

# COLLINGTREE NEWS

## September 2015

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## All the fun of the Fete



The word Fête is of French origin and means a party, festival or celebration. The more common English word is 'Fair' or in parts of the north, 'Feast'. Historically, towns were granted charters to hold a fair on certain days to act as markets for selling goods and hiring of labour. Soon the crowds that gathered attracted all manner of sideshows, pie and sweet stalls, puppet shows, sword swallows and games of skill and luck.

The holding of fetes in villages like Collingtree grew out of this tradition and took off in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It fitted in with the farming calendar and servants at the big houses were given time off to attend. The first recorded fete was held in Collingtree in 1918, in the grounds of the old Collingtree Grange and they have continued ever since.

### Church **FETE** Collingtree

2pm - 5pm Saturday 5th September

The Playing Field, Watering Lane

Pony Rides - Bouncy Castle - Bungee Run - Traditional Games for Kids - Live Music & Dance Show - Cakes, Sweets, Preserves & Bric a Brac stalls - Bottle Tombola - Reptile Corner - Bar - Cream Teas - Air Rifle Range - Scout & Cubs Tent

There will be a BBQ (Tickets £6 Adults & £4 Child) for tickets call 07788 766616 or 07738 511750

Entry to the Fete and entertainment will be £1 per adult at the Gate - Children Free.

Disabled parking and toilets available at the Playing Field

### Can You Help?

The Fete is raising funds for St Columba Church and has been generously supported by local sponsors (see Fete Brochure for details)

If you can give a little time to help on a stall, come along to our Planning Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Room on Tuesday 1st September.

If you can donate items for the various stalls please call Selina 769439 or any of the following:

Bottle Tombola (Chris Wright 761930)

Cakes (Agnes Barfoot 762389)

Jams & Preserves (Joanna Edmunds 761759)

Bric a Brac (John Green 765468)

### Wooden Walls of Old England

Autumn opening hours  
from 1st September:

**Tuesday to Thursday (inc)**  
Bar & Kitchen open 12  
noon until 2.30pm and  
then Bar open 5pm until  
11pm and Kitchen 6.30pm  
until 9pm.

**Friday & Saturday.**  
Bar open 12noon until  
11pm. Kitchen open  
12noon until 2.30pm and  
6.30pm until 9pm.

**Sunday**  
Bar open 12noon until  
10.30pm and Kitchen open  
12noon until 3pm.

### Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 21st October -  
**Trafalgar Day Dinner** to  
mark the Battle and the  
origins of the Pub's unique  
name. Three course Dinner  
£20 per head.

Saturday 31st October -  
**Halloween Fun.**

Thursday 5th November -  
**Bonfire Night.**

Please call for more details  
01604 760641

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Meetings.

## ST COLUMBA'S + COLLINGTREE

**Minister**

Rev. Mike Burton 862284

**Church warden**

John Green 763468

**PCC Secretary**

Chris Wright 761930

Collingtree is part of the combined Salcey Benefice together with Roade, Courteenhall, Ashton & Hartwell.

**Services for September****Sunday 6th September**

10am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 13th September**

9am Holy Communion

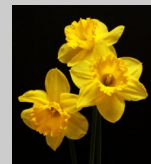
**Sunday 20th September**

10am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 27th September**

10.30am Family Service.

(For Harvest Festival details see back page)

**Church Flowers Rota****5th & 12th September**

Joanna Edmunds (Altar) Kerry Godfrey (Memorial)

**19th & 26th September**

Selina Smith (Altar) Elizabeth Anderson (Memorial)

**In Praise of Pubs**

Collingtree is lucky in having a traditional pub right at its centre. After the church it is the oldest building in the village and the only one left that is thatched. The history of both pub and village are intertwined - with the Phipps Brewing family being central to the story.

English pubs are unique and, like churches, part of the bedrock of English community life. Both, over the centuries have provided the social glue that makes a place distinctive and gives it identity. Sadly both now face similar challenges. The 2011 census showed that 60% of us profess to be Chris-

tians yet only a third attend church. This is usually at Christmas for, perhaps, the only visit. In the same way, thousands of us claim a nostalgic affection for the 'Old English pub' but rarely actually visit one.

Pubs and churches are both urged to 'engage more with their local community' which is a tough ask when neighbours are tucked up behind their double glazing, logging on to Facebook or watching 'Strictly'.

Despite their historic role in keeping communities together, pubs are closing at an alarming rate making it vital that we support the ones that we have.

