

COLLINGTREE NEWS

November 2013

A plan to double the size of Collingtree ?

On 7th October Bovis finally submitted the long expected planning applications for 1000 houses on the land between East Hunsbury and Collingtree village. These may be decided by NBC Planning Committee before Christmas or very shortly after. There are two applications. The first (N/2013/1035) is an outline application for 1000 houses. The second (N/2013/1063) is a detailed application for 380 of the 1000 on the former Golf Academy land and adjoining fields that lie alongside the Black Walk bridleway – this is the first phase of a 10 year build and will be accessed and constructed via Rowtree Road and Windingbrook Lane where the current Golf Club shop is located.

It is proposed that construction will start as soon as possible and certainly by early 2015.

From 2017 onwards a new access road from the Rowtree Road/Lichfield Road junction will be started along with the later phases of house building and further re-configuration of the golf course.

There is also further land to the west of the Bovis site which is under the control of Taylor Wimpey who wish to build a further 400 houses when the opportunity arises. *The concerns of the Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance over the traffic implications and other issues are outlined on page 4.*



380 houses on land off Black Walk

How to comment

The strategic plan for the whole of this area has not yet been reviewed by the Governments Planning Inspector and his report is not expected until next year. However, Bovis can still apply under the existing Northampton Local Plan. Details of the applications can be viewed online at: www.northampton.gov.uk/northamptonsouthsuedetail or at the NBC Planning Office. The Case Officer is Rita Bovey on 01604 837237. Written comments to NBC Planning The Guildhall, St Giles Square, NN1 1DE.

ST COLUMBA'S +

Choral Evensong

The full Choral Evensong held on Sunday 6th October was well attended and everyone enjoyed an evening in the traditional form with sung Anthems, Psalms and of course, well loved Hymns.

The singing and music was provided by the Watling Singers directed by Hilary Dolan.

A team of Bell Ringers set the scene for the special service which was conducted by our former Rector Terence Johnson who spoke on the importance of music in church life. Thanks to all who attended and contributed so generously to the collection.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for November

3rd November

6pm Evening Prayer

10th November

6pm Remembrance Service

17th November

10am Morning Praise

24th November

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

November 2nd - 9th

Mrs G Whiting (A) Mrs J Birch (M)

November 16th - 23rd

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

November 30th - December 7th

Mrs C Thompson (A) - Mrs B Jones (M)

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
3rd November	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Harvest All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse 6pm Songs of
10th November			11am Remembrance Service	10 am Remembrance Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group
17th November	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
24th November	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd November 6pm at Road - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

A Changing Church

English Parish Churches always look as though they have remained unchanged for centuries.

In fact most have been added to, decorated, and adapted by successive generations. St Columba's is no exception with windows, memorials and even the fine pipe organ being donated by local residents.

The local Newspaper of 7th June 1912 records that a village fund had installed a new pulpit which was constructed by Collingtree builder S G Crow with ironwork by a Mr Oden of Collingtree.

With the exception of the carving which was done by a Mr Reynolds of Northampton, the whole of the design and construction was carried out in the village.



VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

At the Association AGM on 24th October John Blake was thanked for his term as Chairman and Bob Thompson took on the role for the coming year. There are likely to be plots both large and small becoming available in the new year. Collingtree is fortunate in having access to allotment gardening as most areas have long waiting lists.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

A very successful Gardeners Question Time was held on 17th October with superb support from all members. The Milton Malsor Village Hall was packed. The proceeds will be shared between the Village Hall and the WI. The next meeting in MM Village Hall is at 7.30pm on 14th November and is entitled 'How can I keep from Singing?' The Speaker is Natasha Thompson and the Competition is 'An item with an 'X' factor' *More details from Ann Marsh on 766060*

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

4th & 11th November

Wilma McArthur 764734

18th & 25th November

Lesley Sellers 769407

If you would like to help with collections, please contact: Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

With the cricket season over the cricket club enjoyed a weekend golf tournament at Belton Woods. In a Ryder up style competition the cricket club vice captain's team beat the Cricket Club captain's team 7.5 to 4.5. The event was also supported by some people from the village including Andrew Deeming. The cricket club are holding their annual awards dinner on November 15th at

Green's. All are welcome and please come if you are interested.

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

Pub Skittles

Although it has been a difficult start for the team this season, with the Cricket Tour taking away 7 players, we have

coped brilliantly with very able deputies stepping in for the regulars - big thanks to Pete Cosford, Ian Donachie, Richard Fletcher and Sue Blackman for helping us through. Our playing record this season so far is played 8, won 5 drawn 2 and lost only 1. Big local derby coming up on 7th November when we entertain the Compass from Milton Malsor - a fixture we always look forward to.

