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## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Stephen Matanle, Chairman, writes:*



As we bask in the beautiful and warm spring weather of the last couple of days, it is incredible to think that just a few days ago we had a meaningful dump of snow that slowed us down for a while! The Parish Council is very aware of the frustration that some experienced at that time due to the lack of salt in the bins around the Parish. We apologise for this and can advise that we are taking measures to ensure that this does not recur.

We have had some mixed signals from Wiltshire Council during the course of this winter as to the extent of their responsibility for the salt bins. We think we now know exactly who is responsible for what and we will proceed accordingly.

In future the black bins at King Hill, and Mill Drove will be monitored and filled by the PC. The yellow bins at Aughton Junction and Brunton are the property and responsibility of Wiltshire Council. They have confirmed to us that they will be monitoring these and making sure that they are adequately filled at all times.

Regarding the Village Maintenance Day that I mentioned in last month's Courier, I have not had any responses from you so will have to wing this a bit! I suggest that we set the date as Saturday 6th April and we should meet at the Village Hall at 10 am. I will work on the targets for the day with the PC and advertise these in the April edition of the Courier. If you have any suggestions, please do let me have them via email ([stephenmatanle@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenmatanle@yahoo.com)).

As Tim Keighley indicated in last month's Courier, the CK Community Speed Watch team is very active and making a difference. This is an activity that we need to commit to for some time and the CSW team have all done so. We are in continuous contact with the Police CSW team to communicate the results of our work and to request ongoing support

from them by way of increased Police presence along the A338 through our Parish.

As Tim said last month, we really would benefit from some additional members so that we can increase the number of occasions that we are active with the speed gun during the one week each month that we have it. The CSW on its own will not cure the weight and speed of traffic through the Parish. It does, however, make a very meaningful contribution and one that gets noticed by the Police and Wiltshire Council. It makes a difference when we are looking for financial assistance for traffic improvement measures in the Parish. As I indicated in last month's Courier, we have benefitted from such assistance in funding the Brunton Roundabout re-mapping and the installation of Village Gates at each end of the Parish, both of which will be completed shortly. If you have some time to spare, please do join the CSW team. You will be warmly welcomed. Contact is [timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 12th March 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) writes:*

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

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

Saturday 13th April, 9.30 am, Village Work Party, Playground

Our next village event will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 2nd March, meeting at The Crown bus shelter at 11 am and finishing by 12.30 pm; this effort is in line with a national initiative – The Great British Spring Clean. After issue of equipment, we will split into several groups to clean up the verges of all arterial roads approaching and running through the village. Please come and help keep your village clean!



A village work party will assemble on Saturday 13th April to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the playground from 9.30 am until noon. More details will be available in the next edition of the Courier.

Following the closure of the Everleigh Household Recycle Centre (HRC) last autumn, a summary of alternate HRC options nearby is as follows:

**Amesbury (Boscombe Down SP4 7RX) and Marlborough (Business Park SN8 4AN)**

- Open: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Closed: Tuesday and Wednesday

**Devizes (Hopton Industrial Estate SN10 2EU)**

- Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Closed: Thursdays and Fridays

Opening hours for all HRCs are: 1st Apr – 31st Oct, 9 am to 4 pm; 1st Nov – 31st Mar, 10 am to 4 pm.

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 DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL**

*Peter Knowlson (01264 850812) Chairman writes:*

Well I hope you all enjoyed the couple of snow days we had in February; certainly lots of fun for the kids - and some of the big kids! I would also like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to our local farmers who helped clear the snow from some of the minor roads to enable people to get out and about a bit earlier when the snow started to thaw. In addition to that there were a few cars that had to be pulled out from Chicks Lane by tractor. Note to all: snow + Chicks Lane does not = car.



**Signpost** – I am really pleased to say that Collingbourne Ducis now has our wooden Finger Signpost back in situ at the junction of Everleigh Road and Church Street. The signpost came down when it was struck by a vehicle in the snowy conditions last year. Although we do not have an exact date it would probably have been standing since the late 1940's when these types of road signs were put back in place following WW11.



