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www.collingbournekingston.org.uk/courier

Please continue to send your contributions to
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Hoping we can all follow government guidelines and stay well.

Take care,

Courier Team

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stephen Matanle, Chairman, writes:

Whilst the world is trying to cope with the impact of Covid-19, we must each do our best to heed the advice that is being given by the Health Department on what we can do to keep healthy and safe. I am sure that you are all very familiar with this advice but if you want to check that you are up to speed, please visit the community website on **www.collingbournekingston.org.uk** and you will find a link there to some useful information. If there is anyone who is struggling to get hold of basic essentials including food, please call any members of the Parish Council, but most particularly myself (mobile number **07771765420**) or Abby Hancock (mobile number **07854650772**), and we will do our best to shop for you or support you in any way we can.

We must hope that the weather will cooperate and improve! Consistent rain and grey skies do not help when we have the black cloud of coronavirus hanging over us. Anyway, we will be holding the next



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Amongst other repercussions, the weather has led to an increase in the number of pot-holes around which we have to navigate. The Parish Stewards throughout the county have been instructed to spend all their time on these for the immediate future. If you are concerned by any particular pot-holes, please will you contact Wiltshire Council via the “My Wiltshire” link and let them know. They may already know about the one that you are referring to, but they may not.

Please be aware of the changes to the county recycling programme and how it affects you. We understand that Wiltshire Council will be sending out a letter of explanation to all households. If you are in doubt, please check their website and all the changes are detailed there.

For my part, I am back from my sailing adventure. After 4,000 miles of ocean racing from one side of to the other, I have to admit to be very glad to be back on terra firma. I have got rid of the beard and put some of the weight back on that I lost! It was an extraordinary experience and I am very pleased to have done it. I would be happy to bore anyone who is interested as to what it involved and what hazards I met along the way! Sadly, the race has now had to be brought to a close as a result of Covid-19. The last three legs are being postponed by ten months. Hopefully all those impacted will get home safely and soon. I have supported a couple of charities as part of this effort and if you would like to take a look, the link is

www.justgiving.com/teams/stephen-matanle-clipperroundworld

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 14th April 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Ruth Fisher Room. All members of the Parish are welcome.

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:

There is plenty of advice and information on the current coronavirus threat in the media, and the situation is constantly being



updated. Our recently issued Village Emergency Plan provides contact details for the Parish Council and the NHS, for those in need of help. If you do need help or are able to support those who need assistance during self-isolation, e.g. for shopping, then please let me know. (Contact details are above).

A village Litter Pick took place on Saturday 7th March. Many thanks go to the 11 volunteers who took part and collected 18 bags of rubbish. Everleigh is certainly looking a lot cleaner as a result.

Our next event will be a village work party on Saturday 18th April from 9.30am until lunchtime to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the playground; please bring paint brushes and strimmers if you have them. We are very proud of our playground which remains a key village asset developed over many years, so let's look after it.

Our annual Tea Party at St Peter's Church, planned for Friday 8th May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, has been cancelled due to the coronavirus situation. A decision on the Village Summer Party due to take place on Saturday 11th July will be promulgated by the Parish Council in due course.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of David Beaton on the 26th February. David contributed a great deal to our local community and served with distinction as the Chairman of the Everleigh Parish Council until January 2010. His funeral service took place on Thursday 12th March at St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis, and was attended by many of his family and friends.

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council. No special skills are required, just a willingness to represent and promote the interests of the village. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Phil Gill, the Parish Clerk: Tel **01264 398534**; e-mail **philip.gill101@ntlworld.com**.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm at Collingbourne Primary School. There will be two sessions: the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to attend. The minutes of our last meeting are available on village noticeboards and the Everleigh web site at **www.everleigh.org**

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Knowlson (01264 850812) Chairman writes:

Well needless to say the hot topic currently is the dreaded coronavirus Covid-19 which for many is drastically changing the way we go about our daily business (or 'not go about' as is now the case). From a Parish Council perspective, we are in the same boat as anyone else and get fed the same updates that seem to change day by day if not hour by hour. By the time this edition is published from the time of me writing I'm sure plenty will have changed.



