

COLLINGTREE NEWS

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GOODBYE GREENFIELDS - HELLO TRAFFIC

Years ago, when one built up area began to merge into another, it was called 'Urban Sprawl'. Now planners prefer the term 'Sustainable Urban Extensions' and one of these SUE's is planned on the remaining open space around Collingtree and East Hunsbury.

During the town expansion of the 1970's, the Northampton Development Corporation (NDC) drew up a Master Plan for what was then called the Southern District. This mapped out what is now East and West Hunsbury and a road network feeding into Rowtree Road was built to handle the traffic expected from the new houses, schools and shops.

The NDC also decided that the area, around Wootton Brook and up to the M1, was unsuitable for building because of noise, flood risk and unstable land. This remained as open farmland or, as at West Hunsbury, landscaped parkland. Later, Collingtree Park, an International standard Golf Course with a limited number of low density houses was approved.

When the NDC was wound up in 1985, Northampton Borough Council continued with a similar planning approach and in 1997 the Northampton Local Plan noted that:

"There is generally no urban "sprawl" into the surrounding open countryside which is unusual for a town of the size of Northampton. It provides a real advantage in terms of identity for the town".

Over the years the area has not stood still. Collingtree Parish has doubled in size and Hunsbury and Wootton have grown along with the huge traffic increases on the M1, A45 and Junction 15.

Despite this planning history, the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee (WNJPC) – a combination of councils from Northampton, Daventry and

South Northants - is now promoting another expansion plan build over 40,000 houses on several 'Sustainable Urban Extensions' on mainly greenfield sites around Northampton.

If approved, SUE No 5 will allow 1000 houses (up to 40% 'affordable') on land bordering Wootton Brook and extending from the edge of Collingtree Village and through East Hunsbury almost to the Towcester Road (A43).

During the public consultation on this site there were 189 responses of which 185 raised concerns over flood risk, traffic congestion on Rowtree Road, landslip and air pollution.

In spite of these objections, the WNJPC has now sent its proposals to the government and there will be a full Public Examination before a Planning Inspector, starting in April.

Local Parish Councils, County and Bor-

ough councillors, local residents and the Member of Parliament for the area, have all argued against the inclusion of SUE No 5, but have also said that if it is approved by the Inspector, there should be no access to it from Rowtree Road or from Collingtree village. An alternative scheme has been suggested.

But, even before the Inspector has begun his work, Developer Bovis Homes Ltd has announced they are to make a Planning Application for 1,000 houses on the SUE No 5 site, with access from Rowtree Road and Windingbrook Lane.

Supporters argue that with a rising population and yet more immigration to come from eastern Europe, there is a severe housing shortage and more must be built.

Others point out that the real shortage is for low cost housing for first time buyers, close to central services and transport links and that Northampton town centre has many brown field sites in need of regeneration.

It will be for the Planning Inspector and then Northampton Borough Council to decide if the development of this Greenfield site will go ahead.

To keep in touch with what is going on and give your views—use the links below:

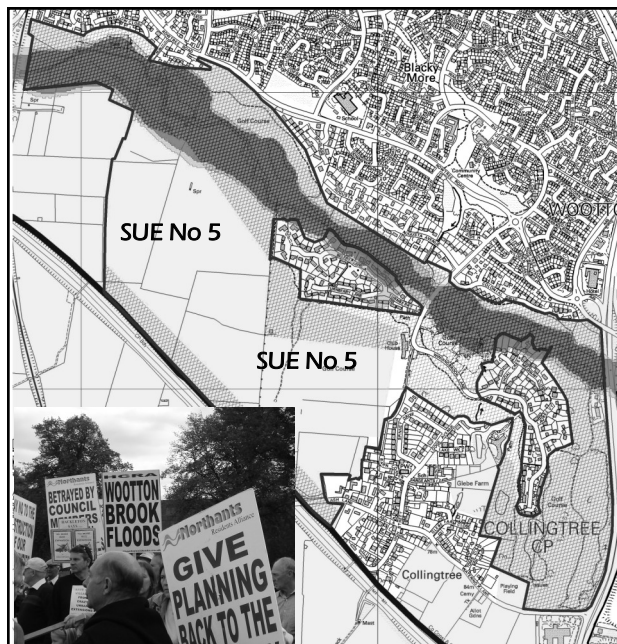
Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance:

www.HCRA.co.uk

Or

www.justcollingtree.co.uk

See also Parish Council notes page three.



ST COLUMBA'S +

An alarm system has now been installed on the roof of St Columba's to deter metal thieves.

- Lent Lunches will continue to be served at 4 Barn Mews, Collingtree Village each Tuesday (between 12.30pm & 2pm) until 26th March inclusive. Drop in and enjoy soup, a roll, cheese and an apple - all for £1 or a donation. Proceeds to the Forever Angels Home in Tanzania. Call Joanna 761759 for more details.

On 29th March (Good Friday) St Columba's will be open between 12noon and 3pm for Private Prayer.

- Our grateful thanks to Pauline Buckby for her donation to the church of £65 ,raised through the sale of greeting cards.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for March

3rd March

6pm Evening Prayer

10th March (Mothering Sunday)

10am Family Service

17th March

10am Morning Praise

24th March

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

March 30th - April 9th

Mrs J Edmunds (A) Mrs B Jones (M)

April 13th - April 20th

Mrs G Whiting (A) Mrs E Anderson(M)

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Road
3rd March	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Lighthouse
10th March Mothering Sunday	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth
17th March	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise & Sunday School Club
24th March Palm Sunday	8.15 Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15 Parish Communion
31st March	10.30am All Age Service	10.30am Parish Communion	9.15 am Parish Communion	10.30am All Age Service

Additional Services during March: There will be a Benefice Communion at Road at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday 28th March and on 29th March 'Meditation on the Cross' at 2pm at Hartwell and a 7.30pm Evening Service at Road.

