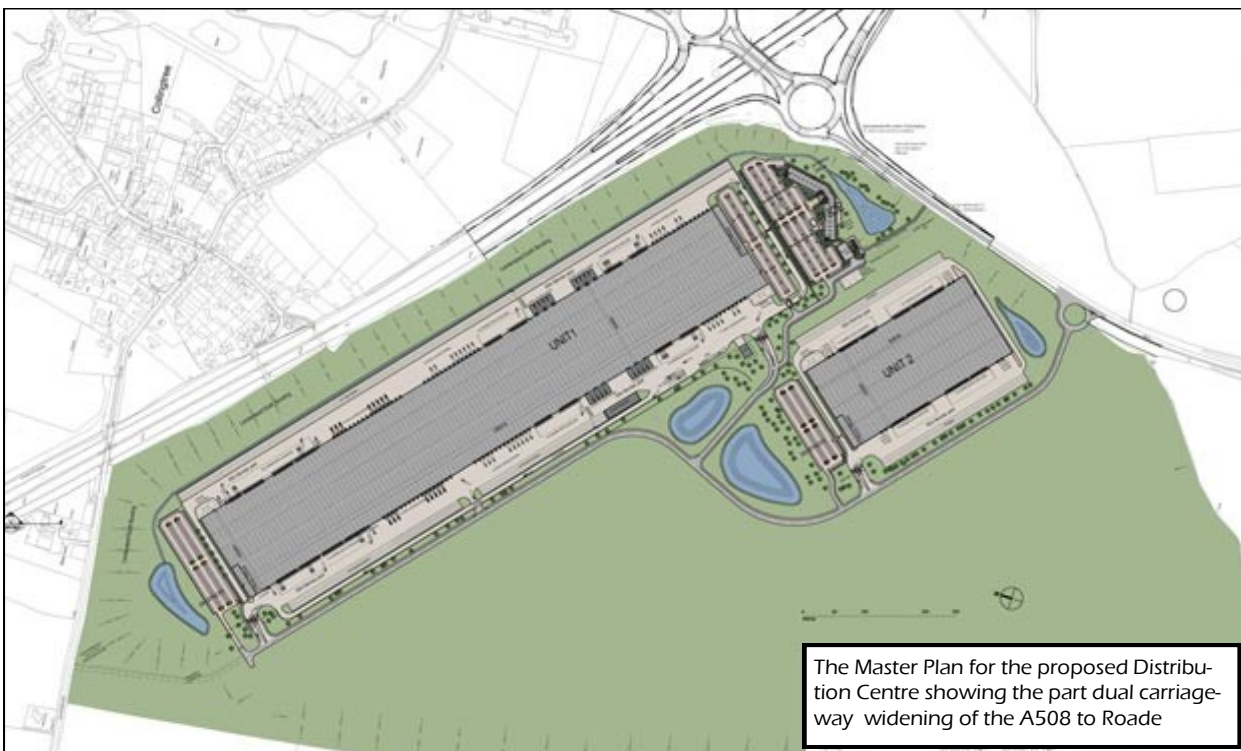


COLLINGTREE NEWS

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Major Development Proposal at Junction 15 - The hard questions .

Property developer Roxhill has joined with Courteenhall Estates to promote a 2m sq ft National Distribution Centre for kitchen manufacturer Howden's, on farmland adjoining Junction 15.

The development will be double the size of Howden's existing Distribution Centre at Brackmills. In 2013 its fleet of 90 HGV's delivered 90,000 loads to its 559 depots every week.

The consultation leaflet delivered to households in the area failed to mention Collingtree on its location map. An exhibition of site plans was held at the Hilton Hotel on 16th July and details from this are on website www.northampton-gateway.co.uk/howdens.

As with all planning proposals there will be many pros and cons but most of the hard questions have yet to be answered:

- are having to import more and more of our food ?
 - How does this site fit with the Strategic Plan for the area which currently identifies more sustainable sites with access to Junction 16 ?
 - With the M1 corridor already exceeding Air Quality limits, how will emissions from the additional vehicles using the site be controlled ?
 - The proposal offers to provide 'significant improvements to the existing problems' at Junction 15. Can this really be achieved by simply installing more traffic lights and widening slip roads ?
- Although the proposed site mainly affects Northampton, the planning application, expected later in the year, will be decided by South Northamptonshire District Council in Towcester. Comments can be sent to SNC Planning Dept.

