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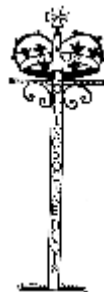
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## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

*Peter Knowlson (01264 850812), Chairman, writes:*

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the festive period and are looking forward to the year ahead.



**Christmas Brunch 2018** – The Christmas Brunch was a great success once again with over one hundred people attending. It was good to see so many of you and from the feedback we have received it would seem it was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Cllr Millard for taking on the main organising of the event, to all those who also helped on the day to make the event run smoothly and to those who kindly donated towards the raffle.

**Cadley Road** – As mentioned in my last update, we discussed the potential option at the Parish Council meeting in January of a ‘virtual footway’ option for Cadley Road. Following agreement I have raised the issue through the Tidworth Area Board to Wiltshire County Council. Once the Highways engineers have looked into the option and reported back to the Parish Council I will update you accordingly.

**Village Gates** – I am pleased to be able to finally announce the go ahead for the village gates. Cllr Dennis and I attended the recent CATG meeting that took place on the 14th January where we agreed the details of the gates and were also able to obtain a grant for two thirds of the cost, which kept the villages gates within the £4K budget. Collingbourne Kingston will also be getting a couple of village gates and WCC will be aiming to get the works completed in May for both villages.

**Budget/Precept 2019/20** – At the Parish Council meeting of the 2nd January the Cllrs debated the upcoming budget for 2019/20 and the setting of the new precept. Taking into account changes in the budget the Cllrs then agreed a precept of £22,073.65, an increase of 2.3% from the 2018/19 precept which is in-line with Retail Price Index, the figure

used in accordance with normal Government practice. Further budget details can be found in the minutes of the meeting published on Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council website.

**Projects for 2019/20** – Following the village consultation survey it has been agreed the main project for the year will be the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment. Cllr Hartley will be leading on this project and is currently looking at options and costs. We hope to be in a position by the next Parish Council meeting in March to agree the way forward and timescales.

**Low Flying** - Quick comment on the particularly noisy helicopter flying that took place during the hours of darkness on 14th January. It was a point of concern for some residents and, following this incident, the Parish Council engaged with the Training Safety Officer for Salisbury Plain Training Area on the issue.

The level of military usage on the plain as a whole is forecast well in the SPTA Newsletter that is issued (electronically) monthly  
**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter>**

The headline for February and March is that there are back-to-back major exercises through both months as the military prepares for some upcoming overseas deployments.

Should any residents wish to make a complaint about low flying military aircraft, the Ministry of Defence have a complaints department you can contact: Low Flying Complaints and Enquiries Unit, RAF Wittering, Peterborough, PE8 6HB. Email **SWK-lowflying@mod.gov.uk** Telephone **01780 417558** (8 am - 4 pm, Mon-Fri)

.....And for those who enjoy a bit of plane spotting, I'm led to believe it was a MV22 Osprey Helicopter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and is due to take place at 7 pm on Thursday 14th March. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council we currently have three vacancies and a notice of vacancies is up on the village noticeboard. If you would like to get more involved in the village and help out with future projects, for more details please contact our Parish Clerk, Phil Gill, by email [parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com](mailto:parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com)

### **COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*Stephen Mantanle, Chairman, writes:*

We have been working for some time with Wiltshire Council and the Tidworth

Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) to try to find ways of improving the flow of traffic on the A338 through Collingbourne Kingston and controlling its speed. I am pleased to be able to confirm that we have received funding from CATG for two developments.

The roundabout outside St. Mary's is going to be significantly re-mapped and the road in the immediate area will be re-signed. In addition, there will be new bollards erected at the south-east corner of the roundabout. The intention is to oblige the traffic to use the roundabout correctly and at the appropriate speed, in both directions.

The second development is the erection of village gates at the north and south entrances to Collingbourne Kingston. They will be positioned close to the existing village signs. We expect that the presence of these gates will remind drivers that they are going through a village and that they should drive sensibly and at the correct speed.

