

COLLINGTREE NEWS

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IMPORTANT LOCAL LANDSCAPE FOR THE CHOP ?

The Bovis Planning Applications to build 1,000 houses on the Greenfield site between East Hunsbury and Collingtree, has now been with the NBC Planners for almost 12 months and a decision is expected very soon.

The responses from the various technical consultees (Environment Agency, Highways Authority etc) make clear the likely impact on what is still open countryside,

The NBC Arboricultural Officer's report is now on the Borough Council's website. In his report the specialist tree officer states that *"the development requires the removal of a large number of trees and this is regrettable. However, it is difficult to see how the overall impact could be reduced considering the number of proposed dwellings"*.

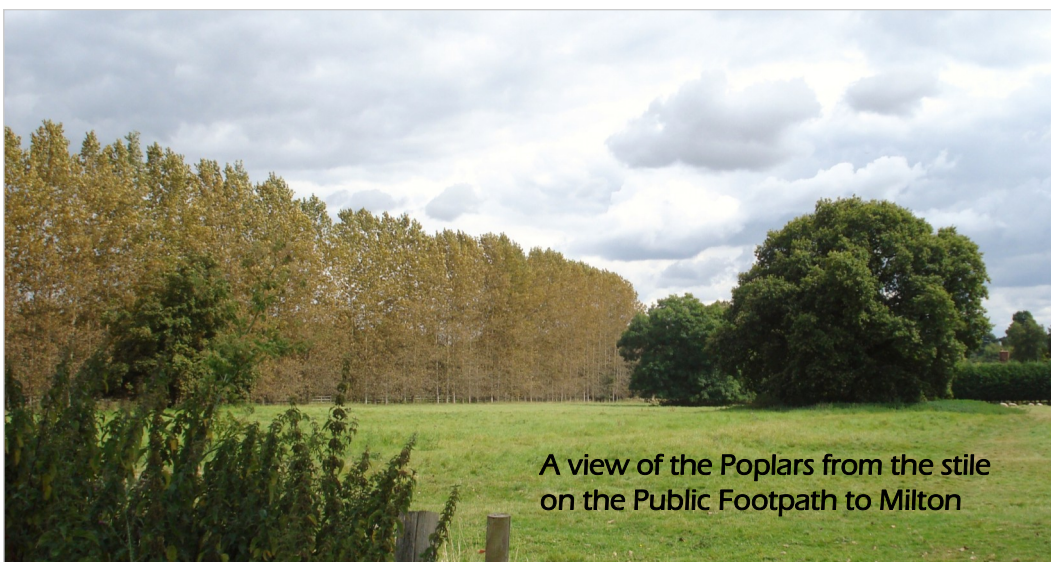
The building of the first phase of 378 houses on the fields closest to Collingtree Village will mean the removal of 93 natural features including single trees, groups of trees and hedgerows.

A line of mature Poplars along the edge of the former Golf Course Academy, which in earlier plans were shown to be retained, now looks likely to go if planning consent is given. *(see below)*

The Arboricultural Report has tried to limit the overall impact on the landscape by stipulating various conditions. This is a similar approach taken in other technical reports dealing with flood risk, traffic and air and noise pollution.

The eventual decision will be taken by the Planning Committee of the NBC. However, the number of conditions needed to try and make an unsuitable site 'sustainable' enough to meet National Planning Guidelines - tells its own story.

Until a new Planning Framework is agreed for Northampton, the East Hunsbury/Collingtree site is still designated under Saved Policy E9 of the current Local Plan as 'Important Local Landscape'



**A view of the Poplars from the stile
on the Public Footpath to Milton**

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ST COLUMBA'S +

 * Harvest Festival *
 * Service *
 * 10.30am *
 * Sunday 5th October *
 * Harvest Supper *
 * 7.30pm *
 * Monday 6th October *
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 * In the Village Room we will be *
 * serving baked potato, sausage *
 * & beans, followed by Apple Pie *
 * & cream plus coffee. - all for *
 * £8. *
 * Tickets from Irene Skinner *
 * (768394) and Ann *
 * Marsh(766060) *
 * Places are limited so book early. *



Church Wardens

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

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

Services for September

7th September

6pm Evening Prayer (CW)

14th September

9am Parish Communion (M)

21st September

10.30am Benefice Service - Hartwell

28th September

10 30 am Family Service (M)

CW = Church Warden led

M = Minister led

Collingtree Church Flowers

6th September - 13th September

Mrs G Whiting (A) Mrs J Birch(M)

SALCEY BENEFICE SERVICES MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

Ashton 7th September 9.30am Morning Prayer—14th September 10.30 am All Sunday School—28th September 8.15am Holy Communion

Courteenhall 7th September 9.15 Communion—14th September 10.30am Harvest Festival—28th September 10.30 am Informal Service

Hartwell 7th September 10.30am All Age Service—14th September 10am Morning Praise—28th September 10am Morning Praise

Road 7th September 10.30am Lighthouse—14th September 10.30am All Age Service 6.30 Benefice Youth Group –28th September 9.15 Parish Communion

21st September at Hartwell 10.30am Benefice Communion

Want to help out at the heart of the Village ?

When MP and Brewery boss Pickering Phipps died at the early age of 63, his family provided the money to build a village meeting place as his memorial. Opened in 1896 as the 'Reading Room', it provided somewhere to gather, learn and socialise and it remains the only public meeting place in Collingtree.



It continues to be used for almost every type of event from Parties to Pantomimes - from Pilates classes to Polling days.

Over its 118 years the Village Room has relied on a succession of public spirited volunteers to take on its general supervision - heating, lighting, organising cleaning etc - and be the point of contact for hiring and bookings.

