

Cholsey Village Voice Sept 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

Defibrillator



Thank you to everyone who donated money towards defibrillators for the village. Along with the grant of £1,800 from the Parish Council we have been able to buy two defibrillators.

The Parish Council has adopted the phone box on Papist Way and the defibrillator will be installed on 9th September.

Tesco have offered to "host" the second defibrillator and we are waiting to hear from their maintenance team with an installation date.

Whilst the defibrillators require no specific training we are able to offer a number of short training sessions for interested residents, the first of which will be on the weekend of 12th/13th September. Each session will be around an hour. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 652255.

Action in the Park

The two weeks of events held in early August were a huge success with attendances numbering well in excess of 400 children.

Despite the weather children enjoyed activities such as Zorbing, the second incarnation of the Cholsey beach and dance and drumming workshops.

Wallingford Road Cycle Path

Oxfordshire County Council has given the Parish Council the go-ahead to start tendering for the cycle path.

By the end of October Council expect to have a contractor in place, although we may choose to leave it until next spring to commence the work.

Ilges Lane Cycle Track

The County Council has now implemented the traffic order allowing gates to be placed at either end of the track – a precursor to implementation of a metalled surface which will make it so much easier for people to navigate this route whether by bike or on foot. The Parish Council is in the process of finding a contractor to undertake this project.

Minerals and Waste

The Parish Council and CAGE are working on their responses to the County Council's Minerals and Waste consultation.

At this stage we can only comment on matters of legality and process, prior to the public enquiry later this year or early next year.

Cholsey is still a potential site for a gravel pit, but this time we are one site among many rather than the preferred option as in the previous consultation.

Recycling Centre Closures

As part of planning savings Oxfordshire County Council has reduced its household waste re-cycling budget by £350,000. In order to make these savings it is proposing to reduce the number of recycling centres and Oakley Wood is one of those at risk of closure. You can have your say by visiting their website at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste before 5th October.

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.

Computer Training

Age UK and Cholsey Library are due to re-start their computer lessons for beginners on Tuesday 15th September (2:30pm in the Community Library at the Pavilion).

Just turn up with your laptop/tablet etc and remember to bring a note of any passwords you use to access your email, where applicable. The library has two tablets that can be used during the sessions if you don't have one of your own.

Roads update

Mark Gray, County Councillor, is still trying to get the road under the Westfield Road bridge re-surfaced. The state of the road has deteriorated further over the summer and would be good to get it sorted prior to the bad weather.

WI 100th Birthday Cream Tea Party

The WI are holding a celebration for the whole village on 20th Sept 2pm-4pm at the Pavilion as part of their 100th birthday celebrations. As this co-incides with the Agatha Christie weekend Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot are also expected to attend!

Health & Safety in the Home

The WI are holding an open meeting on 23rd Sept 7:30pm-9pm at the Pavilion. The Fire Service, Police, Cholsey Pharmacy, Cholsey Alternative Health Centre will be attending among others and residents are welcome to go along have a cup off coffee and visit each organisations stand to find out more information that may one day prove invaluable.

Singing for the Brain

The Alzheimer's Society is looking for volunteers to provide sickness and holiday cover for the leaders of their singing groups for people affected by dementia. Call Jane Penton on 01296 718956

Thames Water Pump Hunt

Thames Water are searching for privately owned sewage pumps that they will be taking over responsibility for next year. If you think you have a pump on your property get in touch with Thames Water via their website

www.thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

Compost Giveaways

After the success of their last compost giveaways SODC are repeating the exercise. Go along with your Shovel and a container to fill up with local compost!

- Saturday 3rd Oct 9am – 11am, Rye Farm car park, Culham Road, Abingdon, OX14 3NN (off Bridge Street)
- Sunday 4th Oct 9am – 11am, the old SODC car park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED

Electric Blanket Testing

Get your electric blanket tested to check its safe to use before the winter arrives. The County Council will be providing FREE safety checks on Tuesday 6th October in Wallingford – call 01865 815 000 or email communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Flu Jabs

If you are eligible for a free flu jab and a patient of Wallingford Medical Practice you will be able to have

your jab in Cholsey again this year rather than travelling to Wallingford. They will be running a Flu Clinic in at the Pavilion 12 noon to 3pm, 23rd September. Look out for posters for more information.

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.

Cholsey HortSoc Coach Trip

Cholsey HortSoc are having a coach trip to RHS Wisley on 13th September only £6 a ticket to members – you can join for just £3 per household per year! Contact Irene Creasy on 01491 200491 if you are interested.

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

Saturday 5th September – Hot Air Balloon & BBQ event, Jubilee Field 5pm.

Saturday 12th September – Tennis Club Jumble Sale 2pm at the Pavilion. Bring any jumble to the Pavilion at 12 noon on the 12th or contact Jenny on 651477.

Weekend – 12/13th September – Defibrillator training, The Pavilion.

Sunday 20th September – WI 100th Birthday Cream Teas – The Pavilion, 2-4pm

Weekend 19th/20th Sept – Agatha Christie Weekend
Wed 23th September – Health & Safety in the Home, The Pavilion, 7:30pm.

Saturday 26th September – CHOKO Beer Festival – Laurence Hall & Gardens, Church Rd.

Job Vacancy

Older Persons Worker

Cholsey Parish Council is seeking to appoint an Older Persons Worker for 10 hours per week to drive use of the Day Centre and other activities, combat loneliness, support the newly formed village advice service COPA and dementia initiatives.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information T: 01491 652255 or Email cholseyipc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk