

COLLINGTREE NEWS

February 2014

Collingtree and the Great War



In August this year, the world will mark the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. It was a turning point in history and claimed the lives of over 16 million. Over 1m British and Commonwealth troops died confronting German aggression and almost every parish in the country was affected.

- Every year the memory of local men Hugh Palliser Friend, Ralph Copson, George Twistleton and Joseph Hillyard are honoured at a Remembrance Service and their names are listed on the Church War Memorial.
- John Palliser Friend was Rector at St Columba's throughout the conflict and a stained glass window on the north wall of the Nave commemorates his son Hugh, a 2nd Lt. in the Northamptonshire Regiment who was killed in action at St Leger, France, in 1917 - aged 20.
- In 1915 the four bells at St Columba's were augmented with a fifth tenor bell donated by the Sears family. The older bells were then recast and all the bells rehung with a new chiming mechanism. Because of the ongoing war the rehung bells were not rung again until Armistice Day 1918, when the First World War ended.

Watch the traffic !

Ever since the M1 opened in 1959, Collingtree has lived with the impact of ever increasing traffic and has a close interest in road planning , particularly on the A45 and Junction 15. The failure to provide lighting on major roads is a big worry.

The Northamptonshire Major Road Strategy forecasts that by 2026, 60,000 vehicles a day will use the A45 link with Junction 15 and that 12% will be Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's). The A508 link off the junction will carry 15,000 vehicles a day.

Unsurprisingly, the section of the M1 between Junctions 15 & 16 has been declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) meaning it is unlikely to meet pollution reduction targets. The main concern is nitrogen dioxide emissions from HGV's.

The Environment Act of 1995 requires all local authorities to check on air quality and where below the standard set, designate AQMA's and take measures to improve.

A proposal has been made by the Highways Agency to lower the speed limit on some sections of the motorway network, to 60 mph, to reduce both pollution and noise.

A further concern is the likely increase in the size of HGV's allowed on British roads under EU law. Draft legislation is being considered by the European Parliament that would permit lorries longer than two double decker buses (82ft) and weighing up to 60 tonnes to cross national borders.

It is to be hoped that those that represent Collingtree in government nationally and locally, are watching all this closely in their rear view mirrors.

ST COLUMBA'S +

Bats in the Belfry

Three Vicars were having lunch together in a restaurant.. One said "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away.

Another said "Yes, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the loft space. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "No problem! I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

With thanks to Peter Skinner



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

February 15th - 22nd

Mrs A Marsh(A) Mrs E Anderson (M)

LENT BEGINS THE DAY AFTER SHROVE TUESDAY ON MARCH 4th

Services for January

2nd February

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

9th February

9am Parish Communion (BM)

16th February

10am Morning Praise (CW)

23rd February

10.30am Family Service (BM)

CW = Church Warden led

BM = Benefice Minister led

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

| | Ashton | Courteenhall | Hartwell | Road |
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| 2nd February | 9.30am Morning Prayer | 9.15am Parish Communion | 10.30am All Age Service | 10.30am Lighthouse |
| 9th February | 10.30am Sunday School | 10.30am Morning Prayer | 10am Morning Praise | 10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group |
| 16th February | 10.30am All Age Service | | 9.15am Parish Communion | 10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club |
| 23rd February | 8.15 Holy Communion | 10.30am Informal Service | 10am Morning Praise | 9.15 Parish Communion |

School League Table Success

The Government has produced its annual report on standards achieved in Primary Schools throughout the country – and it makes good reading for Collingtree Church of England Primary. Head-teacher Sonia Clews, staff and pupils are all delighted that their school was rated joint fourth in the whole of Northampton (52 schools) just ahead of Caroline Chisholm which came fifth. The Government target is for 60% of

year six pupils to achieve a level four in reading, writing and maths. and Collingtree Primary achieved 88% putting them in the top ten for Northampton. The detailed results show that in measuring the progress pupils have made from Year 2 to Year 6: 91% made expected progress in reading, 100% in writing and 100% in maths. At Level 5 - 50% achieved the standard set in reading, 60% in maths, 42% in grammar, punctuation and spelling and 33% in writing.



VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

Fresh Air - Fresh Food - Fresh outlook

The Association has been established on Watering Lane for over 50 years with a range of plot sizes, piped water and a friendly group of gardeners - including many lady members. Membership is open to anyone resident in Collingtree Parish. *For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277*

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The February meeting will be on Thursday 13th at 7.30pm in Milton Malsor Village Hall. The Speaker will be

Keith Wilson and his subject 'RNLI and Women throughout the Ages' The competition is entitled 'For a Life on the Ocean Waves' and there will be a 'Bring and Buy' in support of the RNLI.