To keep up to date with any official news around the coronavirus, you can follow these website links:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-Covid-19/>

Litter Pick – Unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic has put an end to the litter pick which was planned for Saturday 4th April. The Great British Spring Clean overall event has indicated that it will be looking



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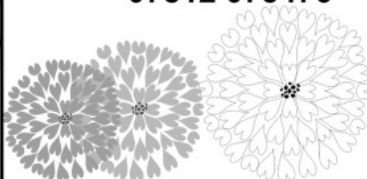
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instead to run the event up and down the county in September of this year. I will keep you posted on any updates over the next few months.

Virtual Pathway – I'm pleased to confirm that the virtual pathway has now been painted down . This runs from the end of the actual pavement up to the village gates on the left hand-side as you head up towards The Shears. This will hopefully give drivers greater awareness of pedestrians walking up and down .

Vacancies – If you would like to get involved, I would invite you to either contact myself or the Parish Clerk to find out more details on becoming a Parish Councillor. You do not need any prior experience just the willingness to get involved. Please contact our Parish Clerk for more details, Phil Gill by email: parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

The next meeting of the Parish Council is planned to be held at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and is due to take place at 7 pm on Thursday 14th May following the Annual Parish Meeting. All members of the parish are welcome to attend. However, in light of recent events this is obviously subject to change. Details will be provided on the Parish Council Website accordingly.

COLLINGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Jane Crook, 01264 850436, reveals the lucky winners:

The winners of the March Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall draw were:

£50 M. Doherty 74

£25 L. Gomes 206

£10 C. Dale 71

£5 I. Barnard 141

April draw will hopefully take place as usual, if not it will take place as soon as possible at a later date.

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

Please try to give them at least 48 hours' notice to find a volunteer

COVID-19

Lucy Johnson (07498 328121) and Tony Johnson (07824 815366) write:

COVID-19 Contact details for assistance in Collingbourne Ducis/Kingston and surrounding within 5 miles

With many of you worried about how you will be able to get essentials, prescriptions etc if you are self-isolating. Here is a list of contacts willing to help as and where we can.

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Tony Johnson	07824 815366	Ducis
Philippa Mack	07768 320845	Brunton
Tracy McNicol	07500 338030	Ducis and Villages
Carl & Maria North	07815 818956	Kingston
Sarah Holloway	07912 144533	Ducis
Jayne King	07733 413397	Collingbournes and Villages
Jo Reid	07904 268220	Collingbournes and Everleigh
Lorraine Clements	07793 357542	Ducis and Sunton
Mark Arnold	07496 785483	Ducis
Laura Jackson	07792 825507	Collingbourne and Villages
Philip Palmer	07734 922751	Collingbourne and Villages
David Puttock	01264 850715	Ducis
Zena Bewick	07748 414177	Collingbournes
Gail Minoudis	07531 262334	Ducis
Pip Watkins	07946 098612	Ducis

COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dan Crossman, Headteacher, writes:

It's been another busy term at Collingbourne School with all sorts of exciting learning happening in and out of our classrooms.



All of our classes recently enjoyed participating in workshops led by the NSPCC. These were designed to help our children stay safe and know what to do if they are worried about something. The whole school was also visited by Archdeacon Sue who led us in Worship and talked to the children about our current value of 'Courage and Perseverance'.

Perhaps my favourite event of this term was 'World Book Day'. Our day was focussed around the wonderful book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit!' All the children (and the staff) dressed up as a crayon from the story and then a whole day of exciting learning was based on the book; in one class the chairs even went on strike!

Outside of the classroom our children performed brilliantly in the local gymnastics competition and they looked very smart in their matching leotards! Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our planned trips to London and Portsmouth due to the coronavirus outbreak but hopefully we'll be able to reschedule soon.

I wish all of you a happy and safe Easter with your families.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

Jill Horsfall writes:

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1ST COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON BROWNIES

Natalie Williams, Brown Owl writes:

As you all know that the UK Government have announced new measures around coronavirus (COVID-19) and has advised against all non-essential travel and social contact.



Girlguiding have taken the decision therefore, to suspend all unit meetings with immediate effect until further notice.

Within our Facebook page there will be things listed/advertised for the Brownies to do so they are kept busy working towards/gaining some badges during this time.

