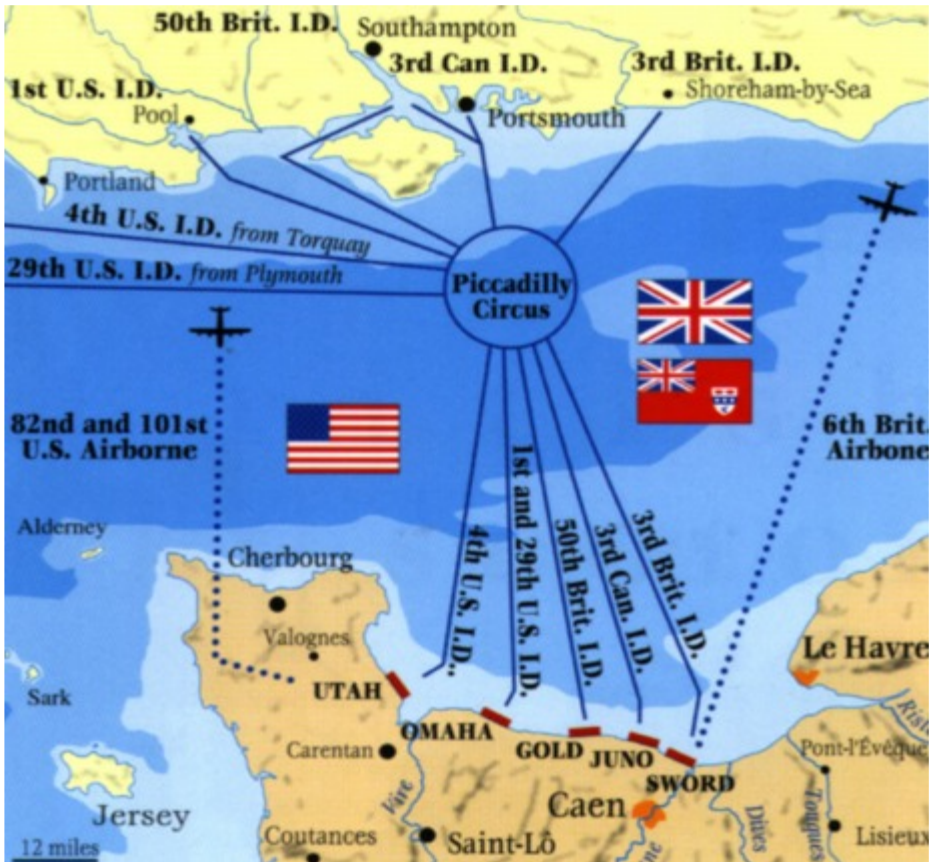


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## THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

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

Team Everleigh enjoyed taking part in the village games at the St Andrew's Church Fete on Saturday 11th May. The event was



well organised and was a great way to develop community spirit with our neighbours from Kingston and Ducis. Congratulations to Kingston for their victory and very many thanks to Tish Leigh for synchronising activities with such enthusiasm and aplomb.

A group of fifteen hardy souls gathered at 9 am on Sunday 19th May at V Tank Crossing/Weatherhill Firs to Beat the Bounds of Everleigh Parish. We conducted a leisurely and very enjoyable eight-plus mile hike around most of our scenic parish boundary over a period of just over three hours. Well done to all walkers and congratulations to Cllr Kim Wheeler-Mallows for laying on such a well organised event.

There are two village events planned for the Summer. Firstly, the annual Midsummer Tea Party in support of the Churches Conservation Trust will take place at St Peter's Church on Sunday 23rd June 3 - 5 pm. This event is likely to feature traditional cakes, books and plants stalls. Volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Tea Party co-ordinators, Robert and Elizabeth East (01264 850449), if you can provide support. Also, in preparation for this event, a village work party will take place to tidy up the Churchyard a week beforehand on Saturday 15th June 9 am until midday; please bring strimmers, rakes and shears if you can help.

Secondly, our village Summer Party is scheduled for Saturday 13th July at the playground from 5 pm. More details will follow in the next edition of the Courier.

The future of our village bonfire/fireworks night is under consideration by the Parish Council. The event takes considerable time, effort and funding to organise, and it is apparent that Everleigh residents are not fully supporting the evening. Consequently, a consultation flyer has been circulated to parishioners to seek their views as to whether the event should continue or not. Please respond to this consultation by 16th June; contact details are on the flyer.

