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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes:

Sadly, we heard that David Hammerson passed away on Wednesday, 15th February. David was well known in

Everleigh, having come here from Dorset in 1975. He subsequently set up a game bird rearing business and the Farm Shop, employing several residents in the village. David also acted as the unofficial guardian to St Peter's Church, where he generously arranged and paid for many church projects including the planting of a new Yew tree avenue. Our thoughts and condolences are with his widow, Avril, and her family.



This year we are planning two main initiatives for our Everleigh Enhancement project:

A new all-weather bench in Everleigh Centre overlooking the floral garden, to replace the current dilapidated version; Two additional planters, with the Parish Council supplying the planter, soil and plants, and adopters then watering, feeding and weeding them.

Our next village event will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 11th March, meeting up at The Crown bus shelter at 11 am and finishing by 12.30 pm. We will split into several groups to clean up the verges of all arterial roads approaching and running through the village. All volunteers are welcome!

A village work party will assemble on Saturday 15th April to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the playground from 9.30 am until noon. Please bring paint brushes and strimmers if you have them.

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A large-scale village event to commemorate the King's Coronation will be held on Saturday 6th May at the playground/Jubilee field. More details will follow.

Wilts Council Waste Management Services are urging residents to recycle more by ensuring only the correct things are put into blue-lidded bins or blue recycling bags. There has been a recent increase in items that can't be recycled being put in blue-lidded bins, such as knives, car parts, tools and plastic bags. More information and advice is at: **www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling**

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7 pm at the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. 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 KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Philip Palmer, Clerk and RFO Collingbourne Kingston
Parish Council, writes:*



Dear Parishioners, as Spring approaches, the Parish Council are planning a refurbishment of the village playground. We are conscious that the surface, due to time, weather and moss infestation is very slippery and have put up signage to warn users of this risk. One of the things that we would like to do therefore is to renew the surface with the modern equivalent of the existing surface. We are hopeful that recent pruning of the trees at the Rec and removal of the diseased Ash trees, will bring more airflow and light into the equation and prevent a new surface suffering as the old one did. We are also conscious that the existing play equipment caters for children in the age range of

two to ten years. There is nothing apart from the goals and basketball hoop for children in the age range of ten to sixteen years. So what would your children like to see installed; a zip line, a sunken trampoline or something else? Obviously, the Parish Council will be working to a budget for this refurbishment and is in the process of bidding for funding to provide some of it. Therefore all and any suggestions as to what equipment your teenage children might like to see installed would be gratefully received by the Clerk either by email on: clerk@collingbournekingston.org.uk or by phone **07734 922751**.

I am also pleased to report that the bridge across the Bourne on footpath CKIN1 has been refurbished prior to Christmas by Wiltshire Council. The entire wooden superstructure of the bridge has been replaced with a new oak structure in the style of the old one. In fact it was featured on the cover of the February Courier.

The next meeting of Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council will be on Wednesday March 15th 2023 at 18:30 in the Ruth Fisher Room of Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall. All members of the public are invited to attend.

COLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL REPORT

Headteacher Harriet Phillips writes:

Last term we celebrated Children's mental health week, this year it's focus was on connecting with people, friends, family and community. We organised a coffee morning for villagers to come into school and be shown around by our wonderful Year 6 ambassadors. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed spending time with each other, the children enjoyed showing off the school and our visitors enjoyed both seeing what was going on but also the delightful conversation that followed with the children. The children



particularly enjoyed a talk from a member of the community regarding his job as a police inspector, in his formative years.

It was such a success that we will be doing this again on the last Friday of term 31st March. You will be warmly welcomed.

We also saw the Forest School blessed by the Bishop of Ramsbury, the children shared what the Forest School means to them and talked about some of the important skills they learn through taking part. All the children from Reception to Year 6 get an opportunity to take part, it is indeed a wonderful opportunity.

Volunteers still needed

There are a number of ways you could volunteer to help the school, we are currently seeking Governors. Governors play a really important role in the strategic development of the school. If you think this is something that you could offer please ring the school office and speak to Kerry **01264 850346**.

We are also welcoming volunteers to listen to readers on a regular basis, if you could offer some time during the week please get in touch.

We also would love to hear from you if you are able to offer expertise in any of the topics being covered by the children in school.

All volunteers subject to a DBS check.

