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The deadline for June copy is 6.30 pm on 18th May 2022.

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes:

We have made progress on our Everleigh Enhancement plans: a new all-weather bench has been positioned by the rear



South East side gate of the village playground with views of Sidbury Hill and Baden's Clump; two 'caution, horses' warning signs have been installed on the Netheravon Road (for which we are most grateful to Mr Richard Hannon for his generous financial contribution) and our first flower planters have been sited at the playground, in The Street and in West View. We plan to deploy several flower planters throughout the village, adopted by adjacent residents who volunteer to maintain a planter. The Parish Council would supply the planter, soil and plants; adopters would then water, feed and weed them. Any resident wishing to donate plants or adopt a planter would be most welcome; donations can be left at Laburnum/Ivy Cottage opposite the village noticeboard at The Street/A342 junction.

We are also developing a village street map primarily to assist delivery drivers. A draft prototype will be displayed in the bus shelter until 15th June for villagers to view and make comment. Please respond with any comments to Councillor Terry Martin at **temmet2001@doctors.org.uk**

A village work party took place on Saturday 9th April to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the playground. Many thanks go to the seven volunteers who cleaned and painted all the equipment and strimmed the perimeter fence. This play area is now looking very smart!

As warned previously, our village celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place on Thursday 2nd June at the playground/Jubilee field, starting at 5 pm. The event will consist of a BBQ and games/activities such as egg and spoon races, relay races, rounders, volleyball, badminton, golf pitch and putt and coconut shy. Festivities will culminate with the lighting of a bonfire beacon at 9.45 pm to synchronise with beacons across the nation. We will be setting up from 9.30 am on the day; all volunteers are welcome.

The Collingbourne Ducis St Andrew's Church Fête takes place this year on Saturday 3rd September from 12 noon until 4 pm in the Ducis Village Hall and on the recreation ground. Everleigh has been invited to participate in fun games activities with Ducis and Kingston folk at this fête. More details will follow in due course.

Scottish & Southern Electricity Network (SSEN) maintain and repair our electricity infrastructure. They can also provide support during prolonged power cuts for people who may have a disability, a chronic illness, a need to use medical equipment that requires power or be over 60 years of age. During a power cut, SSEN can provide priority treatment, emergency power supplies (generators) and moral support. In order to qualify for these priority services, please register with SSEN by calling Freephone **0800 294 3259**.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th May at 7 pm at the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. There will be two sessions: the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to attend. The minutes of our last meeting are available on village noticeboards and the Everleigh website at **www.everleigh.org**

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Semple, Chairman, writes:



I am sure that we are all enjoying and making the most of the warmer weather. I

have certainly been getting out and about around the Parish more and want to reiterate my thanks to all of our local landowners who have been continuing to improve the gates, stiles and signage on our many footpaths.

The Parish Council is also planning a village clean up and maintenance day for Saturday 14th May; all volunteers are welcome. We will meet at the Village Hall at 9 am and aim to be finished in time for a well-earned lunchtime drink at the Barleycorn. Bin bags, litter pickers etc will be provided.

Looking further ahead, planning is well in hand for the Collingbourne Kingston Platinum Jubilee Jamboree on Saturday 4th June, at the Village Hall. This is jointly organised by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, and very kindly sponsored by Wiltshire County Council and one of our local residents, Steve Clements. The event will start at 3 pm with afternoon tea, accompanied by live music from Ramsbury Silver Band. A bar will open from 5 pm for the purchase of drinks and we will have an evening barbecue. Ice-cream and candyfloss will also be available and there will be activities for children. A local band, Down the Hatch, will be providing live music during the evening. The event will end by 9 pm. Tickets will be available between the 1st and the 25th of May, for free, from our Parish Clerk, Philip Palmer (clerk@collingbournekingston.org) and you will need these to receive hot dogs, burgers and ice-cream on the day.