The Parish Council has contributed a significant amount of money to both of these initiatives. We are particularly grateful for the support we received from the community at the Summer Fete last year which



made a very meaningful contribution to the funds we had available for these specific initiatives.

We anticipate that the work will be done towards the end of April/early May. As soon as we have firm dates I will make sure these are advertised.

We intend to hold a Summer Fete in 2019 as well. The date will be 20th July and I would appreciate your making a note of this in your diaries. We will publish detailed information on what the Fete will involve closer to the time. I can tell you that any proceeds this year will not be directed solely to one cause as we did in 2018, but will be spread as widely as possible.

Regrettably, we have been advised of further instances of fly-tipping, most recently in Brunton. This is clearly an unpleasant and unhealthy practice and we do not want it in our parish. A connection with the closure of the Everleigh Recycling Centre is possible but it does not excuse this kind of vandalism. I would be grateful if you could advise me of any instances you may come across so that the Police can be alerted. Please do not get involved, we will rely on the Police to do that.

We have had a number of clean-up days in the village over the past few years which have been aimed at keeping the village as tidy as possible. Perhaps it would be time to have another one. I would be grateful for any suggestions you may have for issues that could benefit from a day's focused work. We will suggest a date to you in the next Courier. It would be helpful to have your suggestions before that so that we can pick the right moment to organise the day. Please contact me on **[stephenmatanle@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenmatanle@yahoo.com)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 12th February 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Ruth Fisher Room. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend.

## THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

*Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:*

### **Forthcoming Events in Everleigh:**

Saturday 2nd March, 11 am, Village Litter Pick, Crown Bus Shelter



Our Christmas Carol Service took place at St Peter's Church on Saturday 8th December. This was a great opportunity for the village to get together, to hear the Christmas story and to sing traditional carols. The church was again superbly decorated by the ladies of Everleigh, with candles and flowers beautifully arranged. Our vicar, Jo Reid, conducted an excellent service and the children read the lessons with confidence and style. Kim Wheeler-Mallows produced excellent light effects both inside and outside the church. Finally, our special thanks go to Eliza Hudson for the synchronisation of this event and for organising absolutely delicious mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies after the service.

The Parish Council is now working on plans for 2019. In the near future we intend to lay on two events: a village litter pick on Saturday 2nd March at 11 am, meeting at The Crown bus shelter; and a work party to tidy up and maintain our playground on Saturday 13th April at 9.30 am until noon. More details on each event will be promulgated in due course.

Have you visited a mobile library recently? The Wilts Council mobile library visits Everleigh (High Trees lay-by) on a Wednesday every four weeks, from 12.25 pm – 12.55 pm. Forthcoming visits are 13th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 5th June and 3rd July. For more information please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries)

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**OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807**

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

The date for the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7 pm at Collingbourne Primary School. Everyone is welcome to attend. The minutes of our last meeting are available on village noticeboards and the Everleigh website at [www.everleigh.org](http://www.everleigh.org)

### **COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

*Tim Keighley (07923116758) Team Leader, CK CSW*

You will have perhaps seen over the past twelve months some yellow-coated folks standing by the side of the road in Collingbourne Kingston. We are not an outreach group of 'Les Gilets Jaune' nor are we conducting a traffic survey. We have the use of a speed gun one week every month and we are there to make drivers aware of the 30 mph limit and to remind them to drive accordingly. There are over sixty speed watch teams across Wiltshire.



We do record the registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limits and pass this information to the Police. The police record this information and pay persistent or excessive offenders a visit. There have been recordings of vehicles travelling at speeds above 50 mph, even at 60 mph! Clearly, these speeds through our village are not acceptable and we hope our presence in high vis jackets and the speed gun deters traffic from speeding. There is some evidence that we are making a difference.

Could you help? The commitment is two or three hours in a given week in every month. Training is given to any new team members (which takes about three hours in total). We currently have eight members of the Collingbourne Kingston team, but we need more team members to cover the whole week. If you are at all interested, or would like more information, please do contact me on the number above or e-mail me [timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk)



## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL

*David Paterson writes:*



The Armistice Commemoration was one of the most successful events we have held at Ducis Hall. The performance by the School Choir, planting the Memorial Walnut Tree by the three parishes, "That's the way to do it Judy", the Armistice readings and the magnificent 1918-style tea, all contributed to a truly memorable afternoon for hundreds of villagers.

