

# COLLINGTREE NEWS

June 2013

## NIMBYS - THE INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Our ruling classes, especially government ministers, have a new term of abuse – Nimby. The 'Not in My Backyard' brigade. It was originally used against folk who were happy enough to enjoy the benefit of any new development, as long as it was nowhere near them. Now the accusation is tossed at anyone who questions the need for inefficient wind turbines on the rural skyline, traveller camps alongside ancient villages or mass housing on Greenfield sites. Rather than being celebrated for protecting what is good about the English countryside, Nimbys are trashed by politicians for being selfish bigots.

The inconvenient truth however, is that that these protesters are mostly the very people that pay their taxes, bother to vote, look after their streets, pick the litter, organise charity work and generally make their local area a decent place to live. Of course new houses are needed and building on the huge land banks already owned by developers, would be a good start.

As Journalist Max Hastings put it "the word Nimby is used by politicians as a term of abuse. Instead it should be a badge of honour because it describes somebody who cares deeply about what happens on his or her patch of land, and refuses to believe that the man from the ministry knows best"

### *An Update from Sue and the crew at the Wooden Walls*

"Firstly a great big thank you for those who joined us on our opening night. The atmosphere you created was really great and the evening flew by for us! Since then it has been great to see a lot of you return and the real ales and fine wines are proving really popular.

An update on the food!

We have had a couple of meetings with the kitchen planner and the brewery and we are hoping that all is on track for the works to the kitchen to be completed by mid June. Having said that, we still do not have anything in writing and therefore, until we have, I can only say that we are still hoping that food will be available from 1st July - we will of course keep you updated as and when we have further information.

We are also getting ready to take delivery of our new coffee machine and we are looking forward to being able to offer a range of coffees, teas and cakes. In the meantime - our free WiFi is now up and running and we can also take payment by debit and credit card as well.

Finally, we are looking to offer two apprenticeships, one supported by the BII (British Institute of Innkeepers) which will offer all round experience in hospitality and running a pub and a marketing and hospitality apprenticeship giving knowledge and experience of business marketing. Both of these positions are fully supported and will result in official qualifications, and are open to 16 - 24 year olds".

*For any further information, please speak to Sue at the Wooden Walls. 07957 837446*

## Collingtree Fete

Plans are now well underway for Collingtree's very own Village Fete on

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

**With the help of Sue Blackman, it will be held in the garden at the rear of the Wooden Walls pub and will feature many of the attractions of a traditional country fete - including Brass Band, Punch & Judy, Tug of War contest and Afternoon Tea in the Village Room.**



**We would love some help with stalls for Plants & Fruit - Bottle Tombola - Cakes - Jams - Treasure Hunt & prize draw.**

**If you can help in any way or want to find out more, please call 769407 or 765742 or 674999**

# ST COLUMBA'S + ST COLUMBA'S DAY IS SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

## Tom McCallum

Tom McCallum, a well known and well loved member of the Collingtree community, passed away on Thursday 16th May after a long illness. His funeral was held at St Columba Church on Wednesday 29th May. Kath McCallum wishes to express her thanks for all the cards and condolences.



### 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

#### 2nd June

6pm Evening Prayer

#### 9th June

9am Parish Communion

#### 16th June

10am Morning Praise

#### 23rd June

10.30am Family Service

### Church Flowers

#### June 8th - June 15th

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

#### June 22nd - June 29th

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

## SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Roads
2nd June	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse
9th June	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth
16th June	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
26th May/23rd June	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion

On Sunday 30th June, there will be a Benefice Communion at Courteenhall at 10.30am

### HOLY HOWLERS

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

- The sermon this morning: Jesus walks on Water. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ended a friendship that began in their school days.



## VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

### Allotment Association

Plans are now in hand for the Annual Summer Buffet for members to be held at the Allotments Gardens in August.

There is currently a small plot vacant and available for any keen gardener resident within the Collingtree 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 13th June at Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Speaker is Nick Wilkins and his subject "the Mondo Challenge Foundation Charity" - changing lives. The competition is 'Learn and Live'

The coach outing to Kew Gardens on Saturday 15th June, departs from Milton Village at 9am. There are still some seats available (at £12 pp) for anyone wishing to join us. Garden entry payment can be made at the gate - or you could 'do your own thing' in the Kew area. *Please call 859133 or 858866 for more details.*

### Medicine Collection

#### Weeks commencing:

#### 3rd June

Helen Pearce 07590 037090

#### 10th & 17th June

Philippa Bowden 769713

#### 24th June

Virginia Tyler 761358

*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

It has been a good start to the season with all games being played despite the hit and miss weather. We have played 7, won 5 and lost 2. There have been notable batting performances - from Terry Rhodes, scoring 114 not out against Horton with 3 other players, Fred Peters, Dan Harris and Stuart Brown, scoring over 50. The bowling and fielding have also been good with Nick Peters getting 2 wickets for 4 runs against Obelisk,

Kevin Hopkins 3 for 14 against Old and Stuart Brown 5 wickets against Farthingstone with a good overall performance from Grant Jones. During June we have home games on 2nd, 16th and 30th starting at 2pm.

