

Cholsey Village Voice Oct 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

Traffic Calming Measures



Following much work with County Highways officers we have been told that a crossing on the Reading Road is not a practicable solution – even if the money were there to provide one.

In an attempt to slow traffic on the road the Parish Council is paying for six “30” roundels to be applied to the road and the County is putting up some more pedestrian warning signs. Parish is also pursuing Linden Homes to complete the installation of the “gates” that were supposed to have been put at the roadside.

In addition I have arranged for the school bus to pick up and drop the children at the new bus stop on the Fair Mile side of the road and for a local resident to erect and move speed warning signs.

Mark Gray, County Councillor

Reflections

Following many requests from residents the Parish Council has put some reflectors on the unlit central access gate walls at Cholsey Meadows. This should help with visibility at night. We understand that the Farm entrance to the site will be illuminated as part of the works to install the central pedestrian refuge on the A329, Reading Road.

We are hopeful that this work, along with the installation of the “missing link” will be completed by Linden Homes in the very near future.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been installed in the phone box on Papist Way. Because of the risk of vandalism and theft the cabinet holding the defibrillator can only be accessed by a code. To use it in an emergency you should call 999 and give the ambulance service your location. They will provide you with a code to enter into the keypad on the cabinet which will unlock it.

We expect to hear from Tesco in the next few weeks with a date when they will install the second defibrillator on the wall outside their store.

Skate Park



Council is working with a small group of young people to develop a skate park on the rec. We have visited other local provision in Didcot, Upton and Blewbury and are looking into sources of funding and designs. If you would like to be involved please contact our Youth Worker, Monica on 07793 683028.

The Cycle Path Cometh....

Following the receipt of initial tenders it is looking likely that we will be able to progress with the cycle path scheme on Wallingford Road.

Kerbside Recycling

From 7th Sept SODC will start collecting small electrical items and clothes or textiles from the kerbside. Textiles and clothes that aren't good enough for charity can be put in a tied carrier bag next to your green bin on recycling collection days. Small electrical items should be placed in a carrier bag and put next to your black bin on landfill collection days.

Older Persons Worker

The Parish Council have now appointed an Older Persons Worker, Louise Pearce.

Louise's role is broadly to ensure older people within our parish – especially those that are more isolated and vulnerable – are able to stay involved, in touch and informed.

In addition Louise will be working in partnership with existing organisations such as the Old School Day Centre to expand and adapt existing provision to ensure that a wide range of attractive, sustainable activities are created and supported using local venues and volunteers.

If you know of any older person who might benefit from some help or indeed if you yourself would like some help, then please contact the Parish Office on 652255 and we will put you in touch with Louise.

Cholsey Old School

The Old School is the venue for the Cholsey Day Centre for Older people who live in or around Cholsey. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3.30pm. Members have coffee and there is a home cooked lunch and an afternoon activity for those who want to take part, but we also have computers, newspapers and puzzles on hand. Regular activities include:

Scrabble Club – First Monday of each month 2-3:30pm

First Friday Lunch Club – First Friday of each month, everyone welcome – lunch and entertainment provided.

Hairdressing, Chiropody and assisted bathing are also available.

If you have difficulty getting to us we can arrange transport if we have enough notice but there is a small charge.

If you would like to visit just call us on 652970

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

Dance the night away!

Cholsey 1000 Plus and Cholsey Community Development Trust are running a barn dance at the Great Hall, Fair Mile, on Saturday 10th October. Doors open at 7pm for dancing at 7.30. The band will be the popular Oxford-based Traction, while Will Hall, one of the nation's favourite dance callers, will be steering everyone in the right direction. A ploughman's supper is included in the ticket price of £10 and there will be a real-ale bar. Tickets can be booked on 01491-652295 or 01491-652339 or purchased from Ray Park Family Butchers.

CAP Wallingford Debt Centre

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) offer free local debt counselling. CAP is partnered with a national debt charity who provide regulated financial advice from their head office in Bradford. Although CAP is a Christian organisation its services are available to all. Call 0800 328 0006 for further information.

Minerals and Waste

The Parish Council and CAGE have now responded to the County Council's Minerals and Waste consultation.

Following the close of the representations period on 30 Sept Oxfordshire County Council will consider the representations received and prepare a summary of

the issues. This together with the core strategy will then be submitted to the government in November. The Secretary of State will appoint an Inspector to hold an independent examination of the plan, when he or she will consider the representations, either in writing or at oral hearings to take place in Feb/Mar 2016. The inspector will report on their findings in June 2016. If the core strategy has been found to be legally compliant and 'sound', the council will adopt it in July 2016.

Cholsey HortSoc Shop



Cholsey HortSoc now has a wide selection of bulbs in stock for Christmas/Spring flowering.

Come along and see us at our store on the Station Road allotments, Saturday mornings between 10 and 12 noon.

Please note: The Store closes after trading on Saturday 31st October until Saturday 5th March. Until then come along and stock up on all your gardening and allotment needs.

Fair Mile Allotments

It has now been agreed that the Parish Council will take on the management and running of the Fair Mile/Cholsey Meadows allotments. Unfortunately there are some legal changes needed to the original agreements drawn up by the Home and Communities Agency and SODC in order to allow this to happen, as it was envisaged at the time that these agreements were put together that the CCDT would manage the allotments.

This should be complete within the next few months.

What's On

Saturdays – Cholsey Pavilion Cholsey Community Tea Shop open from 10 til 12.30 selling home-made cakes and drinks. People also on hand til noon from **COPA:**

Community information advice service for older people. Practical help, advice & support on issues such as: benefits, activities, services. **26th Sept** a PCSO will be there so you can "Have your Say".

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

Friday 10th October – Barn Dance, Great Hall, Fairmile

Friday 16th October – Cholsey Library 5th annual quiz 7:30pm at the Pavilion. Good two course supper, raffle and licensed bar.

Saturday 17th October – **Sempre Chittara concert** – The Old School 7:30pm

Wednesday 28th October – WI Harvest Supper and Quiz, The Pavilion, 7:30pm.