As Wiltshire Council no longer replace these types of old-fashioned signs like-for-like, we contacted the Men's Shed in Ludgershall which is run by Mike Giles. Mike and his team agreed to take on the project and began work removing all the letters and numbers from the sign (all 400 screws) and painstakingly removed the eight to nine coats of paint until they were back to bare metal state. The old post and arms of the signpost were not salvageable so a new 10ft solid green oak post and new pine arms were purchased and cut to size. The work then began to re-paint all the individual letters and numbers and paint the wood, all in all it took Mike and his team around 100 hours to carefully restore, replace and re-build the sign. On behalf of the Parish Council and the village I would like to say a big thank you to the Ludgershall & Tidworth Men's Shed for all their hard work and that we could not be happier with our historic sign now back in place and back to its former glory.

Should you be interested in joining the Men's Shed, it is situated right next to the CO-OP in Ludgershall and is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday between 9.30 am and 12 pm. Mike and his team would welcome any new members so why not pop down and see what it is all about. Further contact details can be sought from Ludgershall Town Council.

**Highways** – Another thing I am pleased to finally note that has returned to the village is the roundabout by The Tipple Inn. This has been on the list of jobs for Wiltshire County Council’s contractors for some time and finally after several reminders it has now been re-painted; hopefully this will cut down on some of the accidents and near misses!

**Village Spring Clean** – We will be holding our Village Spring Clean event this year on Saturday 6th April. The meeting place will be at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and the event will be between 9 am and 12 pm, refreshments will also be provided. We will have a supply of hi vis vests, litter pickers, gloves, black sacks etc. Look out for the posters around the village soon.

**Upcoming Village Events** – St Paddy’s Quiz Night on Saturday 16th March will be taking place at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Entry to the quiz is £10 per team with a maximum of six players per team. Fully licensed bar, raffle and cheeseboard. For further information or to book go to **collingbournecricketclub@gmail.com** or call Barry Reed on **07969 434150**

Collingbourne Canter 5K and Fun Run will be taking place on Saturday 8th June. This event is being organised by Collingbourne Primary PTA and is open to all. Further details can be found on Facebook or by contacting the School.

Collingbourne Beerfest 2019 will be held on Saturday 29th June. Following the massive success of last year, preparations and planning are well underway for our second village Beerfest. Look out for further details in the Beerfest article within this edition of the Courier.

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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 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 notice board. If you would like to get more involved in the village and help out with future projects please contact our Parish Clerk for more details, Phil Gill by email [parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com](mailto:parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com)

### **COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Dan Crossman, Headteacher, writes:*

Well we all survived the snow here at Collingbourne School! As the wintry weather subsided we received the news that we would receive our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist



Schools) inspection. This important inspection was carried out by Revd David Hatrey who spent the day interviewing school staff and leaders, watching lessons, talking to children and looking at books.

We can now officially let you know the outcome of the inspection and I am very pleased to say that we are 'Good'. A full copy of the report is available on our website if you would like to read the report in full however some of his key findings included:

- Leaders have brought enthusiasm and stability after a time of uncertainty.
- There is a real sense of family within the school.
- The school has been creative in making the curriculum broad and engaging.
- The provision in the area of vulnerable pupils is a strength.

There is a real sense of the school being a caring community where everyone is valued.



So, all in all, a job well done! I'd like to say thank you to the staff, governors and parents who helped the inspector see just what a brilliant school we are. Most importantly though, I'd like to thank the children who I could not be prouder of!

We are lucky to have so many volunteers in school now to help with the '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**

### **COLLINGBOURNE BEERFEST 2019**

*David Malley writes:*

Plans for Collingbourne Beerfest 2019 are in full swing and the committee is beginning to pull together another corker of an evening on Saturday 29th June.



Once again the event promises to be one of the highlights of the community's summer calendar, and a great selection of Wiltshire beers and local ciders, live music, locally-sourced food, and of course the popular Gin & Fizz Bar will all be returning. In addition to the Saturday evening festivities, a free Sunday afternoon picnic in the park is planned with live music, a bar and barbecue, and fun and games for all the family.

