

COLLINGTREE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2013

HOW COLLINGTREE VOTED

The debate over what kind of relationship Britain should have with the EU, rages on with a majority of public opinion now in favour of looser ties or even withdrawal. Over 40 years ago the row was over whether we should join what was then the Common Market - which most of the public understood to be a straightforward Trading Agreement.

The pro's and con's were hammered out in towns and villages all over the country and Collingtree was no exception. In 1971 the Heath Government had just produced a White Paper promoting entry and a booklet, summarising the issues, was delivered to every household in the land.

A key message in the White Paper was that *'there was no question of Britain losing essential sovereignty'*.

Following the distribution of the booklet, the Chronicle & Echo visited Collingtree and other villages, to test local opinion. These are some of the comments they published:

Miss W, a younger voter from the High Street said: *"I am all for joining the Common Market. Germany and France are harder working nations than Britain and they see the benefits of their labours."* Another high Street voter Miss C, was equally forthright: *"I am a staunch Conservative so I support entry."*

Mr E, of Toms Close said: *"I don't think it is going to do us any good. Everything will go up in price, especially the things people really need like butter, eggs etc. I am against it."*

Mrs P, of Ash Lane was undecided as she thought relations would be difficult: *"The people in this country have never really got along with the continentals and this is repeatedly shown through history."*

A Mr H, was sceptical about the governments White Paper: *"So many issues have been evaded that it makes people suspicious. The question of sovereignty is bound to come up in the future and I don't swallow what they say about it never arising."*

Overall, at the end of the Chronicle & Echo poll, the residents of Collingtree were in favour of being in the Common Market (for 96, against 56, don't know 64, don't care 8)

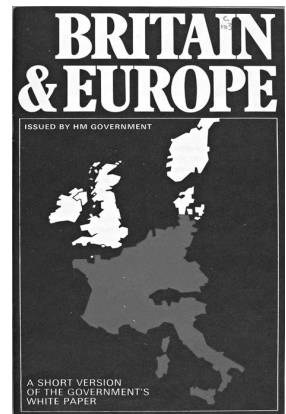
In neighbouring Milton Malsor, it was the reverse result (for 124, against 172, don't know 124, don't care 36)

When the only National Referendum ever held on the issue took place in 1975, there was a strong majority in favour of staying in the 'Common Market'.

Over 40 years on, the EU has developed into something very different and there are few policy areas in which Brussels does not have the final say. As the EU begins to unravel and Britain attempts to negotiate a return to a Trade Agreement, another Referendum now seems a possibility - maybe.

Politicians of all parties will be recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln: *"You can fool some of the people some of the time—but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."*

The booklet sent to all households in 1971



Local plans unfold

The expansion plan (Joint Core Strategy) backed by Northampton Borough Council, has now been sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

The JCS includes the farmland running alongside Wootton Brook and part of the Golf Course extending up to Collingtree Village.

Objectors had argued that this site should be excluded because of concerns over flooding. Traffic and pollution.

(See back page 'Neighbourhood Planning')

There will now be a Public Inquiry sometime in the Spring with the Inspector holding an initial hearing at the Guildhall at 2.30pm Monday 4th March.

Even though the Inquiry has not yet been held, it is expected that a Developer will submit a Planning Application for the site very shortly.

Any representations about the site can be made to the Programme Officer for the Inquiry:

Ian Kemp 01527 837 920

Email: ikemp@sky.com

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PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council will meet on Tuesday 5th February in the Village Room at 7.30pm. Items on the Agenda will include seeking approval for a roof alarm system and resurfacing of the Church perimeter footpath.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468
 Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for February

3rd February

6pm Evening Prayer

10th February

9am Parish Communion

17th February

10am Morning Praise

24th February

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

February 2nd - 9th

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

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

Additional Services

On 13th February (Ash Wednesday) there will be a Benefice Communion at Hartwell at 7.30pm

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
3rd February	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Light-house
10th February	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group
17th February	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
24th February	8.15am Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15am Parish Communion

Lent Lunches



Joanna Edmunds will be once again holding 'Lent Lunches' at her home at 4 Barn Mews, Collingtree Village.

All proceeds will help continue the care of over 60 abandoned babies and toddlers at the Forever Angels Home in Mwanza, Tanzania

This year the lunches will be every Tuesday (12.30pm until 2pm) from 19th February until 26th March inclusive.

Please drop in and enjoy soup, a roll, cheese and an apple - all for £1 or a donation. Everyone is welcome.

Call Joanna on 761759 for more details.

News from Collingtree School

On Thursday 24th January, a squad of 12 children(6 boys, 6 girls) in year 6, represented the school in an Indoor Athletics Competition at Elizabeth Woodville School, against five other local primary schools. Although the Olympics seem a long way off, the effort, team spirit and determination would have graced any Olympic team. No medal positions were obtained but the children ran, threw and jumped with great enthusiasm. Both the boys and girls relay teams won their races. On 31st January, the School Tag Rugby squad was invited to represent the local area in the South Northants District Competition at Bugbrooke.

We also have a group of children in Year 4,5 and 6 representing the school by participating in 'A Voice in a Million' at Wembley Stadium on 12th March. The children are learning the songs very well and are excited about the prospect of appearing at Wembley!

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

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The Association been established on Watering Lane for over 50 years with a range of plot sizes, piped water and a friendly group of members - including many lady members.