The Church Wardens and PCC committee have overall responsibility for the maintenance of the Village Room but we do need someone prepared to undertake supervision and be the first point of contact for what is a vital community facility.

If you feel you would like to help or to find out more - contact Peter Skinner on 768394

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Collingtree Allotment Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Village Room on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Following complaints from the association, the County Council have agreed to cut back the overgrown vegetation in the fields surrounding the allotments. In the longer term the Council have said that they will once again lease the land to an agricultural tenant.

For details of plot availability, contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The new Autumn programme of activities starts on September 11th at Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm

The Speaker at the first meeting will be Doug Maddy and his subject 'Altered Perceptions' The competition topic 'An Optical Illusion'.

More details from Ann Marsh 766060

Medicine Collection Rota**W/C 1st September**

Jo Clamp 761349

W/C 8th September

Barbara Brice 764723

W/C 16th - 29th September

Shirley Flight 764433

For anyone in Collingtree who has difficulty in getting to Roade or Blisworth Surgeries, help with collecting prescriptions can be a lifeline. If you can help **contact: Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433**

SPORTS CLUBS

Pub Skittles

The new season starts on 25th September and will run through until 2nd April 2015.

After last year's excellent progression and with a new team member, we look forward to another successful season.

To get involved call Mark Underwood 07864 51876

Tennis Club

We are having a great Summer of tennis at Collingtree Tennis Club. The weather on the whole has been kind and we have had some glorious evenings, just perfect for a game of tennis with friends.

As Autumn approaches we are planning some re-developments to the courts to make them even more accessible to play during the winter months, when we play under the floodlights in the evenings. Please pop down for a chat or visit our website:

www.collingtreetennis.co.uk



Every 3rd Sunday in the month is

Pub Quiz Night

£5 per table of 4 to enter with cash prizes.

Book early Call Sue & the team

01604 760641

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS PARISH CLERK: TESS TAYLOR 07729784653 E: collingtreeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Council Minutes The draft minutes of the PC Meeting held on 16th July are now in the notice-boards.

Ash Lane Traffic Calming The scheme is being considered further and information should be available for discussion at the next PC Meeting on 10th September.

Financial Matters Following discussion at the last meeting it was agreed to consider whether the funds given to provide additional presence by Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) in the parish are proving to be value for money.

Footpaths & Pavements After a vigorous season of growth, would all parishioners kindly cut back any bushes and trees of theirs that are obstructing any of the full width of footpaths and pavements.

Planning matters referred to in the last Newsletter will be discussed at the meeting on 10th September. Please attend if

you wish to voice any concerns.

Golf Course Development The latest letter from Northampton Borough Council (NBC) includes corrected dates, shows that revised plans have been submitted and a further round of the ability of the public to comment has begun. After a meeting with the planners on 30th July, the Parish Council will repeat comments agreed at the public meeting but there is a great need for people to make their own responses. The planning application numbers are N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 and access can be gained through the NBC website www.northampton.gov.uk/northampton-southsue followed by outline for 1035 & detail for 1063

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Following the leaflets through the doors, quite a few parishioners attended the display of the proposals at the Hilton

Hotel on 16th July and were able to leave comments on what is not yet a planning application. Concerns appeared to be the size of the building, which is placed south of the M1 from junction 15 to the motorway bridge on the Milton road, noise, 24 hour lorries in and out, effects of traffic and pollution. The roundabout change may be helpful but once a planning application is agreed for the green space outside the NBC boundary to the south, there will be the danger of urban sprawl to Roade.

Silverstone Park & Ride The land is going to be leased again for agricultural use, initially for two years.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th September 7.30pm Collingtree Village Room

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FRIENDS OF ST COLUMBA'S EVENTS:

Coach Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

Saturday 4th October

A chance to visit the inspiring national centre near Lichfield containing around 400 separate memorials and tributes all set in landscaped grounds with over 50,000 trees. There is a shuttle train with narrated tours and a restaurant and picnic areas.

The coach, donated by Collingtree Coaches, leaves the Village crossroads at 9am—returning at around 5.30pm

Tickets £10 - Call 769407



HOWDEN'S PLANNING PROPOSALS

There is concern among many village residents over proposals for a 2m sq ft Distribution centre on agricultural land on the south side of the M1. The planning application, when made, will be decided by South Northants District Council at Towcester. **The proposals will be discussed at the Collingtree Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm Wednesday 10th September in the Village Room - all residents may attend.**

Parish Notices

- Winter Flu injections - Nurse Geraldine Parish has agreed to hold a 'Flu Clinic' in Collingtree for eligible patients of Roade and Blisworth Surgeries. As in previous years, this will be at the home of Joanna Edmunds at 4 Barn Mews and will be from 3pm until 5.30pm on Wednesday 8th October. No appointment is necessary and it will be 'first come, first served'.
- On Friday 26th September, from 10.30am until 12.30pm, in Collingtree Village Room, there will be a Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. It will be part of the charity's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' campaign which last year raised £20m for cancer support. Please come along and donate the cost of your coffee to the campaign. For more details call Trinni Crake on 764184

FRIENDS OF ST COLUMBA'S EVENTS:

For information on Tickets call 769407

Village BBQ

3pm Saturday 6th September

In the garden of the Wooden Walls pub.

Fun, food, live music, plus novelty car rides and magician/entertainer for children.

(Grateful thanks to Sue Blackman and team at the Wooden Walls and to local firm Central Foods for all their much valued support)

Tickets £6 (adults) £3 (under 11's) under 2's are free



'Pack Up Your Troubles'

7.30pm Saturday 13th September

A concert, in St Columba's Church, of songs & music of the WW1 period including favourites of the great days of Music Hall. All performed by the Watling Singers and with audience participation warmly invited. Followed by wine & refreshments in the Village Room.

Tickets £7.50

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