Last year our sponsorship packages proved hugely successful, so if your company would like to get involved and sponsor a barrel this year then do please get in touch. Email **collingbournebeerfest@gmail.com** and we'll make sure that your company makes the most of Beerfest 2019.

Further details - including ticket information - will be included in next month's Courier, but if you'd like to keep up to date with the latest developments then please find us on facebook or visit **[www.collingbournebeerfest.co.uk](http://www.collingbournebeerfest.co.uk)**

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

## COLLINGBOURNES CHUTE AND EVERLEIGH LINK GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

*Pat Lincoln writes:*

**Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at  
2 pm, Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall**



The Chairman and Trustees of the Collingbournes Chute and Everleigh Link Good Neighbour Scheme invite you to join us at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall for the Annual General Meeting.

As usual, this will be a public meeting open to everyone, so take the opportunity to find out how **YOUR** Link Scheme is working. Come and meet the Committee and ask any questions you may have, for example how the Scheme is funded, how it is performing and whether we have enough volunteer drivers. Please do come along and join in the discussion - you never know when you might need us. Make a note in your diary of the day, date and time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:*

The meal at the Barleycorn on 29th January to celebrate the centenary of the WI was most enjoyable and great fun. Ten members dressed in costumes relevant to each of the ten decades beginning with Jane as a suffragette to Laura in current dress. Jen Best from Beaker Buttons talked about her yarn journey and a competition was won by Di Johnson. Each of the members was given a 'goody' bag containing a poem especially written by Nigel Smith, who was a speaker during the previous year, a teddy bear, and a commemorative lavender bag. The Committee were warmly thanked for their work.



At the meeting on 14th February, Wendy, President, welcomed members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were signed

off and Wendy discussed forthcoming events. She then introduced Mr Chris Penny, Visitor Experience Officer with the National Trust who gave a talk with slides about Avebury Manor. Mr Penny told the meeting that Avebury Manor had never been a stately home and, because it had never been occupied by the same family for any length of time, there is very little positive history. Beneath the house and garden there is the footprint of a 12th century Benedictine Priory, and the actual house began life as a small farmhouse. The house has been extended over the years including during the Tudor period and the reign of Queen Anne, who may have stayed there. The real history begins in the first half of the 20th century with a family called Jenner, who built a new library and redesigned the garden. It then passed into the hands of Alexander Keiller who lived there while he indulged his passion for the stone circle. It was occupied by several other families before Peter de Savary lived there, causing considerable damage to the Grade 1 listed building. The house was now in the ownership of the National Trust, completely empty and a bit of a wreck. It was saved and helped to its current state by the BBC when they used it for a 2011 television series called 'The Manor Reborn', and now repays a visit as it is one of the few NT houses where the furnishing may be touched. It is reputed to be haunted and that may be the reason no-one ever stayed in the house for very long.

Mr Penny was thanked by Heather Ball. The evening concluded with a raffle and lovely refreshments served by Pam, Claire and Maz.

Next meeting Thursday 14th March - AGM

Tea Hostesses: E. Burns and J. Crook

Hostess: N/A

Raffle Prize: W. Heath

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

## COLLINGBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

*David Malley, 1st XI Captain, writes:*

The cheery arrival of spring sees the Cricket Club busily preparing itself for the upcoming season, so here are a few dates for your diaries.



The club is hosting its annual quiz night on Saturday 16th March at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Entry is £10 per team (maximum six people per team) and as well as the quiz itself, we will have a full bar, raffle and cheeseboard available to enjoy on the night. To book your table please call Barry on **07969 434150** or email **collingbournecricketclub@gmail.com**

If you'd like to get involved in setting up the ground for the upcoming season, then please pencil in Saturday 30th March and Saturday 6th April as our pre-season pitch preparation days. There are plenty of jobs to do around the Rec, so everyone is invited... many hands make light work!