1st Collingbourne Kingston Brownies will have young girls on long waiting lists due to up and coming volunteer shortage. Volunteering with Girlguiding UK is a fantastic way to make a real difference to the lives of girls and young women in your community – and gain some amazing experiences yourself.

Whether you can help out every once a month or make regular weekly commitments, we can find a role to suit you. Girlguiding UK welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, age groups and abilities. Guiding is flexible and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle.

Whatever your skills and interests, and no matter how much or how little time you have to spare, one of our volunteering roles is bound to suit you. And your contribution is sure to be appreciated by the girls.

Do you know anyone that would like to get involved? If you would like to keep Collingbourne Brownies going then give us a call.

Yours in Guiding

Natalie Williams Brown Owl

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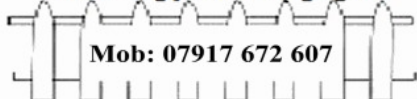
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CRICKETING COMMENT

David Malley writes:

Following the recent government announcement, and in particular the advice for everyone to stop non-essential contact with others, Collingbourne CC has decided to cancel all planned cricket sessions for the foreseeable future. Clubs up and down the country are now following official guidance from the ECB that recommends that all forms of recreational cricket are suspended for now. This extends to training, pre-season friendlies and any associated cricket activities.



In light of that, the Club has decided to cancel its ground preparation day planned for Saturday 4th April. Instead, work will be carried out by the ground prep team individually and in small groups. We do not know when the cricket season will begin, but the Club will continue to monitor the situation closely and will of course keep everyone updated with any future developments.

Sport plays a vital role in the nation's mental and physical wellbeing, and we're hoping that our club can lead the charge when it comes to bringing our community back together once we get past this unfortunate period.

Best wishes, and stay safe.

SPRING SALE IN AID OF PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

Mary Doherty (01264 850705) writes:

Thank you very much to everyone who came to our Spring Sale on 14th March. Although we didn't have as many buyers as last year, no doubt due to the coronavirus restrictions, we did make a profit of over £900. So, thank you again, especially to all those who contributed to the sale, donated raffle prizes, baked cakes and gave their time setting up, selling and clearing away.

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COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh (01264 850319) writes:

Our chairman, Caroline Bouwens, welcomed everyone to the meeting and after notices about future events introduced Thomas Stone who talked about Mottisfont Abbey Gardens – Not Just a Rose Garden. His father worked at Mottisfont and Thomas lived in the Abbey grounds from the age of four and at sixteen started working on the estate, so he knows the background very well. After thirty years he decided to go freelance.



Thomas explained that there has been a settlement at Mottisfont since at least the Saxon times*. It is on the banks of a natural stream which once supplied the entire village and worked the mill where locally grown wheat was ground. The main house began as an Augustinian monastery in 1201 but in 1684 following Henry VIII's reign, it became a private house. In the 1930s it was purchased by Mr and Mrs Gilbert Russell who entertained on a lavish scale; Ian Fleming was a regular visitor and another guest, the artist Rex Whistler, painted the large saloon in a three-dimensional effect. Mrs Russell gave the Abbey and gardens to the National Trust in 1954.

On the estate a canal was dug off the River Test and this runs around the grounds and is home to many trout, safe from the fishermen on the Test. The gardens comprise of herbaceous borders, a walled garden, a kitchen garden and six miles of walks around the estate where you can admire the wild flowers and many trees that have been planted over the years. Thomas definitely inspired us to visit Mottisfont and enjoy the experience for ourselves.

Following government advice, we have decided to cancel the March and April meetings. Hopefully we can invite both these speakers, Anne Keenan and Amanda Bradshaw, to come and talk at a later date.

In the meantime, if you want any further information about the Gardening Club please call our chairman, Caroline Bouwens on **01264 850250** or secretary, Patti Marsh on **01264 850319**.

(* The name Mottisfont derives from Old English, as spoken by the average Saxon, for moot, or court, at the spring, which is there to this day. Ed)

THEFILMPLACE – YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

Jim Plenderleith writes:



As I am sure you will all know we

postponed the scheduled film, *The Good Liar*, from the original date of 27th March to the new date of 24th April in consideration of the possible impact of Covid-19. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change and hope both the film and the new date will be acceptable to all our regular film goers. We are considering adding an extension to our normal schedule due to this change and may run a May film.

