

Cholsey Village Voice April 2019

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

Neighbourhood Plan result

The Parish Council would like to thank the whole Neighbourhood Plan Team for their hard work in completing the Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan. There was a 32.7% turnout for the referendum on March 14th with 931 voting in favour and 43 against. A total of 96% in favour.

Animal Sanctuary

The Parish Council are aware of concerns regarding the animal sanctuary on the bypass. Trading Standards have inspected the site and given the animals a clean bill of health. SODC Planning Enforcement are investigating the potential planning breaches on the site.

Gravel Update

Mark Gray writes...

I still have no news on the so called "Marina" gravel pit. I understand the developers have asked for more time to put their case. I am pressing officers to make a recommendation. A County Council working group is suggesting that the north/south split in future gravel extraction should be 14/86, with the 86% coming to the south. This is aimed at redressing the historic bias to extraction in the north of the county. I shall be opposing this split.

Welcome to Georges

The new owner of the café on The Forty is Georges Delorme and after ten years at The Beetle and Wedge he is having a first stab at running his own business.

The welcome he has received from customers has really delighted Georges, particularly since his redecoration of the café, with its subtle French feel.

Georges describes his ethos as "local as possible" and to provide as much food as possible.

Tip charges

A number of people have recently queried why the tips (or recycling centres as they are now known) are charging for certain items – fence panels, sinks and baths amongst other "non domestic items.

The new contractor charges £1.50 per item and this small charge has enabled the County Council to keep open all seven centres.

Whist Club

Thursday 11th April 2pm at The Day Centre. All welcome some knowledge of cards helpful. Cost £5. Proceeds to the day centre. enquiries to Jenny Jeskins 651579.

Scrabble

Monday 15th April at The Day Centre. 2-4pm- no charge-just turn up.

COPA News

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

Vicky Beardall-Richards, tel. 07855606894 or email opsw.cpc@outlook.com

COPA is a community service for older people, their families and carers. We work closely alongside Cholsey's Older Persons Worker Vicky (see above) in providing an opportunity to access a range of useful information and support services, as well as regular social activities, and a team of volunteer befrienders to support those who are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help! Our activities include a monthly Brunch Club (sorry no meeting in March), Film Club, Lunch Group and Chat Group (cancer/bereavement/memory café) (see diary dates). We also organise occasional trips out, and we support activities at the Day Centre. Look out for COPA's monthly newsletter.

Cholsey Parish Council and COPA would like to appoint a new person to act as a coordinator for our work.

The person will be required to run activities for COPA and undertake 'safe and well' visits for CPC.

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Hort Soc

HortSoc Store open every Saturday morning 10 til noon on Station Road allotments.

26TH HortSoc Members car-share trip to "Purely Plants" Wallingford for a demo/talk about hanging baskets and propagation. Bookings via Kathy Taylor 07850 951226

Cholsey's Tomorrow

Global warming is currently happening at a rate of 0.16°C per decade. Because the warming effects of CO2 take decades to accumulate, we have not yet started to feel the impact of much of the carbon we've already emitted. This time lag makes it hard to appreciate how serious the problem already is. Methane, on the other hand, has a warming potential far greater than CO2, but stays in the atmosphere only 12 years. Climate change that is taking place because of increases in CO2 concentration is largely irreversible for 1000s of years after emissions stop. Stopping methane emissions, on the other hand, stops temperature rise very quickly. Methane gas comes from fracking and rotting vegetables -best to compost. When composting ensure that moisture, warmth with plenty of active aeration happens, this procedure reduces methane emissions.



Citizens Advice boosts help for Universal Credit claimants

Citizens Advice has designed a new service to help you and speed things up if you are claiming Universal Credit for the first time but having problems with the application.

The "Help to Claim" service will be available in England from 1 April 2019 over the telephone, face to face, and online through "webchat" and Internet content.

We can advise on your eligibility, set up an email address or Universal Credit account, fill in the initial application form, get access to a computer, or arrange advance payments. We can also help you by ensuring that the right evidence is submitted with your form. And if you only need minimal help with your application, Citizens Advice can provide tips if you get stuck.

As part of its normal service, Citizens Advice also supports people who are already receiving Universal Credit.

The national Freephone number for Help to Claim is **0800 144 8444**. Telephone and webchat services are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

For any other issues you might need help with, please telephone the Citizens Advice Adviceline on 03 444 111 444.

Come and see us in person if you prefer. For locations of offices and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

April What's Ons

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

Wednesdays 10am – 1pm – The Pavilion Community Support Drop-In for adults with mental health conditions, includes lunch, activities and space to talk. Costs £4

Thursdays 12 – 12.45pm The Pavilion 'Time to Breathe' Gentle Exercise, Mindfulness and Meditation.

Sat 6th – 7pm The Great Hall – Cholsey and Wallingford Concert Band – spring Concert

Sat 13th 12 – 5pm The Great Hall Easter Craft and Gift Fair

Sun 14th 2.30 Cholsey Day Centre – Afternoon Tea

Tues 16th 12.45 Cholsey Day Centre - COPA Film Club £3 inc tea/cake. No need to book.

Weds 17th 7.30pm Parish Council Planning Meeting

Tues 23rd Red Lion COPA Lunch Group. Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Thurs 25th Library 10-12 noon COPA Chat

Weds 3rd May 7.30pm The Pavilion Annual Parish Meeting

Opening Times

Parish Office – Wednesday 10am-12pm, at other times call us for appointment. Phone 652255

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 652970

Happy Hub Mon – Wed and Friday 9.15-11.30am, Thurs 9.45-11.15 at the Great Hall, Sat 10-11.30am. Activities and fun for under 5s.

Baby Groups Wed 12.30-2.20pm at the Happy Hub.