Finally, our annual Tidworth Leisure Centre pre-season training sessions are planned for Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th April (9.15 - 10.15 am for our youth teams, and 10.15 - 11.45 am for men and ladies). The club is always looking for, and welcomes, new playing members of all standards and ages. We currently run two adult sides, youth teams across three age groups, and our new ladies team. So whether you've never played before, or are simply looking for a new challenge, get in touch or join us at a training session.

For more information on any of the above, please visit **[www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk)** or find us on Facebook.

## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

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

## THEFILMPLACE – YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

**THEFILMPLACE**  
YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

*Jim and Tracy Plenderleith write:*

Showing at THEFILMPLACE on Friday

29th March is the multiple Oscar nominated love story A STAR IS BORN. Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga fuse their considerable talents to depict the raw and passionate tale of Jack and Ally, two artistic souls coming together, on stage and in life. This remake of a generational tale brings modern day storytelling and music to life by grabbing hold of the audience's emotions until the very last scene.

Doors open at THEFILMPLACE, 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.

It is through the community's excellent support that we can continue to keep THEFILMPLACE going. It is your monthly film show. Please keep giving us your feedback personally or by email to the following **thefilmplacecd@gmail.com**

Date for your diary,

Friday 3rd May

Film title will be in April Courier.

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

*Jane Crook announces:*

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw:

£50 T. Dale 6

£25 S. Larkin 73

£10 N. Banford 127

£5 T. Nicols 237



## CATS PROTECTION

*Martin Bevan writes:*

Pippa, the little girl featured last month, has been lucky enough to find her forever home and is settling in nicely.



We'd like to say a thank you to Pets Corner on Salisbury Road who have set up a permanent donation point for us. You can now leave any much needed donations there or at Pets at Home.

This month we've also had a new fosterer join the team. All of our fosterers are volunteers. Not only do they have the important job of caring for our cats but they also help to find them their new homes.

Timmy is a handsome chap, he's about two years old and has a lovely fluffy coat. He will need regular grooming to keep his coat free from matts. He would love a garden to explore once settled and could live with a family with older children. (I believe Timmy is the cat, not the fosterer. Ed)

Did you know?

Humans and cats have identical regions in their brains that are responsible for emotions.

Homing Enquiries **0345 2601501** 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**

## SPTA

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

**[www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter)**

## **MICHAEL COKER 1933-2019**

At the end of January many of us lost a dear personal friend, but more widely, so did our whole community. At the least, most of us will have known Michael, or Mickle as he signed himself, through his work with the Courier. He took over the editorship and the laying out of the magazine following the resignation of the magazine's founder, Rodney Haverson. He continued to do so, managing to keep things going through uncertain times, until fading energy meant that it was time to hand things over to another generation. How lucky we are that David and Nichola have taken it on.

For all the many time and coffee consuming hours that I was lucky enough to spend with him, I gleaned little more than hints about his background.

Whether he was born there or not I don't know, but he seems to have spent his boyhood near Birmingham where his father worked for the BBC. His father was involved with pioneering work in outside broadcasting and during the war, setting up facilities for the government so that they could continue broadcasting to the nation, should they had to go into hiding in some bunker or other. For his inventiveness he was awarded the OBE. Perhaps this is where Mickle got his great enthusiasm for technical gadgetry or indeed anything that involved wires, leads and plugs. So much so, that despite having graduated in music, being an organ player I gather, and teaching in various schools, public and private, he ended up at Marlborough College as their IT master. Handy, as many of us can verify, during those years when he rescued us from the vagaries of Windows 98 computers.

Other people in the area will remember Mickle for his work as a past Chairman of the Pewsey LINK scheme and consequently, in 2004, as a founder member and Trustee of our own local LINK when he guided us through the process and was of course a regular volunteer driver. He

was also a reader on the Talking Newspapers in Marlborough and Andover, often at short notice.

Mikle also served for many years on Collingbourne Kingston's Parish Council and I had the pleasure of serving alongside him as a fellow governor at our village school. He was responsible for keeping an eye on the teaching of Maths. About this time he adopted the habit of wearing robes rather than conventional clothing and what with that, his girth and his distinctive hats, I think the children must have thought that a close relation of Dumbledore was visiting.