There is still a 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 Monday 8th July at 7 pm at Collingbourne Primary School. All are 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:*

#### **Tidworth Area Rights of Way Improvement Community**

**Project** – On the 15th May the Tidworth Area Board held their meeting at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. The initial part of the meeting was a workshop to discuss and plan the ways to improve the access and usage of the Rights of Way in the local areas. There were a good few people in attendance, although not many from Collingbourne Ducis. I have taken away from the meeting some detailed maps of rights of way and footpaths in our Parish so if anybody wants a copy please let me know. There was a talk from a walking group in Great Bedwyn who talked about the various projects and walks they go on, and how



with support of this project and additional funding they, and other walking groups, can clear old footpaths and make them accessible again. These are community lead projects and do not have to be run by the Parish Council, however we would be happy to assist with information if required.

**New Village Defibrillator** – Last year the Parish Council secured a grant to fully fund the purchase of an additional defibrillator. My initial plan was to have this on the outside of the village shop. However the shopkeeper did not support this idea which was a shame. I am pleased to say that Sarsen Energy have said they would be happy to have the new defibrillator installed on the outside of their premises which is situated in the Garlands Trading Estate in Cadley Road. On behalf of the village, a big thank you goes to Anne and John for their support and community spirit. Once the defibrillator has been fully installed and registered with South West Ambulance service, I will aim to organise a session at the village hall with a demonstration of how to use the device in the event of an emergency.

**Parish Projects** - In terms of future projects to enhance the Parish, I am pleased to report that, following the results of the Future Projects Consultation we conducted, the Parish Council has selected a supplier for the Outdoor Gym Equipment that will be installed on the recreation ground this summer. Having reviewed a wide range of options, Fresh Air Fitness were selected as they are able to deliver a wide range of equipment (including wheelchair accessible) and have provided a competitive quote. Also, they are a company who have been involved with, and been recommended by, other Parish councils conducting similar projects.

The equipment will be installed in the south east corner of the recreation ground close to the shed and skate ramp. A tidy-up of the area will take place, including graffiti removal and a repaint of the shed. Once completed this will freshen up and bring more utility to this corner of the recreation ground without impacting other spaces and activities.

**St Andrews Church Fete & Tri-Village Games** – On Saturday 11th May the Church held their fete and Tri-Village games.

Unfortunately, Ducis came second in the games with the trophy going to Kingston who certainly prepared and organised themselves well. It appeared a good day was had by all and weather was perfect; I hope the Church managed to raise plenty of money for their repairs.

**Collingbourne Canter 5K and Fun Run** – Taking place on Saturday 8th June. For more details of the event and how to enter for the run go to <https://www.evententry.co.uk/collingbourne-canter-5k-and-fun-run>

**Vacancies** – I'm not being inundated with people wanting to join the Parish Council at present, so this is an ideal opportunity to get in there quick before the rush. This may be because people do not know what it entails, so I would invite you to either contact myself or the Parish Clerk to find out more details. 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](mailto:parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com)

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 4th July. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Stoohen Matanle, Chairman, writes:*



We had a well attended Annual Parish Meeting on 21st May which was very encouraging. Much of the discussion was directed towards the A338 and all the issues that have crystallised over the past few weeks. The spate of accidents has served to remind us all of the dangers that we face from the weight of traffic on the road.

The initiatives that we have been working on with Wiltshire Council via CATG will be actioned very soon. The Village Gates will come first, followed by the re-mapping of the Brunton Roundabout. In addition to these developments, we are working on getting some 30 mph repeater signs to be placed along various stretches of the road. We do not know as yet if we qualify for these but we think we have a strong case to get them introduced in our Parish. The meeting was also in favour of the use of Speed Indicator Devices. We are going to prioritise the selection of a suitable type for our needs and work out how best to fund their purchase. We believe these two new initiatives would be valuable additions to our overall plan to impress on the traffic through our Parish that speed limits are to be obeyed.

At both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting that followed, we discussed the work of the Community Speed Watch team. It is very clear from the data that the team has accumulated that their work is of great value. We would like to get more support from the Police so as to add some real edge to their work. It is very important that the CSW continue and additional members would be very welcome. The average commitment currently is for two or three sessions (of one hour each) per member

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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**

every fourth week. If you can manage only one or two sessions, that would still work. Please can I ask anyone who can commit time to the CSW to contact Tim Keighley on **timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk**

We will be holding the next Maintenance Day on 29th June from 9.30 - 11.30 am. We will be concentrating on the stretch from Brunton Roundabout to Cuckoo Pen Close. We want to complete the work that we started on the last occasion. We really do need to get at least a dozen volunteers along so can I please ask anyone who can give up a couple of hours to come along. It is surprising how much of an impact we can make in widening the pathways but we do need a sufficient number of hands present to get the job done.