This will be a fun family event and a real opportunity for us to get together as a community to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's seventy years of service, so please do come along and join us.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Ruth Fisher Room, Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 10th May.

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman, Paul Hartley, writes:

I hope all have had the opportunity to have an enjoyable Easter and been able to enjoy the pleasant weather Spring has provided.

I must kick off this update with a massive thank you to the large group of residents that supported the Village Spring Clean, and to Councillor Lyons for leading with it. A serious amount of rubbish (and dead animals!) was cleaned from our roadsides and communal areas, with the village looking lovely and Summer-ready as a result.

In addition to the Spring Clean success, we are delighted to see the new bus shelter and roadside Speed Indicator Device (SID) installed. A massive thanks goes to Councillor Batley for leading on the Bus Shelter project and Councillor Dennis for his invaluable support in getting it completed. The SID will continue to have periods through April where the display will be turned off, whilst collecting initial data, with it expected to be fully operational by the start of May.

Planning for the Collingbourne Ducis Jubilee Event on Thursday 2nd of June continues with a number of Parish Councillors joining forces with both the Village Hall Committee and the Collingbourne Cricket Club to deliver it. Whilst planning for it is ongoing, I can confidently say it looks set to be a wonderful event and an ideal opportunity to



both celebrate the Queen's service and come together as a community. Details for the event are included in the flyer for Ducis residents and will shortly be published in print and online. It will be a free-to- attend event with live music, children's entertainment, snacks and refreshments as well as a bar. All Ducis, Kingston and Everleigh residents are welcome to attend. In a bid to enhance this free event, for those that wish to, we would gladly welcome cake donations for all to enjoy. There will be prizes in several categories for the best cakes.

As a reminder, the Parish Council will be hanging bunting in communal areas over the weekend of 28th - 29th May in preparation for the week of celebrations; we encourage those that wish to do so, to do the same.

I wish to thank all those that have responded to our website survey to date, your input has been invaluable in helping us shape its new design. For those that are yet to do so, there is still time; this link will take you to it online: <https://tinyurl.com/yck7pb7j>

Our next Parish Council Meeting is a double-header on Thursday 5th May at the Village Hall, consisting of the Annual Parish Meeting followed by our routine Parish Council Meeting touch point. Both are, as always, open to the public and all are welcome to attend and find out more about our upcoming projects and activities.

If there are any parishioners that wish to get involved in giving a small amount of time in support of our community, do please contact the Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Gill, parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

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



JILL HORSFALL 1934 – 2022

It is with great sadness we report the death of Jill on 23rd April. She was involved with the Courier from the very first day and had never lost any of her enthusiasm for, or commitment to, the future of the magazine, making a contribution to the committee days before her death.

Although her physical health had gradually failed in recent years, she still had a very sharp mind and her knowledge was heavily relied on by the Courier committee where she will be sorely missed.

Jill was also an active member of the Gardening Club, the National Trust, U3A and other organisations. She was a keen supporter of events in the villages where she had lived and worked for many years.

We thank Jill for her full and active involvement in village life, may she rest in peace, and we send our condolences to her daughters, Pippa and Debbie, and her five grandchildren.

COLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL REPORT

Harriet Phillips, Headteacher, writes:

The whole school took part in our Easter story retelling on the last Thursday of term, not put off by a sudden hail storm we finished off inside!

Following this we raised just over £100 at our first cake sale for a long while, this money will be used to purchase a new portable piano for school.

On the last day of term we were joined by Reverend Jo, she came to tell us the story of Palm Sunday and each child went home with a palm cross; it was so lovely to have a visitor in school for a real life assembly!

The PTA organised an Easter Bingo, which was a huge success, in the last week of term, it was just great to see the school community together in the Village Hall for a social event, thank you to all those involved in the organisation of this marvellous event and to everyone that came.

As the Summer term approaches we are really looking forward to some sunshine filled activities!

