

Cholsey Village Voice November 2019

The monthly newsletter from the Parish Council. Available free in most shops and pubs, The Pavilion foyer, and the library. 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

Remembrance Sunday

From Sunday 10th onwards Cholsey will be falling in with most of the rest of the Country by having our Remembrance Ceremony at 10.45am rather than the previous arrangement in the afternoon. The ceremony will involve readings, hymns/songs and the act of remembrance. This move follows last year's very successful act of remembrance which took place to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.



Planning Update

Bellway Homes have put in a planning application for the second phase of their East End Farm development. The application is for 106 houses and this is part of the Neighbourhood Plan allocation.

We are particularly pleased that Bellway are including eight bungalows within the scheme as there is a particular need within the village for housing for older people.

At the November Parish Council meeting we resolved to support this application with the

provisos that a zebra crossing is included on the Wallingford Road and that a permanent right of way is established through the site.

Skate Park

Plans for the skate park are continuing apace. We have met with a number of contractors and have now applied to the District Council for planning permission.

In the near future we will be applying to the SODC Capital grants fund and we are looking for other grants. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund please contact the Parish office.

OxCam Expressway

Mark Gray writes.....

I am pleased to be able to report that the County Council has voted to oppose the Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

This ill-conceived road, which is a Trojan horse for untold development across its- still to be decided -route, was opposed by all but seven councillors.

The motion concludes: "Oxfordshire does not support the building of the Expressway irrespective of which route is chosen".

This decision will not in itself see off the road as this is a Central Government project, but it does give them a steer on our feelings on this issue.

Workplace Parking Levy

The County Council is consulting on the introduction of a workplace parking charge; essentially companies within Oxford who have more than ten parking spaces for employees will be charged £600 per annum for each space. It is likely that this charge will be passed on to employees.

Income raised from this scheme will be used to improve infrastructure for bus users, pedestrians and cyclists within the city.

The consultation is on the OCC website and I would encourage anyone who might be affected by this to respond.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Kelsey and Melissa as new members of staff at the Happy Hub following Lynette and Jan's moves away from the area.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Susie, who is taken the role of coordinator for COPA and Vicky who has been appointed to the role of Environment Coordinator.

Both of the above posts have been part funded by Mark Gray's councillor priority fund.

Our Car Park

Our troublesome car park at the Pavilion will be having a major overhaul towards the end of November.

A contractor will be diagnosing the issues with the existing surface and will then proceed to replace the surface and the below ground drainage substrate.

Repair café

Cholsey Repair Café operates regularly on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months, from 11.00 to 13.45 at the Pavilion. Our next event will be on Saturday 16th November. Our repair skills are wide-ranging and now include sharpening of tools and ultrasonic cleaning of small items. We PAT test all electrical equipment we repair. The scheme is free and volunteer-run but we accept donations to help cover our operating costs. Latest details can be found on our web site www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

Fix My Street

Just a reminder as the cold weather approaches about FMS. If you see a problem with roads, footpaths or drainage in the county go to the Fix My Street website and use the map therein to report the location of the issue.

Citizens Advice celebrates 80 years as vital service continues

Volunteers and staff from CAB Oxfordshire South and Vale were joined by representatives from town and district councils at the Guildhall in Abingdon on 15 October to celebrate 80 years of service to our communities.

CAB was founded the day after World War II was declared, to help people deal with the impact. Volunteers gave advice on evacuation, ration books, new housing for those who had been bombed and even recipes using limited food. Eighty years on, the issues may have changed, but the core values of Citizens Advice remain the same: to provide free, confidential and impartial advice to everyone everywhere.

Last year, CAB South and Vale, an independent charity, helped 11,999 people resolve 20,200 problems including debt, housing, Universal Credit, benefits, family problems and consumer issues. For many people this service is a lifeline. The number of people seeking advice has increased hugely and the local offices need more volunteers to keep the service running. Volunteer posts include: advisers, receptionists, administrators, IT support and fundraisers. If you are interested, contact CAB Oxfordshire South

and Vale for more information on 01235 550553 or email recruitment@osavcab.org.uk
Cholsey Parish Council makes an annual grant to the CAB of £800.

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/ Befriending Service

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

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COPA is a community service for older people, their families and carers, working closely alongside Cholsey's Older Person's Worker Vicky Beardall-Richards. We organise regular social activities and are pleased to announce we now have Susie Pocock working with us to help and expand our events programme. We have a team of volunteer befrienders to support those who are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear". Your community can help! Join us at our Monthly Brunch Club, Film Club and Lunch Clubs--see our Newsletter (available at the Pavilion, Rowlands and Day Centre). NEW FROM FEBRUARY Monthly Music Club...come along to sing, make music, have fun!

November's What's Ons

Saturdays - The Pavilion Community Tea Shop – 10:00 – 12:00pm (**Closed August 10th and 24th**)

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

Fri 15th 7.30pm The Pavilion Moving towards a Dementia Friendly Community in Cholsey

Sat 16th 11am the Pavilion Repair Café

Tues 19th 12.45 Day Centre COPA Film Club £3.50 including tea/cake and film. No need to book

Weds 20th 7.30pm The Pavilion Parish Council meeting

Tues 26th 12pm The Red Lion COPA Lunch Club £10 for 2 courses Bookings, Jennie Kent 652100

Opening Times/ contacts

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

St Mary's Church office 651812

Rowlands Pharmacy 652392

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 Friday 11 to 1pm at the Happy Hub.