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COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

The meeting held on Thursday 14th March was also the AGM. The President, Wendy Brown, welcomed members and visitors. Apologies were given, the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting were signed off and forthcoming events were discussed including a mention of the next Group Meeting to be held at Great Bedwyn.



The short mat bowls at Collingbourne Ducis the previous evening had been most enjoyable and the president asked Maz Clifton to thank the Collingbourne Ducis Bowls Group.

The Annual General Meeting started with the minutes of the previous year being signed off. A report from the secretary, Lesley Nichols, was read in her absence reminding the members of the speakers, events and celebrations of the Centenary Year. Wendy, President, then read her annual report in which she thanked the Committee for their hard work and the support they had given her during the year. She also thanked the members for their commitment and support over the year and asked if anyone would be prepared to stand for the Committee as they were losing one of the members. The Treasurer, Karen Preece, distributed copies of the financial statement and discussed the contents.

The speaker for the evening, member Laura Renwick, then gave a talk on meditation and wellbeing which she teaches. The group were shown how to release tension with breathing and crystals were passed around. Several questions were put forward, there was a lot of interest and Laura was warmly thanked.

The evening closed with delicious refreshments.

Next meeting: 9th April 2020 - Cancelled due to coronavirus.

1ST COLLINGBOURNE AIR SCOUTS

Natalie Williams, Group Scout Leader writes:

This is a sad time for Scouting but I'm sure you will all agree that with the current escalation in the coronavirus across the UK, this action was necessary.



Suspension of face-to-face activities: Given this guidance, all face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events will be suspended. This suspension applies to young people and adults, and will be until further notice. There will be activities and badge information posted on our Facebook page so that the children are kept busy and involved within this period. 1st Collingbourne Air Scouts are currently looking to recruit volunteer leaders, Chairman, Secretary, Executive members and helpers to assist with running the Group. If you would like to experience the fun, challenges and adventure of Scouting and may be interested in joining and helping out then please contact us:

Natalie Williams - Group Scout Leader:

Email: Natalie.williams@wiltshirescouts.org.uk Phone: 07976102650

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Mike Bailey, 01264 850525, writes:

Unfortunately, due to the present situation with the coronavirus problem our club has decided to end our season early. This season has been one of the most successful since I first started playing with an average of twenty three players turning up each evening. Some evenings in the early years we never had enough turn up to pay for the hall hire. We have had some very enjoyable friendly matches both home and away against the Enford and Figheldean short mat clubs, and with the Collingbourne Cricket club ladies' team and Kingston W.I. Hopefully come September when our new season starts the problem will be over and we can again enjoy some evenings of bowls and build on our success with some new members.

ANDOVER CATS PROTECTION

Ruby writes:

We would love you to meet Holly, she is about fourteen years old and in good health for her age. Her owner is sadly in hospital so unable to keep her. She is very friendly and loves attention. We feel at her age she would be more suited to a quiet household with no dogs or young children. Snowy is still looking for his forever home and has now had lots of dental work done so we're hopeful he'll find a new home soon.



We have a coffee morning coming up on Saturday 2nd May at Cholderton Village Hall, use the postcode SP4 0DN to find us. This will run from 10 am-12 noon, we will have plenty of cake on offer as well as a raffle and a bric-a-brac sale. Please come along to join us and help us to raise money for the cats in our care. There will be free parking opposite the hall, on the grassed area behind the pub car park.

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Telephone: **0345 260 1501** or email: **sylvia.cp@outlook.com**

To view all cats currently up for adoption, visit **andover.cats.org.uk**

BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid writes:

Our Savernake High Layout project continues to demand our attention for the foreseeable future.



This project will require much more work and expenditure over the coming months but we are sure that it will make a great contribution to the local community as it represents part of its railway heritage and much of it still within memory of so many people.

Photos are available to show the model of some buildings to compare against the prototype. These include the old station building, the then Lord Ailesbury's waiting room, signal box, platform and the water



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tower. Not all are complete and some require more work before installing these on to the layout.

Our next Club session will be held on Monday, 20th April 2020 starting at 7 pm. We are uncertain about the April session due to the coronavirus and will keep this under review.