Any mention of Mikle would be incomplete without a mention of his garden and his great plantsman's knowledge. Hard to think that the grand garland of tulips that used to bedeck Rosebush Cottage every spring, and somehow signalled that all was well with the world, may also now go. Finally, those of us who were enthusiastically welcomed in through its front door and into the wonder world beyond can have been in no doubt about his thoughts concerning existence and the philosophy that lay behind his gentle and generous manner, festooned as it was with Tibetan masks, images for contemplation and countless other esoteric Buddhist items; not to mention much else. I haven't a clue what people of that faith, and who believe in reincarnation, would say on an occasion such as this, but I do hope that they would say something along the lines of 'Whatever lies behind or whatever lies ahead, it will be what you were when you were with us that will be for ever cherished and long, long remembered.' He touched countless lives in our communities with generosity, much humour and he helped and guided many.

Farewell Dear Friend

Laurence McGowan



### **IN LOVING MEMORY**

In Memory of my partner Boab Denim who was suddenly taken from me on 31st January 2019, Natalie Williams

#### **In Loving Memory**

To lose someone I loved so much brings pain beyond belief  
There are no words to ease my pain my sadness and my grief  
I feel I've lost someone so close so wonderful and dear  
I think about your special ways and wish that you were near  
But although you have left this world you'll stay within my heart  
Guiding like an angel even though we are apart  
Our love is everlasting and so are my memories  
Your legacy that's always there to light the way for me

#### **A Hole In My Heart**

To keep on going since you have gone is the hardest thing I've ever done  
I wear a mask from day to day  
And try and cope in my own special way  
I'll miss you till we meet again  
And long for you each day till then  
There is now a large hole no one can ever fill  
Within my heart  
I Love You Still

## **COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB**

*Pam Haverson (01264 850609) writes:*

Unfortunately, our annual general meeting had to be adjourned as no one was forthcoming to take over the position of chairman, and subsequently no officers could be elected. The meeting continued however with our member Graham Chandler giving a slide show detailing his holiday in Australia in 2017.



The March meeting will proceed and Ray Broughton will come and speak on Hanging Baskets, Pots and their Maintenance. This meeting will be in Ducis Village Hall on Thursday 28th March at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **GET FIT, HAVE FUN, BE SOCIABLE, GO NORDIC WALKING!**

*Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:*

Was one of your New Year Resolutions to get fitter? How about trying Nordic Walking? Nordic Walking is a form of fitness walking which uses poles to create a low impact total body workout; it is a form of physical activity which is highly effective, accessible, affordable and immensely enjoyable. When my doctor advised me to stop running because of knee problems, I still wanted to exercise outdoors but just walking on my own was boring. Fortunately, I discovered Nordic Walking! Even better, we have a very well organised, local official Nordic Walking group 'on our doorstep'. Since I've been walking with this group, I've discovered more of the beautiful Wiltshire countryside than I knew existed, even though I've been living in Collingbourne Ducis for nearly thirty years. We walk all around the local area and sometimes slightly further afield for example around Great Bedwyn and Wilton, along the Kennet and Avon canal, around the Marlborough Downs, Pewsey Vale, and the ancient site around Avebury. Last week there was a trip to Welford Park of Great British



Bake off fame, to enjoy the snowdrops. There are a variety of walks most days of the week; we even go away on short Nordic Walking mini breaks! Come and join us, give it a go! If you would like to know more search for Nordic walking on the internet or give me a ring.

### **CANCER RESEARCH UK - STONEHENGE AND PEWSEY VALE BRANCH**

*Val Patrick and Pat Lincoln write:*

A huge thank you to everyone for your continued support of this Committee as we strive to raise as much money as possible to help fund the research necessary to find the cures.



Our first event for this year is the ever popular coffee morning on Saturday 4th May 2019, which is being held once again in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall from 10 am until 1 pm.

There will of course be cakes for sale, together with jewellery, plants, bric-a-brac, a raffle and refreshments. So please do come along, meet up with your friends and help us to raise some money for Cancer Research UK at the same time.