Christmas was also enjoyed in a variety of ways: Parties, Rural Arts, Film Place, School events and the magnificent Glitter Ball all took place.

The New Year will present us with fresh challenges and opportunities. We are still dealing with the outcome from a serious incident of vandalism in November. This has been very time-consuming and expensive. All of our committee are volunteers and their most valuable asset is their time. They give this willingly and with enthusiasm, as they realise the importance of our principal community asset, and I thank them for this.

We have a new Development Plan looking forward over the next three years, planning both large and small changes to the Hall. During this period we will plan and build a storage extension, we will seek to renovate the tennis court, we will enhance our female changing facilities and we will continue our re-decoration programme. The Blues Night on 2nd February will raise funds to develop the bar in the main hall. This is used extensively for Film Place, family events and the Cricket Club in the summer.

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**Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101**

## **COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Dan Crossman, Headteacher writes:*

A Happy New Year from everyone at Collingbourne School!



Our new year started off in entertaining fashion as we welcomed the 'Flying Pizza Pantomime' company into school to perform 'Robin Hood'. The children loved watching Mrs Stevens being attacked with bows and arrows... Oh no they didn't... Oh yes they did!

Across the school children are starting exciting new topics such as 'Off with her head' and 'Into the Woods'. There are also several trips planned to support the children's learning such as the 'Life' exhibition at Pewsey Church and a visit to a new housing development.

This week in school we welcome Dr Cora Sargeant who will be running a parent workshop in helping children and families deal with anxiety. Our children's wellbeing is our highest priority and we run weekly wellbeing groups to help children cope with any worries or concerns they may have.

We are lucky to have so many volunteers in school now to help with a 'reading buddies' programme. That said, there's always room for more so if you'd like to become more involved in our school please contact Mrs May in the school office 01264 850346

## **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

*Carolyn Kennedy (01225 713706/07500 072824),  
Wilts Council Libraries and Heritage, writes:*

Have you visited the mobile library recently?

For adults there is a large range of fiction and non-fiction, from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening books. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books.

**Love Reading,  
Love Libraries**

If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well.

There is access to the whole county stock through the Wiltshire Libraries online catalogue. Books, audio books and DVDs can be requested on the mobile or online and collected by customers from the mobile library. All children's stock can be requested free of charge with a small fee for adult requests. You can also use your membership card at any Wiltshire library and return books to the mobile library.

It is free to join and there are no fines for overdue books on the mobile library.

It's easy to join, just bring along proof of your name and address and the friendly Mobile Manager will sign you up straight away – they are always happy to help.

The mobile has full accessibility and is fitted with a customer lift.

We visit the villages near you on the following dates and times.

**Collingbourne Ducis - West Farm**

11.20 am - 11.45 am, and

**Collingbourne Kingston – Aughton**

11.55 am - 12.20 pm

Fridays every 4 weeks

Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Aug 30

**Everleigh – High Trees lay-by**

12.25 pm - 12.55 pm

Wednesdays, every 4 weeks

Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 5, Jul 3, Jul 31, Aug 28

More information about the mobile library service is available online at <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/>

## QUIZ ALERT

*Val Patrick (01264 850345) writes:*

Do you enjoy a good Quiz?

# Quiz

If so, why not come and join us in the Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. £2 per head which goes to the upkeep of the Hall. All welcome; come alone or with friends.

Refreshments and raffle at half time.

Our quizmaster of twenty-six years, Laurence McGowan, has just retired, and we are keen to continue raising funds for the Village Hall through these fun evenings.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLINGBOURNES AIR SCOUTS

*Martin Stitchbury writes:*

November, Remembrance Day. A fairly small turnout for the annual cleaning of the grounds around the Cenotaph. It was very wet; we swept away the water, only for it to fall out of the sky again. The Remembrance Day service was well attended, and the cubs were able to act as impromptu statue holders.



