

COLLINGTREE NEWS

August 2013

FETE TRADITION CONTINUES IN COLLINGTREE

The traditional Village Fete returned to Collingtree with a bang on Sunday 14th July. The tradition began in 1918 at the end of the First World War when a 'Garden Fete' was held in the grounds of the old Collingtree Grange, to raise funds for returning soldiers of the Northamptonshire Regiment. After a gap of four years the Fete was revived this year with the help of the 'Friends of St Columba's' fundraising group and the money raised will be shared between the maintenance cost of the church building and the wider work of the Diocese. It all took place in brilliant sunshine in the garden of the Wooden Walls of Old England pub and provided attractions for all ages. There was music from the Moulton 77 Brass Band sponsored by local firm Central Foods. A Punch and Judy Show sponsored by Domus Asset Management, delighted both children and Mum's and Dad's. Face Painting was laid on by Crazy 4 Kids and a big hit with youngsters was a ride in a scale model of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Advertising support came from K2 Construction Ltd, Sharp Media, Macflex, Collingtree Coaches, John Trayling Shooting School, Walnut Tree and Central Foods. Prizes were donated by Barclays, Collingtree Golf Club, Northampton Saints, the Hilton Hotel and Young's Nursery

An array of stalls was kept busy by visitors keen to support the fete and spend some money. Included were the Church Warden's Treasure Chest, Cakes and Pastries, Jams and Preserves, Lucky Dip Boxes, Plants and Vegetables and Bottle Tombola. A popular attraction was 'Bruce in the Stocks' and a chance to pelt him with wet sponges. Just across the High Street the Village Room did a roaring trade in Afternoon Tea with a DVD of photographs of 'Old Collingtree' playing in the background. A souvenir programme for the event was designed and produced by Sharpe Media. The event ended with a light-hearted tug of war contest.

Chairman of the 'Friends of St Columba's' committee, Andy Tennet, said;

"Thanks to all the hard work of the committee, the PCC, stall organisers and helpers, sponsors and advertisers and the Wooden Walls pub, a magnificent sum of approaching £3,000 has been raised towards the maintenance of the church and the work of the Diocese. Thank you to everyone who supported the event"

As well as posters, kerbside notices, Parish Newsletter and leaflets, the Fete was promoted on BBC Radio Northampton and the two local newspapers. The Chronicle and Echo also featured a video of the event on their website.

A selection of photographs of the day will soon be added to the www.justcollingtree.co.uk website



ST COLUMBA'S +

A special 'Leavers Service' was held in St Columba's at 9.30 am on Tuesday 23rd July.

This was for pupils who were leaving the Primary School at the end of this term. Parents, Grand Parents and Staff attended to say good-bye.

The Rector Mike Burton and Foundation Governor Ann Marsh, handed each leaver a Kings James Bible donated by the PCC. This followed a long standing tradition in the village of wishing well to the school children moving on in their school career.

Mr A Denton presented one pupil with a special award 'Clare's Shield' - awarded to 'a happy, smiley and enthusiastic pupil'.



Church Wardens

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

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for August

4th August

6pm Evening Prayer

11th August

9am Parish Communion

18th August

10am Morning Praise

25th August

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

August 3rd - August 10th

Mrs. G Whiting (A) Mrs. K McCallum (M)

August 17th - August 24th

Mrs. J Edmunds (A) Mrs. B Jones (M)

August 31st - September 7th

Mrs. R Marris (A) Mrs. C Thompson (M)

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
4th August	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse
11th August		10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service
18th August	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
25th August	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion

EVEN MORE HOLY HOWLERS

Parish Newsletters (not this one of course) are well known for their 'howlers' and mangled meanings. Here is a further selection of extracts that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the Choir will sing 'Break forth into joy'.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The Church will host an evening of fine dining and gracious hostility.

Pot Luck Supper. Sunday 5pm. Prayers and medication to follow.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the Park next to the Church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

The Minister unveiled the new fundraising Campaign Slogan 'I upped my pledge - up yours'



VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

The Annual Summer Buffet for members will be held at the Allotments Gardens on 11th August.

There is still a small plot available for a keen gardener who is a resident of Collingtree parish (including that part of Collingtree Park within the parish)

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Neighbourhood Watch

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 WI is on holiday and the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on September 12th in Milton Malsor Village Hall. The Speaker will be Renee Watt, her subject entitled 'Fun on a Chair' (!!) The competition is 'A Unique Cushion'. Then the serious preparation for the BBC 'Gardeners Question Time' on 17th September begins. Look out for posters and more information coming your way soon.

