

COLLINGTREE NEWS

June 2014

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Deal or No Deal ?

Whether because of behind the scenes deals or simple inertia, the agricultural land owned by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) on Watering Lane is turning into an overgrown wilderness. Having kicked off the longstanding tenant, NCC is now ignoring applications from other local farmers while they continue to offer the land to Silverstone as a Park & Ride site on Race Days. The farmland, named as 'How Furlong' and 'First Greenaway' on old field maps, runs down from the Hilton Hotel to the rear of houses along High Street South. Silverstone has told local MP Andrea Leadsom that they have not initiated the Park & Ride idea and Collingtree Parish Council and County Councillor Phil Larratt, are also being kept in the dark. Meanwhile, as the weeds and hedgerow get out of hand, it is open to adjoining neighbours, including the Hilton Hotel and Allot-

ment holders and residents, to complain to the Borough Council on environmental nuisance grounds. *(Picture shows Silverstone Car Park at near Whittlebury)*



Smash & Grab

Fortunately, Collingtree rarely features in local crime statistics, but there have been at least three incidents involving theft of property in the last three weeks.

Two were in Ash Lane and one on Watering Lane. The warning from the Police is always to keep valuables out of sight and doors locked.

Apart from 999 emergencies, the Police number to call to report incidents is 03000 111 222 and the local Email is: SCTHunsbury-NeneValley@northants.police.uk



Housing plans wait for the Inspector!

Still awaited is the Independent Inspectors Report into the 'soundness' of the Joint Core Strategy for the expansion of Northampton - and also a planning decision by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) on the application by Bovis for 1,000 houses on the Collingtree/East Hunsbury site (SUE 5 Northampton South)

Bovis is waiting until the Inspector's report is published before pressing NBC for a decision. This was originally expected to be in July but may be delayed until September. Meanwhile, there is encouragement following the vote (6-2) by NBC Planning Committee on 6th May, to refuse the application to build 1,000 houses on a site at Hardingstone (SUE 6 Northampton South of Brackmills) The refusal was largely on traffic and infrastructure

issues and the impact on the A45. This could be significant as the Collingtree/East Hunsbury site has even greater traffic and environmental problems than at Hardingstone.



ST COLUMBA'S +

Smiles in the aisles

After a morning service, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told her Vicar how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, the Vicar is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked."

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Vicar said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner
768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for June

1st June

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

8th June

9am Parish Communion (M)

15th June

10 am Morning Praise (CW)

22nd June

10 30 am Family Service (M)

CW = Church Warden led

M = Minister led

Collingtree Church Flowers

14th—21st June

Mrs A Barfoot (A) Mrs R Marris (M)

28th June—5th July

Mrs P Gosling(A) Mrs P Wright(M)

SALCEY BENEFICE SERVICES

MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

Ashton 1st June 9.30am Morning Prayer—8th June 10.30 am Sunday School—15th June 10.30 am All Age Service

Courteenhall 1st June 9.15 Communion—8th June 10.30am Morning Prayer—29th June 10.30 am Benefice Communion

Hartwell 1st June 10.30am All Age Service—8th June 10am Morning Praise—15th June 9.15 Communion
22nd June 10am Morning Praise

Road 1st June 10.30am Lighthouse—8th June 10.30am All Age Service 6.30 Benefice Youth Group
15th June 10.30 am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club—22nd June 9.15 Parish Communion

Friends of St Columba's Events Programme 2014

Following their Social Evening and AGM held in April, the Events committee has held its first meeting and planned a programme of fundraising events through until Christmas. Some of the dates have been agreed (please make a diary note) and some have yet to be finalised and will be given in the July Newsletter.

- **Church Clean Up** - As last year the church will be given a complete 'Wash & Brush Up' and even the high places will get the treatment. Any additional helping hands will be much appreciated, so watch out for more details.
- **Village BBQ - Saturday 6th September.** A repeat of the highly successful Community BBQ

held two years ago with food and entertainment for all ages. Entry will be by ticket and with the support of Sue Blackman, it will be held in the garden of the Wooden Walls pub. More details in the July Newsletter.

- **Choir Concert - Saturday 13th September.** As part of the WW1 commemorations, the Watling Singers will perform a programme of songs of the period including old Music Hall favourites. There will also be an audience singalong feature. Tickets will be £ 7.50 and will include wine and refreshments in the Village Room after the concert at St Columba's. More details in the July Newsletter.

- **Big Quiz Night** - Mid October. Another of the popular events in the Village Room. More details to follow.

- **Friends Coach Trip** - October. With the generous support of Collingtree Coaches there will be a coach trip to a popular destination - possibly the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. More details to follow.