SPTA

The SPTA newsletter can be found at the following web address:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Chris Williams, Wiltshire Councillor for Ludgershall North and Rural, writes:

The Council's current household waste management strategy follows the waste hierarchy, aiming to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible, while dealing with residual waste in the most sustainable way. The Council has two landfill diversion contracts in place to help manage its residual waste and very little Wiltshire household residual waste is sent to landfill, and any food waste present is used to contribute to the generation of energy or processing into a fuel.

You may have seen in other local authorities and indeed overseas, weekly or twice weekly doorstep food waste collections. Wiltshire Council's current waste strategy is to not provide a separate collection of food waste as the provision of such a system would be prohibitively expensive to implement and operate across the large rural county. The current plan prioritises working with residents to reduce the amount of food wasted in the first instance, helping families to not waste money, and by continuing to offer subsidised home food waste digester's. Wiltshire Council has teamed up with Great Green Systems to offer Wiltshire residents discounted food waste composters, called a Green Johanna. These 'hot composters' are available for only £60 (discounted from £129.99). More information is online at [Reducing your waste and composting - Wiltshire Council](#)

Alongside this, the Government has consulted widely on proposed policy which would mandate consistency in household and business recycling collections in England. This is expected to include the mandatory introduction of weekly food waste collections by 2025.

All the council's kerbside collected recyclables are managed by Hills at a materials recycling facility at Sands Farm, Calne. The Council

benefits from a 79% share of the income generated from the sale of materials collected through the kerbside recycling service. During the six months April to September 2022, this realised £2.24m in income, as recycling commodity prices were particularly strong during the first part of the year. However, increasing levels of contamination can result in downgraded prices paid, or material being rejected. Residents can help improve recycling rates, and ultimately reduce the cost of managing waste to the Council taxpayer by ensuring that:

Only recyclables are put into blue bins – sadly all too often bags of general waste and nappies find their way into the blue bins.

Flexible or soft plastics, such as bread bags, packaging film and carrier bags cannot be recycled through the blue-bin scheme – people should place these in their residual waste bins where the waste is used to generate energy, or alternatively take to a local supermarket if they have facilities to collect them for recycling.

Packing materials in cardboard boxes (such as polystyrene). This can't be recycled so we recommend that non-card packing materials are put into the residual waste.

Wrapping paper - only paper wrapping paper can be recycled. To check if wrapping paper is made of paper, people can use the 'scrunch test'. Scrunch the paper and if it stays in a ball, it can be recycled in your blue-lidded bin.

Scrap metals – large biscuit tins can be recycled, but large car parts cannot!

Wiltshire Council has recently introduced a kerbside battery collection service. People can now leave most small household

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Finally, I would like to thank residents across the Tidworth, Ludgershall and our Rural Parishes for everything you do to reduce the impact on the environment and the cost of managing waste to Council Taxpayers. More detailed information is online at Rubbish and recycling - Wiltshire Council

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COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Alex Gumm, on behalf of the fund-raising team, writes:

Our Village Hall needs you! But also, we all need our Village Hall.



To enable us to provide a well provisioned, up to date and inviting space for our community to come together, we have now created a dedicated fund-raising team with the primary aim of running events that appeal to our diverse community. There will be particular focus on creating regular space for villagers to come together and maybe share their skills, have fun and support each other, all while helping to raise some much needed funds to help maintain the hall by updating the facilities and the

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

building itself. Some of the areas this money will go towards include:

- Updating the Kitchen and Bar areas
- Re-organising the layout and updating the toilets and changing rooms
- Refreshing the decor throughout
- Providing a regular Community Café
- Effective storage solutions for our regular hirers and the hall's equipment

We already have a range of events planned for the coming year but we are also looking for input from you, our community. With this in mind, our first event of the year will be the Community Café on Saturday 8th April, where we invite you to take a moment to complete one of our surveys and help us come up with a name. We are also on the look-out for people to help us with events. This could be anything from advice and useful contacts through to helping out at the Café or maybe even running a workshop. We really cannot wait to get the ball rolling and help create a community hub we can all be proud of. Take a look at our current planned events and ideas. Your Village Hall fund raising team are: Nicky Bamford, Tanya Dale, Lucy Finch, Julie Gibb, Lex Gumn, Maggie Hall & Baz Reed.