'Use it or lose it' is the modern slogan but the writer and poet Hilaire Belloc put it more elegantly in 1915

*'From the towns all inns have been driven; from the villages most.*

*Change your hearts or you will lose your inns and you will deserve to have lost them.*

*But when you have lost your inns, drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England'*

**What's On at the Village Room**

**Each Monday Morning** - 10 - 11am Cha Char Chimps Activity Group for up to 4yr olds (see back page)

**Each Monday Evening** - 7 - 8pm Shakers Group Meditation Class

**Each Tuesday Morning** - 11.40am - Pilates Exercise Class (£6)

**First Tuesday Evening each month** - 7 - 8pm 'Paeon Frequencies' Relaxation & Meditation to Music Group.

**Each Thursday Morning** - 10.30 - 11.30am Adult Art Group.

All Groups are open to everyone and some make a small charge. For contact details of organisers call Esther on 07788 766616

Look out in the 'Collingtree News' for new groups starting.

**.....and coming soon**

**Thursday 17th September** 7.30pm 'Friends of St Columba's Social Evening. For all interested in helping to raise funds for the fabric of the Church. Light refreshments (for details call 768394)

**Saturday 10th October** 7pm 'Indian Curry Night' to raise funds for the Village Room. Tickets £10 (for details call 07788 766616)

**Saturday 17th October** 1st Collingtree & Milton Scouts 'Tea Prepared' Fundraising event (see back page)

**Saturday 27th November** 'Ladies Night' A repeat of the popular evening focussing on Beauty Products and demonstrations to raise funds for the Village Room (for details call 07788 766616)

**The Village Room is available for hire at the very reasonable rate of £8 per hour for frequent group users and £10 per hour for Collingtree residents. Contact Esther on 07788 766616 [esther.stowe@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.stowe@btinternet.com) [www.hallsforhire.com](http://www.hallsforhire.com)**

## VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

### Allotments Association

We are now reaping the benefit of our efforts on the allotment, harvesting organically grown fruit and veg. Often we have a glut of one crop or another and we are giving this produce away. This produce is placed in a box by the allotments gate. Please help yourself from this box, but be quick as it is emptied very quickly. A big thank you to Trevor, Kevin, Sally, Chris, Rod, Graeme and Martin who turned out to help cut the hedge for the benefit of us all. A very big thank you to Sarah, Jane and Martin (and all who helped on 22nd August) for organising a very enjoyable Association Buffet. *If you are interested in seeing what vacant plots are available - call Martin 762700 or Bob 761368*

### Milton Malsor & Collingtree Women's Institute

September 10th in Milton Malsor Village Hall at 7.30pm, sees the start of our programme after a break during August. We welcome the return of Speaker Sue Edwards with another 'Story behind the Picture' The competition is 'Picture says a 1,000 words' Tuesday 15th September we mark the Centenary of the W.I. with a Tea Party in Milton's Village Hall (2.30 - 4.30pm) We extend a warm welcome to all Villagers, former members, Parents and Carers collecting from School. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake, only £1 (free for accompanied children) Come along to this informal event and see how the local W.I. has developed and is still going strong.

*For further information call Ann Marsh 766060*

### Medicine Collection Rota

September

**Weeks Commencing:**

**7th & 14th September**

Gill Whiting 677851

**21st & 28th September**

Lesley Sellers 769407

*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 with this voluntary service, please contact the Co-ordinator: Shirley Flight 764433*

## SPORTS CLUBS

### Pub Skittles

Skittles season will start on September 10th so we are all drinking and practicing hard in The Walls - first home game is a tough one on Thursday 17th followed by The Compass away - come along and have some fun, matches start around 9pm. *Find out more from Tony Jones 07789 912796*

### Cricket Club

July ended with a excellent President's evening when the cricket team played a game against the Wooden Walls. A good time was had by all, thanks to our President Rob Flight for organising it and to all who took part. During August the team

has had mixed fortunes and has had to rearrange two fixtures. Playing away for the first three games, Collingtree beat Peterborough CAMRA by 5 wickets and then lost to Witham on the Hill by 24 runs, despite a 101 from a guest Australian player, then on a tough grass pitch with a slow out field Collingtree lost to Braybrooke by 6 wickets. A mid week game against Castle Ashby saw a return to winning ways, beating them in a 20/20 game by 17 runs.

