

# COLLINGTREE NEWS

**APRIL 2014**

## **Planners tackled at the Gardens**



*A resumed four day Public Examination of plans (Joint Core Strategy) to build 26, 000 houses around the fringes of Northampton - began at the Saints rugby ground on 18th March.*

On a bright sunny Friday morning (21st March ) the part of the JCS that allocates 1000 houses on the Hunsbury/Collingtree land (SUE 5) , was under the spotlight.

From the windows of the Sturtridge Suite the pitch looked in superb condition in the sunshine – but the playing field for the examination was not quite so level.

On one side of the table were the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (JPU) the authors of the plan, together with a solid pack of consultants, and advisers, including a highly paid Queen's Counsel.

On the other side were the challengers, local volunteers representing the two local parish councils, Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance, Wootton Brook Action Group, Nene Flood Prevention Alliance and individual residents affected by SUE 5.

There to see fair play, was the Planning Inspector Nigel Payne (a keen Gloucester supporter) who signalled the start of the match by highlighting the main issues from the previous hearings , namely, flood risk, noise, air quality and traffic and transport issues.

The challenging team pounded the planners once again with the all the problems that would be caused by mass house building on a remote site prone to floods, noise and pollution of the M1 and the traffic impact on an already overloaded A45 and Junction 15.

In response, the JPU team mounted a stonewalling defence and claimed that all the problems could be 'mitigated' in some way but giving few details of how and where the funding would come from.

The debate became lively when attention was drawn to conflict behind the scenes in the JPU's 'directors box', with all the NBC and NCC councillors voting against approving the Expansion Plan as it stood and it only being approved by councillors from Daventry and South Northants - hardly the 'consensus' required by national planning policy. It was duly recorded in the Inspector's notebook

Opponents of the Hunsbury/Collingtree site have always argued that it is the most 'unsustainable' of all the sites allocated in the Expansion Plan and should be dropped.

New planning guidance from the government, urges planners to make more use of recycled brown field land first to make up the housing numbers before building on our few remaining green fields.

Northamptonshire County Council has already given its view that major developments that generate traffic on the A45 and its link with the M1 are to be avoided 'and they should be redirected to the north of the town.

The contest ended with no clear result and the Planning Inspector will now prepare his final report which is not expected until late this year.

The next meeting of the WN Joint Strategic Planning Committee (JPU) will be on 8th July. - in Daventry!

# ST COLUMBA'S +

## Fish & Chip Supper

The PCC Annual Fish & Chip Supper will be held at the Village Room at 7.30pm on :

*Friday 25th April.*

As well as freshly cooked fish and chips from Ramsbottom's, the supper includes mushy peas and homemade apple pie and ice cream—and all for only £8

As always just bring your own knives, forks and spoons, glasses and your favourite drink.

Tickets from Irene Skinner (768394) or Mick Marsh (766060)

The AGM of Collingtree Parochial Church Council will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30 pm in the Village Room.



### Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

### Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

### Collingtree Church Flowers

The church will be open on Saturday 19th April at 10am for anyone wishing to bring some flowers for decoration.

Thank you.

*Barbara Jones*

## Services for April

### 6th April

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

### 13th April

9am Parish Communion (M)

### 27th April

10.30am Family Service (M)

*CW = Church Warden led*

*M = Minister led*

There is no Service at St Columba's on Easter Sunday (20th April) but there will be a Parish Communion at Courteenhall at 10.30 taken by Rev. Richard Ormston.

**St Columba's will be open Easter Sunday morning 11am - 12noon for private prayer followed by a Baptism.**

## SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
6th April	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse
13th April	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group
20th April	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Parish Communion	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Parish Communion
27th April	8.15 am Holy Communion		10am Morning Praise	9.15 am Parish Communion

Additional Services: 17th April 6.30pm Benefice Communion Road; 18th April (Good Friday) 2pm Mediation on the Cross at Hartwell - 7.30pm Evensong at Road.

## Friends of St Columba's - Raising funds for Fabric

The fourth AGM and Social Evening of the Friends will be held in the Village Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th April.

Each year the current members are invited to hear how the funds raised over the year have helped with the upkeep of the ancient church building and grounds.

It is also a chance to meet friends

and neighbours and, over a glass of wine, consider ideas for future fund-raising events.

**We also invite anyone who is interested in our ancient village church to come along and join us.**

Annual membership of the 'Friends' is only £5 per person (or £10 per household). Every contribution helps to maintain the fabric and structure

of the Grade 1 Listed building.

Last year the events organised included a coach trip to the House of Lords, the Village Fete and open air Carol Singing at the Wooden Walls pub.

To find out more, please come along at 7.30 pm on April 9th.

For more details call Pam on 674999 or Rod on 769407

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

**Collingtree Allotment Association**

*Open Morning!*

*Saturday 12th April*

*From 10am until 1pm*

Come along and have a look for yourself. Members will be on hand to show you what is available and answer any questions.

Collingtree Allotments, Watering Lane (opposite the Playing Field)

*For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277*

**Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute**

The next meeting is April 10th in Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Speaker is Sue Jackson and her subject 'Collecting Family Stories is Good for the Soul' The competition is entitled 'Home is where the heart is.'

