

# Cholsey Village Voice Oct 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](mailto:clerk.cpc@outlook.com)

## Wallingford Road Cycle Path



We are delighted to be able to report that construction has started on the Wallingford Road dual use (pedestrians/ cyclists) path.

A cycle path to connect our village with Wallingford has been a long held goal for the community and it is good to see this, at last, coming to fruition.

The project will take about a month to complete and will involve widening and re-surfacing the existing path.

The work will run the entire length of the road and is being carried out by Oxford City Works.

## Memories of Bengal

Good news for the Memories of Bengal, they have gained a three star Food Hygiene rating. This follows the disappointing news earlier in the year when their star rating dropped to just one.

Owner Shahab Uddin (Dillon) also tells us that he is not selling the restaurant as had been rumoured, but is developing a take away outlet in West London with his family to run alongside Memories. Dillon is actually planning a small scale investment in the restaurant as a mark of his confidence in the business.

## Parish Office News

We were sad to say goodbye to our much loved Parish Clerk Mel Malcolm. Mel has worked for the Parish Council for 3 years and in that time has revolutionised many of our processes and systems.

She has seen us through a period of intense change including settling into the pavilion and employment of various new members of staff.

We welcome Lucy Dalby as our new Parish Clerk. Lucy is also Clerk to Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Culham Parish Councils.

## Happy Hub Bingo

Monthly bingo is returning to Cholsey in support of the Happy Hub. Entry will cost £1 per game with a maximum cost of £8. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Eyes down will be 7.30pm and there will be many prizes – including money! The events will take place on 17th October, 14th November and 19th December

## Beer Festival Bumper Year

Organisers tell us that the 2016 CHOKO beer festival made a magnificent £9,000. This money will be used to support communities in Africa and the work of Cholsey PTA.

The Festival was the usual mix of family fun, real ales and live music and – again as usual – there was no rain to be seen.

## Library News

Tickets are now on sale in the Library for our Annual Quiz. On Friday the 14th of October we shall be gathering in the Pavilion Hall with our teams of six for a fun filled evening. Tickets are £10 each which include a two course supper.

Current courses running in the Library include; Age UK Tablet training, Tuesday afternoon 2.30 to 4.00pm. Art for all Run by Jo Wilson Thursdays 7.30pm to 9pm, Creative Club runs on alternate Monday Mornings and Tuesday evenings.

The Learning Hub have a number of Adult Education courses running for the next few weeks. Please do visit to find our more.

Our Library is available to hire on a number of mornings and evenings. Please do get in touch for available dates.

All our fundraising goes towards maintaining the Library and keeping this valuable resource open for the village.

## Après la deluge .....

Following the very heavy rain and subsequent flooding on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September we were very fortunate to have the immediate attendance of the Fire Brigade. In all a total of three pumps attended and dealt with the most widespread flooding the village has had visited upon it.

Fortunately due to the quick response of the Fire Brigade very few houses actually had water in.

I have thanked the Fire Brigade personally at one of the Committees I sit on at County Hall.

I am in the process of arranging a meeting with the Environment Agency, OCC Drainage Department and Ed Vaizey to look at any sources of funding for

infrastructure changes and to discuss what changes might be made.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The last public meeting of the Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan was on Saturday 17th September at the Pavilion on Station Road.

Members of the Steering Committee were there to answer questions from the many members of the public who attended and are currently working through the responses.

If you would like to keep up to date with the work of the NP please visit our website at [www.cholsey-plan.com](http://www.cholsey-plan.com)

## Brunch Club



COPA, Cholsey's good neighbour scheme, has launched its Brunch Club on the first Tuesday of each month.

The club will be open to all and runs from 11am to 12.30pm. Some assistance with transport will be available.

The menu will consist of an English breakfast with as much tea, coffee and toast as you can eat.

Newspapers will be available, as will the Parish Council's Older Persons' Worker, Lou Pearce, for information and advice. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennie on 652100 or the Parish Office 652255 to book.

The next Bruch Club will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## Autumn Community Litter Pick



Special thanks to the very kind volunteers who gave up an hour of their time on 1st October to join our autumn community litter pick. We were 8 people in total and during the course of an hour of litter picking we had cleared litter from the centre of the village, the recreation ground, Station Road and Ilges Lane.

## 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](mailto:estatemanager.cpc@outlook.com)

## COPA—Cholsey Older Persons Advice 07494 893997



Community information and advice is available from "Cholsey Older Persons Advice" on 07494 893997 – just call and we will arrange to meet you. We are also available at Cholsey Day Centre on the third Wednesday of each month between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

As we have registered as a "Good Neighbour" scheme a befriending service will be available soon. Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." Just knowing where to ask for help could be all you need. **YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP!**

## 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](mailto: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.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – SAS Walk departs Forty 10am

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – CHOKO Swing and Jazz Night at Cholsey School 7.30pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – 5-0 Club Medical Detection Dogs The Old School 8pm

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – CWR 1940's Steam Trains

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – CPRE 22 Ideas that saved the English Countryside 7pm at Cholsey Pavilion £5

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Cholsey Community Library Quiz 7.30pm Cholsey Pavilion £10 inc 2 course meal

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – CAPA AGM Old School 7.30pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Cholsey Tennis Club Casino Evening Goring Golf Club 7pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – BINGO in aid of the Happy Hub Eyes down 7.30pm £1 per Game Cholsey Pavilion

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Cholsey Silver Band Concert Great Hall Fair Mile 7.30pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Cholsey W.I. Wiltshire Farm Foods 7.30pm The Pavilion

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** - CWR Spooky Halloween Steam Trains