

COLLINGTREE NEWS

April 2013

EXPANSION PLAN TO BE PICKLED ?

Yet again the most important issue affecting Collingtree this month is the possible large scale housing development between the village and East Hunsbury. A new announcement by Communities Secretary Eric Pickles seems to create more confusion.

For over four years, the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee has been trying to push through a major expansion strategy that would allow building on Greenfield sites, mainly around Northampton Borough. Included in this is the so called SUE N0.5 site in this area. It was claimed then that local councillors had no choice and that housing targets were set by national government and the East Midlands Regional Strategy.

The WNJPC is made up of the three councils of Daventry, South Northants and NBC and although it is a body that nobody voted for, it has a great influence on local decisions. The WNJPC expansion strategy provoked a great opposition when first launched and since a change of government and a move towards more 'Localism', the housing targets have been reduced. However, many feel that 'Localism' has turned out to mean very little and residents affected by planning policies have little real say.

BUT ! Eric Pickles has now announced that he is scrapping the East Midlands Strategy with the aim of giving more control to local communities. He said "*the flawed top-down targets of regional planning built nothing but resentment*". The decision will take effect on 12th April.

This means that Northampton Borough and its Planning Committee will now be

totally responsible what gets built and where. The concern remains however that where a Local Plan is not yet in place (as in Northampton) then Developers will still be able to get planning consent by going to appeal. However, Eric Pickles says "*even where there is no local plan, new development will still have to conform to the framework, which clearly sets out that it must be well located, well designed and sustainable*"

Countryside campaigners have asked that local councils be given a further twelve months to complete their Local Plans.

A Planning Inspector is yet to start an Inquiry into the WNJPC Strategy (begins 16th April) and how far he will take on board the Eric Pickles announcement is unclear. Local Parish Councils and Residents Groups, will tell the Inspector that the SUE No 5 site is unsustainable for large scale housing development.

Proposals by Bovis to build 1,000 plus houses on the SUE N05 site, were on show at Hunsbury Library recently but as yet no planning application has been made. On 2nd April, Northamptonshire Archaeology will start digging inspection trenches on parts of the site on 2nd April and continue for three weeks.

As a last resort in the event of the SUE N05 site being approved - it may be possible to persuade the Inspector to accept a more limited development. An alternative proposal has been suggested by local parishes and councillors and a questionnaire/survey has now been delivered to households in the village. **The survey can be completed online at: www.HCRA.co.uk**

Spring is late this year !
So celebrate with a Day Out in
Historic Winchester.
Only £10 (children £5)



With the support of Collingtree Coaches, the Friends of St Columba are organising a trip to this fascinating City.

Saturday 20th April

Leaving Collingtree crossroads at
8.30am (prompt) and returning
around 6.30pm.

Attractions include - King Alfred's Memorial - Fine Military Museums and the magnificent Cathedral.

It is 200 years, this year, since Jane Austen wrote 'Pride & Prejudice' and there are many events taking place to mark her links with the City. There are 3 separate memorials to Jane Austen inside the Cathedral and tours of places mentioned in her novels.

<http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/>
For coach tickets call Andy 765742
Pam 674999 or Rod 769407

ST COLUMBA'S +

The Collingtree PCC AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd April at the Village Room. This is open to anyone interested in the work of St Columba's Church.

The Annual Fish & Chip Supper on 8th March attracted a good turn out in the Village Room and raised £289 towards the work of the Church.

Joanna Edmunds wants to thank everyone who helped with the Lent Lunches, both organisationally and by attending. As a result of everyone's generosity £670 was raised for the Forever Angels Baby Home in Tanzania. A further £62 was raised by children from Collingtree School's Reception Class who entertained parents with tasty treats that they had made themselves. A special thank you to all of them.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468
 Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for April

7th April

6pm Evening Prayer

14th April

9am Parish Communion

21st April

10am Morning Praise

28th April

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

April 13th - April 20th

Mrs G Whiting (A) Mrs E Anderson (M)

April 27th - May 4th

Mrs c Thompson (A) Mrs J Birch (M)

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Roads
7th April	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Family Service	10.30am Lighthouse
14th April	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth
21st April	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
28th April	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion

COLLINGTREE PEOPLE - JAMES HERVEY

Just inside the doorway of St Columba's is a list of Rectors of the Parish going back to 1241

In 1752 the Rector was James Hervey and his father, William Hervey, had been Rector before him for 16 years - and before him, his grandfather had also been Rector. In those days Collingtree formed part of a living along with the Parish of Weston Favell.