The Parish Council attended a meeting on 15th May to listen to proposals from Wiltshire Council to improve existing rights of way in the County and to encourage the formation of walking groups who would participate in securing their improvement and the publicity of them.

The project, which is called 'Paths For All', is to get communities to establish groups of volunteers who will improve the rights of way in their area by small scale clearance or repairs where necessary, reporting where more extensive works are required, and generally publicising the proposals to form walking groups.

Such a scheme has been operating in Bedwyn over the last four years and one of their group was in attendance to describe their success.

The group is now some eighty strong and they have monthly walks averaging thirty people. Their work team have a set of basic equipment, and they have organised and had printed pamphlets on a number of their popular walks which include information on public transport, parking facilities, pubs, etc.



These groups do not operate under the control of the Parish Council and they do not have any committee or subscription.

However, Parish Councils are to have the following roles:

- \*work with local groups to identify tasks required
- \*assisting with obtaining landowners consent
- \*assisting with volunteer recruitment
- \*local communications

Groups are to be supported by County Council Rights of Way Team and their Wardens are available to give advice. The Parish Council is in favour of this project and we will be following up on it with the Parish over the next few months.

As mentioned in last month's Courier, we are required to give anyone in the Parish the opportunity to review the Approved Accounts and Accounting Records for a fixed period of time. These will be available for review with effect from 7th June up to 12th July via the Responsible Financial Officer, Fran Dickenson. If you would like to take advantage of this, please will you contact her by email on [rfo@collingbournekingston.org.uk](mailto:rfo@collingbournekingston.org.uk) to fix an appointment.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all at the Village Fete which is being held on 20th July, starting at 2 pm. The event will be similar to last year's fete with a lot going on and plenty of refreshments to keep you going!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 9th July in the Ruth Fisher Room. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend this meeting.

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

## COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Dan Crossman, Head teacher writes:*

It's been a busy and fun-filled term at Collingbourne Primary School!



Our sporting stars have enjoyed competing alongside the other top teams in the county at the Wiltshire Finals day. The team played really well and we should mention Hollie who was amazingly brave when breaking her arm in the second game! She even wanted to go back on! Our girls' cricket team also played brilliantly in the local tournament; our thanks go to Owen, John and the rest of Collingbourne CC for hosting such a good event.

This term sees our Year 6 children completing their Key Stage 2 SATS tests. They've been working hard to revise for these important tests but still found the time to participate in an engineering day at Thruxton and produce an entertaining play entitled 'Fairytale Courtroom'.

After half term Kingfisher Class will be off to the Isle of Wight for our residential trip. We'll be enjoying activities such as sailing, abseiling and even zip-wiring! We'll also be hosting the Collingbourne Canter. This is a fun run round our beautiful village with a 5 km course for the grown-ups and 1 km race for children. The event takes place on 8th June with profits being split between the school and Naomi House. If you would like to enter, the link is below:

**<https://www.evententry.co.uk/collingbourne-canter-5k-and-fun-run>**

I hope to see you there!

## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:*



At the meeting on Thursday 9th May the President, Wendy Brown, welcomed a good meeting with several visitors including three from Shalbourne WI. The minutes of the previous meeting were signed off and coming events were brought to the notice of the members including latest information about the Centenary Flower Festival over the weekend of 6th/7th July.

The President then read the two Resolutions to be discussed and voted on. They are:

- to call on Westminster and Local Government to financially support adequate transport links in rural areas;
- to encourage all women to attend regular cervical smear tests to prevent unnecessary deaths from such cancers.

As both resolutions were felt to be important the final decision was to allow our delegate at the NFWI AGM to vote as she felt fit after hearing all the arguments for and against.

The speaker for the evening was then introduced, Analiza Jones was born in the Philippines but has now settled in the UK and had arranged a display of bags and other items, handmade in the islands. She showed slides depicting the plants which are used to produce fibre to make the bags and also the methods used which are labour intensive and very hard on the hands. She talked about how hard life is in the islands and that many young people leave as soon as they can, being unwilling to stay to take on the skills of previous generations for little reward.

She was warmly thanked by Maz, and many members took the opportunity to buy a variety of lovely and unusual bags.

The evening concluded with delicious refreshments and a raffle.