- Is it wise to build on yet more farmland when we

ST COLUMBA'S +

Friends of St Columba's

The 'Friends' were set up in 2011 to raise funds for the maintenance and repair of this 900 year old building at the centre of the village. The committee members are as follows:

Richard Evans	705583
John Green	763468
Martin Grosse	762700
Pam Jackson	674999
Mick Marsh	766060
Rod Sellers	769407
Peter Skinner	768394
Selina Smith	769439
Andy Tennet	765742
Catherine Thompson	761368

Details of some of the forthcoming fundraising events are shown below.



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

3rd August

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

10th August

9am Parish Communion (M)

17th August

10 am Morning Praise (CW)

24th August

10 30 am Family Service (M)

CW = Church Warden led

M = Minister led

Collingtree Church Flowers

9th August - 16th August

Mrs C Thompson (A) Mrs K McCallum (M)

23rd August - 30th August

Mrs G Berry (A) Mrs K Godfrey (M)

SALCEY BENEFICE SERVICES MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

Ashton 3rd August 9.30am Morning Prayer—17th August 10.30 am All Age Service—24th August 8.15am Holy Communion

Courteenhall 3rd August 9.15 Communion—10th August 10.30am Morning Prayer—24th August 10.30 am Informal Service

Hartwell 3rd August 10.30am All Age Service—10th August 10am Morning Praise—17th August 9.15 Communion
24th August 10am Morning Praise

Road 3rd August 10.30am Lighthouse—10th August 10.30am All Age Service 6.30 Benefice Youth Group
17th August 10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club—24th August 9.15 Parish Communion 31st August 10.30am Benefice Communion.

Friends of St Columba's Forthcoming Events - Tickets limited. Please Book early.

Village BBQ

Saturday 6th September

(starting 3pm)

Fun, food, live music, children's entertainer, car rides in Chitty, Chitty, bang bang.

All in the garden of the Wooden Walls pub (thanks to the support of Sue Blackman and her team)

Thanks also to local firm Central Foods for their generous support.

Tickets are limited and only £6 for adults and £3 for under 11's (Children under 2 are free)

Pack Up Your Troubles'

Saturday 13th September

(starting 7.30pm)

A programme of songs and music from the WW1 period including favourites from the great days of Music Hall.

Performed by the Watling Singers with audience participation warmly invited.

The concert will be performed in St Columba's Church followed by wine and refreshments in Collingtree Village Room.

Tickets £7.50

Coach Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

Saturday 4th October

The National Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance. Choose from range of options including a daily Act of Remembrance, guided walks, talks on specific memorials, a land train and buggy tour, or just wander among the hundreds of trees. The coach, generously donated by Collingtree Coaches, will leave and return to the village crossroads.

Tickets £10

For tickets or more information call 769407 or any of the Friends Committee listed on the top left of this page

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Collingtree Allotment Association

Thanks to all the hard work and organization from Rob Brodie and family, the Association held a splendid Annual Summer Buffet for members on Sunday 27th July.

Thanks also to Bob, Graeme, Trevor, Martin, Ken, Kevin and Rod for the recent much needed cutting back the overgrown hedge along the entrance driveway.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

There is no meeting during August and activities start again in September.

New members are always warmly welcomed.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection Rota

W/C 4th August

Catherine Thompson 761368

W/C 11th & 18th August

Phillipa Bowden 769713

W/C 25th August

Jo Clamp 761349

For anyone in Collingtree who has difficulty in getting to Roade or Blisworth Surgeries, help with collecting prescriptions can be a lifeline. If you can help contact: *Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433*

SPORTS CLUBS

Collingtree Cricket Club

July has seen the fortunes of the cricket team improve with the team getting back to winning ways. An enjoyable trip was made to New Malden at the start of the month with a win by 176 runs. Three batsman scoring over 50, Stuart Brown, John Bishop and Tom Pedel and Ashley Smith got a hat trick with the ball and taking 5 wickets in total. The following week away at Old was a closer win by 33 runs. with Rob Flight top scoring with 78 runs and Dan Harris taking 5 wickets. On 21st July in a rearranged fixture Collingtree won away at Olney. Two midweek games were also played and

won. August fixtures on Sundays are all away with the exception of 24th August when Collingtree play Huncote at home at 2pm. There is also a mid week game at Castle Ashby on 21st August.

For more details contact Karen Hopkins 07787786094 or Mark Underwood 0786451876

Pub Skittles

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07864 51876

Tennis Club

We had the most amazing Open Day this year. The sun shone and many new faces came along to have a go and become members.

There are exciting changes taking shape at the courts with improved maintenance and facilities over the coming months, come and have a look.