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Jane Crook (01264 850436) informs us:

The results of the April village hall draw were:

£50	P. Marsh	24
£25	J. Horsfall	65
£10	G. Knowles	159
£5	J. Waldren	175



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FÊTE AND TRI-VILLAGE TOURNAMENT

Tish Leigh writes:

A date for your diaries: Saturday 3rd September 12 - 5 pm.

Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall & recreation ground.

Attractions will include:

Cake stall, bottle stall, book stall, toy stall.

BBQ, teas and cakes, raffle

Bar run by the BeerFest team.

Music by the Phoenix Brass Band and Singing from 'The Two of Us.'

Dog show, organised by Becky Oldfield (Contented Gundogs Training Club)

Tri-village-tournament including egg and spoon races, three-legged races, sack races, one pint dash & splash, welly wanging, tug of war.

Will Collingbourne Ducis retain the Tri-Village Tournament cup?

Will Collingbourne Kingston win it back? Or is it Everleigh's turn to win and lift high the cup this year?

Team Captains muster your teams and start training!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SYBIL

On 21st April Sybil Cooper was one hundred years young!

Sybil is a much-loved mum, mum-in-law, grandma, great-grandma, friend and neighbour.

She's a lovely lady, with a wicked sense of humour, always happy to chat to everyone and has lived in Ducis for over forty years.

Thank you for being you Sybil, have a fabulous one-hundredth birthday.

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

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BUY A FLATPACK FROM A DIY STORE, GARDEN CENTRE OR ONLINE. OR MAKE YOUR OWN BIN FROM WOOD OR OLD PALLETS. OR ASK WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ABOUT A DISCOUNTED FOOD WASTE COMPOSTER.

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- REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM LANDFILL
- SAVE MONEY ON WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS



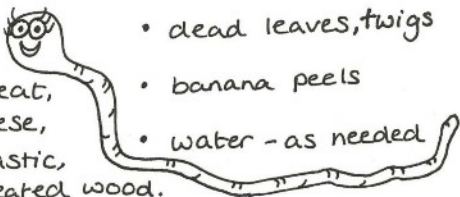
YES:

- kitchen peelings
- garden prunings
- used tea bags
- coffee grounds
- grass clippings
- torn up cardboard
- dead leaves, twigs
- banana peels
- water - as needed

check that your brand doesn't contain plastic

NO:

Bones, diseased plants, meat, oil, fat, fish, dairy, cheese, egg shells, chemicals, plastic, pet poo, glass, metal, treated wood.



COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes

At our meeting in March Paul Jupp, a well-known enthusiast of wild plants, gave a very interesting talk entitled 'A Meadow in Your Garden'. He showed slides of the gardens and wild areas he has transformed by planting flowers and grasses to encourage bees, butterflies and other insects. It is amazing what a difference planting flowers makes to a dull plot! There was a selection of seeds for sale afterwards and Paul answered any questions members asked. We shall be holding our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 21st May in Ducis Village Hall, starting at 10 am, when there will be a variety of flower and vegetable plants, shrubs and houseplants for sale. There will also be tea, coffee, homemade cakes and a raffle, so do come and enjoy a chat with friends and browse the stalls.



We shall organise garden visits during the summer and our Gardeners' Lunch is on 2nd July – more details in the club's Potting Shed newsletter and next month's Courier. Evening meetings will resume in October.

Do come and join us, guests are very welcome. If you want any more information, please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, **01264 850436**.

HOLLANDS AND MACKENZIE WEDDING

Jon Hollands and Katie Mackenzie got married on the 21st of April after knowing each other for fifteen years and being together for eight. They should have been married in 2020 and had to reschedule due to the pandemic.

CRICKETING COMMENT

David Malley, Club Secretary, writes:

By the time you read this, the Cricket Club will have played its first few friendlies of the year, with matches for our senior Saturday and Sunday sides as well as our Women's team 'The Sapphires'. The u13 youth fixtures get underway towards the middle of May and we're all hoping that the warm and sunny start to Spring continues.

