

COLLINGTREE NEWS

July 2013

COLLINGTREE VILLAGE FETE - 2PM SUNDAY 14TH JULY

The tradition of a Village Fete in Collingtree began in 1918 at the end of the First World War. A 'Garden Fete' was held in the grounds of the old Collingtree Grange, to raise funds for returning soldiers from the Northamptonshire Regiment.

Among the attractions 95 years ago was boating on the Ornamental Lake, country dancing and a sale of donated livestock including a Berkshire pig given by the Grange owner, Mrs Caroline Sears.

In recent times it was held every two years to raise funds for St Columba's church with the last event being held in 2009.

Now the Village Fete is being revived with the help of the 'Friends of St Columba's' fundraising group and will be in support of both the maintenance cost and the wider work of the Diocese.

It will all happen in the rear garden of the Wooden Walls pub on Collingtree High Street and starts at 2pm.

Sadly, there will be no pigs on sale this year but plenty of attractions to appeal to all ages.

- *Live Music from the Moulton 77 Brass Band. Sponsored by Central Foods.*
- *Children's Maypole Dancing*

• *Traditional Punch & Judy shows.*

• *Tug of War Contest between 8 man teams from the Wooden Walls pub and the 'Friends' group.*

• *Stalls for the sale of Homemade Jams and Preserves. - Homemade Cakes - Fruit, vegetables and plants.*

• *Bottle Tombola (see back page)*

• *Church Warden's Treasure Chest of second hand items you could be looking for!*

• *Face Painting for youngsters and a chance to hurl wet sponges at 'the man in the stocks'*

• *Rides on 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and model racing cars.*

During the afternoon there will be 'Afternoon Teas' in the Village Room together with a Video Slide Show of photo's of Old Collingtree. St Columba's church will be open for visitors - and of course the Wooden Walls will be 'open as usual'

Can you Help?

If you have any items you can donate - please contact the following:

Bric a brac 'Treasures'

Peter Skinner 768394

Cakes

Agnes Barfoot 762389

Fruit/Veg / Plants

Margaret Joll 767277

Jams & Preserves

Joanna Edmunds 761759

Or call Selina Smith 769439



ST COLUMBA'S +

Where are the Wardens ?

The earliest records we have show that back in 1638, William Bristle-bolt and William Lack, were the Church Wardens at St Columba's. Since then generations of local wardens have carried the responsibility of trusteeship of church property and role within the village. Rectors and Priests come and go but the church must always serve its community. Our present Church Wardens have between them served for over 47 years with four changes in Rector and sometimes with no Rector at all.

Gratitude for their dedication is mixed with an anxiety over where our future Church Wardens will come from.



Church Wardens

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

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for July

7th July

6pm Evening Prayer

14th July

9am Parish Communion

21st July

10am Morning Praise

28th July

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

June 22nd - June 29th

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

July 6th - July 13th

Mrs. C Thompson (A) Mrs. J Birch (M)

July 20th - July 27th

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

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Roads
7th July	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse
14th July	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth
21st July	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
28th July	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion

MORE HOLY HOWLERS

Parish Newsletters (not this one of course) are well known for their 'howlers' and mangled meanings. Here is a further selection of extracts that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' - giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and hear our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

The Annual Summer Buffet for members will be held at the Allotments Gardens on 18th August.

There is still a small plot available for a keen gardener who is a resident of Collingtree parish (including that part of Collingtree Park within the parish)

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Neighbourhood Watch

The NW Coordinator is Fay Tennet on 765742. The Safer Communities Team number is 0300 111 222 or if urgent on 999

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th July at 7.30pm in Milton Malsor Village Hall. The Speaker is Rebecca Ayton and her subject is 'Anyone can save Lives'. The competition is 'A First Aid Kit for a country walk'.

In August there is break and then a return on 12th September with all systems geared up towards a visit from BBC 'Gardeners Question Time' on 17th October.

For details on how to get tickets or any further information, call Ann Marsh on 766060

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

1st July

Virginia Tyler 761358

8th & 15th July

Shirley Flight 764433

22nd & 29th July

Ann Marsh 766060

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

Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

This months fixtures begin with a home event when the Club play the annual Presidents Day match on 7th July, against the Wooden Walls pub. The match starts at 2pm at the Watering Lane pitch. The next three fixtures are then away to Blakesley, Great Haughton and Old.