We have become a real community group and are always happy to welcome anyone interested in playing .

More information on the Club website

www.collingtreetennis.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS PARISH CLERK: TESS TAYLOR 07729784653 E: collingtreeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting Minutes The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April are now in the noticeboards and will stay there for most of this year.

Parish Council Audit The audit has now been completed by national auditors. The finances are sound but one piece of paperwork was not properly minuted. However, another comment made on our paperwork has now been found to be incorrect - what a tangled web is weaved!

Ash Lane Traffic Calming The scheme is being considered further and information should be available for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on 10th September.

PLANNING MATTERS

Golf Course development The latest letter, dated 21st July from Northamp-

ton Borough Planning (NBC) which includes corrected dates, shows that revised plans have been submitted and a further round of public comment has begun. After a meeting with the planners on 30th July, the Parish Council will repeat comments agreed at the public meeting but there is a great need for people to make their own responses. The planning application numbers are N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 and they can be accessed on the NBC website www.northampton.gov.uk/northampton/southsue followed by outline for 1035 or detail for 1063.

Howden Proposals for S/W of J 15 Following the leaflets through letterboxes, quite a few parishioners attended the display of the proposals at the Hilton Hotel on 16th July and were able to leave comments on what is not yet a planning application. Concerns appeared to be the size of the building,

noise, 24 hour working lorries in and out and affects on traffic and pollution. The roundabout change may be useful but if a planning application is agreed for the green space outside the NBC boundary to the south, there will be the danger of urban sprawl to Roade.

Silverstone Park & Ride/ Watering Lane

There is no further information but our County Councillor Phil Larratt is trying to arrange another meeting of interested parties and this was promised for after the Grand Prix on 5th July. The Park & Ride at Sixfields appeared to work effectively for Silverstone's needs.

Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk (details above)

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th September 7.30pm Collingtree Village Room

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The Parks Practice Participation Group

Patients of the Doctor's practices at Roade & Blisworth are represented by this group. The aim is to provide patient feedback to help plan the provision of local health care services. The group organises local meetings, especially for carers. To find out more check contact details in the High Street notice board or Email local representative Malcolm Brice on: ppc2014mb@aol.com



Join us for dinner on Saturday 2nd August with Rob Horne – the king of swing, singing favourites from Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble, Neil Diamond and more, booking essential

Special offers available throughout the summer for Steak Tuesdays and fish and chip Wednesdays

Call Sue & the team on 01604 760641

Parish Notices

- On 10th August, Fay and Andy Tennet will be taking part in the London 100 bike ride in which some 24,000 riders will raise funds for their chosen charity. Fay and Andy are supporting the Northampton Hope Centre and if you would like to help their efforts with a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/fay-tennet1/
- A new Head Teacher will be taking over at Collingtree Church of England Primary School at the start of the school year on 4th September. Mrs Halina Sikabofori will be joining Collingtree from a school in Rugby.
- On Saturday 26th July, a small working party carried out a full 'deep clean' of St Columba's Church. The operation was efficiently organised by Pam Jackson who also provided coffee and chocolate buns.

News from Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance

Many people who have already commented or objected to the Bovis application to build 1,000 houses between Collingtree and East Hunsbury, will recently have received a further letter from Northampton Borough planners.

Bovis has now submitted revised details in an effort to deal with the queries raised by individuals and statutory bodies.

The documents are very lengthy although there are no significant changes. They can be found on

<http://www.northampton.gov.uk/northamptonsouthsuedetail>

Comments should be sent to Rita Bovey at NBC Planning Dept, The Guildhall. Despite the 21 day deadline quoted, comments can be considered right up to the Planning Committee meeting—whenever that might be.

HCRA believe that the fundamental issues relating to Traffic (including air and noise pollution) and flood risk have still not been satisfactorily addressed. It is not clear from the documentation whether bodies like the Environment Agency and County Highways have endorsed the plans and everyone is still waiting for the Inspector's report on the whole principle of development of the SUE 5 site.

The three councils (NBC/SNC & Daventry) that make up the West Northamptonshire Planning Committee, held a shambolic meeting on 8th July at the Northampton Guildhall attended by 100 observers from the public. It was difficult to know what was going on because the sound system broke down. All that seemed to happen is that the Chairmanship of the WNJPC passed to South Northants Council from Daventry and the Vice Chairmanship passed to Daventry from South Northants. The Northampton Borough representatives remain sidelined even though the main impact of the proposed expansion programme falls on Northampton. More details on www.HCRA2013.co.uk

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