

Cholsey Village Voice September 2017

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

Exploding Dog Bin



Residents using the Jubilee Field were shocked to find an apparently vandalised dog bin on the morning of 6th September.

Mid-morning a resident came in to the Parish Office to report that she had heard an explosion at about 3am. Parish staff realised that the two things were connected and immediately reported the issue to the Police.

Parish Council Chair Mark Gray said "This is a very worrying incident, particularly when you consider what could have happened if someone had been nearby. We will leave it to the Police to get to the bottom of this."

Drainage Update

The programme of works undertaken by the County Council has now come to an end and we are hopeful that the flooding issues that have plagued the village over the past few years will be resolved.

Works carried out include:

A CCTV survey of the village centre drainage network.

Removal of roots and debris from the network
New sections of pipework to replace broken lengths.

Larger inlets for the on-road drains and gullies

We also understand that Thames Water are in the process of installing new electronic operating equipment at the Pumping Station. One of the issues in the past has been that the old equipment became water logged and stopped the Pumping Station from working.

We also understand that Thames Water will be replacing the bridge over the brook that leads to the sewage works. Up until now the existing bridge has acted as a dam when the waters rise.

Local landowners along the brook, working with the Environment Agency, have also agreed to undertake a series of repairs to the fabric of the banks and bed of the brook that should stop the water course bursting its banks.

As you can see there have been a number of small, incremental works that have, hopefully made a difference to the drainage in the centre of our village. Only time will tell if enough has been done, but as far as the experts are concerned this should make a significant difference.

Family Support Worker

I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Family Support Worker for parents/carers/ young people and children for Cholsey Parish Council.

I have three children and two grandchildren and many years' experience working with families. I look forward to supporting village families and particularly young people to make the best of their lives.

I can offer free impartial help and guidance including, practical help; accessing local services; talking; listening; advocacy; behaviour management and engaging in the local community.

I will be available any Tuesday from 10 to 12.30 for drop in sessions.

Leave a message at any time 07518 909238 or email on fsworker.cpc@outlook.com.

Wendy Leverett

Parking

THOUGHTLESS PARKING

Another local resident has added his comments to those in July's *Village Voice*, remarking that various illegal parking practices are fast becoming habit; these include parking on or close to corners, where vehicles obstruct visibility, parking more than 12" (300mm) from the kerb, and placing two or more wheels on the pavements, where they block the footway. Anyone arguing that there is still room for pedestrians to get by needs to take into account mothers with pushchairs and toddlers, mobility scooters, dog walkers or simply the elderly and infirm, who are placed at great risk when they are forced into the road. Pavements were created for the safety of pedestrians. Most of Cholsey's roads are quite wide enough to park with all four wheels on the carriageway, even if you drive a white van!

Fun in the Park



Over the two weeks of Fun in the Park there were over 1000 individual attendances from participating children. Particularly popular were the new feature 'Come out and Play with Earth Trust' and the favourite Cholsey Beach.

COPA News

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

A community activities/advice/befriending service, providing an opportunity to access a range of information and support services. Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help!

We have a monthly Brunch Club and Cinema Club, plus twice-monthly stretch class. Do come along to our activities (local transport can be provided to certain sessions)-see the What's On section for this month's dates.

COPA Cancer Chat

Have you been affected by cancer, either personally, or someone you know? Would you

like to come along for a get together over coffee and biscuits? **COPA Memory Café**

If you have a memory problem or have been diagnosed with dementia, you may have someone caring for you. A memory café is a place where you and your carer could come to and meet other people in the same situation as you. Have a chat and support over a cup of tea. There will be trained people to speak to if you need specific advice.

September What's On

Saturdays - The Pavilion Community Tea Shop – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Station Road Allotments Cholsey HortSoc Store – 10 – 12

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th Sept Agatha Christie weekend see www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk for more details.

Monday 11th Sept 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo

Tuesday 12th Sept 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

Thursday 21st Sept 10 – 12 The Pavilion Cancer Chat

Tuesday 19th Sept 2 pm The Pavilion

COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment) 'Calamity Jane'

Friday 22nd Sept 7.30pm The Great Hall –

Jonathan Veira Concert. Tickets £10 from The Parish Church Office

Tuesday 26th Sept 10.45-11.15am The Pavilion COPA Stretch Class £3 per session

Thursday 28th Sept 10.30am-12 The Pavilion COPA Memory Café

Saturday 30th Sept 12 noon Laurence Hall

10th Anniversary Choko Beer Festival

Tuesday 3rd Oct 11-12.30 The Pavilion

COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Sue Harris and Marie Davenport of Wallingford Community Policing team will join us to offer advice/info. Bookings via Jennie Kent 01491 652100

Opening Times

Parish Office – Monday to Thursday 10am 12pm

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 01491 652255