For further details please contact Karen Hopkins on [kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk) or Mark Underwood on 07834518760

### Pub Skittles

An excellent season ended on a disappointing note with a loss to Towcester in the Doubles Competition. Nevertheless, morale is high after securing a good League position and everyone is keen to practice for the new season—especially as a new Skittles table has now been installed at the Wooden Walls pub.

*To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS PARISH CLERK: TESS TAYLOR 07729784653 [tessajtaylor@icloud.com](mailto:tessajtaylor@icloud.com)

**The AGM of the Council** was held on 8th May, followed by a normal meeting. The Council membership continues as before with Mr Malcolm Brice as Chairman and Mrs Trini Crake as Vice-Chairperson. The meeting agreed the figures to go before the Independent Internal Auditor and then the national external auditors.

**Planning Matters (Tom's Close)** At the last PC meeting a developer attended to explain plans to put 2 blocks of semi-detached houses on the south-western corner of Tom's Close. He explained that one corner block of 2 would be in stone to match those in Watering Lane and the other 2 would match existing houses in Tom's Close. This was queried by a resident who claimed that there was a possibility of houses in Tom's Close, being demolished. Neither the Parish Council or our local Borough Councillor, Michael Hill had heard of this and Councillor

Hill has since confirmed that there is no intention to knock down houses in Tom's Close or develop any more land in that area. The Northampton Borough Council (NBC) intention is to use No 17, due to be vacated, to test their ideas about better insulation and heating for those houses. The PC decided that portakabins could not be sited on the Playing Field during the summer while this work went on. There was concern at the meeting that the new houses on Tom's Close could add to the existing parking problems as there could be 16 new residents. The developer pointed out that there would be 2 off-road spaces to each house. The PC will make observations on the plans but anyone who wishes to object should give their views direct to NBC by Email or letter. The lack of a footpath on one side of Tom's Close and dropped kerbs onto Watering Lane was also raised. Councillor Phil Larratt

has discussed this with Andrew Leighton of NCC and dropped kerbs will be installed both on Tom's Close and three areas on Ash Lane.

**(Barn Corner)** whilst news of any development often causes alarm, it is good to note that extensions can be done well and in keeping with their surroundings. A case in point is the extension on Barn Corner where K2 Construction have done an excellent job and with great care have extended the house and yet retained its essential appearance.

**(Golf Course development)** There have been no further moves and a site visit by the Planning Inspector has yet to be arranged. **Watch out for announcements in the Newsletter and notice boards**

**The next meeting will be on 10th July 2013 at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room.**

## 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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- Jane and Chris Thompson want to thank everyone for all the good wishes and support they received during Jane's recent hospital treatment. All is now well and the many cards, flowers and messages from friends and neighbours were greatly appreciated.
- Following the note in last months Newsletter, there has been a tremendous response to the planned tour of the Houses of Parliament hosted by Baroness (Jill) Knight. A coach has been donated by Collingtree Coaches and all the seats have now been booked for the trip on Tuesday 15th October. Tickets are £12 and a waiting list for any cancellations is being held. Please call 769407. All proceeds are for the Friends of St Columba's.
- Once again there has been a great response from members of the Friends of St Columba's in renewing their annual subscription. Membership is £5 per head (£10 per couple) and if anyone would like to rejoin before renewals are completed at the end of June - please call Pam on 674999
- Collingtree Tennis Club are holding an Open day at the Watering Lane courts between 2 & 4pm on Sunday 23rd June. Anyone of any age can come along and join a free coaching clinic and find out more [www.collingtreetennis.co.uk](http://www.collingtreetennis.co.uk)

### Expansion Update

Following the Public Examination of the Northampton Expansion Strategy (JCS) in April the Inspector has raised further questions on the strategy which includes 1,000 houses between East Hunsbury and Collingtree. He has set another hearing date during October.

Traffic measurements taken by Wootton & East Hunsbury Parish Council during May, show that even before any new building, 57,000 vehicles a week use the Toby roundabout (12,500 each weekday peak period)

To find out more visit:  
[www.HCRA2013.co.uk](http://www.HCRA2013.co.uk)

### PULL THE OTHER ONE !

A feature of the Fete on July 14th will be a Tug of War challenge between a team representing the Wooden Walls pub and a team representing the Friends of St Columba's.

The rules of the Tug of War Association will apply and all under the eye of an experienced Referee. Tug of War is a traditional English sport which once featured in the Olympics.

Recruitment of team members is now underway and if you fancy your pulling power - this is your big chance !

Contact either of the 'Tugmasters'

Mick for the Wooden Walls - 07957 837446

Andy for the Friends - 765742

### An Open Garden event

To raise funds for the Friends of St Columba's Church



Sunday 9th June  
12.30 - 5pm

Karell House, 16 Belfry Lane,  
Collingtree Park

with the kind permission of Jenny and Jim Redmond

Entry is £3 and refreshments are available

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