Next meeting: 13th June  
Speaker: Clive Vaughan on Wimbledon  
Tea Hostesses: M. Allcorn and W. Brown  
Hostess: S. Gregory  
Raffle Prize: W. Brown

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

### ST ANDREWS CHURCH FETE

*Marion Bailey (01264 850525) thanks:*

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported St. Andrew's Church fete and to those who gave gifts, bottles, cakes, toys, plants, raffle prizes, white elephant goods, contributions to the teas and refreshments and drinks for those taking part in the activities outside. Our usual stalls held inside the hall made the following profit:



Book	£22.50	Bottles	£221.05
Cakes	£239	White Elephant	£31.30
Raffle	£265	Plants	£25
Toys	£47.72	Teas	£156.35
Donation	£50		

And the following was made by outside activities:

Gladiator	£114	Plant shop	£15
Toys and Games	£52.10	Tomahawk	£67
BBQ	£339.60	Bar	£513

The grand total was £2,158.62

## CRICKETING COMMENT

*David Malley writes:*

The senior side has certainly shown some early form and has won its first two league games of the season, including a massive 195 run victory in the first home game. Victories for our Sunday friendly side too mean that there have been plenty of runs and wickets shared amongst the squad already.



The 18th/19th May saw the club hold its 'World Cup Family & Charity Weekend' - an opportunity for all ages to get involved with cricket whilst raising money for our two chosen charities, Breast Cancer UK and Prostate Cancer UK. Saturday included a ladies match in the morning followed by a prosecco lunch whilst watching the senior league team, with a barbecue and bar in the marquee rounding off an excellent day. Sunday morning saw the club host six local cricket clubs – and the cricket stars of the future – as part of its under-9's 'kwik cricket' tournament. A senior friendly match in the afternoon rounded off the weekend's activities which managed to raise well over £600 to be shared between the two charities. A big thank you to everyone who joined in.

Keep up to date with all the latest goings-on by visiting [www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk) or finding us on Facebook.

## PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH – ANNUAL SPRING SALE

*Mary Doherty (01264 850705) writes:*

Firstly, may I apologise for not putting this in last month's Courier.

I would like to thank everybody who came to the jumble sale in March in aid of Parkinson's research, and for all the donations of goods, cakes, etc: also a big Thank You for all those who helped on the day. We made a grand total of £904

## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON FETE

*Barry Newson writes:*

Every year hard working volunteers collect bottles and cans of beer, lager, wine and soft drinks for the very popular bottle stall. This year the stall will be raising funds for our well-used Village Hall and other good causes. In July hardy volunteers will be knocking on doors asking for bottles and cans for the stall. Any donation will be very welcome. We understand that some folk have other good causes to support, or may not have a bottle or can to hand when we call, but nonetheless will wish us well in our endeavours. Many thanks to those readers who have supported, and continue to support us.

## RURAL ARTS TOURING

*Jane Crook (01264 850346) writes:*

Many thanks to everyone who has supported Rural Arts Touring since 2000 in the Collingbournes. Rachel Newton sang and played her harp in English and her native tongue Gaelic to a small audience in Collingbourne Kingston; in August she will be performing at the Royal Albert hall during the prom season. Two very different venues. This is the last event I will organise for Collingbourne Kingston. A new promoter for Ducis will bring more live music and theatre, but if you would like to be a promoter for Kingston please contact Rural Arts Touring at the Pound Arts Centre in Corsham or contact me on **01264 850436**



Over the years we have put on plays, 'It's a Wonderful Life' to 'Peter Pan', the history of the railway, clowns, musicians who have sung jazz, folk, a French singer, old time music hall, Olympics with music, children's shows, dance and even an outdoor murder mystery. The choice is yours.

## COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

*Pam Haverson (01264 850609) writes:*

First of all, our apologies to anyone who could not make the Plant Sale on Saturday due to the change of venue. Eight days before the date we found out that the Recreation Ground and Car Park were already being used which meant that parking would be a nightmare. A new booking was hastily made to hire Kingston Village Hall and everything was transferred there. I should also like to say thank you very much to Richard May for cutting his field and allowing us to park there, that was a great help!



Although there were not as many buyers and sellers at the sale it went off successfully and many a bargain was to be had! The refreshments were excellent; many thanks to Jill and Paul Looker and Jane Crook for serving them and to everyone else who donated home-made cakes to sell. Thank you finally to everyone who came and bought and hopefully enjoyed a catch-up with friends.

The club hopes to run two outings in the next couple of months and details will be sent out as soon as they can be confirmed.

If you would like more information about the club, please contact either me or Patti Marsh on **01264 850319**.

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

*Jane Crook (01264 850436) announces:*

The winners of the May village hall draw were:

£50 E. Haggis 131                      £25 M. Bailey 48

£10 Mrs Culverhouse 254      £5 T. Dale 6

Congratulations to the winners. If you would like a number and chance to win next month please contact Jane Crook on **01264 850436**

## A TEA PARTY FOR MIKLE

A cordial invitation to a tea party for Mikle is extended to all his friends and colleagues by his godchildren Henry and Beatrice Munby.