- **Carols in the Courtyard - Thursday 18th December.** A repeat of last year's event with Carols, an open fire and mulled wine in the courtyard of the Wooden Walls

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Collingtree Allotment Association

Home grown food always tastes better and growing it yourself helps to keep you fit. Collingtree allotments are just off Watering Lane and membership is open to keen gardeners who are residents of Collingtree Parish.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is on June 12th in Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Speaker is Chris Kinsey and the subject is 'Anyone can learn to paint' The Competition is 'What a Picture'

The outing to Birmingham, Saturday 14th June departs Milton Malsor at 9am. There are still a few seats available at £12 per seat for anyone wishing to spend a day in Birmingham.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection Rota

W/C 2nd & 9th June

Lesley Sellers 769407

W/C 16th & 23rd June

Shirley Flight 764433

For anyone in Collingtree who has difficulty in getting to Roade or Blisworth Surgeries, help with collecting prescriptions can be a lifeline. More volunteers would be much appreciated so that the Rota can be shared more widely. If you can help contact: Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Collingtree Cricket Club

Collingtree's winning start to the season continued into May. The team has played well with good performances with the bat, ball and in the field. Against Shenley Church End on 27th April, three players gained over 30 runs. Nick Peters obtaining the first 50 of the season against Krossington on May 4th. We have introduced this season a vote at the end of each game for the best fielder and on two occasions this season so far, this has gone to John Bishop.

Sunday fixtures for June are: 1st June Bugbrooke at Home, 8th June Everdon

at Home, 15th June Shenley Church End Away, 22nd June Eaglets at Home, 29th June Overstone at Home. All Sunday games start at 2pm. There is also a mid-week game on 19th June at St Crispin & Ryelands with a 6pm start.

For more details contact Karen Hopkins 07787786094 or Mark Underwood 0786451876

Pub Skittles

The Season finished with a confirmed 3rd place - a fantastic team effort

The playing record was played 26 won 19 tied 3 and lost 4 a total of 41 Pts At finals night on Friday 23rd May Mark Underwood successfully defended the captains cup beating Neil Knights the captain of the Compass team in the final 9-2

Looking forward to another successful season for the team next year

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 51876

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

Annual Parish/Public Meeting

This was held on 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Room, Collingtree. Various reports were presented and the minutes will be placed in the notice - boards as soon as possible. The Parish Council AGM and the normal May meeting took place on 7th May and those minutes will also be placed in the notice - boards.

Ash Lane Traffic Calming.

The aim is the creation of a 20mph limit along Ash Lane, ideally without road humps, which will also mean that all roads leading off the crossroads will be covered by the 20mph limit. A scheme is being designed by the highway engineers and this was again discussed at the meeting on 7th May. As the Police like humps so that the scheme can be self policing, the Police Commissioner and the Police Force are being asked if

there can be agreement to a scheme with no humps but an additional flashing speed indicator sign nearer to the crossroads.

Parking in Watering Lane

Further complaints have been raised about cars causing obstructions by parking on the pavement, thereby forcing people and children to walk into the busy road. About 3ft of pavement must always be left and this is not possible on parts of Watering Lane. The Police have agreed this must stop and are prepared to fine those who cause this offence. At the last meeting there was a short discussion about widening Watering Lane but Highways representatives stated that even a slight widening would cost a considerable sum and not everyone is in favour as speeds would increase.

Planning Matters

(Golf Course development) The latest information about the Bovis application is that the planning application is due to be considered by NBC in September.

(Silverstone Park & Ride) - no further information.

(Tom's Close) Residents have asked the Parish Council to make further contact to gain more information/action and this has been done.

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

Next Meeting 16th July 7.30pm Collingtree Village Room

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Collingtree School Fete

Friday 4th July 3.35pm

Please join us in the School Garden for an afternoon of fun, entertainment - and not forgetting some delicious treats

For more details call School Office: 761469



Celebrate Fathers Day at the walls

Free bottle of wine with a two course meal for two

This offer is also available when dining in the restaurant off our evening menu

We will also be showing all England World Cup games

Contact Sue and the Team 01604 760641

Parish Notices

The Parks Practice Participation Group (PPG) Those who are in the Roade or Blisworth doctor's practice are represented by this group, the purpose of which is to help the practice in the planning, provision and delivery of local health care services and practice issues, by representing a patient's view and helping to develop new services to identify and meet patients needs. The group organises local meetings, especially for carers, and the notices for these are placed in the general notice-board in front of the Village Room.

If anyone would like to be more closely involved with this group and gain the latest information about jobs, practice administration or staff changes, please send your email address to your local representative Malcolm Brice, using the email address ppc2014mb@aol.com

You may feel that the practice already has your email address for medical reasons or repeat prescriptions but the use of this link is confidential and cannot be shared within the Parks Practice so this separate, non-medical link is available if you wish it.

European Parliamentary Elections - 22nd May

Collingtree and Northamptonshire, along with Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland are part of the East Midlands Region. The MEP's elected for this region and share of the vote was:

UKIP 32.9% Roger Helmer & Margot Parker

Conservative 25.99% Emma McClarkin & Andrew Lewer

Labour 24.93% Glenis Willmott

The Knitted Bible

Six years ago the members of a church in Hartlepool set out to illustrate the story of the Last Supper using knitting as an art form. This grew into a display of 33 vivid scenes from the Bible and has gone on tour throughout the country. It will be at Holy Cross Church Milton Malsor on the following dates:

21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th June 10am - 6pm
(Admission is free)

There will be weekday viewings by appointment between 23rd & 27th June and for more information call Malcolm Deacon on 858363

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