For a full list of fixtures for all of our teams, please visit our website www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk or pick up a fixture card from the score shed next time we're training or playing a game up at the Recreation Ground.

Every year the club relies on the support of local businesses and individuals through our sponsorship and Vice President's programme and the 2022 season is no different. We'd like to thank all those that have contributed, with special mention to our shirt sponsor once again, Lynx UK, as well as local businesses Signature Floors, CORE Events and Rural Scene. Your support, along with all our VPs, is very much appreciated.

As ever, we welcome any individuals looking to get into cricket this Summer and hope to see some new faces as the season gets underway. We firmly believe cricket is a game that can be enjoyed by everyone, and our range of teams ensures there's a level suitable for anybody wishing to join in. Regardless of age, gender or ability, we would love to see you, so please get in touch.

If you'd like to join us for a training session or would like to keep up to date with all the latest happenings at the club, then please visit our website or follow us on Facebook.



COLLINGBOURNE BEERFEST

'Ticket News' for **Collingbourne Beerfest**, which takes place on Saturday 25th June 2022 from 6.30 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall (doors will open at 6 pm).

The organisers are pleased to announce that tickets for Beerfest 2022 will go on sale from **9 am on Saturday 7th May**.



In order to secure your tickets, please email tickets@collingbournebeerfest.co.uk, with your contact details, number of tickets you require - please tell us into which criteria you fall (see below). You will then receive an email detailing how to pay and collect tickets. We are setting maximum number of tickets per household to four. Emails received prior to 9 am on 7th May will not be accepted.

Due to the location, nature of event and licensing criteria we have a strict number of tickets available. So, in an effort to allow as many of our local community as possible to attend, the organising committee has once again decided to release the tickets to individuals with local connections. The criteria we have set, of which *only one need apply*, are as follows;

- Resident in the villages of Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston or Everleigh
- Parent or guardian of a child at Collingbourne Primary School
- Contribute or affiliated to local clubs or groups based in any of the three villages
- Work or employed in any of the three villages

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Our Temporary Ticket Office will be situated at Collingbourne Village Hall on Saturday 14th May - 2 pm to 4 pm and again Sunday 15th May 1 pm to 3 pm.

If we can take this opportunity to thank the Sponsors who continue to support this local event, and continue to seek Sponsorships for both **Beerfest** or **Picnic in the Park**, please get in touch Collingbournebeerfest@gmail.com as we can offer any sponsorship to match your budget.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH – MARCH SPRING SALE

Mary Doherty (01264 850705) writes:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Sale in March. We made just over £600 which has been sent to the Parkinson's Society to enable them to continue their research in trying to find a cure for this terrible disease.

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

Every penny donated is forwarded to the society, so thank you to everyone; those who helped on the stalls, the people who donated goods, plants, prizes for the raffle, cakes and biscuits, and of course a big thank you to everyone who came to buy.

I hope to do it all again next year!

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Humphrey Sheppard writes:

E-mail: **cdvhdraw@gmail.com**

Telephone: **07791 760 241**

Times are a-changing.

For many, many years Jane Crook (she would not tell me how many) and her stalwart band of collectors have successfully run this draw for the benefit of the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and those it serves.

Unfortunately, Jane has decided that the time has arrived to step down and to persuade someone else to take on the task; that person being me!

There are no plans to change things radically. However, as collectors decide to follow Jane's example, we will need to bring the process of collection into the 21st Century.

With effect from 1st June this year we will be seeking to collect all monies for the year (£12) in one go to reduce the time and effort in administrating the draw.

I am suggesting that in many cases the easiest way to do this will be via an annual standing order direct into the Village Hall bank account.

However, cheque or cash payments will still be welcomed.

One of our targets is to increase the number of people who partake and, if successful, to see an increase in the number of prizes paid out.

Currently on the first Monday of every month the draw is made and prizes of £50, £25, £10 and £5 are paid out.