### **PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH – ANNUAL SPRING SALE**

*Mary Doherty (01264 850705) writes:*

I will be holding a Spring Sale on Saturday 23rd March from 1 pm to 4 pm in Ducis Village Hall.



We shall have stalls selling bric-a-brac, books, clothes, toys, cakes and there will be a raffle. I hope you will also stay and enjoy the teas and home-made cakes and catch up with friends.

Please come along and browse - every penny we make goes to the Parkinson's charity and helps them to continue their research into this dreadful disease. Put a note in your diary - I hope to see you on the 23rd.

## THE DAY I MET ALBERT FINNEY

*Paul Foxall (01264 850316) writes:*

The year was 1984 when I was directing the actor/comedian Max Wall in a South Bank Show documentary on his affinity with the playwright Samuel Beckett. We arrived at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith where we were to meet the famous writer but before going in we decided we had time for a drink at the pub next door. Max and I had only been there a matter of minutes when Albert Finney strolls in. He had heard that Max was there to see Beckett and knew where to find him. After being introduced to Albert, he wanted to ask Max to appear in 'Sergeant Musgraves Dance' that he was staging at the Old Vic. Albert had admired Max for many years and was keen to work with him. After discussing the role, Max agreed. We then went off to join Beckett in the studios where he was happy to pose with Max for pictures that we used in the documentary.

For me it had been a remarkable day, meeting Albert Finney and Samuel Beckett was a treasured memory. Interestingly enough, scenes for the ITV production were filmed on Salisbury Plain. This location provided the perfect setting for Max to play in perhaps Beckett's best known play, *Waiting for Godot*.

## RURAL ARTS TOURING

*Jane Crook (01264 850436) writes:*

The BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Musician of the year 2017 harpist Rachel Newton will be performing in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall on Friday 10th May at 7.30 pm. Rachel is a brilliant musician and captivating performer specialising in traditional folk songs in both English and Gaelic as well as writing and arranging her own music. Please come and listen to her on Friday 10th May. Tickets and further information from Jane Crook on **01264 850436**. Tickets are £10, children £5.



## COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY PTA GLITTER BALL

*Vicky May writes:*



On its third appearance in the Collingbourne social calendar, the Glitter Ball, proved once again to be a joyfully popular event with the local community.

In traditional effervescent Glitter Ball style, the Village Hall was draped and decorated with Christmas trees, garlands and festive trappings. During the evening we all enjoyed a three course meal, drinks, a sing a long, auction, dancing, and the new addition of a casino and gin bar in the elegantly draped and decked rear hall.

An immense debt of gratitude is owed to our fabulous community for their generous support. Thank you to Core Modular for their amazing neon-lit gin bar, to Signature Floors for their generous donation of welcome drink champagne, to our lovely locals, The Barleycorn and Tipple Inn for donating meals for the auction, and to Pauline Oliver, Richard Hannon, Alex Gumn, Jane Crook, Tom Gleeson, the Collingbourne Beerfest, Mr and Mrs Brian Taylor, Mark Fell Photography, Pippa Novis, Haynes, Hanson & Clark, Sarsen Energy, Rosebourne Garden Centre, Waitrose, Cholderton Charlie's, Singalonga Productions, and Grey Manor Hotel for donating fantastic prizes for our auction and raffle.

Subsequent to the support and efforts from our awesome neighbourhood we raised a staggering £6,000 for our village school. The funds will be spent on some of the most amazing educational experiences our fortunate children will ever have the pleasure to receive. We can repeat last year's whole school Shakespeare week with a professional theatre company and take a trip to see Horrible Histories - the Terrible Tudors, as well as Early Years resources and many other wonderful assets for the school. Once again, thank you to all who gave their support, we are truly privileged to have such a warm-hearted, sociable community and are very proud to be a part of it.

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

*Sonny Hamid (01672 811933) writes:*

The Club's February session was packed with pairs of hands working intensely on our new "N"



Gauge layout which we will exhibit at the Inter-County Model Railway Exhibition at Fordingbridge in April.