December was more indoors, as we were finishing off the Cooks badge. We had made apple chutney to use as part of the starter for a three-course dinner for the parents to try. My holiday to Barcelona gave a chance for a Gaudi inspired evening making table lanterns for their significant adult.

As Christmas approached, the three-course meal was prepared and the adults sampled the children's cooking. Presentation was key, and it tasted nice as well.

As we start back in the New Year, we have capacity to grow and are looking forward to gathering new cubs as soon as we are able.

## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:*

The last meeting of 2018, held on 13th December, was a most enjoyable Christmas Party which had been organised by the Committee. After a meal, the entries for the Christmas hat competition were judged, games were played, the raffle tickets were drawn and presents were distributed.



**COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE WILL BE 100 YEARS OLD ON 29th JANUARY** and we will be celebrating the occasion with a meal at the Barleycorn Inn on that evening.

The New Year meeting on 10th January opened with the President, Wendy Brown, welcoming members and visitors. The minutes of the November meeting were approved and signed and the attention of members was drawn to the details of new events and courses which could be viewed on the noticeboard.

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Henderson was then introduced to give his talk, 'Fulfilment and Farce', which is the second part of his trilogy of talks on the wives of Henry VIII. The audience was educated, amused and entertained by in-depth information and gossip about Jane Seymour and Anne of Cleves.

He was warmly thanked by Muriel and many members took the opportunity to talk to him during the social time. We look forward to listening to the final part next year!

Vanessa and Laura served delicious refreshments and a Raffle concluded the evening.

The next meeting on 14th February will be an Open Evening so do come along to hear 'The Story of Avebury Manor'.

Speaker: Chris Penny.

Tea Hostesses: Pam Cogdell, Wendy Brown and Maz Clifton.

Hostess: H. Ball

Raffle Prize: C. Hoare

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Second Thursday of the month in Kingston Village Hall at 7.30 pm, £4 per visit.

### **COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON QUIZ**

*Sue Basinger writes:*

After twenty-six years of compiling the questions for the monthly Quiz at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall, Laurence McGowan completed his final quiz on Thursday 20th December 2018.

The regular quiz team members presented him with a gift to thank him for all the years of entertainment.

It is hoped that Laurence and Jackie will return to compete in the Quiz themselves in the summer months.



## RURAL ARTS TOURING

*Jane Crook (01264 850436) writes:*

The next Rural Arts event will be Rachel Newton, BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Musician of the Year 2017, who will perform in Collingbourne Kingston village hall on Friday May 10th. More information next month.

## THEFILMPLACE - YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

*Jim Plenderleith (01264 850734) writes:*

Showing at THEFILMPLACE on Friday  
22nd February 2019 is the incredible true

story KING OF THIEVES, the spectacular Hatton Garden gold and diamonds heist, the biggest and most daring robbery in Britain. King of Thieves is a gentle comedy about a group of lovable old thieving geezers brilliantly played by Michael Caine, Jim Broadbent, Tom Courtenay, Michael Gambon and Ray Winstone.

Doors open at THEFILMPLACE, Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall, at 7 pm for pre-film drinks and refreshments. The film show starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £6 available now from Collingbourne Ducis village shop or by telephoning Jim Plenderleith (CD) **01264 852734**, Robert East (Everleigh) **01264 850449** or James Robinson (CK) **01264 850858**. Tickets will also be available on the door, if not previously sold out.