James was born at Hardingstone in 1714 and after studying law at Oxford University, he joined the Oxford Methodists and came under the influence of Charles and John Wesley. He

was ordained as a Deacon in 1733 and spent some time as his father's Curate based at Weston Favell but no doubt preaching at Collingtree. He then moved away from Northamptonshire and began a life of theological writing and became in his day very influential. His Christian imagery inspired the artist William Blake.

Through his writing he became identified with a religious view that saw 'faith' as the best way to gain holiness rather than a strict following of the 'methods' set out in the Bible. This caused a rift with the Wesley's which continued for the rest of his life.

When his father died in 1752, James succeeded to the Collingtree and Weston Favell living (then worth £160/180 a year) and took over as Rector until his death in 1758.



VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

The Association been established on Watering Lane for over 50 years with a range of plot sizes, piped water and a friendly group of members - including many lady members.

For details contact Graeme Joll 767277

Neighbourhood Watch

Another reminder not to leave cars on the driveway with the engine running while it defrosts. It is an ideal opportunity for opportunist theft.

The NW Coordinator is Fay Tennet on 765742.

The Safer Communities Team number is 0300 111 222 or if urgent on 999

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is at Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm and the Speaker will be Chris Rowe on the subject of 'Morocco Bound' Souks to the Sahara, tales, facts and recollections of a trip to Morocco. The competition is 'An Exotic Experience'

This years outing is on June 15th and is to Kew Gardens. Total cost is £23 so why not join us ?

The Branch will be hosting a recording of BBC's Radio 4 programme 'Gardeners Question Time ' during October at Milton Village Hall. More details to follow in later Newsletters.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

1st & 8th April

Barbara Brice 764723

15th & 22nd April

Margaret Joll 767277

29th April

Joanna Edmunds 761759

The Collection Service for medicines from Roade and Blisworth Surgeries has operated on a voluntary Rota basis for many years. Additional volunteers are urgently needed and if you are able to help please contact:

Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club continues to practice for the new season with nets on a Wednesday night at the County Ground between 7 & 8pm. There will be a work day at the playing field on 13th April at midday to prepare for the new season which starts on 21st April with a home game. The AGM was held in February and the officers of the Club are, John Bishop (Chairman), Mark Underwood, (Treasurer), Karen Hopkins (Secretary)

and Chris Pedel (Captain) If you are interested in joining the team, please come along to the nets or contact: *Karen Hopkins kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk or call Mark Underwood 07834 518760*

Tennis Club

The winter season continues despite the weather. We are well represented in the Northampton Winter League with two men's teams and a veterans team.

Details from Geoff Kershaw on 761331 or visit www.collingtreetennis.co.uk

Pub Skittles

The Wooden Walls Pub Skittles team continues to do well in the Gayton & District League.

To get involved call Darren 766602 or Mark Underwood 07834 518760

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS PARISH CLERK: TESS TAYLOR 07729784653

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Planning Matters: No further news about the Park & Ride proposal or the tidying up of the A45 lay-by.

Golf Course development: Parishioners have received a leaflet from Bovis giving dates for viewing their ideas and will have been able to see what is proposed. A survey of opinion put together by Collingtree PC, Wootton & East Hunsbury PC and HCRA should be delivered to you any day now. Please fill this in as a matter of urgency and return it. Each response will count separately in the planning process, whereas a petition only counts as one response. A public meeting was promised when a planning application was made and the 10th April was suggested. However as an application has

not happened yet, this date is not appropriate. Please watch notice-boards and this Newsletter for any new special meeting date.

The Annual Parish Public Meeting: will take place as scheduled on 17th April and so will clubs and societies please produce their normal reports.

