

Cholsey Village Voice Sept 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

Gravel Update

As reported in the last Village Voice Grundon has applied for permission to extract gravel at New Barn Farm.

The proposal shows the site being worked in phases with the offices, plant, wheelwash and weighbridge positioned alongside the access to the site which will be from the bypass.

CAGE and the Parish Council have submitted documents opposing the application. Our opposition is based on a number of arguments, including concern over the quality of the minerals, archaeological concerns, potential flooding risks, traffic, proximity to two large settlements and the loss of amenity use of the area.

The application will be dealt with by the County Council in the next few months. Concurrently the council's own medium term minerals strategy will be inspected by a government inspector to test its soundness.

Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan steering committee will be holding an exhibition on 17th September between 12 noon and 3pm at the Pavilion to bring residents up to date on progress so far and to seek your views on what you want for your community.

For more information about the plan go to the dedicated website www.cholsey-plan.com

Agatha Christie Weekend

Cholsey's own "Queen of Crime" will be celebrated in the third annual Agatha Christie Weekend from 9th to 11th September.

Events will include an interview with her grandson, heritage train rides and a red Routemaster bus linking Wallingford and Cholsey, guided walks, an interactive murder mystery play, cream teas and two exhibitions. For further information see www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Brunch Club



COPA, Cholsey's good neighbour scheme, is launching a Brunch Club on the first Tuesday of each month, starting Tuesday 4th October.

The club will be open to all and will run 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.

Autumn Community Litter Pick



Please join us for a Community litter pick on Saturday 1st October.

We will meet at 9am at the Pavilion returning at 10am, after an hour of litter picking, for tea/coffee and sandwiches.

Gloves, bags, litter pickers and high-visibility jackets will be provided.

Everyone welcome – just turn up on the day.

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

First Steps Forward Learning Hub

On September 14th the First Steps Forward Learning Hub will holding an enrolment session at the Pavilion between 10am and 1pm.

Courses on offer include family finance, introduction to adult social care, everyday first aid, eat well for less and keeping up with your children's maths and English.

Courses start on 20th September and vary in length from 1-5 weeks.

For people who meet certain criteria these courses will be free.

Red Kite Round Dance Club



Red Kite RDC will be starting a new class beginning Monday 17th October teaching Rumba followed soon after by Cha Cha.

No previous dance experience of any kind is required. Round Dancing is non-competitive and the emphasis is on fun and friendship, there are no medals or exams. Round Dancing is a type of choreographed ballroom dancing, with all dancers performing the same steps simultaneously around the dance floor. Classes will run 8.00 to 10.30pm from Monday October 17th at the Cholsey Scout hut. Please wear comfortable footwear, hi-heels and trainers are not recommended.

For further information contact Nick on 01491 598135 or E-mail Nick.Wright@coedeva.com

“Biggest Ever” Play Scheme Success

Fun in the Park, the Parish Council’s fortnight of fun and frolics for children during the summer holidays, was our most successful yet.

Well over 600 children between the ages of 0 and 14 attended one or more of the events which were held in the park and on the cricket pitch at Fair Mile.

Children’s Centre re-opens

The Happy Hub re-opens on Monday 5th September following a very busy summer holiday period which saw them providing daily activities for children.

The new programme – see Facebook for details (the happy hub at Cholsey) – includes “stay and play” most mornings, a Monday afternoon walk, Family Fun on Tuesdays for under 5s with their older siblings, the NCT sling library and a new Bumps and Babies on Wednesday from 1 to 2.30pm, including feeding support from a trained peer supporter.

All sessions are free, but we ask for a £2 donation if you can afford it.

Cyber Safety Event

Thames Valley Police will be holding a Cyber Safety Event in Didcot **Wednesday 21st September 10.00am-12.30pm at the Cornerstone Arts building.** They will be discussing how to stay safe on line, avoid scams and fraud with tips on security and what to look out for. There will be exhibitors from external agencies and Neighbourhood Watch.

They will also have a limited amount of a very useful guide “the little book of BIG scams”. Please call in to collect your free copy on the day.

If you are interested in attending the event, and would like to know more, please contact Lisa Butler - lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or 01235 556611 by Monday 12th September.

If you are unable to attend and would like fraud and scam crime prevention advice please click on the following links:

<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/identity-theft-and-fraud>

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cybercrime>

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

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

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

Sunday 11th September – The Pavilion – WI Agatha Christie cream tea – Tea, scone, cream and jam £2.50

Wed 14th September, The Pavilion 10am to 1pm – First Step Forward , Course enrolment – see article

Saturday 17th Sept – The Pavilion –12 noon to 3pm Neighbourhood Plan update

Saturday 17th Sept – The Great Hall – Supper Dance 7:30pm including hot supper and dancing to “Live Wire”, rock and pop covers band.

Saturday 24th Sept – The Laurence Hall – CHOKO Beer Festival – Noon ‘til late, £5 in advance £7.50 on the door from Ray Park (Family Butcher) or CHOKObeerfestival.org.uk

Saturday 1st October – The Pavilion - Community Litter Pick – 9am - 10am – see article