A reminder that the Outing is on June 14th to Birmingham Jewellery Quarter. We have to fill the coach - £16 p.p. fare and entrance, plus£2 for tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival (pre-booked) Coach trip 'only and dropped off in Birmingham to 'shop' is £12. Full payment on or before 8th May.

*More details from Ann Marsh 766060*

**Medicine Collection**

**W/C 31st March - 7th April**

Barbara Jones 762296

**W/C 14th - 21st April**

Ann Marsh 766060

**W/C 28th April - 5th May**

Ted Anderson 763264

*Anyone who has difficulty in picking up their prescriptions from Roade or Blisworth Surgeries can call volunteers on the above Rota.*

*If you would like to help with collections, please contact: Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433*

SPORTS CLUBS

**Collingtree Cricket Club**

All three matches during April are home games at Collingtree Playing Field and all starting at 1pm

**13th April Braybrook**

**20th April Castlethorpe**

**27th April Shenley Church End**

For further details please contact Karen Hopkins on [kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk) or Mark Underwood on 0783451876

**Pub Skittles**

It's been a fantastic 6 weeks for the team since the disappointment of losing in the semi final. Showing real character and spirit to win 5 and tie 1 of the 6 matches since.

The tie was with our friends from the Compass in Milton Malsor who have been the most successful team in the league over the past few seasons and one of the victories was against the Eykyn Arms from Gayton a team we have never managed to beat before -this shows the measure

of the improvements made in our team

Overall a huge team effort with contributions from all involved.

*To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 51876*

**Collingtree Tennis Club**

New members are always welcome and full details of competitions and facilities can be found on the club website

For more details visit: [www.collingtreetennis.co.uk](http://www.collingtreetennis.co.uk) or call

*Geoff Kershaw on 761331*

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**Annual Parish/Public Meeting**

This will be held on 23rd April at 7.30 pm in the Village Room, Collingtree. This is the opportunity to hear about what has happened during the last year and, in the case of the Parish Council, to ask questions and make comments and suggestions for the future.

Will those who usually prepare reports please do so. Ideally, those people will present their reports themselves but if they are sent to the Clerk, someone else will be able to present them.

Minutes of the 2013 meeting will be in the Parish Council notice - boards for the next few weeks.

*Items for the meeting will include*

**Ash Lane Traffic Calming** Creation of a 20mph limit with traffic calming, to Ash Lane. This will mean that all roads off the

crossroads will be covered by the 20mph limit. A scheme is being designed by the highway engineers and this will again be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting when a highways representative will attend.

PLANNING MATTERS

**Golf Course development** The latest information about the Bovis planning application. The meeting before the Planning Inspector concerning the suitability for housing of the land on which Bovis wish to build, took place on 21st March when evidence was presented by the representatives from Bovis and those from Collingtree and Wootton & East Hunsbury Parish Councils and the Hunsbury and Collingtree Residents Alliance. At the close of the meeting it was suggested to the Inspector that he might choose to take this land out of the Joint Core Strategy in terms of a duty of care

for those who might live there in the midst of traffic chaos, flooding and air pollution.

**Silverstone Park & Ride** Any new information will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting

**Tom's Close** The latest information about proposals by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

*Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk (see above).*

Minutes of all meetings are placed in Parish Council noticeboards and e-mail versions can be obtained from the Clerk.

*The next meetings will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April and the AGM and normal meeting of the Parish Council 7th May at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room.*

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## Parish Notices

- Robert Whiteley and family would like to thank all their friends for their kindness and support during the difficult time experienced following the death of Elma. Elma and Bob came to Collingtree in October 1952. Elma took charge of the general store (shop) and in 1973 was appointed sub postmaster of Collingtree. The shop and Post Office was a focal point of the village with adults and children enjoying its fayre. Following Elma's retirement, the shop and Post Office closed in March 1988. Elma enjoyed many years of retirement and passed away at the age of 90 on the 5th March 2014.
- The 'Lent Lunches' continue at 4 Barn Mews, Collingtree Village every Tuesday (between 12.30 & 2pm) until 15th April. All proceeds go to the 'Forever Angels' baby and toddler home in Mwanza, Tanzania. Drop in and enjoy soup, a roll, cheese and an apple - all for £1 donation. For more details call Joanna Edmunds on 761759.



We are all delighted that the 'Walls' came so close to top spot in Marston's 'Pub of the Year' Awards and was judged runner up as 'Best Newcomer' in the Southern Region.

Watch out for our Pub Quiz on Sunday 13th April at 7 pm. It will be £5 for a team of four and with cash prizes. Tables are limited so please book ahead.

For table bookings call 01604 760641

## St George's Day - 23rd April



*It always seems odd that whilst the Scots, Welsh and Irish make a big effort to celebrate their national identity on the Saint's days of Andrew, David and Patrick - George seldom gets a look in.*

*In 2011, the Government decided that the May Bank Holiday should be moved back to 23rd April to kick start the tourist season. This provides the opportunity for the English to get behind turning St George's Day into a real celebration of what England and Englishness, has given to the world.*

*There is now a national campaign to get this idea off the ground. For more details visit:*

[www.stgeorgesday.com](http://www.stgeorgesday.com)



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