

Cholsey Village Voice July 2018

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

Fraud Warning

Local Police are warning residents to be aware of sophisticated scammers and fraudsters who are operating in our area.

Be aware that even contacts from the Police may not be quite what they seem.

If contacted by phone ensure that you check with the local station (101) that what is being asked of you is legitimate. To do this use another phone or be sure that the other end has properly hung up before calling.

If you concerned but don't want to bother the Police please feel free to come into the Parish Office where we will talk you through what is happening.

Gravel Update

County Council officers are in the process of reviewing the submissions to the recent consultation on the proposed gravel pit (marina) next to the bridge on the Wallingford bypass. The Parish Council put forward a robust submission opposing the development of this site.

We are particularly concerned about the effect another gravel pit will have on the locality and existing users of the river, as well as the roads and flora and fauna.

Cholsey Repair Café

This new voluntary enterprise, supported by Cholsey Parish Council, has seen two successful sessions, both held at The Pavilion, where skilled fixers offer help and advice on returning damaged items to regular use. The latest Repair Café, in May, was able to repair 85% of all the diverse articles brought along by villagers:

chisels were sharpened, toys restored to life, kitchen mixers given a new lease on life, bicycles put back on the road and clothing made smart again.

The next Cholsey Repair Café will take place on **Saturday 28th July**, again at the Pavilion, from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

If you'd like to get involved as a helper, contact Ian Wheeler on 01491 652295, who is co-ordinating the scheme.

Defibrillator training

Recently the Parish, at the Annual Council Meeting, hosted a defibrillator training session. Unfortunately, it was not well supported, but was well received by those present who all felt that they had learned a great deal and had lost their fear of having to use one.

A point of interest of is that defibrillators are, at times, needed for infants and children and the myth that they are mainly for the elderly has been put to rest. Active children are subject to accidents at time and a number are sport related. They procedure for using a defibrillator for infants and children differs from adults and this was demonstrated.

It has been requested that in view of this that an additional training session be organised. The Parish Council has not budgeted for another free session, but can organise a defibrillator training session at £5.00 per head if there is sufficient interest.

If you wish to attend a defibrillator training session, please book a place with the Clerk. By the way, you can bring a spouse with you for free.

Be Water Aware this summer

With the weather warming up, long sunny days and the summer holidays in sight, there is a temptation to cool off in one of Oxfordshire's many rivers and inland waterways. And while there may not be any river monsters waiting down there, unfortunately rivers and waterways can be very dangerous places - 255 people accidentally drowned in 2017 in the UK.

That's why, at this time of year, Oxfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service is reminding all residents to Be Water Aware to help everyone stay safe this summer.

Would you know what to do?

Knowing what to do when someone gets into trouble in the water could help save someone's life:

Call: 999

Float: tell them to float on their back

Throw: something that floats

... and don't jump in yourself

Find out more

at www.365alive.co.uk/BeWaterAware

Criminals setting up fake Wi-Fi hot spots - Citizens Advice warning

The CAB are warning that criminals have been setting up fake wi-fi zones to capture your personal information.

To avoid being becoming a victim of this scam, do one of the following:

- * Make sure you are connecting to a trusted Wi-Fi hot spot, operated by the venue you are in - ask staff if you are in doubt.
- * Do not use public Wi-Fi for online banking or anything else sensitive, but use your 3G, 4G or 5G connection instead (data sent over these connections is always encrypted).
- * Use a VPN (virtual private network) when connecting to public Wi-Fi.

And if you suspect that you've been scammed, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or on the Internet at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively, get in touch with Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444.

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COPA News

Enquiries 01491 652100, 07979 188701 (Jennie Kent) COPA direct line 07526 291088, Cholsey Older Persons Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards 07855 606894, 01491 200291.

We are a community activities/advice/befriending service working alongside Vicky Beardall-Richards, Cholsey's Older Persons Worker, and the Cholsey Day Centre.

See the What's On section for this month's dates for our activities.

COPA are looking for volunteers to speak at the monthly brunch club if you are interested in assisting this important community group please contact Vicky(details above).

July's What's On

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

Saturday 28th July 11am-2pm The Pavilion
Cholsey Repair Café

Saturday 14th July 1-4pm The Pavilion
Happy Hub Car Boot Sale

Monday 16th July 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo in aid of the Happy Hub

Tuesday 17th July 1.30 pm The Old School
COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book. Murder on the Orient Express

Tuesday 17th July 7.30 -9.30 The Library
Cholsey Creative Club – all welcome

Thursday 26th July 10am The Library
COPA Coffee and Chat Group



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