

Cholsey Village Voice December 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



Merry Christmas from everyone at Cholsey Parish Council

Happy Hub Extension

SODC have granted planning permission to the Parish Council to build an extension to The Pavilion on Station Road.

The extension will provide a purpose-built home for the Happy Hub, Cholsey's own children and family centre.

The new building will give the Happy Hub a large activity room, separate small interview/meeting room, and a kitchenette.

Happy Hub team leader, Sarah Wilson, said "we are delighted with the plans as the new room will give us more space and the opportunity to do more activities"

The Parish Council will also benefit from a new exterior store for the maintenance person and a new office space.

Climate Emergency

Hello, my name is Vicky and I have just started as the new Environmental Coordinator at Cholsey Parish Council. My aim is to work with

the community to make Cholsey more environmentally friendly. My first aim is to find out what Cholsey is already doing, to listen to the views of the community and to find out what residents would like to do to reduce our impact, as a village, on the environment. I would love to hear what you think. In the next few weeks there will be a short questionnaire available to fill in online (paper copies available), and I would be grateful for any time you can give to complete it. I will be emailing a link for the questionnaire to all community groups and societies. I will also be at the Community Cafe on Saturday..... December and 18th January 2020 if anyone would like to chat to me. Finally, do email me on ec.cpc@outlook.com to ask for the link to the questionnaire, or to express your views. I would love this to be a community effort and appreciate any time you can give. Many thanks Vicky.

News from The Happy Hub

The Happy Hub is buzzing with Christmas Spirit at the moment, glitter and tinsel everywhere. Don't forget you can just drop in with your 0-5, six days a week. Five sessions are held at the Pavilion and Thursdays we are at the Great hall in Cholsey Meadows. Everyone welcome, and we have a busy kettle!!

Find us on Facebook @thehappyhub.

Bumps, Babies and Beyond

The Happy Hub is adding bumps to our baby group. Held every Friday between 11am and 1pm, expectant mums and parents/carers of babies up to 12 months can come and meet up for a cuppa and a chat, swap stories and share feelings at this exciting and challenging time. Melissa and Kelsey would love to meet you and the kettle is always on!

Happy Hub Christmas Opening Times

Closed Tuesday 23rd – 29th December 2019

Open Monday 30th December

Closed Tuesday 31st December – Thursday 2nd January

Open Friday 3rd January 2020

A very Merry Christmas from all of us at The Happy Hub.

General Election

Candidates in the Wantage Constituency are as follows

Richard Benwell	– Liberal Democrats
Mark Gray	– Independent
David Johnston	– Conservative
Jonny Roberts	– Labour

Polling Stations will be open from 7am to 10pm, in Cholsey they are situated at The Pavilion, Station Road and The Cricket Pavilion.

Welcome to the Ox Shed Cafe

Hello Cholsey!

We are really, really happy to announce that our new community café, The Ox Shed, is now open in Cholsey Meadows.

The café is open weekdays 8-5 and weekends 9-5, 7 days a week and serve pastries and hot drinks from 8am, so feel free to swing into the layby for a takeaway on the way to work. From 9am until 3pm, we serve a full food menu of breakfast, brunch and lunch until 3pm, together with proper coffees, loose leaf teas, smoothies and soft drinks. In line with our sister café, The Cart Shed, we believe in paying the right price for our produce and our staff and we aim to source as much of both as local as we possibly can.

We are dog friendly, child friendly, wheelchair accessible and do takeaway (food and drink), the only thing we don't do at this point is reservations. The car park is nearing completion and so please avoid parking in resident's spaces (or on the road) in the meantime or, better still, come by foot or bike. If you want to find out more, check out our website: www.oxshed.co.uk or Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/theoxshed/> or pop in and see us. We look forward to seeing you.

Hope to see you soon,
Milly and Paul Duncan

Community Support Drop-In

The drop in is nearing the end of its first year and we are pleased to say we have been able to secure funding for 2020.

To celebrate this momentous event, we are having a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December (11am-2pm) at the Pavilion. If you have been along to any of the sessions this year or feel in need of some emotional support please come along and join us.

COPA–Cholsey Older Persons Activities/Advice/ Befriending Service

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

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!

December'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 5th 11am Old School/Day Centre Brunch Club bookings Jennie Kent 652100

Fri 6th 7.30pm The Pavilion Cholsey Silver Band Christmas Concert

Sat 7th 11am-4pm Great Hall Christmas Craft Fair

Sat 14th 10am Pavilion HortSoc sale of ready wrapped potted bulbs and table decs

Sun 15th 3.30pm The Forty Living Nativity around the village.

Mon 16th 7.45pm Great Hall Cholsey and Wallingford Concert Band and Cholsey Choir Christmas Concert

Tues 17th 12.45 Day Centre COPA Film Club £3.50 including tea/cake and film. No need to book

Sat 21st 11am The Pavilion Cholsey Community Choir at The Tea Shop

Sat 21st Santa comes to Cholsey and Carols on The Forty

Sat 21st The Red Lion Cholsey Silver Band following carols on The Forty

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.