On 23rd August returning to our home pitch, in a rain delayed match reduced to 25 overs Collingtree beat Eaglets by 120 runs. Batting first Collingtree reached 175

runs for no wickets, John Bishop scored 84 and Grant Jones scored 71, his highest score for the club. Eaglets were then bowled out for 55 runs with the wickets being shared amongst the bowlers. The season continues to the end of September with two home games on 6th and 13th and then 2 away games. *For more information about the cricket team them visit our play cricket site at <http://collingtree.play-cricket.com/>*

### Tennis Club

Collingtree Tennis Club- Play local tennis and use your Collingtree Village facilities. All ages and abilities very welcome [www.collingtreetennis.co.uk](http://www.collingtreetennis.co.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH CLERK: SHIRLEY WONG 01604 700691 E: [collingtreeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:collingtreeparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Parish Councils are the most local tier of local government and in Collingtree, the PC has direct responsibility for services such as some street lighting and the management of the Playing Field.

The Parish Council must be consulted on a range of planning and highways proposals that affect the parish and it also able to raise money through a local tax (precept) for projects that benefit parish residents.

Following a review in 2010, changes were made to the boundaries between Nene Valley and East Hunsbury wards to equalise the number of electors.

As a result the Collingtree Parish is divided between the two wards with the Collingtree North (Collingtree Park) section coming under East Hunsbury and Collingtree South (the original Village) remaining in Nene Valley ward.

There continues to be the requirement for 7

members of the Parish Council, with 3 from the North and 4 from the South.

### Council Meetings

Meetings are held every two months and are open to all residents to attend, although they can only speak if invited to do so by the Chairman.

Minutes of meetings are displayed in the noticeboards outside the Village Room and at the end of Turnberry Lane in Collingtree Park. They are also available on the Collingtree website on [www.justcollingtree.co.uk](http://www.justcollingtree.co.uk)

**Parish Council contact** Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk, Shirley Wong (contact details above)

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30 in the Village Room** when more information about the Bovis planning inquiry should be available.



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The support of the Parish Council and the Women's Institute is gratefully acknowledged. We also appreciate the support of our regular Sponsor, Central Foods.

A special thank you to all those who deliver the Newsletter door to every household every month.

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## Parish Notices

- Collingtree School will be hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 25th September. Come and enjoy delicious cakes from 10.30am until 11.45am in the main school hall. If you can donate extra cakes & treats they would be most welcome. Please call Selina Smith on 769439 for details
- The 1st Collingtree & Milton Malsor Scouts will be holding a 'Tea Prepared' event in the Village Room on Saturday 17th October - from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Afternoon tea and delicious homemade cakes will be served to raise funds for the local Scout group.
- Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 4th October at St Columba's at 10.30am with the Harvest Supper on Monday 5th October in the Village Room.



An award winning interactive singing & dancing show for children up to the age of 4yrs.

Every Monday 10 - 11am Collingtree Village Room, refreshments provided. No need to book.

1 adult & 1 child £4.50. 1 adult & up to 3 siblings £5.50. Babies under 6 months 3.50.

### Crafty Cooks. Cookery Club

Saturday October 17th - 11.15 to 12.45pm  
in Collingtree Village Room.

A maximum of 10 children aged 2 to 11 (under 4's to be accompanied) We will make pizzas and lemon biscuits and eat them with a salad for lunch! £12 per child call Maria Rix to book on 07985 408289



### Friends of St Columba's Day Coach Trip to historic Portsmouth.

Saturday 3rd October Tickets only £10 from Peter Skinner 768394 & Mick Marsh 766060

*Courtesy of Collingtree Coaches*

### Winter Flu Injections - 7th October

Once again Nurse Geraldine Parish will visit 4 Barn Mews and provide winter flu injections for eligible patients of Roade, Blisworth & Grange Park Surgeries. The session is from 3pm until 5.30pm. No appointment is needed. Any queries call Joanna on 761759

## Planning Watchdog

The planning appeal by Bovis will be go before a public inquiry in December. The application to build 1000 houses on farmland next to Collingtree Park was turned down by Northampton Borough Council largely on traffic grounds but also because of environmental impact. The developers response is that more houses are badly needed because of a growing population.



However, the respected campaign group *Population Matters* (patron Sir David Attenborough) argues that with population growing at current levels - there will never be enough houses. In addition, the loss of agricultural land, biodiversity, food production, water supplies and air quality plus the lack of infrastructure to keep pace with it all, means that the quality of life is going backwards. See [www.populationmatters.org](http://www.populationmatters.org)  
In 2013, the *Office of National Statistics* forecast that Britain (mainly England) would have a population of just under 78m by 2037 Most of this growth coming from immigration from both within and without the EU.

Britain is already twice as densely populated as France, nine times more than the USA and 100 times more than Australia.

Opinion polls show that most people will support more houses being built in their local area IF the quality of local services does not suffer, if development are matched by the necessary infrastructure and if buildings are well designed and in keeping with the area. However such tolerant attitudes are blown away by the failure of planning policy to set realistic limits on population growth.

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