Only through the community's continuing support can we keep THEFILMPLACE going. It is your monthly film show. Please continue to give us your feedback personally or by email to the following [thefilmplacecd@gmail.com](mailto:thefilmplacecd@gmail.com)

Dates for your diary

Friday 29th March      A Star is Born

Friday 3rd May        Film to be advised

**THEFILMPLACE**  
YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

## COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

*Hibiscus writes:*

On 22nd November we gathered at Ducis Village Hall to hear David Moon, LRPS, give a presentation on The National Garden Scheme. The Scheme has been running since 1927 and the aim was to raise funds for Queen Alexandra's Nursing Institute. It also helped fund district nurses, who were an unpaid group, looking after the community in their homes. Nowadays funds are raised for MacMillan Nurses, Help for Hospices, Cross Roads Care, and many other charities. The charity also funds training for the next generation of gardeners and, hence, the NGS Yellow Book giving details of all the open garden was born and is sort after each year. In 2003 HRH Prince of Wales became the charity's patron following the death of The Queen Mother, its previous patron. The current patron is Mary Berry, whose 3.5 acre garden in Buckinghamshire is open to the public. Only 17% of moneys raised from the Open Garden Scheme goes on administration costs, so 83% is distributed across all the charities and each year has a new nominated charity. Fifty million pounds has been raised since 1927 and last year 3,800 people opened their gardens to the public for them to wander and enjoy, with often the opportunity of homemade cake and tea and the chance to purchase some of the owner's plants.



We then sat back and enjoyed the beautiful movies of various gardens, including Beth Chatto, Great Dixter and Horatio's Garden in Salisbury accompanied by beautiful music.

The latter is dedicated to the memory of young Horatio who was tragically killed at the age of seventeen years by a polar bear. His parents were both doctors at Salisbury Hospital and he helped out in the spinal injury unit and could imagine the benefit for patients if



they could be taken into the outside; through determined fund-raising by his mother the garden was realised. Her fund-raising continues and further gardens in spinal units have been created and opened to encourage the well-being of patients.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and then broke for tea and home-made cakes.

The next meeting is on Thursday 28th February when Simon Tucker will speak on Birds in the Garden. If you are interested in joining the Gardening Club, or just want to come along to a particular meeting, details are on the poster at the village shop, or contact our Chairman, Pam Haverson, on **01264 850609**.

### **THE VILLAGE SHOP**

*A villager voices concern:*

There is a lot of concern regarding the reduced opening hours of the village shop. Not opening until 8 am on weekdays means that most workers cannot buy their morning paper, etc in the village. Closing completely on Sunday results in locals who don't drive being unable to collect their newspapers, milk, etc thereby excluding part of the local community.

Customers should be valued and nurtured but the local feeling among regulars is that stock levels in the shop are being so reduced that the shelves are almost empty. So, along with reduced opening, it seems there is little enthusiasm to engage with the community.

With such small stock regulars never know whether there will be milk, bread, eggs - all the basics. We all know there will be little or no fruit and vegetables. Basics just aren't reliably stocked. There is tremendous goodwill amongst the local villages and there could be so much more with the correct stock levels.

It's a sorry state of affairs.

## **BURBAGE & DISTRICT VIDEO & CAMERA CLUB (BDVCC)**

*Sonny Hamid writes:*

The Club had two very exciting and productive sessions in January.



The first was a presentation of our photojournalism production to the Burbage Good Companions Club. The subject of the presentation was an illustrated tour of discovering hidden historic or other items of interest in Marlborough. Most of us go past these interesting gems without noticing them or even when we do, their significance is not known.

The presentation was delivered by Member Mike Bird with PowerPoint presentation slides produced and edited by Member Sonny Hamid. The feedback received was very positive and encouraging and we were asked to deliver the other two remaining parts which relate to sites in Great Bedwyn and another on sites in Burbage as soon as these two are completed.

Our second session for the month was a Club Members' meeting to complete the outstanding work on the Burbage section of our photojournalism project. Several local residents who had extensive knowledge of the village's history were invited to provide input so that we can continue to develop a narrative to accompany the presentation slides. The section is now complete and ready for presentation to prospective Community Groups.

Our task for our February session is to complete all outstanding work on this project.

Our next session will start at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at the Burbage and Easton Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage.

We welcome new members from Burbage and the surrounding villages, all of whom are welcome to join us in sharing this exciting

hobby or who may seek to develop their camera skills. Please contact Sonny on **01672 811 933** or Mike on **01672 810 574** for more details.

