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ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY GROUPS IN COLLINGTREE PARISH

COLLINGTREE NEWS

December 2013

CHRISTMAS IN COLLINGTREE



Carols by Candle light

The traditional celebration of the Christmas story told through Nine Lessons and Carols.

6pm Sunday 15th December at St Columba's.

Followed by Wine and Mince Pies.

There will be a collection for the 'Help for Heroes'



Carol Singing at the Wooden Walls

It may be a dark and frosty night but join in and warm up with Carol Singing in the pub courtyard at 7.30pm on **Thursday 19th December**.

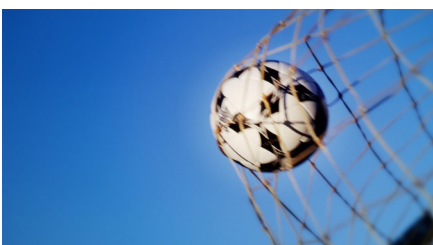
There will be a collection for the Friends of St Columba's Fund



Midnight Service on Christmas Eve

Midnight Eucharist will be celebrated at St Columba's

at 11.30pm on **Tuesday 24th December**.



Boxing Day Football Match

A match between teams representing the North and South of the village is a longstanding tradition in Collingtree. Come along and cheer them on **Boxing Day Morning 26th December** at the Watering Lane Playing Field. Watch out for details.

ST COLUMBA'S +

Christmas

The season of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth or Nativity of Jesus Christ, begins on 25th December and lasts for 12 days.

Boxing Day on 26th December is also St Stephen's Day, which is mentioned in the Christmas carol Good King Wenceslas.

The visit of the Magi (when the 'wise men' took gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus and symbolised by the gifts we give each other now) probably took place around two years after the birth of Christ, on a day celebrated in the Church calendar as Epiphany on 6th January.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Church Flowers - Christmas

December 21st at 10am

As many helpers as possible please to decorate the Church for Christmas.
Thank you all - Barbara Jones

January 4th - 11th

Mrs R Marris (A) Mrs K McCallum (M)

Services for December

1st December

6pm Evening Prayer

8th December

9am Parish Communion

15th December

6pm Carols by Candlelight

22nd December

10.30am Family Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

29th December

10.30 am Benefice Communion

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
1st December	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise	10.30am - 12.30pm Children's Advent Workshop
8th December	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group
15th December	10.30am Carol Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
22nd December		3pm Carol Service	6pm Carols by Candlelight	9.15 Parish Communion 6pm Carols by Candlelight

* On 24th December there is Christingle service at Road at 3pm and Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm. On Christmas Day there is Holy Communion Services at Ashton (8.15am) Courteenhall) 10am and Hartwell (10.30am)

The Village Pig Club

In our great grandfather's day, in villages like Collingtree, an important part of the build up for Christmas was the Pig Club. In the early 1900's, nearly every family in Collingtree kept a pig in a sty at the bottom of the garden.

This was a major source of food, and the main purpose of these clubs was to insure the owners against the illness or death of the pig before it was ready to be slaughtered. Members would pay an entrance fee of 4 shillings and an

annual subscription of 6d, and the club also bought food in bulk and provided a butcher at the appropriate time. The pigs were generally bought early in the year and fed on scraps. They were killed before Christmas and six weeks prior to this would be fattened up with pig potatoes and barley meal. They were usually about 20 stone by the time they were killed.

It was a difficult time when the butcher came as people became fond of their pigs. All parts of the pig were used and meat was often shared with friends and

relatives who had given scraps to feed it'.

If any member had a sick pig, they had to send for the club stewards who decided what should be done. If a pig died or had to be killed, the club would then compensate the member for the loss, but the rules stipulated that 'members shall not receive any more than what they gave for it'.

The Collingtree Pig Club was still thriving in 1909 and it held an Annual Dinner that was strictly men only. Sadly, the Village Pig Club is no more.

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

Allotments are no longer about 'Old Men in Sheds'. There is nothing more satisfying than sitting down to a plate of food that you have produced yourself. In some areas the waiting lists are interminable following the 'Good Life' boom in the 70's.

Collingtree is lucky in having its own parish allotments on Watering Lane.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

Thursday 12th December is the last meeting of the year. Members will enjoy a Christmas Dinner (prepared by one of the members) at Raynsford House in Milton Malsor (7pm for 7.30pm). The competition is 'Christmas Celebration'

Merry Christmas - Why not become a member?

