

Cholsey Village Voice January 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

All the staff at the Parish Council would like to wish all our readers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, 2018.

Gravel News



We reported in the December edition of the Village Voice that the County Council has given permission to Grundon to develop a gravel pit at New Barn Farm.

CAGE (Communities Against Gravel Extraction) are still pursuing this issue, particularly as only three councillors voted in favour. We have a particular concern over the legal advice given to the council that this decision was not premature and prejudicial to the implementation of the county's minerals core strategy. We are asking to view this advice.

If the gravel pit does go ahead the Parish Council will do everything within our (limited) power to minimise disruption to the village. Several people have mentioned lorries coming through the village, but this will not be allowed and the county's enforcement officers will ensure this is the case.

Fun in the Park

We are in the process of organising and arranging activities for Fun in the Park this year. The dates will be the weeks beginning the 6th and 13th August. The two weeks are filling up fast with lots of favourite fun sessions such as drumming, circus skills, the climbing wall and zorbing but if you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to volunteer your skills or time we would love to hear from you.



Rural crime update from Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross

Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017.

I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take such reports very seriously. Incidents are robustly investigated by our local policing teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley.

Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We are continuing to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime. There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of rural crime by taking a few simple steps including:

- Keeping the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- Fitting strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Checking security equipment regularly to ensure it is working properly
- Locking equipment away in a secure building when it's not in use

- Security marking your tools and equipment
For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/>

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should always report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at:

<http://www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/>

Monthly Sunday Afternoon Tea & Cakes at the Day Centre

Sunday teas are set to become a regular monthly event from now on at the Day Centre following the success of the December tea. The success was a particular surprise as it was the weekend of the heavy snow.

The January tea will be on Sunday 14th from 2.30 to 4.30.

Tell us your views on the Chilterns!

Would you like to have your say on the future of the Chilterns? We are developing our plans to care for the Chilterns for the next five years and beyond and we would love to hear your views. Please fill out our survey with the chance to win £50 vouchers!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FutureOfTheChilterns>

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.

Befriending: Maybe you (or someone you know) are lonely, and would benefit from a "listening ear." We have a team of befrienders ready to help.

Activities: We have a monthly Brunch Club, Film Club, and Chat Group (with focus on cancer, dementia and bereavement).

From January the Film Club will meet in the Coffee Lounge at the Old School/Day Centre in Marymead, Church Road. If you enjoy watching a good movie do come along.

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

Newsletter: Monthly information leaflet: copies available in the Pavilion (outside library), Day Centre, or contact Jennie Kent 01491 652100.

Happy Hub

Don't forget Cholsey's own Children's Centre.

Activities and fun Monday to Saturday 9.15/10 – 11.30 with baby group Wednesday 12.30 -2 and Family Fun Monday 3.15-4.15.

All activities free, but donations welcome.

Look for us on Facebook. The Happy Hub at Cholsey

January's What's On

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

Monday 8th 2pm The Old School – Scrabble – free!

Tuesday 9th Jan 11-12.30 The Pavilion

COPA Monthly Brunch Club. £3 for full English breakfast. Bookings via Jennie Kent 652100

Thursday 11th Jan 2pm The Old School Whist £3

Sunday 14th Jan 2.30 The Old School

Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 16th Jan 1.45 pm The Old School

COPA Monthly Film Club £3 per session (incl. refreshment). No need to book.

Friday 19th Jan 12 noon The Old School

Lunch Club £7. Please book 652970 by 13th Dec

Monday 22nd Jan 7.30pm The Pavilion Bingo in aid of the Happy Hub

Thursday 25th Jan 10am The Library

COPA Coffee and Chat Group

Friday 26th Jan 7 for 7.30 pm The Pavilion

Cholsey Challenge – quiz.

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

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a

Team Leader for the Happy Hub

11 hours per week, salary £6967

To apply ring the Clerk on 652255 or email

clerk.cpc@outlook.com