

Cholsey Village Voice October 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

Forty Telephone Box

BT are consulting to remove the payphone from the red telephone box on The Forty.

If you would like to respond to this consultation please contact SODC planning department 01235 422 600.

The Parish Council are planning to have the red telephone box itself listed and to adopt it, so that it will remain as a fixture within the conservation area.



Climate Emergency

Cholsey Parish Council, along with many other councils in Oxfordshire, has declared a climate emergency. This will allow us to respond to climate change, a situation that threatens life as we know it.

We want to act locally, but think globally in our response to this issue.

To this end we will be appointing an environmental coordinator and aim to come up with an action plan within the next three months.

Part of our aim is to work with local groups within the village. If you are interested please contact us on the CPC office number.

Papist Way Resurfacing

The County Council will be fixing many of the defects at the Reading Road end of Papist Way. We are told that this will begin at the end of October and last for three days. During this time the road will be closed.

This will hopefully deal with the appalling state of the surface as you come from the Reading Road into the village.

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 the Parish Council will be supporting it.

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.

Morning Star/Fair Mile Sports and Social Club are applying for a large extension to provide a function room.

Following extensive consultation with neighbours local to the development the Parish Council has decided to oppose the application on grounds of noise, un-neighbourliness and lack of parking space.

We are aware that many residents will be interested in the scoping report on the large field between Fair Mile and the village. Unfortunately we have no further information at this point, but we will report back when we do.

Bonfire Night

The now traditional bonfire night celebration at Cholsey Meadows will be taking place on 1st November.

This popular event will only be able to go ahead if volunteers are found to help build the bonfire. 01491 652339 for more details.

Wheel Park Update

Plans are progressing to give the village this new facility.

The working group has gone to tender with a number of companies that build this kind of equipment.

Parish council have agreed to pick up any shortfall in funding, from our infrastructure funding (CIL), to ensure that this time (we have several failed attempts at this in the past) the project goes ahead.

Fun in the Park

We all had a really good time at this year's Fun in the Park, with such a variety of fun activities. Now we are starting to work on next year's programme and I was wondering if you have any suggestions for next year please let me know as I shall start booking again soon!
Wendy Family Support Worker.

Thank you to Wendy for all her hard work organising Fun in the Park.

We had over 1000 attendees and it has become a really big part of Cholsey's summer holiday.
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Sleep Workshop

I have arranged a free Sleep Workshop for parents/carers of children up to 16 at the Happy Hub on Thursday the 10th of October from 10-2. This is being run by Cerebra and the main objectives will be to build on your knowledge and understanding of sleep; increase your skills when addressing issues of settling, night waking, early rising and sleeping alone and improve your confidence to apply information gained to your own situation. This is a CPD certified course and I have only 5 places left. If you are interested, please contact me and I will send a booking form to confirm your place.

Wendy Leverett, fsworker.cpc@outlook.com or 07518 909238.

Citizens Advice seeks volunteers

Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale is looking for volunteers to work in our friendly offices in Abingdon, Didcot, Faringdon, Henley and Thame.

As well as volunteer advisers, we also need receptionists, IT specialists and administrators. Once trained, volunteer advisers can make a real difference to our clients by helping them overcome problems they face with benefits, debt, employment, housing or family relationship issues.

Last year our 160 volunteers advised over 11,000 people face to face and by phone. We were able to help two thirds resolve their problems.

Volunteer advisers can, if they wish, progress to being paid supervisors. We offer a flexible and supportive working environment.

If you have eight hours a week to spare (we can be flexible about time) and would like to make a contribution to your local community, gain new skills and meet new people, please follow this link:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfords-hire-south-vale/volunteer/>

Or, if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email Jon Bright, Director: jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/ Befriending Service

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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 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--see our Newsletter (available at the Pavilion, Rowlands and Day Centre)

October'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

Thurs 3rd 11am Day Centre COPA Brunch Club. £4 Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Tues 15th 12.45 Day Centre COPA Film Club £3.50 including tea/cake and film. No need to book

Weds 16th 7.30pm The Pavilion Parish Council meeting

Sat 21st 11am the Pavilion Repair Café

Tues 22nd 12pm The Red Lion COPA Lunch Club £10 for 2 courses Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Mon 4th Nov 11 – 12.30 the Pavilion Happy Hub Halloween/Bonfire Party

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.