Anyone interested in becoming a member next year, please contact Ann Marsh on 766060

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

2nd December

Shirley Flight 764433

9th & 16th December

Barbara Brice 764723

23rd & 30th December

Catherine Thompson 761368

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

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

The trophies awarded at the Annual Dinner in November reflected a most successful season of 16 games won and 5 lost. For Batting - Stuart Brown. Most Improved - Oscar Simmonds. Ducks - Rikash Patel. Drops - Grant Jones. Clubmen - John & Jimmy Bishop. Dan Harris picked up the remaining trophies for bowling, fielding and most sixes in a season plus the champagne moment of scoring over 1000 runs in one season - only the 5th player to achieve this for the club. Total runs scored was 1034 in 18 innings with a highest score of 143.

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

Pub Skittles

A mixed month for the team with 2 wins and 2 losses. One loss was against the Compass at Milton with a fantastic effort and only losing by a single chalk 32 - 31. Despite having 6 out of 9 winners we were unable to hang on.

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760

Tennis

The club collected 3 trophies at the recent League presentation - more than any other village team. *(see picture back page)* The club is now firmly on the tennis map with the A team being promoted to Division 1 of the Men's Summer League and Division 2 of the Winter League. The B team won Division 7 of the Men's Winter League. 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 Mrs Karen Hopkins from Windingbrook Lane has been co-opted to fill the casual vacancy in the North Ward caused by the tragic death of Mary Brown. Another vacancy in the North Ward is currently being advertised.

Pedestrian Crossing proposal It was pleasing that several people attended the last meeting to give their views on this proposal but no decision was made about the crossing or the extra funding. It was agreed that other possibilities would be discussed with the Highways Dept. and revised proposals would be taken to the next meeting on 8th January 2014.

CPC v CPCC Please note that the abbreviation used for Collingtree Parish Council is CPC but that for the Collingtree Parochial Church Council is CPCC. Cases of confusion between the two some-

times occur and this is not surprising as the BBC got the respective roles wrong in 'The Vicar of Dibley'.

Planning Matters

Ash Lane The application for three bungalows off Ash Lane is a detailed application for a site for which outline consent has already been granted.

Barn Corner The application for four houses off Barn Corner, which was heavily opposed, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Golf Course Development The target date for the Bovis application to be processed has been changed from the end of January until the end of March. The date for the resumption of hearings by the Planning Inspector has also been delayed until March 18th.

School Parent parking. Recently, there

were unpleasant confrontations over parking and a 4yr old was nearly hit by someone turning round in a private drive. The Parish Council has been informed by the police that powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act can be used against people annoying the public by driving in a careless or inconsiderate manner. Offences can be punished by an initial warning and confiscation of the vehicle if the offence is repeated by the driver of the same vehicle.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 8th January at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room.

Minutes of all meetings are placed in Parish Council noticeboards and e-mail versions can be obtained from the Clerk.

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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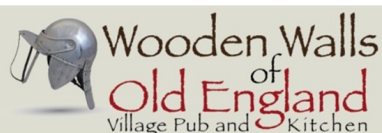
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Parish Notices



Collingtree Tennis Club scoop three trophies in Northampton Lawn Tennis League. Pictured (left to right) Matt Joyce (A team captain), Ian Nicholas (A team) and Gary Price (B team and Committee) See more details on page 3.



Events at the Walls over Christmas

Sunday 1st December

Sunday Lunch with popular local musician Rob Horn singing all the old favourites by Frank Sinatra, Michael Bubble, Neil Diamond. Booking is essential.

Sunday 8th December

Vinyl Night! Bring all your favourite records and share them with friends.

Friday 6th & 20th December

Dinner with Rob Horn entertaining. Booking is essential

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Day 11.30am - 1.30pm

New Year's Eve - Music and buffet, tickets £5

For more details call 01604 760641

Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance

Bovis Update

Following a huge consultation response from both local residents and statutory bodies, the two planning applications from Bovis are now unlikely to be considered until well into next year. The target decision date has been extended until March 2014.

Northampton Borough Council has found it difficult to cope with the volume and some respondents have been unable to get their comments on to the website.

The clarity of argument from residents and the public generally has been outstanding and largely based on sound planning objections. Searching questions have also been asked by bodies like the Environment Agency on flood risk prevention, County Highways on road investment and the Police on the extra manpower needed.

Getting access to the NBC website to see the comments made is difficult and slow - so HCRA has set up a new website to make this easier. The link can be found on:

www.HCRA2013.co.uk

It is now or never to have a say on these proposals and more responses are needed. They can be sent to NBC Planning Case Officer Rita Bovey The Guildhall, St Giles Sq. NN1 1DE. Tel: 01604 837237

Email: planning@northampton.gov.uk = quoting Planning reference N/2013/1035&1063



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