During the month of May a leaflet will land on your doorstep with further information.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me on the above e-mail address or by telephone or text.

Penultimately, I look forward to speaking with many of you in re-organising the way you pay and hopefully in welcoming new members to the draw.

Finally, on behalf of the village and the Village Hall I would like to express my thanks to Jane for all her hard work over many years.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

At the well-attended meeting held on Thursday 14th April Wendy Brown, President, welcomed



new members and some visitors. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been approved, she talked about future events. She reminded the members that to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, the May meeting would be a party with fish and chips.

The speaker for the evening was then introduced. Joyce Meader is a knitter and knitting historian with a large collection of vintage knitting patterns and garments. Her talk was entitled 'Knitting from 1950 to Today' and she had a large range of clothing to illustrate the changes in styles and yarns, from pure wool to the fancy Bri-nylon and other man-made fibres. The older members were taken back to the knitted bathing costumes from the 1950s and many other items such as string underwear, knitted smog helmets (rather like a balaclava with a covering for the nose) as well as jumpers and other clothing. The talk raised a lot of laughter as memories were jogged

and we recalled wearing some of the garments with the knowledge that they were the height of fashion at the time but very amusing to look back on.

Joyce was warmly thanked by Lesley Nichols. After delicious refreshments served by Gill Foster and Chani Mindelsohn the raffle was drawn and the meeting closed.

Next Meeting: **12th May 2022** **Jubilee Themed Party.**

Hostess G Foster

Raffle Prize D Johnson

Tea Hostesses H Ball D Johnson

New members and visitors are always welcomed to meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall.

AMBROSE BIERCE DEFINES A CABBAGE

The Devil's Dictionary 1911

Cabbage, *n.* A familiar kitchen-garden vegetable about as large and wise as a man's head.

The cabbage is so called from Cabagius, a prince who on ascending the throne issued a decree appointing a High Council of Empire consisting of the members of his predecessor's Ministry and the cabbages in the royal garden. When any of his Majesty's measures of state policy miscarried conspicuously it was gravely announced that several members of the High Council had been beheaded, and his murmuring subjects were appeased.

SPTA

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

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

SYLVIA'S LIGHT FRUIT CAKE RECIPE

Jill Cockerton writes:

This is a cake that was often baked by my mother, Sylvia Simpson. After she died, eight years ago, I thought we had lost the recipe but I found it recently, on a scrap of paper in her handwriting. I have expanded it a little by adding metric equivalents and slightly more details than her 'mix, bake' instructions!

Ingredients

4oz/110g softened butter

4oz/110g caster sugar

2 medium eggs

1/4 pint or 120ml of milk

2oz/55g glacé cherries

8oz/220g self-raising flour

1tsp mixed spice

10oz/285g mixed dried fruit (I use raisins and sultanas)

Demerara sugar for sprinkling

Simply mix all of the ingredients except the Demerara sugar together, pour into an eight-inch round, lined tin, sprinkle with Demerara sugar and bake in a medium oven (I do it at about 170 degrees C in a fan oven) for one hour. Leave in the tin for about twenty minutes to cool then take out carefully and cool completely on a wire rack.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Wiltshire mobile library service is operating a normal schedule in all three villages.

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

SPORTING MEMORABILIA

Humphrey Sheppard (01264 850721) writes:

Recently I was in a villager's house when they pointed out two sporting photographs hanging on their wall. One was the Collingbourne Kingston 1908 Cricket team and the other was the Collingbourne Football team from the 1920/21 season.

I recognised a number of names on both, presumably the fathers and uncles of the men I have met in my thirty years in the village. This got me wondering whether there are other items of memorabilia in houses around the three villages. I would love to be able to create an archive of sporting photographs from the three villages going back through the last century or more.

I am also interested in photographic memories of the villages in other formats.

For example: the butcher's shop in Ducis; the train halt at Kingston and the station at Ducis.