For details of current plot availability contact Graeme Joll 767277

Neighbourhood Watch

Most in the village are aware of the serious aggravated burglary over New Year.

The Safer Communities Team can be contacted on 0300 111 222 or if urgent on 999

The NW Coordinator is Fay Tennet on 765742.

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is on February 14th at 7.30 at Milton Malsor Village Hall and will be a demonstration of Sugar Craft by Jo Brennan of 'Creative Cakes'

The competition is 'Be my Valentine'

More details from Ann Marsh on 766060

Medicine Collection for February

Weeks commencing:

January 28th & February 4th

Lesley Sellers 769407

11th & 18th February

Gill Whiting 677851

25th February

Irene Skinner 768394

The Collection Service for medicines from Roade and Blisworth Surgeries has operated on a voluntary Rota basis for many years. Additional volunteers are urgently needed and if you are able to help please contact:

Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

The club is preparing for a new season starting in April. We have some 20 members but would welcome more—especially from the Collingtree area. Enthusiasm and a willingness to join in are valued as much as cricketing skills. Contact *Karen Hopkins kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk* or call *Mark Underwood 07834 518760*

Tennis Club

The winter season continues despite the weather. We are well represented in the Northampton Winter League with two men's teams and a veterans team. *Details from Geoff Kershaw on 761331 or visit www.collingtreetennis.co.uk*

Pub Skittles Team

The Wooden Walls Pub Skittles team continues to do well in the Gayton & District League.

To get involved call Darren 766602 or Mark Underwood 07834 518760

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

Highway Matters More repairs to local roads were planned by NCC during January but the snow has caused delay.

Planning Matters There has been no further news on the Park & Ride proposal, or the tidying up of the lay-by on the A45 near the Collingtree turn.

Some will be aware that the Golf Club has contacted its members to say that some planning moves are likely to take place in March. Plans have still not been submitted but surveyors have been noted on the land to the west of Barn Corner and Black Walk. The Parish Council together with Wootton and East Hunsbury PC and the Hunsbury and Collingtree Resi-

dents Alliance, has submitted to NBC a statement of local concerns relating to the SUE No5 Expansion site. There are now going to be meetings during January and February for councillors to attend. Parishioners were promised a public meeting when any planning application arose and it may be that the next Parish Council meeting on 13th March will become a public meeting. Please watch for announcements in the Newsletter, notice-boards and on the Just Collingtree website.

Public Awards The idea was suggested to the Parish Council of giving some form of Parish Award for local people who had done special things for the community. This did not find favour at the last meeting as it was thought

likely to be divisive as so many people do special things for this community. Northampton Borough Council does run an annual awards scheme that could be used for this purpose if anyone so wishes to make nominations to it.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th January have now been placed in notice-boards

Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk (see above) The next meeting will be on 13th March at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room. Minutes of all meetings are placed in the Parish Council notice boards. Email versions are available from the Clerk.

Parish Notices

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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Visit the only website dedicated to Collingtree Village and Parish

<http://justcollingtree.co.uk>

- Debbie and Adrian Flowers of Spinney Drive want to express their heartfelt thanks for all the support they have received from all their friends & neighbours. After their recent dreadful experience, the many cards, flowers and good wishes have been a genuine comfort.
- The PCC Annual Fish & Chip Supper, will be held at the Village Room at 7.30pm on Friday 8th March. The supper will include mushy peas and homemade apple pie - and all for only £8. Just bring your own knives, forks and spoons and your favourite drink. Tickets from Irene Skinner (768394) or Mick Marsh (766060)
- The Friends of St Columba's fundraising group held its first meeting of the year on 10th January and is planning further events over coming months. The group will be contributing to the costs of an Alarm System for the Church roof and repairs to the perimeter footpath.

Neighbourhood Planning

Part of the government's revision of the Planning system is a move to encourage 'localism' whereby local residents have a greater say in development proposals that affect their area.

Wootton & East Hunsbury Parish Council and Collingtree Parish Council, assisted by local councillors, are producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

This specifically relates to the proposed development site (SUE No. 5) on farmland alongside Wootton Brook and extending over part of the Golf Course up to Collingtree Village.

If, after a Public Inquiry, approval for development is given, the Neighbourhood Plan would seek to minimise the impact and propose better traffic and environmental solutions.

The views of residents in both Hunsbury and Collingtree, on the Neighbourhood Plan, will be sought in coming weeks.

It's all about delivery!

An overdue thank you to those who deliver this Newsletter to every home in the Parish, every month, come rain or shine. Also thanks to many of their 'other halves' who often step in to help.

Irene Skinner

Ann Marsh

John Green

Pauline Wright

Tom Ball

Shirley Yule

Barbara Jones

Rachel Coull

Jan Birch

Selina Smith

Jean Markie

Boxing Day Football

The Boxing Day Football Match at the Playing Field raised £100 for the Mercy Corps, an International Relief and Development charity. The fixture has now been going over twenty years.

In a game of two halves, the South recovered from 2 -1 down at half time and, taking advantage of the slope, scored 6 to win 7 - 2

Goals from Adam Sherlock & Nick Howard from the North, Jon Stevens & Dom Clark (with hat tricks) & Micky Ryan for the South.

Our thanks to Scott Howard & Ben Booker for organising the teams, the Booker brothers and friends for sorting out the pitch, Rob Flight for refereeing, Darren for his hospitality at the Wooden Walls - and all the Villagers and Friends who gave their support.

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