

COLLINGTREE NEWS

March 2014

What next !

For such a small village , Collingtree has seen more than its fair share of change. Far from being a sleepy backwater resistant to new development, the number of houses has doubled in the last 20 years and the village lives daily with the growing pressure of the M1, Junction 15 and the A45 Trunk road.

Other development issues in the pipeline include:

1. The two planning applications by Bovis for over 1,000 houses on farmland and floodplain—are still being considered by NBC. This is due for decision by end of March but may have to await a report by the Independent Planning Inspector into expansion plans for the whole of Northampton. A further stage of the Inspector's examination begins on 18th March.

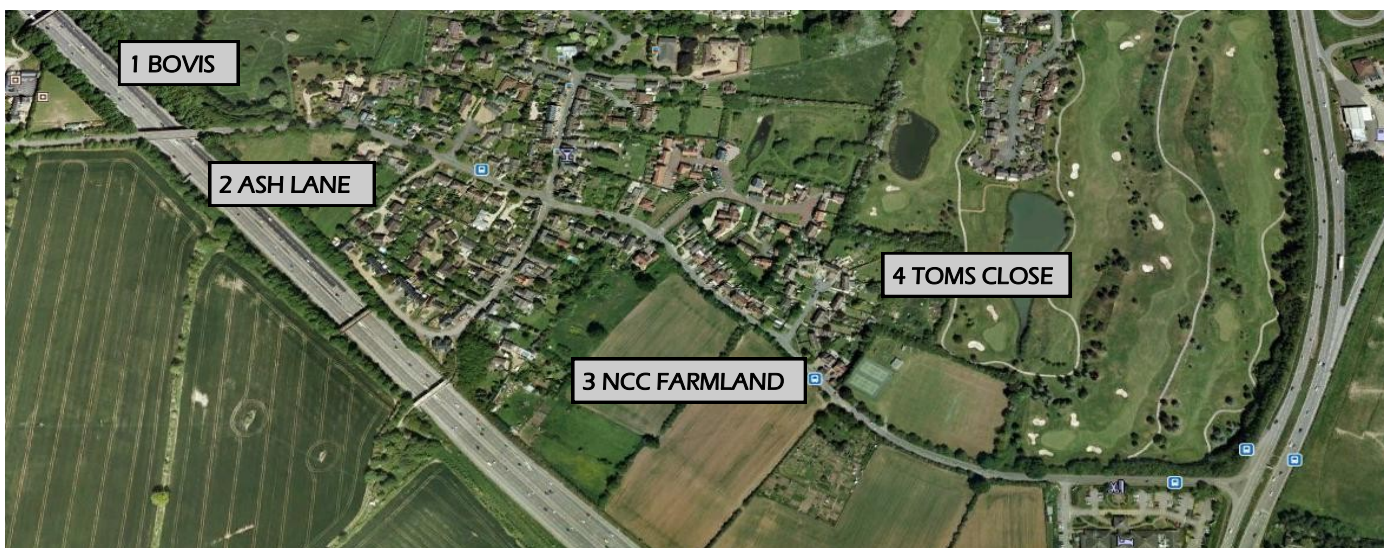
2. Some residents in Ash Lane have been asked by the County Council, for their views on relocating the Bus Stops in this area. This would involve two new stops, one on each side of Ash Lane.

It is not clear whether this would mean the removal of the existing Stop and Shelter at the cross-roads.

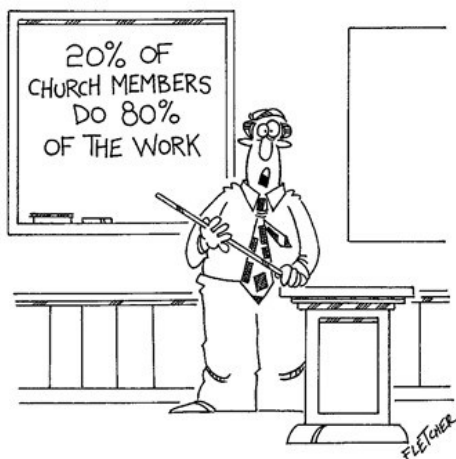
Because of increased traffic through the village, County Highways have been asked to consider a 20 mph limit along the whole Ash Lane/Watering Lane route. This may help slow traffic through the cross-roads and hopefully would not require speed humps.

3. The agricultural land alongside Watering Lane (owned by the County Council) currently has no tenant. Everyone, including the Allotment Association, is keen that the land is under cultivation as soon as possible. NCC say they are in negotiation with possible tenants. However, other sources reveal that their Estates Officers are still promoting the land as a Park & Ride for Silverstone Race Days.

4. Northampton Borough Council has now decided that the cost of making necessary improvements to its houses at Tom's Close, are not economic. They have informed all residents that the houses are to be demolished and the site redeveloped.



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"So the question is - how to get this 20 % to press on to even greater achievement"

**Church Wardens**

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Collingtree Church Flowers

Although there will be no service on 20th April (Easter Sunday), the church will be open on Saturday 19th April at 10am for any Flower helpers who would like to contribute some flowers.

Many thanks for your continued help.

Barbara Jones

Services for March**2nd March**

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

9th March

9am Parish Communion (BM)

16th March

10am Morning Praise (CW)

23rd March

10.30am Family Service (BM)

30th March (Mothering Sunday)

10am Family Service (CW)

CW = Church Warden led

BM = Benefice Minister led

The AGM of Collingtree Parochial Church Council will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30 pm in the Village Room.

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

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

Additional Services: 5th March (Ash Wednesday) 6.30 pm Benefice Communion at Road - 30th March (Mothering Sunday) 10.30am All Age Services at Ashton and Road - 9.15am Benefice Communion at Hartwell.