A little more info about our new Community Café: For many years we've heard people talk about how nice it would be to have a village café. Sadly, we aren't able to have a permanent set up just yet, but all ventures have to start somewhere, so... on the second Saturday of every month, starting in April, the main hall will turn into a welcoming café in the morning, where there will be delicious coffees, teas, cakes and biscuits available to purchase (in time we hope to

also have hot food and maybe smoothies). We will have games including dominos, cards, chess and other board games and a burgeoning bookshelf, magazines and some arts and crafts for you to enjoy. If the Café proves to be a success, then we will look at adding extra dates as well. Our hope is this café will give locals of all ages a regular place to come together, have a bite to eat, relax and meet up with friends or maybe even make some new ones. We look forward to welcoming you!

1ST COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON BROWNIES

Natalie Williams, Brown Owl, writes:

Brownie Guides are for girls aged seven to ten years, we run on Tuesday evenings from 5.45 pm – 7.15 pm (term time) at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall.



We are always looking for new members to join our pack. Girls can join Brownies from the age of seven until they are ten, when they can go onto Guides if they wish.

The Brownie Promise ... I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the King and my community, to help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide Law.

The Brownie Guide Law ... A Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself and does a good turn every day.

Is your daughter looking at a new challenge or would like to try something new and learn new skills?

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MAY 6TH, 2023 - KING CHARLES' CORONATION, DUCIS VILLAGE HALL

David Paterson writes:

This week the Village Hall is starting a major project providing additional storage space adjoining the main hall. We aim to clear the hall of the multitude of equipment, yet still have all of this readily available adjacent to the main hall and at the same time, free up space to review overall usage of the building. This of course will not happen overnight. We have already removed trees where the extension will be built and full planning permission has been granted for a new porch area and the storage extension. This week the footings and base for the extension will be started.

A major part of these developments is of course fundraising. We have accrued a significant sum in our reserves to begin this work. Much more is still needed. An application has been made to the Platinum Jubilee Fund, we have passed the first hurdle and are now completing Stage Two of the process. Other sources of funding will be sought including local fundraising events. We hope that you will join us in these to ensure the success of this project.

Maintenance of the Village Hall requires a great deal of effort and support. We are extremely grateful to the volunteer committee members who give freely of their time to undertake many of these. Without this the maintenance and repair bills for the hall would be much greater. Our maintenance budget increases each year. We also have the tennis court, (owned by the Village Hall), to keep up and in good condition. The cost of energy has hit us all, our energy costs have increased by thousands of pounds. A regular contribution to our funds is provided by the monthly Draw. This has been running since 1976 and has contributed thousands of pounds of income. Monthly prizes are given. This is administered now by Humphrey Sheppard. He would welcome new contributors.

Those of us old enough will remember June 2nd, 1953, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. It is one of my first memories; the first time I watched television, the children's party in the Laverton Institute, the outdoor celebration on the cricket field and the Coronation mugs given to all the children in the town. (I still have mine). It is important, particularly so at this difficult time, to join together to celebrate the Coronation. Events will be planned and if you have any thoughts on these, please let us know, we hope to make this a truly memorable weekend.

IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS, KINGSTON, EVERLEIGH AND THE CHUTES?

YES, THERE CERTAINLY IS... 'THE LINK DRIVING SCHEME'.

Caroline Bouwens writes:

Link driving schemes cover most of Wiltshire. The villages of Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Everleigh and the Chutes have a **Link** scheme that was formed in 2004. Your local scheme is a charity and is run entirely by volunteers, who give their time willingly to those residents who have difficulty in getting to the shops, medical or other appointments.

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Link needs more volunteer drivers. So, if you have your own transport and feel you could spare some time, even if it is only a couple of hours, please consider joining the team of volunteers, and support your local **Link**. Volunteer drivers can claim mileage.

If anyone would like to know more, contact Judy Wallbank on **01264 730679** (Chutes) or Tim Keighley (Collingbournes and Everleigh) on **07923 115780**. Everyone is most welcome to attend our next AGM, which will be held on March 28th at 2 pm in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall.

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW - WINNERS IN THE FEBRUARY DRAW:

£50	Joy Siggars	117
£25	Mrs S Cooper	17
£10	Mark Basinger	36
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GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

Floribunda writes:

General:

Spring clean the garden

Weed and mulch borders – divide perennials

Remove moss and weeds on paths and steps

Trees, shrubs and climbers:

Prune bush roses and buddleia

Cut back dogwoods – coppice eucalyptus

Last chance to plant bare root plants

Flowers and vegetables:

Divide snowdrops ‘in the green’

Plant gladioli and lily bulbs

Prepare the vegetable plot

Sow lettuce, radishes, leeks, spring onions, broad beans, spinach, to name a few

Plant out onion sets, shallots and garlic

Under cover:

Clean the greenhouse

Water plants sparingly

Sow hardy annuals eg. sweet peas

Sow tomatoes, chillies, sweet peppers and aubergines in a heated propagator

Start dormant dahlias, begonias, arum lilies, canna by potting up and keep frost free

Plant a few potato tubers in large pots for an early crop.