For details on how to get tickets or any further information, call Ann Marsh on 766060

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

5th & 12th August

Barbara Jones 762296

19th & 26th August

Gill Whiting 677851

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

Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

The Club has been enjoying the fine weather and some good wins.

To date in the season there have been two losses to Obelisk and Eaglets on Sundays and at a midweek game, to Castle Ashby. Dan Harris is proving a good all rounder for the club, regularly scoring over 50 and taking wickets. His brother Paul has also started playing for the club and got 50 runs against Bugbrooke in early June.

During August the team are at home on the 4th to Great Houghton and have a midweek game on the 6th at home to Shenley Church End, starting at 6pm.

The remaining fixtures during August are away, including a midweek game at Castle Ashby on the 22nd.

For further details please contact Karen Hopkins on kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk or Mark Underwood on 07834518760

Pub Skittles

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760

Tennis Club

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

www.collingtreetennis.co.uk

Or call Geoff Kershaw on 761331

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS PARISH CLERK: TESS TAYLOR 07729784653 tessajaylor@icloud.com

Pedestrian Crossing - Our grateful thanks to Central Foods for their donation of £100 towards front loading our application for a pedestrian crossing for Watering Lane.

Car Locking - Information from the Police suggests that if you lock your car with a remote controller, you should physically check that the doors are actually locked. It may be that some car thieves have a device that can block the working of a remote controller, even though it appears to be working.

Dog Access Slider - Barn Corner - A third slider has now been put in place and it is hoped it will be left in place. Any queries to the PC Chairman on 764723

PCSO presence - This will be back to normal now that Craig has returned to duty.

Planning Matters

Collingtree School - The school has informed the Parish Council that it is again applying for a 1.8 metre fence around the school site. This application is N/2013/0688. Changes to the original school building are also proposed in application N/2013/0704

Tom's Close - At the last Parish Council meeting, a developer attended to explain plans to put two blocks of semi-detached houses on the south western corner of Tom's Close. Despite the NBC decision target date being 14th June, still no decision has been indicated. An application was also made for a bungalow to the rear of 7 Tom's Close but that was refused by NBC Planning.

Golf Course Development - There have been no further moves and the date of the site visit to the area by the Planning Inspector has yet to be announced. The Inspector is now not likely to complete his report until the end of the year as more hearings are planned for December. Please continue to watch for announcements in the newsletter and in the notice boards for any new date for a public meeting.

Parish Council contact *Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk, Tess Taylor, on 07729 784653, or on her new email address tessajaylor@icloud.com*

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 11th September 2013, at 7.30 pm in Collingtree Village Room.

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 meets regularly on Thursday mornings in the Village Room. Whether an experienced Artist or a complete beginner, all are welcome. Call Agnes on 762389 for more details.
- A Diary Date . On Sunday 6th October there will be full 'Choral Evensong' at St Columba's with the Watling Singers. More details will follow in future Newsletters.



News from the 'Wooden Walls'

An update on the food front!

It now transpires that to complete the upgrade of the pub kitchen, I need a new electric meter which will involve digging up part of the High Street. Therefore, I think that the restaurant will now be open towards the end of September!!

The great news is that I have employed a new chef, whose standard of food is brilliant and I am sure will not disappoint.

You can sample his food on 25th August, by supporting our charity event on behalf of the MS and Alzheimer's' Societies.

Rob Horn will be performing classics in the style of Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond Michael Buble - to name but a few and tickets are £7.50 including canapés from our new chef, or £10 on the night. Rob is giving his time free and ticket proceeds will be divided between our two chosen charities. Ticket numbers are limited, available from the pub, and there will be a free raffle with a meal for two as the prize.

Sue Blackman

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Jams tomorrow

A new initiative by CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) will strike a chord with many who fear the affects of urban sprawl and green field development on areas like Collingtree. See www.saveourcountryside.org.uk

Every candidate at the next general election will be asked to sign a charter promising to reform the National Planning Policy Framework that is being brought in by the Coalition government.

The CPRE's charter calls on developers to build on brown field sites and give local people a stronger voice in the planning system. This coincides with a forecast from the Department of Transport that delays on major roads are likely to double over the next 30 years. According to their projections the number of cars will jump from 28m to 38m by 2040. Delays will increase by 114% and road speeds will drop by 8%.

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