Rosebush Cottage, 12 noon, on the 8th June.

Parking is available at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall.

## CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

*Martin Bevan writes:*

Larry, last month's mog, has gone off to live with a young family in Basingstoke so will get plenty of love and attention.



Noir is a beautiful black girl. She is overweight so needs an owner who is willing to keep her on a strict diet and get her weighed regularly. She's a happy cat and would benefit from being able to exercise in a garden.

We raised £1,862 during our recent time in the Rotations Charity shop in Whitchurch. We will next have the shop during September and will need some able-bodied volunteers to help us. Please get in touch if you think you could help.

We will be at the Chute Fete on Saturday 18th June so please come along and say hello. Hopefully we will have nice weather.

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

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

Items for resale **01256 892773**



## STONEHENGE AND PEWSEY VALE CANCER RESEARCH UK

*Pat Lincoln, Secretary, writes:*

Come and join us for a glittering Night at the Musicals with The Ramsbury Silver Band on Friday 12th July at The Bouverie Hall in Pewsey. The postcode is SN9 5ES.



Doors will be open at 7 pm. The Band will play for two sessions during the evening with a ploughmans supper being served midway through the evening.

Tickets are £10 per head, to include supper, and are available from Val Patrick on **01264 850345**; Nesta Waine on **01672 563403**; or from the shop Round the World in Pewsey on **01672 563966**. It promises to be a fantastic evening.

## COLLINGBOULE PÉTANQUE CLUB

*Peter and Janet Kenny write:*

We had our usual away game at Easton who were successful in narrowly beating us; the return match will be held in July. Our AGM was held at the Barleycorn on 13th May when a new Chairman, Secretary and committee were elected.



It was decided not to increase our yearly membership and weekly subs which remain at £5 for the year and £1 for each game attended. Please remember we play every Tuesday evening at the top of the Barleycorn garden from 6 pm.

## THE HARMONIUM SINGERS

*Veronica Bacon (01264 771285) writes:*

**Beauty in song to help save lives**



A summer concert by local chamber choir The Harmonium Singers will celebrate in song the beauty of nature,

while raising much needed funds for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA). The music and readings will focus on the beauty of the earth, sea and sky in a programme ranging widely from a renaissance motet to a sea shanty. Several of the songs have been arranged for the choir especially for this performance.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance delivers an advanced Critical Care Team to sick and injured people in our region when they need it most. Available both day and night, 365 days a year, the Air Ambulance Critical Care Team is called out many times a day to attend road traffic collisions, sporting accidents, collapses and many other incidents. Highly skilled crews of doctors, paramedics and pilots can be at the scene of an incident within minutes, ready to deliver the same level of care that you would expect from a hospital emergency department.

Musical director Bruce Randall explains the connection: "One of our singers is a trustee of HIOWAA and she mentioned that it costs £15,000 a day to keep the service operational. What surprised us is that the Charity relies entirely upon the generosity of individuals and organisations to help save lives. Our concert is a broad mixture of sacred and secular music and there should be something for everyone. All the proceeds will go to HIOWAA. Let's all help keep the service going."

The concert, entitled 'Earth, Sea and Sky', begins at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Andover on Saturday 6th July. Tickets, which include interval refreshments, are £10 in advance from Newbury Building Society, The Lights and choir members, or £12 at the door. Under-14's are admitted free.

For further information contact Veronica Bacon **01264 771285** or **[www.harmoniumsingers.org.uk](http://www.harmoniumsingers.org.uk)**

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

*Dave Perry advises:*

Here are some tips to help you get started (Modified from McAfee Website):

**1. Create Complex Passwords.** We know you've heard it before, but creating strong, unique passwords for all your critical accounts really is the best way to keep your personal and financial information safe. This is especially true in the era of widespread corporate hacks, where one database breach can reveal tens of thousands of user passwords. If you reuse your passwords, a hacker can take the leaked data from one attack and use it to login to your other accounts.

**2. Boost Your Security.** Now that your logins are safer, make sure that you use an up to date Anti-Virus package. This will stop websites, files and emails with a virus in from taking your data or worse your identity. A good software package will often include a firewall too. For those with a large number of devices, I know with three teenagers we have at least five, it is better value to buy a multi-device license, also consider multi-year. For example, I recently purchased a ten device, three-year license for around £70. Which works out at £2.30 per device per year. Even if you cannot afford to buy a licence, then look at free basic versions. AVG free, as is Checkpoint. They also have options for a free firewall too.