If you have any such pictures please let me know on the above phone number or e-mail me at humphreysheppard@btinternet.com and I will arrange to get photos taken of them to build an historic archive of the villages for millennia.

BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid (01672 811933) writes:

April has been a very busy month with members preparing our layout for the exhibition at



Fordingbridge including attending to details which will add interest to the layout.

This was the first Show since the Covid pandemic started with fewer people attending nevertheless the footfall at our stand was probably the largest of all the previous events we attended both here and one

at West Wiltshire some years back. This was surprising as the organizers of the event told me that the uptake by stands and stall holders were lower than in the past years and this was due to lack of opportunities to advertise at other events since these too were cancelled because of Covid which meant that they could not advertise enough.

However, overall, they were pleased as the takings were still respectably high, all of which will help their benefactors who include the water distribution project in Viet Nam and the more recent Ukraine war crisis.

Our members put in a lot of hard work during the past months together with their own resources getting the layout ready for the exhibition and to their credit and reward, the reception received from our visitors was a welcome return for our individual and combined investment of effort and resources.

So, we deserve to pat each other on our backs! Cheers, to the Team!

Our next session will be 16th May, 2022 commencing at 19:00 hours when we return to continue work on our large layout based on Savernake High level Station as it existed during the 1960's

Notwithstanding Covid regulations, 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**.

THINGS I HAVE FOUND IN THE GARDEN

Digger, allotment number provided:

Bricks - Part 37.

I've found quite a few bricks in the garden and there is so much to write about these fascinating and mysterious objects. But I've had a bit of trouble with parts one to thirty-six. Part one was to be on the origin of the brick, i.e., the original brick, but straight away I slammed into the wall which is the conundrum 'what came first the bricklayer or the brick?'. You are advised not to ponder this question. I did, for too long, and now

'all that my mind sees
is a quaking bog in a mist
stark snapped trees
and a ghastly bricklayer building its nest'

Along with Diana Rigg and a fear of contracting Dutch Elm disease, I can't get hideous visions of the flightless bricklayer out of my head. Bricks part one is shelved until I feel a little stronger.

Part two, 'The brick in fiction' foundered when first grab in the bran barrel I got the character Owen Brick from Paul Auster's 'Man in the Dark'.

Now poor Owen is a victim of metafiction, meaning he knows he is only written and that he is not a real Brick.

Metafiction, a completely original idea all tiresome authors eventually come up with, is not somewhere we want to go.

Consider Monika Fludernik in her monograph on Gabriel Jospovici, a convicted metafictionalist, pointing out that 'formally foregrounded experimentation' occurs only rarely in Jospovici's short prose, and that 'most of his short stories employ metafictional techniques in order to adequately portray the fictional world in it's

abysses of disillusionment, uncertainty and pathos'. So, no more
Part two.

Part three was going to be about a brick I found in the garden which I recognised as a reject from the construction of the house, on account of it was a bit broken.

My first thought was that I had found a 'stone which the builders refused'. My next thought was that a brick is not a stone and that this brick had not become 'the head of the corner' but, rather, had just lurked in the earth, a bit broken. So that was the end of that brick.

The only good thing about this was that it made me have a look at Luke, a religious journalist who got some of his stuff into the Bible. And I must say he pushed a pretty nifty pen and is well worth a read.

For instance Chapter 20, verses (although they don't rhyme) 46 and 47: 'Beware the scribes which desire to walk in long robes ... and the highest seats in the synagogues ... which devour widow's houses and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation'

And I hope he's right as I picture that puffed-up, lard-carved maggot Putin, (the man who has given pariah nation status a bad name), sitting at his long tables talking of his crusade in Ukraine. I'm still working on Parts four to thirty-six, so next month Part thirty-eight, 'She's a brick house': How the Commodores lead singer inspired CS Lewis to write 'Lionel Richie and the Wardrobe'.

And, a propos of nothing, Hereward The Woke: man ahead of his time, or victim of irritating vowel syndrome?