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Instead of 13th November the next meeting will now be Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Village Room.

An idea raised at a previous meeting, is a one year increase of the precept by £10,000, with the consequent rise in Council Tax, to fund a pedestrian crossing just to the east of the crossroads OR to fund traffic calming in Ash Lane. These ideas will be discussed at the next meeting and parishioners views should be sent to the Clerk.

Golf Course development The Bovis applications for two areas on and beyond the Golf Course have now been submitted to NBC Planning. The Parish Council will make responses based on the opinions gained from the public meeting on 18th September. The minutes of this meeting are in the noticeboards and copies can be obtained from the Clerk or Chairman. Responses from individual parishioners can be sent to NBC Planning if wished.

Pavements After the growth of this Summer, bushes are overhanging or obstructing pavements in some areas of the parish. Would all residents kindly check their situation and cut back any that are causing a problem. This message is being repeated because complaints have been received about some obstructions along part of Windingbrook Lane from the sports complex to the Over - 55 development. The Parish Council does not wish to issue warning letters to residents but, if complaints are received and no action taken, this will have to be done.

Planning application off Barn Corner Many objections to this have been registered with Northampton Borough Council and Cllr Michael Hill has agreed that this should be considered by the Planning Committee rather than be delegated to one planning officer. Planning Committee meetings can be attended by members of the public and dates gained by checking with the NBC website www.northampton.gov.uk or by telephoning 0300 330 7000

Street Lights A lamp has now been fitted to replace the one damaged in Lake Walk and the costs are being recouped from insurance. If you see any similar damage being done please note the registration number of the offending vehicle. Parishioners are reminded that any matter concerning street lights can be raised with the Parish Council Clerk or with the Parish Council's contractors E.ON on 01604 493743. Having the number of the lamp or its location will help.

Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk, Tess Taylor, contact numbers above. Minutes of all meetings are placed in the Parish Council notice - boards and email versions can be obtained from the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Room.

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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Parish Notices

- This year's Children Society Box Collection, raised £240. Thank you to all box holders for their continued generosity. If you would like to donate your spare coins to such a worthy charity, please contact Pauline Wright on 761930 for further information on becoming a box holder.
- The House of Lords trip organised with the help of Baroness Knight and Collingtree Coaches raised a total of £600 for the Friends of St Columba's. Added to this was a donation of £250 from Michael Brown whose late wife Mary, had been a very active member of the Friends Fundraising Committee.
- Ollie Strickland is well on the way to raising his target of £1,450 for Alzheimer's Research UK. On Saturday 30th November (with the help of Fay & Andy Tennet) there will be a Quiz Night for the charity in the Village Room. Look out for posters around the village.



Walls Whispers

Traditional Sunday lunch has proved really popular and we are getting more and more forward bookings for this and our evening menu, which we change slightly based on the best fresh ingredients we can source.

We are now fully booked for Christmas Day lunch and a Christmas menu which can be enjoyed evenings and lunchtime in the run up to Christmas will be available from the beginning of November.

We will be hosting a ticket only event on New Years' Eve with ticket numbers limited due to our size, and further details are available by speaking to Sue at the pub or calling 01604 760641.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to arrange a Halloween event or bonfire this year, but hopefully this can be sorted for next year. It has been great to see some new faces in the pub and I am really happy with the positive feedback you have given us - thanks once again!

Sue Blackman

Hunsbury and Collingtree Residents Alliance

There are many major concerns over the proposed Bovis development of 1000 houses on the Hunsbury/Collingtree site known as SUE No 5. Its sustainability has been questioned by the local County and Borough Councillors for the area, the local constituency MP, both local parish councils and very many, local residents. Of the 189 written responses to the most recent consultation, 185 were opposed.

Traffic congestion along Rowtree Road is the concern that unites all opponents together with the impact on the already disastrous Junction 15. Other issues include noise and air pollution and increased flood risk along Wootton Brook whether in Collingtree Park or further downstream in West Hunsbury.

The first phase of 380 houses is likely to produce a minimum of 3400 car movements a day and a maximum of 6270. This is based on the accepted formula and assumes one and a half cars per dwelling. The concern is that this will place intolerable pressure on the junction with the A45 and increase the likelihood of rat running through Collingtree Village.

For further details and suggestions on how to make your views known to NBC planners and the NBC Planning Committee: Email h-c-ra@hcra.co.uk or visit:

www.HCRA2013.co.uk

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