For potential new members and any donations of unwanted model railway items, please feel free to call me Sonny Hamid, on **01672 811 933**

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Judith Vosper writes:

Could you be a Side by Side volunteer?

Do you have some spare time to get involved in a volunteering opportunity with Alzheimer's Society?

The charity is looking for local people ready to take up a fun, friendly, super-flexible volunteering opportunity, with its Side by Side service. Volunteers will be paired with someone with dementia, so they can help them keep on doing the things they love – and try new things too whether it's going for a swim or catching the latest movie. And you'll receive expert training and support to develop the role.

Side by Side really is a two-way street. Of course, there's the feel-good factor of knowing that you're changing someone's life. But our volunteers are also constantly amazed by how much they learn from the people they support. As with any relationship, it's a shared journey made up of unique moments. Loneliness is a real problem for people with dementia, yet one of the most important things for those affected is to remain part of their community.

To find out how to get involved call Clare Lucas, Alzheimer's Society's Volunteering Officer, on 01249 443469 or email her at **clare.lucas@alzheimers.org.uk**. or see **alzheimers.org.uk/sidebyside**



WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Pennyfarthing gives us a tempting recipe:

Baked Salmon with Parmesan and Parsley Crust

Serves 6

6 x 5oz salmon filets, skinned

Salt and pepper

Butter if necessary

Chopped fresh parsley



SAUCE

2½ fl oz white wine

6 oz chestnut mushrooms, sliced

10 fl oz double cream

TOPPING

1 oz fresh white breadcrumbs

1 oz parmesan, coarsely grated

2 tbs chopped fresh parsley

Grated rind of ½ lemon

Paprika

METHOD

Measure wine and mushrooms into a pan and boil for 1 minute. Lift out the mushrooms with a slotted spoon and reduce wine to about 2 tbs.

Add the cream, bring to boil and reduce to a sauce consistency. Season.

Return mushrooms to the sauce and allow to cool completely.

Season both sides of salmon and arrange in a buttered ovenproof dish.

Spoon a little of the cold mushroom mixture on each salmon filet, but do not spread to the edge. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs, parmesan, parsley and lemon rind on the mushroom mixture and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Cover and leave in the fridge for up to 24 hours if necessary.

Save the rest of the sauce, to reheat and serve separately.

Bake uncovered for 10 to 15 minutes at 350F. Sprinkle with more chopped parsley and serve immediately. Serve with new potatoes and a crisp green vegetable. Tip – may need to double up on the sauce!

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector writes:



Dear Reader,

Yesterday I saw two very worried looking men were sitting in their separate cars chewing their nails. They incarnated the greater impact of this pandemic. We will not come out of it in the same world and it is already costing some dearly.

At a time that leaves some of our communities sick, some isolated and others penniless, there is no better parable than that of the Good Samaritan. We need to be aware of the temptation to 'walk by' someone from fear. Somebody saved my life once when I was fitting in the street. Everyone else assumed I was a drug addict or alcoholic. He got an ambulance.

We are entering the heart of the Christian Church's year. On Maundy Thursday, at Jesus' last meal with his friends, he gave them a new commandment. The commandment was to love one another as He had loved them. He set that new example of giving on the cross.

After too roll selfishness, we have seen the reaction of people who believe in love. People volunteering to help those they do not know. A hub has sprung up around each community, often using the structures that are already present driven by one dynamic character. Don't forget to use our village shops. They provide when supermarkets fail us.

Already, Mothering Sunday will have passed by. Our big annual services will not happen. We remember God's love in giving us Jesus and hope for the future in the new birth of Easter. That love and hope are still there.

Our churches are open for prayer and we encourage you to use them. Prayer suggestions will be available. Please take them away with you.

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic **we are having to cease operating our normal service** to the people of the Collingbournes, the Chutes, and Everleigh.

The wellbeing of our clients, our volunteers and our team is our absolute priority, and you can be assured that the health and safety of everyone are of vital importance to Link. Many of our drivers, as well as many of our clients, are themselves in the vulnerable group of people for this virus, Covid-19, and we must protect them.

This means that **we cannot drive clients to doctors, hospitals or shopping trips until this dreadful time is over**. We will be reviewing the situation on a monthly basis, and will get back to normal service as soon as it is safe for everyone.

We may still be able to help in those cases where driving is not involved.