Lawns:

Clear winter debris

Redefine lawn edges

Cut on a high setting if dry enough

Happy gardening!

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

At our Annual General Meeting in January Jane Crook, chairman, and the existing committee were re-elected. Rachel Maynard was elected as a new committee member – thank you Rachel, we very much welcome your new ideas and suggestions.



Sara Wilman gave a demonstration of making a Spring Wreath using willow and moss from her own garden and positioning spring bulbs, wrapped in the moss, to make a beautiful arrangement to be hung on a door or fence. She made it look so easy that we felt we ought to try it ourselves!

Members visited Welford Park, near Hungerford in early February to admire the thousands of snowdrops in a wonderful parkland setting. A sunny day, good coffee and cakes – and lunch after our walk – what more could we ask.

At our March meeting in Ducis Hall on the 23rd George Clowes will tell us how he took over De Jager Bulbs when the previous owner retired. His experience of taking on a company that had been in existence for 155 years is enlightening and amusing.

If you would like more information about the Gardening Club, please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, **01264 850436** for more information.

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Jim Plenderleith writes:

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Doors open at THEFILMPLACE in Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall at 7 pm for pre-film drinks and refreshments, the film show starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets are still only £6 and are available now from Collingbourne Ducis village shop or by telephoning Jim Plenderleith (CD) **07906 593668**. Tickets will also be available on the door, if not previously sold out.

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COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

Wendy Brown, President, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and the minutes of the January meeting were signed off as correct. She thanked Karen Preece, who is stepping down from the post of Treasurer, for all her hard work and said that Chani Mindlesohn will take over from Karen.



The meeting was asked whether 'Jerusalem' should be sung at Group Meetings and the vote was in favour of doing so. After discussing forthcoming events Wendy introduced the Speaker for the evening.

The Reverend Dr. Nicholas Henderson had come to deliver 'Finale' the last talk in the series (a tetralogy) on the Six Wives of Henry VIII which covered the period from the death of Henry to the end of the Tudor dynasty. The talk was accompanied by slides and was very interesting and amusing. Nicholas Henderson is an excellent speaker; this was his fourth visit to our group and was greatly enjoyed. The meeting closed with delicious refreshments and the drawing of the raffle.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th March

Speaker: AGM

Hostess: N/A

Raffle Prize: E Burns

Tea Hostesses: N/A

Visitors are always welcomed to meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall. A donation of £4 is suggested.

THE EASTER STORY TOLD IN MUSIC – EASTER CONCERT, 1ST APRIL, ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COLEBROOK WAY, ANDOVER: 7.30 PM

Veronica Bacon, Andover Chamber Choir, writes:

Andover Chamber Choir's first concert of 2023 will take place at the church of St Michael & All Angels, Colebrook Way, Andover on 1st April starting at 7.30 pm. 'The Easter Story' follows the events of Easter Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the trial before Pilate and the crucifixion, ending with the resurrection. The story is told through choral items, organ music and readings.

Featured composers range from Tallis and Byrd in the Renaissance period to John Tavener and Bob Chilcott in the 21st century, taking in choruses from Handel's Messiah and Bach's St Matthew Passion.

Musical director Andrew Wyndham says: 'We're all very used to hearing the Christmas story in December so we thought we'd explore the Easter story in a similar way, just as Christians begin to celebrate the 'Holy Week' leading up to Easter Sunday. There is so much wonderful music associated with this time of year.'

Proceeds from this event will be going to the Andover branch of Riding for the Disabled, a charity committed to providing life-changing experiences for disabled children and adults. Tickets at £10 will include interval refreshments and are available in advance from The Lights Andover (online and in person), Newbury Building Society, choir members and at the door. Under-16s will be admitted free. In December the choir's Christmas concert raised £1,468 for Andover Foodbank.