## **CATS PROTECTION**

*Martin Bevan writes:*

We had a busy year last year and managed to re-home 113 cats. We couldn't do this without our wonderful team of volunteers and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them.



We're lucky enough to have the use of the Rotations Charity Shop in Whitchurch again this year. Our dates are 11th-25th April and 12th-26th September. We are always in need of good quality bric-a-brac so if you have anything to donate please contact us using the details below.

Last month's cat, Tiger Lily, went off to live with a young family in the Andover area. She's now a very happy cat and is thoroughly enjoying all the attention.

Pippa is a beautiful little cat of around four years. She is very independent and likes to spend plenty of time outside. Pippa would need to be the only animal in the household and requires a home without children.

Did you know? Cats make about 100 different sounds. Dogs make only about 10.

Homing Enquiries **0345 260 1501** or **[andover.cats.org.uk](http://andover.cats.org.uk)**

Fund-raising and volunteers **07733 242196** or email **[coordinator@andover.cats.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@andover.cats.org.uk)**

Items for resale **01256 892773**

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

*Jane Crook (01264 850436) announces:*

Congratulations to everyone who won with the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall draw

December 2018

£50 Howard 45

£25 J. Horsfall 65

£10 Alec Knowles 233

£5 C. Roake 143

January 2019

£50 Mrs Sulley 12

£25 Y. Oats 171

£10 A. Ward 72

£5 B. Read 32



Thank you for your continued support.

## JULIA'S HOUSE

*Liz Froud (01202 644220) writes:*

Volunteers required for Devizes Julia's House children's hospice shop

The Julia's House children's hospice shop in Devizes is inviting new volunteers to join its team for a few hours a week.

The shop, on Maryport Street, needs people to help out behind the scenes or on the shop floor by sorting donations, putting out stock or serving customers.

'These are roles that would suit anyone and no experience is needed because we provide full training,' explains Liz Froud, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Julia's House. 'Volunteers need only donate a couple of hours a week; a spare pair of hands for a morning or afternoon in this friendly shop would be a great help.'

Julia's House, which opened Wiltshire's first children's hospice in the town two years ago, also has a shop in Salisbury and nine others across Dorset. The charity provides outstanding, award-winning care



for babies, children and young people with life-shortening and life-threatening conditions, as well as support for their families.

Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to pop into the shop for an informal chat or to contact Liz Froud on **01202 644220**.

*Susie Carver, Julia's House Marketing & Communications Officer, (01202 644251), also writes:*

Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospice charity, is inviting people to sign up to one of their Challenge fundraising events for 2019.

The five events offer an exciting opportunity to step outside your comfort zone and achieve something truly amazing, whilst raising funds to help children living with life-limiting conditions.

The season begins on 8 June with the **Jurassic Coast Trek** – a challenging 13 or 26 mile hike taking in breathtaking views along Dorset's stunning coastline. Begin the walk at Osmington for the full trek, passing landmark sights including Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove, or join the trail at Kimmeridge for a shorter option as you make your way to Acton Field Campsite near Swanage. All participants will be able to celebrate their achievements with a complimentary hog roast and glass of prosecco at the finish line.

Could you be brave for just one minute to help a child feel brave for a lifetime? Take part in **The Big Jump** on 3 August and experience the thrill of a tandem skydive, jumping from 13,000 feet under the control of an experienced instructor. A dedicated contact at Julia's House will give you one-to-one support all the way and will be there on the day to watch your jump at the Army Parachute Association near Salisbury.

New for 2019 is the **Mallorca Cycle Challenge** (12-16 September), an epic 4-day adventure during which you will conquer the best and most picturesque climbs on the island, including the iconic Sa Colbara,

Puig Major and the breathtaking Cap de Formentor. Exclusive to Julia's House fundraisers, the Mallorca Cycle Challenge offers a unique opportunity to test your cycling to the limit. Find out if this is for you at a free information evening at the charity's Dorset hospice in Corfe Mullen on 26 February. David Williams will be on hand to explain all about the challenges of cycling in Mallorca. You'll be able to ask questions about the ride and get advice on fundraising from the Julia's House team.

