

Cholsey Village Voice July 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

Wallingford Road Closure

Completely out of the blue on Friday 28th June Southern Gas Networks (SGN) announced that they will be closing the Wallingford Road from 8th July for 13 weeks.

This closure is to allow them to move and enlarge the gas main from the New Barn Farm fields. This will allow the excavation of the new gravel pit.

As you can imagine this news was greeted with a degree of shock and I have been working with County Council Officers to try to mitigate the effects of the closure.

I am aware that this will cause tremendous inconvenience and potential financial issues for the village businesses.

At time of writing we are trying to persuade SGN to take a different route with the main, but we have no control over utilities, we can only ask.

COPA (Cholsey Older Peoples Activities and Advice) and Cholsey Parish Council are seeking a part-time co-ordinator to work in Cholsey. Approx. 5 hours a week.

The post holder will need to feel comfortable, confident and empathetic working with older people.

The main focus of the post is assisting the COPA team with organising social activities and befriending.

Salary £10 per hour.

If you are interested in this job, please contact the Clerk clerk.cpc@outlook.com or on 01491 652255.

At Parish Council on Wednesday night we decided that we are not prepared to put up with this outrage. As a result we are holding a demonstration on Friday 5th at 8am at the roundabout end of the Wallingford Road to protest.

There will be a further demonstration on Monday 8th, again at 8am, to show the contractors how unhappy we are and to try to persuade them to put the gas pipe in the field.
Please join us with your placards!!!

Dust off that bicycle

Have you thought about joining an organised cycle ride, but felt worried that it would be too far or too fast? If so, why not try one of CyclingUK (formerly CTC) Wallingford's relaxed rides? We meet at either 09:30am or 1:30pm on the first Sunday of the month in Wallingford Market Place or at The Forty in Cholsey (please check the website for times and routes) and cycle a gentle 20 to 25 miles, with a café stop for refreshments, and rides usually last about three and a half hours including the café stop.

For more experienced cyclists, we offer a faster ride (same times, same place) on the third Sunday of each month.

You don't need to be a CyclingUK member to join our rides: come and try out up to three rides with us before you join.

For more information, contact Patrick Hardiman at info@ctcwallingford.org.uk or visit <http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk/>

Swan Upping

Swan Upping will be coming along the river on Friday 21st. They spend Thursday night at the Beetle and Wedge and leave there coming in our direction in the morning.

Universal Credit being used in new scam

Universal Credit is being used by scammers as a pivotal part of a new sting to target vulnerable people.

Scammers are offering loans to their victims and then using their personal banking details to apply for Universal Credit in their names.

The scam is usually carried out by telephone, so do not accept a loan if you have been contacted by cold calling. If you are contacted in this way, just hang up. In general, personal details should not be divulged on the telephone or in an email. The Universal Credit scam is also being carried out in public places. As victims leave job centres and pubs, they are approached by smartly dressed people claiming to be from the

Department of Work and Pensions, who then offer "government loans". Instead, the victim is signed up for Universal Credit. The scammers then apply for an advance payment of the benefit. This payment goes to the victim's bank account but the scammers then charge a huge fee, around 50 per cent, for this unnecessary "service".

Citizens Advice has its own free service to help those applying for Universal Credit for the first time. "Help to Claim" is available over the telephone, face to face, and online through "webchat" and Internet content.

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, telephone Citizens Advice Adviceline on 03 444 111 444 or come and see us in person. For locations of offices and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

'Turn it off'

Just one minute of sitting with your car engine running and the vehicle not moving produces the equivalent of 150 balloons of harmful pollutants into the air.

This is why SODC have launched a campaign to help improve air quality called 'Turn it Off' www.southandvale.gov.uk/turnitoff - which has been endorsed by Public Health England - is aimed at drivers who leave their engines 'idling'. Air pollution has been identified by a number of organisations including the World Health Organisation, United Nations and the Royal College of Physicians as the biggest environmental risk to health. A recent report from Public Health England estimated that within the UK, air pollution is linked to up to 36,000 deaths each year. Older people and children are most sensitive to air pollutants. Keeping the engine running while parked contributes to an increase of air pollutant levels. Schools, traffic lights and bus stops are most likely locations for idling.

Switch off when the car is likely to be stopped for more than 1 minute

1 minute of idling produces twice as many emissions as a moving vehicle

1 minute of idling produces the equivalent of 150 balloons of harmful pollutants

Excessive idling is a waste of fuel (and money)

People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects.

COPA—Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/ Befriending Service

COPA—Helping Hands for Cholsey's Older Community

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

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COPA is a community service for older people, their families and carers, working closely alongside Cholsey's Older Persons Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards. We organise regular social activities, and have a team of volunteer befrienders to support those who are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help! Monthly Brunch Club, Film Club and Lunch Club, seasonal trips out Newsletter available at the Pavilion, Rowlands and the Day Centre.

July 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.

Weds 3rd 7.30pm The Pavilion Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 4th 11am-12.30pm Day Centre COPA Brunch Club £4. Bookings Jennie Kent 652100

Sat 6th 11am Pavilion Cholsey community Choir performing at the Community Tea Shop

Tues 16th 12.45 Cholsey Day Centre - COPA Film Club £3.50 inc tea/cake. No need to book.

Weds 17th 7.30pm The Pavilion Parish Council meeting

Tues 23rd 12pm The Red Lion COPA Lunch Club £10 for 2 courses Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

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 – 8pm 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 Group Wed 12.30-2.20pm at the Happy Hub.