Friends of St Columba's

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

All original Foundation Members have been invited to hear about how the funds raise have been spent on the church building and grounds and meet friends over refreshments and a glass of

wine. Also invited this year is anyone who is interested finding out more about the work of the Friends Group and the events planned for the coming year.

To join the group only costs £5 per person (or £10 per household) and every contribution helps to maintain the fabric and structure of the ancient village church. There is a Coach Trip to Winchester planned for April 20th (see back

page) and the aim is to hold the traditional Village Fete once again this year—but with a difference. The date fixed is Saturday 13th July - so watch out for details.

To join the friends or find out more just call any of the following Andy 765742, Pam 674999, Rod 769407 - or simply come along at 7.30 pm on April 9th.

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

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 contact Graeme Joll 767277

Neighbourhood Watch

Generally, during the cold weather burglaries go down—even criminals don't like going out in the snow. However, there is sometimes an increase in car thefts, mainly from driveways as people leave their engines running to defrost, while they are in the house. An opportunity for opportunist theft.

The NW Coordinator is Fay Tennet on 765742.

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

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is on March 14th at 7.30 at Milton Malsor Village Hall and there will be an osteopathy demonstration by Kalla Patel B. Ost (Hons) Osteopath from Northampton Clinic.

There will be a Bring & Buy 'Make a cake, biscuit or pie' for Comic Relief. Competition is 'Enjoying the Good Life'

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection

Weeks commencing:

4th March

Ann Marsh 766060

11th & 18th March

Ted Anderson 763264

25th March

Shirley Flight 764433

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 Cricket Club continues to practice for the new season with nets on a Wednesday night at the County Ground between 7 & 8pm. There will be a work day at the playing field on 13th April at midday to prepare for the new season which starts on 21st April with a home game. The AGM was held in February and the officers of the Club are, John Bishop (Chairman), Mark Underwood, (Treasurer), Karen Hopkins (Secretary)

and Chris Pedel (Captain) If you are interested in joining the team, please come along to the nets or 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

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

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Planning Matters (Park & Ride) No further news about the Park & Ride proposal or the tidying up of the lay-by on the A45 near the Collingtree turn.

Planning Matters (Golf Course development) Parishioners should now have received a leaflet issued by Bovis Homes about dates for viewing their ideas. A survey of opinion put together by Collingtree PC working with Wootton & Hunsbury PC and HCRA should also be arriving at your homes soon. Please fill this in and return it. Responses to this and any other personal responses will count separately in the planning process, whereas any petition is treated as one response. Parishioners were promised a Public Meeting when any planning applica-

tion was made. The next planned meeting of the Parish Council on 13th March may prove too early to become a Public Meeting as a formal planning application has not yet been submitted. Therefore, the Village Room has been reserved for 10th April in addition to the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 17th April.

Please watch for further announcements in this Newsletter and in the notice-boards.

Playing Field To facilitate some improvements to houses in Tom's Close, two workers cabins will be placed temporarily inside the triangle area of the playing field.

Road signs Some of you may have noticed that unlike other villages, our

road signs and other information signs are currently spotless and a credit to the community. This is thanks to Charlie Beaton who has been undertaking community work suggested by the PC as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme tasks. The Armco at the entrance to the playing field has also been painted. Our thanks to him for a grand job.

The minutes of all meetings are placed in notice-boards and email versions can be obtained from the Clerk

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.

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>

- 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)
- A house key with a garage tag has been found on a footpath. Call 764723 for more details.
- On Wednesday 6th of March there will be another Pub Quiz in the Wooden Walls of Old England. All proceeds towards the Friends of St Columba's. Bring a team or just come along.
- Northamptonshire Libraries are appealing for volunteers to help with the wide range of services they now provide - local history clubs -help with homework -business advice for young entrepreneurs—sing-along sessions for toddlers - job clubs. If you would like to help ask at your library or visit: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved



A Day Out In Historic Winchester for only £10 (children £5)

With the support of Collingtree Coaches, the Friends of St Columba are organising a trip to the historic City.

Saturday 20th April

Leaving Collingtree crossroads at 8.30am (prompt) and returning around 6.30pm.

Attractions include - King Arthur's Round Table - A fine Military Museum - The magnificent Cathedral.

For tickets contact Andy 765742

London Paris Bike Ride

Once again Fay & Andy Tennet will be tackling the ride from London to Paris to raise funds for the Big Issue Foundation for the Homeless.

If you would like to be a sponsor please visit www.justgiving.com/Andy-Fay-Tennet

On 13th April the duo will also host a Big Quiz Night in the Village Room at 7.30. Tickets are £5 which includes Quiz, bingo, raffle and snacks! Call 765742 to book a place.



Karate in Collingtree

Do you want to build self confidence, make friends, increase your fitness and have fun?

ECKA Northampton South is part of the English Contact Karate Association and offers separate classes for Adults and Juniors in Karate, Kickboxing and Self Defence.

Classes are held each Thursday in Collingtree Village Room (Kids 6 till 7pm, Adults 7 till 9pm)

For more details and prices call 07522 257 606 or Email ECKAimmortals@live.co.uk



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