**3. Use a Firewall.** Even if your network is secure, you should still use a firewall. This is an electronic barrier that blocks unauthorized access to your computers and devices, and is often included with comprehensive security software. Using a firewall ensures that all of the devices connected to your network are secured, including Internet of Things (IoT) devices like smart thermostats and

webcams. This is important since many IoT devices aren't equipped with security measures, giving hackers a vulnerable point of entry to your entire network.

**4. Click Smart.** Now that you've put smart tech measures into place, make sure that you don't invite danger with careless clicking. Many of today's online threats are based on phishing or social engineering. This is when you are tricked into revealing personal or sensitive information for fraudulent purposes. Spam emails, phony "free" offers, online quizzes and more, all use these tactics to entice you to click on dangerous links or give up your personal information. Always be wary of offers that sound too good to be true, or ask for too much information, they usually are!

**5. Be a Selective Sharer.** These days, there are a lot of opportunities to share our personal information online. Just be cautious about what you share, particularly when it comes to your identity information. This can potentially be used to impersonate you, or guess your passwords and logins. We hear stories all the time of stars whom have used social media to tell everyone where they are going on holiday. This tells the criminals that your house is empty, and so the stars are burgled whilst away.

**6. Protect Your Mobile Life.** Our mobile devices can be just as vulnerable to online threats as our laptops. In fact, mobile devices face new risks, such as risky apps and dangerous links sent by text message. Be careful where you click, don't respond to messages from strangers, and only download apps from official app stores after reading other users' reviews first. Make sure that your security software is enabled on your mobile, just like your computers and other devices. Again, there is free software like on a computer than can run on your smartphone.

**7. Practice Safe Surfing & Shopping.** When shopping online, or visiting websites for online banking or other sensitive transactions, always make sure that the site's address starts with 'https', instead of just 'http', and has a padlock icon in the URL field. This indicates that the website is secure and uses encryption to scramble your data so it can't be intercepted by others. Also, be on the lookout for websites that have misspellings or bad grammar in their addresses. They could be copycats of legitimate websites. This is also true of emails that you might receive from companies that you recognise but they are a close copy also.

**8. Keep up to date.** Keep all your software updated so you have the latest security patches. Turn on automatic updates so you don't have to think about it, and make sure that your security software is set to run regular scans. Sometimes you can't afford to get the latest software, if this is the case then at a minimum have an up to date Anti-Virus and a Firewall.

**9. Look out for the latest scams.** Online threats are evolving all the time, so make sure you know what to look out for. Currently, 'ransomware' is on the rise. This is when a hacker threatens to lock you out of all of your files unless you agree to pay a ransom. Stay on top of this and other threats by staying informed. No matter what do not pay a ransom, it will put you on the 'sucker' list and you'll be targeted again. Inform the Police.

**10. Keep your guard up.** Always be cautious about what you do online, which sites you visit, and what you share. Use comprehensive security software, and make sure to backup your data on a regular basis in case something goes wrong. By taking preventative measures, you can save yourself from headaches later on.

## **ST PETER'S, EVERLEIGH - TEA PARTY 23RD JUNE 2019**

*Robert and Elizabeth East (01264 850449) invite us:*

This year Everleigh will be holding its midsummer Tea Party, in aid of the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), at St Peter's Church on Sunday 23rd June, 3 - 5 pm.



Come and join us, have some refreshments, visit the church, take part in the raffle/draw. Plants and books will also be on sale, or just get together with friends for an afternoon tea and chat.

The CCT is a charity which looks after redundant churches and St Peter's is but one of some 350 English churches they care for.

## **OBITUARY – MARGARET TUBBY (1934 – 2019)**

*Delia D. Smith & Eliza Hudson remember:*

The sudden death of Margaret Tubby on the 27th March came as a complete shock to all those who knew her in Everleigh and her friends in the Collingbournes. Her funeral took place on the 18th April 2019 at Salisbury Crematorium.

Margaret had lived in Everleigh for over forty years, and loved the village. During this time she was very involved in village life and while holding the role of Everleigh Parish Clerk in the 80's and 90's, she and her husband Don, who was Chairman at the time, along with the other Parish Councillors, were instrumental in acquiring the use of a piece of land at the top of The Street, adjacent to Kingscote bungalow, from the MOD. Margaret was determined the village children should have their own playground and so from its humble beginnings of just one swing, one slide and a swinging rope, became the playground we now have today.

Delia took over the role of Parish Clerk from Margaret when she retired and wishes to acknowledge all the support and help, she got

from Margaret concerning the ins and outs of what to do and what not to do at Parish Meetings and they became good friends.

We could go on about Margaret's involvement in other matters, such as the role of Treasurer for this very publication up to 2010 and its delivery around the village but it would take too long.