Friends of St Columba's - Raising funds for Fabric

The fourth AGM and Social Evening of the Friends will be held in the Village Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th April.

Each year the current members are invited to hear how the funds raised over the year have helped with the upkeep of the ancient church building and grounds.

It is also a chance to meet friends

and neighbours and, over a glass of wine, consider ideas for future fund-raising events.

We also invite anyone who is interested in our ancient village church to come along and join us.

Annual membership of the 'Friends' is only £5 per person (or £10 per household). Every contribution helps to maintain the fabric and structure

of the Grade 1 Listed building.

Last year the events organised included a coach trip to the House of Lords, the Village Fete and open air Carol Singing at the Wooden Walls pub.

To find out more, please come along at 7.30 pm on April 9th.

For more details call Pam on 674999 or Rod on 769407

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

After all the rain, the light sandy soil at the allotments quickly begins to drain and growing will soon begin. There are plots vacant and now is the time to get stuck in.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is March 13th in Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Speaker is Jean Sacre and her subject 'Haraam Egyptian Dancers' The

competition is for an exotic veil or headdress.

June 14th is the date of this year's outing which is to Birmingham Museum of the Jewellery Quarter. Coach Fare £12 pp - Museum £4 pp (group booking) Tea, coffee & biscuits on arrival £2 pp (must be booked ahead) Non museum customers can be dropped off near the Shopping Centre.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection**W/C 3rd & 10th March**

Helen Pearce 07590 037090

W/C 17th & 24th March

Shirley Flight 764433

Anyone who has difficulty in picking up their prescriptions from Roade or Blisworth Surgeries can call volunteers on the above Rota.

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

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

The Club held its AGM on 4th February 2014. The following personnel were elected to office, Chair - John Bishop, Treasurer - Mark Underwood, Secretary - Karen Hopkins, Captain - Chris Pedel and Vice Captain - Tim Butler. The club also appointed Dan Harris as mid week captain. After several years as Club President Fred Peters stepped down and it was unanimously decided to bestow this honorary position on Rob Flight one of the clubs longest serving members, having played for the club since he was a teenager. Nets continue on Wednesdays until April 2nd, 8 - 9pm at the Northants County ground. There will

be a ground works day on 5th April at 1pm—meet at the playing fields.

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

Pub Skittles

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07834 518760

Tennis Club

Play continues through the winter, although the weather has caused a few problems!

The men's A team continues to dominate the N'ton league. Having reached the top division in the summer league, the team is now set to win promotion to division 2 in the winter league.

Club play continues despite the weather, as does private coaching.

For more details visit:
www.collingtreetennis.co.uk or call
Geoff Kershaw on 761331

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Ash Lane Traffic Calming Creation of a 20mph limit, with traffic calming, to Ash Lane. This will mean that all roads off the cross-roads will be covered by the 20mph limit. A scheme is being designed by the highway engineers and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 12th March when a highways representative will attend.

Dogs on footpaths Please remember that dogs walked along public footpaths should be under close control and stick to the permitted paths. When there is livestock in the field, the Countryside Code recommends dogs should be kept

on leads to avoid possible danger to livestock, dogs and their owners.

Planning matters.

Golf Course development The target date for the Bovis application to be processed is still the end of March. The meetings before the Planning Inspector are still planned for March 18th onwards.

Tom's Close Proposals by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) for the redevelopment of Tom's Close will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 12th March when

representatives from NBC will attend

Playing Field The excessively wet weather has meant that tarmac road planings have been put down in the field entrance and more have been added. Please use the parking in the field whenever possible and do not park in the gateway.

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

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 12th March at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room.

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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.

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Parish Notices

- Joanna Edmunds will be once again holding 'Lent Lunches' at her home at 4 Barn Mews, Collingtree Village. The lunches (between 12.30 & 2pm) will be every Tuesday from 11th March to 15th April inclusive and all proceeds go to the 'Forever Angels' baby and toddler home in Mwanza, Tanzania. Drop in and enjoy soup, a roll, cheese and an apple - all for £1 donation. For more details call Joanna on 761759.
- Kath McCallum and family would like to thank all those people who sent their condolences to them in their recent very sad loss.
- Police are warning of an increase in telephone scams. The callers claim to be police officers or bank officials investigating fraud and ask for card details. The simple message is ignore or report these calls - the police or your bank would never phone for these details.



Our kitchen is open Tuesday to Thursday 12 noon until 2pm and 7pm until 9pm

Friday and Saturday 12 noon until 2.30 pm and 7pm until 9.30pm

Sunday lunch from 12 noon until 3pm

For table bookings call 01604 760641



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Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance - Update

www.HCRA2013.co.uk

"It would be absurd, given the knowledge we now have, to build houses or anything else, on a flood plain".

(Owen Patterson Environment Secretary)

On this basis it might be thought that the plan for 1,000 houses with road access through the Wootton Brook flood plain, would be 'dead in the water'. However it remains in the expansion strategy promoted by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. This strategy will be reviewed again by an Independent Inspector when he restarts his examination on 18th March. At the moment the strategy is not supported by Northampton Borough Council and the County Council and therefore is being pushed through by Daventry and South Northants councillors.

A second meeting to approve the strategy had to be arranged because the earlier meeting at Northampton was later judged to be invalid. To the annoyance of the public who were at the first meeting, the replay was held in Daventry with insufficient places for the hundred or so people attending (many from Collingtree) and severe limitations on who could speak.

The County Council has now said formally that they wish to see any major housing developments directed to the north of the town and want to avoid any further pressure on the A45 and Junction 15.

The Independent Inspector will have to take all this into account in producing his final report.



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