We can collect prescriptions for people who are self-isolating themselves.

We can collect shopping for people who are self-isolating themselves.

For more information call our Link number 01264-850807 or 01264-850298.

Colin colinheberpercy@gmail.com is putting together a prayer and reflection database if you wish to be put on it. There is the 'Time to Pray' app, which is a shortened form of Daily Prayer. Also #LiveLent for a creation focussed app. Both free.

We are looking at our communications to better respond to these new demands. Please do not hesitate to phone us and leave a number.

Remember the mandate to love as Jesus loved us.

Be the person who called the ambulance, said are you all right, dropped a bunch of flowers or a meal on a doorstep. The good Samaritan. Condemn your neighbour to a lifetime of gratitude.

With prayers and blessings,

Michael

01672 870779 mtmch@hotmail.com

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

As you can imagine, this report is very tricky to write with the situation re: Covid-19 changing daily, especially as, by the time you read this, events will have moved on considerably.



Two Lent lunches were held during early March raising £76.50 which will be donated to a charity, which is yet to be chosen. Sadly, due to the need for social distancing, the final three Lent lunches had to be cancelled, as did the final sessions of the Lent course.

Reluctantly, we have also had to cancel St. Andrew's church fete and the tri-village tournament. The bonus to Collingbourne Kingston is that they get to hold on to the cup for another year! We have also cancelled the Starters and Pudding Fest. We look forward to holding both of these events next year!

As I am writing this, the news has come through that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have suspended all forms of public worship until further notice. Be assured that we will faithfully pray for our communities in the Collingbournes and Everleigh, for our country and the world in these challenging and worrying times.

As part of our ongoing support to the community, St Andrew's Church is here to offer moral and spiritual encouragement to anyone who is ill, in self-isolation or otherwise downhearted about current events. You can contact me at the above number to submit a prayer request or schedule a call to a member of our congregation for a supportive talk, uplifting chat or general chin-wag!

St Andrew's has set up a Covid-19 specific prayer group where we will be praying (remotely) for the National effort, the three villages and any specific prayer submissions. All submissions will be kept confidential within our prayer group.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Finally, remember St Andrew's Church has its own Facebook page. We will aim to keep it up to date with Church of England news and further updates about worship.

The link is on our webpage or alternatively in Facebook just search for St. Andrews Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

Keep up to date with fine detail changes in between Courier editions at www.savernaketeam.org.uk

Addresses for the village websites:

CD: www.collingbourne-ducis.com
CK: www.collingbournekingston.org.uk
Everleigh: www.everleigh.org

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

Nigel Worner-Phillips (01264 850070), Churchwarden, writes:

Firstly, I am pleased to report the clock has been repaired and hope it remains this way. I am sure all those who attended the concert in February will testify the evening was a fantastic event and enjoyed by all those who attended.



The performers were all remarkable and a big thank you needs to be extended to Jackie MacBeth who organized the event with refreshments having been managed by her husband James. Not only was the event a roaring success, but generated £420 for church funds. Also, it is great that a small village like ours is able to put on such a successful concert.

By the time this goes to print you will have noticed that we have completed the pollarding of the lime trees in the churchyard and those beside the main road.

St. Mary's Parishioners Meeting is to take place on Sunday 26th April followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The PCC wish everyone a very Happy Easter! St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH AND ST MARY'S CHURCH

All Church Services are suspended until further notice because of health considerations due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, the Churches will be closed all day until further notice.

WORD CHUMS

If you are feeling isolated or are just getting bored self-isolating, how about trying Word Chums?

It's essentially scrabble, with extra bits thrown in.

You can play solo against the computer, or against other solo players, in teams and in group games. It's a very social game, highly addictive and great fun - and it really does help to pass the time. You also have the option of chatting (in writing!) to your opponent during the game if you want to.

It's very easy to download to a smart phone or iPad from either the App Store or Google Play, it's free and simple to set up. But if you get stuck with setting it up, email cdkecouriereditor@gmail.com and we will do our best to help.



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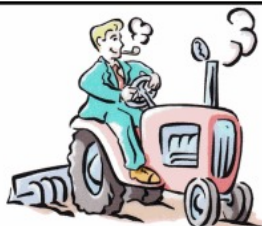
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