Rest in Peace Margaret

**MARGARET TUBBY 15 OCTOBER 1934 – 27 MARCH 2019**

*Pam Haverson writes:*

Margaret Tubby died unexpectedly at her home in Everleigh on 27th March. For several years she was the Courier treasurer and, for much longer, the Everleigh co-ordinator.

Margaret was born in Kent and spent her childhood years living about eight miles from Biggin Hill RAF station and during the war, along with the other local children, collected the pieces of shrapnel in the road after there had been an air raid. Her home was badly damaged by a V2 rocket during one of these raids.

She studied for her National Certificate and went on to work for the Scientific Instrument Research Association where she was the only woman amongst two hundred men. She broke new ground by going into the electronics industry in the 1950's. In 1959 she married Don and daughter Susan arrived in 1962. They had homes in Hampshire, Singapore and Liverpool before moving to Everleigh in 1980. Margaret loved Everleigh and was the Parish Clerk for a period. Margaret's main love was her garden; even at eighty she could be found attacking a tree stump with a pickaxe. She always had a cat, sometimes two, which she always spoiled. She was an avid reader, keen knitter, embroidery and tapestry maker. She had a great love of open spaces and enjoyed long walks on Salisbury Plain.

## FREDERICK HUGHES MM

*Patti Marsh writes:*

### **The Pig**

On one occasion when we were up the line in Tunis, we were on a high ridge overlooking a deep valley. This was called Meantage Farm. I'm not sure of the spelling of this place, because as a corporal at that time, we didn't have any maps. Across the valley there was a mountain range occupied by the enemy, about 1,000 yards away.

I was in charge of Number 1 Section of ten men and we were on the extreme left of our position, but I can't say if there were any farm buildings about. We each dug out our own slit trench on the reverse side of our ridge, out of sight of the enemy who we knew were on the mountain across the valley. We had been warned that there was a sniper across the valley and that no badges of rank were to be worn.

We set up lookouts all along our line hoping to perhaps see a puff of smoke or a flash when he fired, which would give his position away. We also got each lookout to log on a temporary map where he thought the sniper had fired from. This way we were hoping to pinpoint more-or-less where he was and then ask the Royal Artillery to blast that area.

However, during this period of continued observation we didn't get anywhere but I did get a visitor - a large black pig. He was wounded, perhaps from shrapnel, and then he decided to drop dead approximately 10-12 yards in front of my trench.

It was a very hot morning and after a few hours the pig began to swell up like a balloon. My fear was that he might get punctured by another piece of shrapnel and burst and then things might turn very unpleasant. But I expect the vultures eventually enjoyed their dinner.



In the evening I was ordered to go back behind our lines and help load a three-ton truck, which would be coming up at dusk without lights.

I later found myself on the tailboard of this truck dragging about a dozen bodies into the rear of the truck. Fortunately, it was dark and there was no time to get too sensitive. The sooner the truck was loaded the sooner I could get back to the safety of my slit trench as we were being periodically mortar-bombed.

On occasions like this it was the duty of the Padre to check and bury these casualties.

### **To Sicily**

When I was released from hospital, I re-joined my platoon. Tunis had fallen and we embarked on the same ship that had brought us out from England. She stood off shore and the captain said we could go over the side for a swim. This was greeted with some trepidation as it meant



diving off the bow end of the ship, a drop of about thirty feet, into the water. As I hadn't dived off anything higher than two or three feet, I, like many of the others, was very reluctant to go. However, my friend, also a corporal, was a brilliant swimmer. He was first in, swam under the ship and then around it. Eventually, when he came back on board, he pestered me to have a go, with the promise that he would be down there in case I got into difficulty. None of us had a swimsuit, so it was in our birthday suits! So, I got over the rail, and before I was ready or had a chance to dither, there was a friendly hand on the back - and I was gone. From the rail of the ship all you saw of the swimmers going down were the two white soles

of their feet and the two red - or pink - cheeks of their bottoms, a white splash and they were in!

The water was warm and it was glorious - my first bath in a very long time. Water was very precious, especially drinking water, and drinking the local water was prohibited as it may well have been contaminated.

After a good swim around, the next obstacle was to get back on board. We had to climb a wet rope ladder, which was hanging away from the hull of the ship and swinging well! Because other lads were already scrambling to get up the ladder, this was rather precarious, but we eventually landed back on board amid great cheers, were handed a towel, and quickly went below deck to dress.

At dusk while having tea we could hear the motors of the ship turning over and soon afterwards we were on the move. During wartime we were never told where we were going or how long it would take. Our orders were that there was no smoking or lights to be shown on deck. We were issued with blankets and told to get some rest. Like most of the lads I slept on one of the long dining room tables while some of the others slept on the floor and some had hammocks.