Closer to home is the **Big Ride** on 22 September, a cycle event starting from the gorgeous Larmer Tree Gardens on the Dorset/Wiltshire border. Taking in a choice of two circular routes of 50 or 100 miles, The Big Ride is suitable for seasoned cyclists or anyone looking for a fresh goal to boost their fitness.

The **Bournemouth Marathon Festival** (5-6 October) provides a combination of vibrant atmosphere, fresh sea air and fabulous views. It offers something for all ages and all levels of fitness, from the challenge of a full-on marathon to a Kids' K – meaning your family can run for Julia's House families.

Anybody interested in signing up for a Challenge event can find more information at [juliashouse.org/challenge](http://juliashouse.org/challenge) or call Hannah Miller on **01202 644262**.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IN AID OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

*Joy Siggers writes:*

Very many thanks to all those who sold tickets and, indeed, bought them. Special thanks to the Star Bakers, who made Christmas cakes and puddings, and to those who donated whisky, chocolates and Christmas crackers. Our thanks to Mr Gardner for the delicious ham which was won by Marion and Mike Bailey. This was a team effort which produced £573, which will go towards the fabric of St Andrew's Church.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH PROPOSED NEW ASHES BURIAL GROUND

*Tish Leigh writes:*

The area where ashes are buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard has just two or three spaces left. As these could be filled during this next year, we need to make a contingency plan to extend this. Legally, it is permitted for burials to be in the same plot as a previous grave, if more than eighty years has passed and there are no family objections. St. Andrew's PCC proposal is to extend the area where ashes are buried currently, to an area on the south side of the church, where there are three graves, which are around 200 years old and unmarked. Ashes burial plots go down 18 inches/2 feet, so not as deep as a burial grave. The proposed area for the new ashes burial ground is marked on the photograph. It runs along the south wall of the church, behind the gravestones as can be seen in the photo. If anyone would like to discuss this further please contact the Church Warden, Tish Leigh **01264 850867**. If the PCC has received no objections by February 28th, we will proceed with this plan as necessary.



## SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

*Michael McHugh, Team Rector, writes*

I sit in my office after the defeat of the Brexit bill and await the vote of no confidence in the government. Politically we could not be in more uncertain times. Hopefully, by the time that you read this letter we will have moved on in our state of uncertainty. I hope that we can avoid too much damage to those who are most vulnerable in our society.



The philosopher/psychologist William James spoke of a 'stream of consciousness.' It seems this is the state of our nation at present; we exist in it, it happens to us, but in general there is little sense that we are directing or guiding it ourselves but are mere passive observer/commentators.

It is with this in mind that I unashamedly encourage you to make use of those things that as a church and a deanery we can offer to help you lighten or contextualise your reflections on life over the next few months.

Friday 8th February at 7 pm - 9 pm: Gerald Balding, Elephant trainer and circus member, Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall £10

Monday 18th February at 7.30 pm: Third Monday at St Mary's Great Bedwyn, Members of the Community share their lives and interests.

Wednesdays in March: Gerald Osborne, The Gospel of Mark - Reflections, 8 pm All Saints Burbage.

Sunday 3rd March: Bishop Andrew, Sunday@six, St John's Pewsey, 6 pm.

Friday 8th March: The Children of Great Bedwyn School in 'I Sing Pop,' a different take on church music.

Friday 15th March: Jeremy Marshall, Living with Terminal Cancer, Burbage Village Hall

Thursday 4th April: Rachel Wright, Author of 'Born at the Right Time' and 'The Skies I'm Under', Addressing parenting a child with multiple disabilities.

We are also offering flower arranging workshops during the Lenten Period. A contact point is the **comeandyouwillsee.com** website, currently on a countdown to Lent, and your church or community noticeboards.



I'd like to thank those who keep bearing the expense of time and money to keep our churches not just open but running concerns. We would not be there for community use, baptisms funerals and marriages without you. You make the list above happen.