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

Pub Skittles

Team Captain Mark Underwood was delighted to win the Captains Cup (9 -7) but even more pleased that the team picked up the Blisworth League trophy for the most improved team of the season. Both trophies will soon be on display at the Wooden Walls and practicing continues - especially as a new Skittles table has now been installed at the pub.

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760

Tennis Club

The 'Open Day' on 23rd June was sadly affected by the poor weather over that weekend and hopefully another can be arranged. New members are most welcome and full details of competitions and facilities can be found on the club website:

www.collingtreetennis.co.uk

Or call Geoff Kershaw on 761331

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

Dog access slider - Barn Corner The first slider provided was heavy it is true but it was then taken away/stolen. A lighter one was then put in place and secured by a rope to deter further theft. The rope was cut and that was taken. Another will soon be put in place and it is hoped it will be left alone. The materials cost the community money and removing them constitutes theft that will be prosecuted if the offender can be traced. As the slider helps dog walkers yet keeps livestock in, it would appear the best option for everyone. If just a gap is left, one cannot blame the farmer if he takes steps to block off all dog access. There is, after all, no legal right to walk a dog on a countryside public footpath.

Parish Council Audit. The figures agreed to go before the independent internal

auditor and then the national external auditors have been accepted and the audit has been successfully completed.

Planning matters.

Tom's Close. At the last Parish Council meeting a developer attended to explain plans to put 2 blocks of semi-detached houses on the south-western corner of Tom's Close. Despite the NBC decision target date being 14th June, no decision has yet been indicated. An application has since been made for a bungalow to the rear of 7 Tom's Close.

Golf Course development There have been no further moves and the date of the visit to the area by the Planning Inspector has yet to be announced. .

Please continue to watch for announce-

ments in the newsletter and in the notice-boards for any new date for a public meeting..

Parish Council contact Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk, Tess Taylor, on 07729 784653, or on her new email address tessajtaylor@icloud.com

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 10th July, 2013, at 7.30 pm in Collingtree Village Room.

Minutes of all meetings are placed in the Parish Council notice-boards and email versions can be gained 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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- Many people were disappointed that all the places on the tour of the Houses of Parliament in October had been taken so quickly. There is a waiting list for any cancellations and Baroness (Jill) Knight has offered to consider another tour next year.
- The 'Friends' group want to thank Jenny and Jim Redmond for raising £115 from their 'Open Garden' event in June
- A marcasite brooch was found in the Village Room on 29th May. If you think it may be yours please call Peter Skinner on 768394
- The Collingtree Art Group meets regularly on Thursday morning in the Village Room. On 4th July there will be an end of year critique of members work by local artists Tom Paintain and Tony Ward between 10am & 12noon. Please drop in and have a look - and perhaps consider joining the group. Call Agnes on 762389 for more details.
- A Diary Date . On Sunday 6th October there will be full 'Choral Evensong' at St Columba's with the Watling Singers. More details will follow in future Newsletters.

Expansion Update

As yet, the expected Planning Application by Bovis for 1,000 houses between East Hunsbury and Collingtree, has not been submitted.

However during June the developer invited councillors to attend a presentation of their proposals at the Guildhall.

Local residents from all parts of the area, gathered on the steps of the Guildhall to show their opposition to the plan and voice their concerns.

For more on the propose development visit:

www.HCRA2013.co.uk

COLLINGTREE SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

In the school grounds

Friday 5th July

3.35pm till 5pm

Cream teas will be served alongside traditional entertainment with Maypole Dancing by the children.

Plenty of stalls and fun - so please come along and join us. You will be made most welcome.

Collingtree Village Fete 14th July

Bottle Tombola

A popular part of all the village fetes held over the years has been the chance to draw a winning ticket and secure a welcome bottle of wine.

We depend on the generosity of neighbours to donate the bottles and if you can help please contact Pauline & Chris Wright on 761930

Any contributions will be gratefully accepted at 8 Watering Lane

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