community Safety Co-ordinator

Help us to make Cholsey the safest community in Oxfordshire

12 hours per week Salary £7488

This is a new and innovative post and the role will/might include activities such as Installation of smoke alarms.

A supportive brief for elderly people, particularly those living alone.

Promoting and supporting Speed Watch.

Supporting schools to deal with issues such as parking, cycle safety/fitness and bullying.

Promoting defibrillators/ AED training.

We have dedicated group of staff and volunteers who will help you deliver this innovative new role.

To apply ring the Clerk on 652255 or email clerk.cpc@outlook.com

Opening Times

Parish Office – Wednesday 10am-12pm, at other times call us for appointment. Phone 652255

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 652970