In the morning on going up on deck we found we were standing off an island, which turned out to be Sicily.

*To be continued*

#### **BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th June, at 7 pm.

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

The next session will take place on Wednesday 19th June, 7.30 pm, at the British Legion Hall, Burbage.

## SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

*Michael McHugh, Team Rector, writes:*

Dear Reader,



I spoke last month about the need to step up to the mark if we wish for rural churches to maintain any life. Part of the myth is that the vicar is the key to everything.

I spent a fair amount of time this week preparing for the wonderful service that we had in Tidcombe, re-dedicating the church after the lead theft and repairs to the roof. A small faithful community maintaining their spiritual heart at great cost to themselves in a heroic way. It represents the complexity of what it is to be 'Rural' and 'Church'. Other than the actual service, all was achieved by the 'people of God.'

I want to give the impression that Jesus gave. That if you needed Him you are the centre of the Universe. But Jesus also upset people because he gave attention to others and they felt they should have His attention.

My license, which is to 'the care of souls' defines my priorities. That is, anyone who lives in my area. I try to prioritise people over phone and then email. My largest sustained commitment is the two schools, well over two hundred people. My next priority is what we call the pastoral services, funerals, weddings and baptisms. I meet with people, conducting services for hundreds of people in any week. Sunday although it takes preparation, is small in comparison. Safeguarding or dealing with the legal aspects of the work over-rides everything else. Then there is the given; the buildings, driving hundreds of miles every month, the gravestones, the flood of 'urgent' emails etc. If we are lucky, we get some extra fun meeting people at community meals, Saturday teas and the like.

My work has some regrets, the biggest is that I am taken away from the call of Jesus. St Paul rightly refers to those things as 'dung.' [That is the polite translation.] The rubbish that the world dealt to Jesus.

The call of discipleship was given to all who are baptised. To feed the hungry, release captives, heal the sick, visit the lonely and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. This is not the monopoly of the clerical cast.

Feel free to lessen my regrets by doing what the 'dung' takes away from me.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to those people who allow me to sleep at night, knowing that they are caring for people in the community when I cannot.

Yours in the Love of the Risen Jesus,

*Michael*

Team Rector

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

*Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:*

Firstly, a look back to events that happened during May. It was wonderful to see the church full to capacity on Easter Sunday. After a lovely service, the children had great fun hunting for the 400 little Easter eggs hidden all over the church! Despite their best efforts they only found 398 as two were discovered during the following week!



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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)

We were blessed with glorious weather for our church fête on Saturday 11th May. People of all ages came from all three villages and had a great time! All the stalls did well and those who took part in the Tri-Village Tournament did so with enthusiastic, friendly rivalry. The cup was won by the best team on the day, Collingbourne Kingston. It will reside in the Barleycorn pub until next year when Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh will be doing their very best to win it instead! £2158.62 was raised in total. Deductions for expenses still have to be made but this is a fantastic amount and means that all the necessary work on the church tower and roof should now be able to take place. A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen and to all who came. Lost property: If you lost a lady's blue, sleeveless cardigan or a child's pair of yellow and grey striped socks please contact me.

Our annual and much loved Starters and Pudding Fest will be held at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on Friday 14th June starting at 6 pm. Bring a starter and/or a pudding to share and taste everyone else's! As anyone who has come to this evening in previous years will tell you, this is a culinary feast of an evening – and all for just £6 for adults and £3 for children. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Profits will go to help fund the repair and maintenance fund for our beautiful church. Once we have completed the current repair work, we will announce our next project – The Forth Bridge has nothing on us!

On the following Saturdays: 8th June, 13th July and 7th September, we will be tidying up the churchyard from 10 am - 12 pm. We will be tackling jobs such as weeding the flower beds, digging a trench to take the soil away from the west wall of the church, cutting back ivy from gravestones and walls, digging up nettles and other weeds,

even repointing the ground gutter with mortar (if someone has the know-how and the equipment). If you would like to help, and the more the merrier, children included, please come on all dates, some or just one! Come armed with suitable gardening equipment, including wheelbarrows if possible! Refreshments will be provided.

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

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

### *Services in June*

Sunday 2nd	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion at 11 am at St Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston
Sunday 16th	Family Service
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion at 9am
Sunday 30th	Holy Communion at 11 am at St Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston

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

### *Services in June*

Sunday 2nd	Morning Worship at 9.30 am
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 16th	Family Worship at Ducis at 11 am
Sunday 23rd	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 30th	Cluster Service at 11 am