Playing Field: Would drivers only park on the field if the surface is sound. The weather may have made parking on the pavements inevitable for a time. As dogs are not allowed on the field for health reasons, it is a puzzle how dog mess still affects the area.

Roads: Many thanks to Councillor Ted Anderson and his wife Liz for filling five sacks with litter picked from the eastern end of Watering Lane. The

Parish Council has bought some extra pick-sticks for any other volunteers to use. Less tidy are the road surfaces but most of the faults and pot holes have been reported through the NCC Street Doctor system (on the NCC website or call 0300 126 1000) Some faults have been fixed but the 'Collingtrough' area will need a greater level of resurfacing and some failed repairs are the responsibility of other contractors.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 8th May at 7.30pm in the Village Room

*The minutes of all meetings are placed in notice-boards and email versions can be obtained from the Clerk
Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk (above)*

Parish Notices

Parish News is produced by Collingtree Parochial Church Council, on behalf of community groups within the parish.

The financial support of the Parish Council, and the Women's Institute is gratefully acknowledged. We also appreciate the support of our regular Sponsor, Central Foods.

If you have a local community or charity event to promote contact:

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Visit the only website dedicated to Collingtree Village and Parish

<http://justcollingtree.co.uk>

- The Collingtree Art Group continues to meet at 10am on Thursdays at the Village Room. New members of whatever painting experience are always welcome. Call Agnes Barfoot on 762389
- Fay & Andy Tennet are tackling a bike ride from London to Paris to raise funds for the Big Issue Foundation for the Homeless. If you would like to be a sponsor please visit www.justgiving.com/Andy-Fay-Tennet On 13th April they will host a Big Quiz Night in the Village Room at 7.30. Tickets are £5 which includes Quiz, bingo, raffle and snacks! Call 765742 to book a place.
- On Tuesday 12th March 40 children from Collingtree CEVA primary school attended and sang at a concert at Wembley arena. It was a fantastic event which raised awareness of adoption and fostering. The children danced and sang to a variety of songs and really enjoyed the atmosphere. The choir also sang at an Easter Service at Dodderidge Church and represented the school beautifully. The children also led a special Easter Service at St Columba's before the term end and took part in a Easter egg hunt competition aimed at understanding the true meaning of Easter.

The Wooden Walls

Another page will soon turn in the long history of Collingtree's Village pub.

At the end of April Sam Darren and family will be moving on from the 400 year old building.

Under their stewardship the Wooden Walls has maintained its role as community based pub and, as the only thatched building in the village, has seen its roof restored to its former glory. The pub has also become a major force in Pub Skittles (see adjoining panel)

Sam & Darren want to thank everyone who has supported them over the last two years and, as they are not moving far away, they fully intend to keep in touch with the many friends they have made in Collingtree.

The new 'mine host' will take over in May and there will be more about the next chapter for the Wooden Walls in the May Newsletter.

Pub Skittles

The Wooden Walls team is only in its second year in the Gayton & District League but is well on course to finish in the top four (last year they were 10th)

The success record this year is that out of 24 matches played 17 have been won and 7 lost.

Mark Underwood has reached the final of the Captains Cup, which is an individual knockout for all the Captains in the League.

Other regular team members are:

Ade Flowers – Tony Jones – Dave Wykes
Oscar Simmonds – Roo Smith
Chris Pedel – Dave Rose
Tom Robinson – Deb Flowers
Kevin Hardisty – Grant Jones
Darren Kerrison

Friends of St Columba's

The third **AGM and Social Evening** of the Friends will be held in the Village Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th April. All original Foundation Members have been invited to hear about how the funds raised have been spent on the church building and grounds—and enjoy a glass of wine. Also invited this year is anyone who is interested in the work of the Friends Group and fund raising plans for the year. A **Pub Quiz** organised by Andy Tennet was held on 6th March. There is a coach trip to Winchester on 20th April (see front page) and plans are in hand for a special **'Grand Fete' on 13th & 14th July**. Following its success last year there will be another trip (probably in November) to the 'Classical Spectacular' Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

For details call 765742, 674999 or 769407

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