Further information: Veronica Bacon - **01264 771285**

www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE COURIER

Simon Gilford writes:

The Courier has been published for thirty years and we do need to hear from you, our readers, on what you really think about YOUR Magazine.



Lots of hard work goes into creating it for the three villages, not only from the team of volunteers who work tirelessly to get it designed, proof-read, printed and distributed but also from the contributors who send in news and information and the advertisers, without whom we simply couldn't continue.

So, a request – tell us what you really think about The Courier. What is good? What is not so good? What other sorts of content would you like to see? We need your feedback to help us improve and make The Courier even more relevant to the local community.

You will find details of a survey we are running which we ask you to complete, in this issue, on page 27. It will only take a few minutes to complete, and one lucky person will win a £20 Book Token.

BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid (01672 811933) writes:

Our February meeting was dedicated to major project replicating Savernake High Station as it existed during the 1960's.



Much attention is now being given to the scenery surrounding the station layout all of which involves extremely delicate and intricate work.

The Burbage to Durley road bridge over the railway is now complete. The present layout is much the same as it is shown here

except for some minor details that have changed over the 55 or so years.

We still are in need of information of how the site used to be so if you have any drawings and photographs of the area in and around the station please do share it with us.

Our next session will be Monday, 20th March, 2023 commencing at 19:00 hours when we return to continue work on our large layout project.

We can arrange availability of working layouts and demonstration of modelling techniques at local village fairs and other Community gatherings. Organisers are invited to contact us regarding their requirements.

The Club welcomes new members and any donations and gifts of unwanted model railway items. So, if you would like to try your hand at this hobby or have some equipment you are not using, please feel free to call me, Sonny, on **01672 811 933**.

KEEP YOUR CHIMNEYS FIRE-SAFE THIS WINTER

Louise Knox, Senior Communications Officer, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, writes:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging local people to take care with open fires in the home after a number of chimney fires over the weekend.



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FIRE AND RESCUE**

Open fires are a warm, welcoming addition to the home, but they do carry risks. If you have an open fire, you should:

Always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers;

Make sure that embers are properly put out before you leave the property or go to bed; and

Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained.

Group Manager Graham Kewley said: 'A combination of colder weather and trying to keep costs down means people are more likely to be lighting fires or using wood-burning stoves.

Chimneys should be swept twice a year as a minimum to remove accumulated soot and tar, as well as making sure that the chimney is clear of debris. Green, or unseasoned wood, shouldn't be used as it smoulders with long burning embers and produces a lot of creosote and not much heat.

Build-ups of creosote in a chimney or flue can become highly flammable and dangerous. You should also avoid burning painted, coated or treated wood, as this can release harmful gases.'

Another danger is the storage of wood and other fuel immediately next to a wood-burning stove, as heat can build up and lead to a fire igniting.

Blocked or defective chimney flues also carry the risk of leading to carbon monoxide poisoning so, as well as getting chimneys swept, people are encouraged to fit smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes.

Further information on keeping your home warm and safe this winter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely



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Scan the QR code - simply open your smartphone or tablet's camera, move the camera so the QR code is in the frame and follow the instructions on your screen.

If you cannot access the survey via the QR code and would like a printed copy to complete and return, please call 01264 850117 and leave your name and address. A printed copy will be sent to you.

* 1 winner will be selected at random on Friday, 31st March 2023

TYPES OF FOOD WORD SEARCH

Simon Gilford tests your ability:

Find the words in the grid. These can be found horizontally, vertically, or diagonally (and just for good measure some may be backwards).

(Solution on page 33)

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SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER: "I DO DESPAIR!"

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:

On the wall of my office there is a poster that I've mentioned before. It has Jesus holding his hand against his head saying: 'Let me get this straight, you say you take the bible literally enough to reject almost all the scientists say, BUT YOU DON'T TAKE IT LITERALLY ENOUGH TO FEED THE POOR!'



The church has just released its document on sexual matters, 'Living in Love and Faith.' In some circles it has caused an uproar. Complainants use one sentence in Leviticus 18:22 to justify a dubious theological position that implies that the Creator made a mistake creating different sexualities. Culturally sexual rulings in Judaism come from the need to preserve the tribe. In this, women are traded goods that become the property of the family. Failing to fertilise the woman and provide offspring was an abomination. Our world is very different, and one could argue that profligate childbearing is the modern abomination.

All of this is so distant to Jesus who has very little to say on sexual matters other than 'sin no more' and 'let the one without sin cast the first stone.' In a culture where the woman has been at fault since Genesis, Jesus gets the men to judge themselves.