We are very proud and pleased that 2019 will be the second invitation we have received from the organisers to exhibit at this Show.

The gauge we selected is smaller than the usual "00" Gauge and working on fine detail calls for a lot of patience, much dexterity and plenty of frayed tempers when things don't quite work out. But the good news is that we have made excellent progress and look forward to a great time at the Fordingbridge Show.

Our plan for the coming month is to complete the work on the "N" Gauge layout and to revert to our on-going project of modelling Great Bedwyn Station and Yard as it existed in the 1960's which will be exhibited in Great Bedwyn later in the year.

The next Club session is scheduled for 7 pm on Monday 18th March 2019. The Club welcomes new members and also 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 Hamid, on **01672 811933**

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

*Sonny Hamid (01672 811933) writes:*

The Club's February session was taken up by review and critique of Members work undertaken over the



preceding month. Members presented an assortment of paper prints and digital images.

A further review of the Club's local project was also undertaken. We had received more materials from residents which we feel will add greater value to our project. Some additions were agreed and will be incorporated on the Burbage and Marlborough parts of the project.

We were pleased to receive another invitation from the Burbage Good Companions Club to present two parts of the project to their audience in September. The two parts are Great Bedwyn and Burbage.

As regards the Marlborough project we have received more complimentary feedback from people who saw our presentation in Burbage a few weeks ago. We are pleased to receive more invitations to present this part of our project to other community groups in the wider area.

For our next month's session we have planned some outdoor shoots and an indoor option should the weather become 'photographer unfriendly' on the day. There's an almost-full moon on 20th March, rising 17.34 at 81 deg (i.e. east). Sunset is 17.30, so if the skies are clear, we can take a picture of the moon over a local landmark or a local shoot of a floodlit church, or some traffic trails. In the event of bad weather Member Phil Leach will make a presentation entitled 'Your Camera Doesn't Matter'.

Our next session will start at 19.30 hours on Wednesday, 20th March, at the Burbage and Easton Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage. We may start earlier if the weather makes it possible to do an outdoor shoot.

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 811933** or Mike on **01672 810574** for more details.

## SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

*Gerald Osborne, Rural Dean, writes:*

WELCOME TO COME AND SEE 2019



Lent is a time many focus more on their own faith and spirituality, sometimes by the means of giving up or by taking on more. Come and See is a chance for the latter as through a series of talks, cinema evenings and a workshop we hope we will all be able to reflect on God in Christ and what it means to know him better amid many of the challenges of this life.

This year we have three main speakers, each of whom have found help from their faith in different and profound challenges:

On Friday 15th March we will hear from Jeremy Marshall, ex CEO of Hoare's Bank who three years ago was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He will talk of finding hope in the face of death, 7.30 pm, Burbage Village Hall.

On Thursday 4th April, Rachel Wright will be joining us for twenty-four hours. After her experiences with her son who was born with complex disabilities, she will be talking about how she has found God through brokenness and in life's turmoil's, 2.30 pm, Pewsey Methodist Church and 7.30 pm Easton Royal Village Hall.

On Friday 12th April our speaker will be Sir Jeremy Cooke, a retired High Court judge, who will talk about his faith in the context of his life and work and will focus on how he applied his legal training to investigating the resurrection of Jesus. His conclusion is that there is no other plausible explanation than its truth as recorded in the gospels, 7.30 pm, Burbage Village Hall.

We will also have a series of three cinema evenings with a chance to discuss through them some of the complex issues they raise. (Mondays, Pewsey Methodist Church)



We have Ros Peace, Chelsea Gold Medallist, doing a flower arranging workshop on Thursday 28th March with the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, West Court Farm, Shalbourne, 1 pm, booking essential.

Having learned the Gospel of St Mark and performed it now some twenty seven times with Colin Heber-Percy, we have both developed a love for it. I will be leading people through the whole of it in Burbage Church and reflecting on what Mark tells us about who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.

Colin is leading the Marlborough Team Lent talks and using the gospel to reflect on 'God of the Gaps'. He will be in Christchurch Marlborough and both are at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays, beginning on 13th March.