As the African farewell says, 'Rest Well'

*Michael*, Team Rector

### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS**

*Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:*

Even though it will be early February by the time you are reading this, Christmas can be said to continue until 2nd February as this is Candlemas, which is a Christian holiday occurring annually on this date, commemorating the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple when he was a baby. It occurs forty days (inclusively) after Christmas Day. While in many countries Christmas decorations are traditionally removed on Twelfth Night, for other countries it is customary to remove them on Candlemas. Therefore, there is no problem in mentioning our Christmas celebrations! From Brass and Carols at the Tipple (not forgetting the mince pies and mulled wine) to the Candlelit Carol Service, Come to Bethlehem, and the fun-filled family service on Christmas Day itself. The church was certainly full of congregations of people from eight weeks old to eighty years (and possibly older!) clearly enjoying and appreciating the true meaning of Christmas. Many grateful thanks to all those who helped make Christmas special by ringing bells, playing the organ, flower arranging and decorating the Christmas tree, providing refreshments



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#### **Addresses for the village websites:**

CD: [www.collingbourne-ducis.com](http://www.collingbourne-ducis.com)

CK: [www.collingbournekingston.org.uk](http://www.collingbournekingston.org.uk)

Everleigh: [www.everleigh.org](http://www.everleigh.org)

and cleaning up throughout the Christmas season. The Come to Bethlehem service raised £193.18 which has been sent to the Children's Society.

Many thanks must also go to Joy and Peter Siggers who organised the Christmas raffle which made a fantastic £573, all of which was donated to the church. We are also very grateful to all the generous folk who made the delicious Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings, which were prizes alongside the Christmas ham joint which was donated by Joy and Peter.

As Candlemas marks the end of the Church's Christmas season, the Church colours change from white and gold to green and we look forward to Lent and Easter.

On Friday 8th February, 7pm - 9pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall, Gerald Balding will be giving what I'm sure will be an interesting and enjoyable talk, including slides and the opportunity to ask questions. Tickets available from me, either phone: **850867** or email: **patricialeigh1@hotmail.com**. Further details on the flyer enclosed. Any profits from the evening will go towards the repair of the stonework on the church tower. This is a project which I hope will be able to go ahead this spring.

Looking forward to the summer, a date for all your diaries, St Andrew's Church Fete has been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 13th July, 2pm - 5 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall.

Finally, remember St Andrew's Church has its own Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events, admire any photographs and comment on them! The link is on our webpage or alternatively in Facebook just search for St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

*Charles Howard (01264 850243) and Nigel Worner-Phillips (01264 850070), Churchwardens, write:*



Many thanks to all who took part in and contributed to our various Christmas activities, including the Christmas Tree Festival and the Parish Carol Service, both of which were very well attended and successful. In particular, thanks to Val and Chris Patrick, Jackie Macbeth, Nigel and others for the major part they played in the Christmas Tree Festival at which we had thirty two trees and a fine performance by the Collingbourne Choir.

Thanks to the Trick family of Hillview Garage for their generous gift of our Christmas tree and thanks also to the flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas, as they also do for the rest of the year.

As can be seen, the church clock is back in operation after major repairs to the winding mechanism which has been replaced by the Cumbria Clock Company. In addition, it has been fitted with an automatic regulator system which should adjust the clock at regular intervals so that it always shows the correct time. We sincerely hope that these very extensive and expensive repairs have resolved the problems which the clock has given us for over two years.

The Savernake Team has a normal complement of three Team Vicars, but they have been reduced to only two following the departure of Rev Andy Thewlis last summer. We are glad to say that a recruitment process will be launched in March to find a new Team Vicar who will live at Burbage. It depends on the results of advertisements in the Church Times, but if a suitable candidate comes forward it is possible that he or she may be in post by September.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON**

*Services in February*

Sunday 3rd Morning Worship at 9.30 am

Sunday 10th Holy Communion at 11 am

Sunday 17th Family Worship at Ducis at 11 am

Sunday 24th Evensong at 6 pm

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*Cover Photo: Stained glass image of horned green man from border of Ascension window in the Church of St Peter Ad Vincula, Pennal, Gwynedd.*