June 14th is the date of this year's outing which is to Birmingham Museum of the Jewellery Quarter. Coach Fare £12 pp - Museum £4 pp (group booking) Tea, coffee & biscuits on arrival £2 pp (must be booked ahead) Non museum customers can be dropped off near the Shopping Centre.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection

W/C 3rd & 10th February

Joanna Edmunds 761759

W/C 17th & 24th February

Margaret Joll 767277

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

Cricket Club

Net practice continues every Wednesday 8 - 9pm starting on 8th January until end of March at the Northants County Ground. It is £3 a session and all are welcome. The first game of 2014 is a home game on April 13th.

For further details please contact Karen Hopkins on kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk or Mark Underwood on 0783451876

Pub Skittles

The internal competitions were held during the winter break and the winners, who will represent the Pub in the final stages were:

Singles - Oscar Simmonds who beat Grant Jones in a high standard final.

Doubles - Kevin Hardisty and Glen Bass ran out winners against Tony Jones and Grant Jones.

On a team front, it has been a mixed month with 2 wins early in the month but then 2 losses in one week. *To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760*

Tennis Club

The club continues to invite new members to enjoy its two floodlit courts and regular coaching sessions.

To join the club or find out more visit: www.collingtreetennis.co.uk or call Geoff Kershaw on 761331

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

Parish Council Membership The vacancy for Collingtree North Ward has now been filled with the unopposed co-option of Mr Tony Stirk from Belfry Lane. The PC is now has the correct number of councillors from each ward and a good gender balance.

Parking and speeding in the village The last meeting was attended by the new Police Sergeant for the area who stated that illegal parking and speeding will be targeted. Crime prevention advice about scams by criminals pretending to be from the police have been placed in PC notice-boards.

Precept It was agreed at the last meeting that the precept for this year will be raised by £12,000 (see previous Newsletters) No-one objected to this which will, for the coming year only, increase the Council Tax per household to provide funds for extending the 20 mph limit,

with traffic calming to Ash Lane. This will mean that all roads off the crossroads will also be covered by the 20 mph limit. A scheme is being designed by the highway engineers, and when ready, will be discussed at either the next meeting on 12th March or at the Annual Parish public meeting on 23rd April

Planning Matters

Golf Course development The target date for the Bovis application to be processed is still the end of March. The WNJPC meeting that agreed the Joint Core Strategy has had to be re-run on 5th February because of a voting irregularity. The meetings before the Planning Inspector are still planned for March 18th onwards.

A508 towards Courteenhall Milton Malsor Parish Council has been informed of a proposal to place a business use development on land to the south and

west of the M1 at Junction 15, with improvement work to the junction. This is likely to cause the already chaotic situation at the junction in terms of traffic and air pollution to be made worse and it will be opposed.

Playing Field The excessively wet weather has meant that the tarmac road planings have been put down in the field entrance and more will be needed. Please use the parking in the field whenever possible and do not park in the gateway.

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 Parish Council Meeting will be on 12th March at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room.

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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.

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Parish Notices

- Robbie Burns Night was well celebrated on Saturday 25th January with lively events at the Wooden Walls pub and across the road at the Collingtree Village Room. Complete with bagpipes, haggis and copious amounts of Scotch whiskey - a good time was had by all. The question now is 'What are we going to do on St Georges Day?' April 23rd is not that far away.
- In March, Joanna Edmunds will be once again holding 'Lent Lunches' at her home at 4 Barn Mews, Collingtree Village. The lunches will be every Tuesday from 11th March to 15th April inclusive and all proceeds go to the 'Forever Angels' baby and toddler home in Mwanza, Tanzania. More details in next month's Newsletter or call Joanna on 761759



Walls Whispers

We had a great 'Burns Night' and thanks to all who supported us. We are now booking for St Valentine's Night on Friday 14th February.

Come along to the Walls and support England in the Six Nations Rugby - we look forward to seeing you.

Sue and the team 01604 760641



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Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance - Update

The most problematical site within the proposed Expansion Plan (Joint Core Strategy) for Northampton, is the land between Hunsbury and Collingtree known as SUE5. The problems include flood risk, traffic congestion air & noise pollution. Despite this the body responsible (West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee) decided at its meeting in December to endorse the plan for further consultation. All the Northampton members voted against approval and all the Daventry and South Northants members voted for. After a tied vote the Chairman, from Daventry, voted a second time to give a casting vote in favour.

It has subsequently emerged that the vote in December was invalid because proper procedures were not followed and a further meeting has now been arranged on 5th February to rerun the vote. As a further blow to the interests of Northampton, the meeting is being held in Daventry thereby making it difficult for all the objectors who spoke at the last meeting, to travel the 28 miles to do so again.

The way the WNJPC works means that decisions that have a major impact on everyday life in East Hunsbury and Collingtree are being made by councillors who were not voted for by local people and appear to be 'dumping' their own housing obligations well away from their own urban centres and on what remains of Northampton's green fields.

Anyone with views on this process can attend the WNJPC meeting at Daventry DC Offices, Lodge Road, Daventry at 6pm on Tuesday 5th February To keep in touch with the background to these plans and the issues raised visit: www.HCRA2013.co.uk

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