Do join us to launch this programme at St John's Pewsey on Sunday 3rd March when our new Bishop of Ramsbury, Bishop Andrew will be coming to preach and pray for us.

Then, on Shrove Tuesday, 5th March we will have our pancake racing again, at 3.15 pm in Pewsey Scout hut. Pancakes will be provided but bring your own frying pan.

These and more are on the website [www.comeandyouwillsee.com](http://www.comeandyouwillsee.com) and look there for more details and sign up to be kept informed.

We hope to see you soon at any of these exciting events.

*Gerald*

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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)

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

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

We are pleased to say that Canon Alan Deboo has agreed to lead our Morning Worship service on the first Sunday of the month for the time being pending the appointment of a new third team vicar in the Savernake Team.



### **Come and See**

The excellent Come and See programme is being held again this year during March and April. Among the highlights are three excellent and challenging speakers:

Friday 15th March, Jeremy Marshall, former CEO of Hoare's Bank, who three years ago was diagnosed with terminal cancer, will talk about his faith and experience and 'finding hope in death'.

Thursday 4th April, Rachel Wright, whose son was born with complex disabilities, will talk about finding God in brokenness and life's turmoils.

Friday 12th April, Sir Jeremy Cooke, a retired High Court judge, will talk about his faith and life in the law as well as finding the resurrection of Jesus having investigated it with all his legal skills.

To register for these and other Come and See events, including further information on timings etc. go to **[www.comeandyouwillsee.com](http://www.comeandyouwillsee.com)**

### **The Collingbourne Choir**

We are a small choir and perform twice a year at Easter and Christmas and are always looking for new members. Most importantly, there is no pressure and an audition is not required.

Our practices resume on Friday 8th March at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church. If you are looking for something to do on a Friday evening and

enjoy singing, please get in touch or just come along. Contact Nigel on 01264 850070

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

*Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:*

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, it will be warmer and spring will be well on its way – soon we will be into the 'season' of Lent, Easter Sunday being on 21st April this year.



A quick look back at last month. On Friday 8th February, Gerald Balding gave an entertaining talk and slide show about his life in the circus to a fascinated audience of both adults and children. The evening raised £699.50; after expenses the profits of £631.50 will go to the church buildings and maintenance fund. We now have enough money to go ahead and organise the repairs needed to the church tower. Many thanks to Gerald and also to everyone who helped organise such a successful evening. Watch this space for details of our next project – looking after an ancient church is an ongoing exercise!

6th March is Ash Wednesday this year and as such marks the first day of Lent. In Western Christianity, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday (which is 20th April this year). The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days of Lent because each Sunday represents a mini- Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Our weekly Lent lunches begin on Wednesday 20th March and will continue to take place on every Wednesday for the following three Wednesdays (27th March, 3rd April, 10th April) at 12 pm 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.

Come and See is back! Once again, our churches are planning exciting and thought provoking events during Lent: talks, workshops, cinema evenings, and much more!

We will be holding a Mothering Sunday service at 11 am on Sunday 31st March. There will be posies of flowers for all the Mums plus any Grandmas or great-Grandmas who attend the service!

This month we also celebrate Rev. Jo Reid having been licensed to the Savernake Team for five years as of 13th March. Congratulations Rev. Jo!

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

#### *Services in March*

Sunday 3rd	Morning Worship at 9.30 am
Wednesday 6th	Service at St Andrew's at 7.30 pm
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 17th	Service at St Andrew's at 11 am
Sunday 24th	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 31st	Service at St Andrew's at 11 am

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

#### *Services in March*

Sunday 3rd	Evensong at 6 pm
Wednesday 6th	Holy Communion Ashing Service at 7.30 pm
Sunday 10th	Service at St. Mary's at 11 am
Sunday 17th	Family Service at 11 am
Sunday 24th	Holy Communion at 9 am
Sunday 31st	Family Communion, Mother's Day at 11 am

*Cover Photo: 'It is simply the closing of full circle. It is the flower that grows out of Beginning'.*