We are approaching that great and dreadful mystery that is the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. The danger is that we root ourselves in those parts of the bible that suit our purposes instead of understanding what it is all about.

For myself, I have moved from a lexicological understanding that provided comfort and security to a position which is uneasy and ill

defined, but I believe closer to the Lord. The road to the cross is not comfortable or reassuring!

We have a world suffering from phenomenal insecurity and in it we are surrounded by vulnerability. Let's leave God to do the judging and remove the stress of judging from ourselves. Let's try to follow what Jesus actually told us to do, 'Love your Neighbour and Love God.'

In our 'Give Up Stress for Lent' enjoy the many things we have on offer. Have a peaceful and reflective season,

Every Blessing, Michael

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden, Tish Leigh, (01264 850867) writes:

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we will be enjoying a drier spell of warmer weather and spring will be well on its way.



The annual pancake races took place at Collingbourne Primary School on 21st February, Shrove Tuesday. After the races, the children and staff all enjoyed the delicious pancakes made and served by some members of St. Andrew's congregation.

The day after Shrove Tuesday is Ash Wednesday and as such marks the 1st day of Lent. In Western Christianity, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday (which is 8th April this year). The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days

Addresses for the village websites:

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

of Lent because each Sunday represents a mini- Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death. Easter Sunday falls on 9th April this year.

Our weekly Lent lunches begin on Thursday 9th March and will continue to take place on every Thursday for the following three Thursdays (16th March, 23rd March, and 30th March) at 12.00 in St. Andrew's Church.

Delicious home-made soup and a roll will be on the menu. Please do come and join us - it's sociable and there is no charge, although any donations will go to a nominated charity.

We will be holding a Mothering Sunday family service, which will include a baptism, at 11am on 22nd March. There will be posies of flowers for all the Mums, Grandmas or great-Grandmas who attend the service.

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.

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

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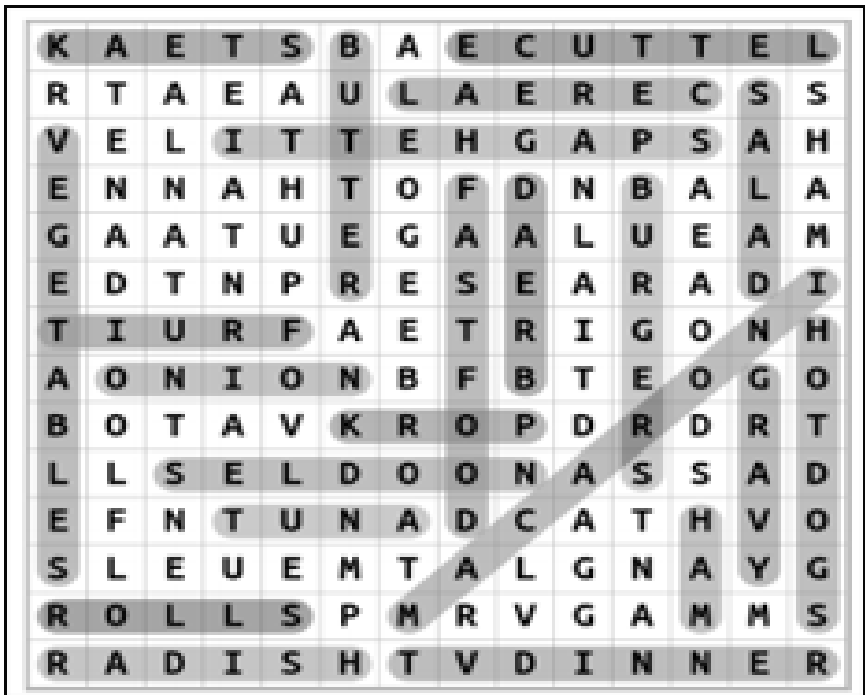
Sunday 5th	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion at 9 am
Sunday 19th	Family Service at 11 am
Sunday 26th	Holy Communion at 11.30 am

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Services for March 2023

Sunday 5th	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	9.30 am Morning Worship
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Sunday 26th	6 pm Evensong

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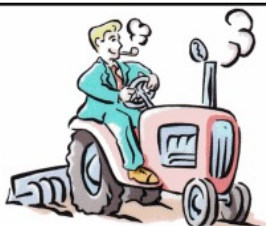
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