QUIZ (ANSWERS ON PAGE 33)

Questions provided by Janet Wray

Places

1. Who lives here? 221B Baker Street, London
2. Who lives here? 1938 Sullivan Ln, Metropolis, USA
3. Who lives here? 805 St Cloud Road, Bel Air, Los Angeles, CA
4. Who lives here? 1313 Webfoot Walk, Duckburg, Calisota
5. Who lives here? 4 Privet Drive, Little Whinging, Surrey, UK
6. Who lives here? 425 Grove Street, Apt 20, NY, USA
7. Who lives here? 124 Conch Street, Bikini Bottom
8. Who lives here? 32 Windsor Gardens, London
9. Who lives here? Cemetery Ridge, USA
10. Who lives here? Wayne Manor, Gotham City

Cheese or Service Station?

1. Bothwell
2. Wigmore
3. Beauvale
4. Rivingdon
5. Ticklemore
6. Cobham
7. Sparkenhoe
8. Tibshelf
9. Cullompton
10. Kidderton Ash

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:



The Cost of Love

Dear Reader,

I am writing the day after we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus hoping that my words will challenge rather than threaten.

Although he was a religious leader, the whole of Jesus' life was political. He was born in a conquered country. His parents fled to a foreign land so that he could grow up safely. The middle-class occupation of Joseph meant that they were able to thrive and not be a burden in that country. After working himself as a carpenter, Jesus adopted the life of a mendicant preacher, a holy person who challenged the authorities of his time. Eventually, he became too much of an embarrassment and without the courage to use their own method of executing heretics, the religious leaders took him to the governor to have him killed. Three days after yet another of human history's barbaric executions, rumours of his resurrection from the dead reach secular historians.

All religions by their very nature tend to be prophetic. We applaud Russian Orthodox priests who spoke out against the actions of President Putin while we condemn those who support him. When the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke against the proposal to export refugees the reaction revealed a cultural double standard using emotive and irrelevant argumentation. The reaction was irrelevant because it ignored that most basic ethical tenet, the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have done unto you.

The act of caring for our neighbour is political. It challenges the egoist and the cultural narcissist. It passively judges selfishness. It

calls to account those who place self-interest higher than justice. It calls for that unfashionable virtue self-sacrifice which we are happy to admire in the people of the Ukraine. It is the action of big hearts and bigger minds. It should and does make us uncomfortable.

I finish with the words of a hymn which have been going through my head as I write:

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow

Surely, we should be seeking the end of sin and sorrow not exporting it.

Easter Blessing at this time of hopeful redemption.

Michael

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

It was lovely to see so many people in church for our Easter Sunday Celebrations on 20th April. After a lovely service, the children had great fun hunting for the 300 little Easter eggs hidden all over the church!



The APCM will be held on Thursday 19th May when members of the PCC, the churchwarden(s), the secretary and the treasurer will be elected. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at St Andrew's Church.

What is the APCM? The APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Addresses for the village websites:

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

Actually, it comprises two meetings. Firstly, a very short meeting which elects the Church Wardens for the coming year. All parishioners can vote to elect the Church Wardens. This is followed by the APCM itself which is the business meeting of the church, it's a sort of AGM for St Andrew's. It's a meeting we're legally required to have and this year, must take place before the 31st May.

This meeting is only open to members of the church electoral roll, and those present vote on the appointment of PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives once every three years or when there is a vacancy and to accept the audited accounts of the church. It is also an opportunity to catch up with the events of the last year and to explore the vision for the coming year together.

What is the electoral roll? The electoral roll is the membership list of the church. It is revised every year just prior to the APCM and once every six years the entire membership list is deleted and everyone has to re-apply (this will next happen in 2025). You are only on the electoral roll if you have filled in a form since the last full-revision in 2019. You can be a full and active member of the church without joining the roll. However, only members of the electoral roll are permitted to attend and vote at the APCM. If you attend St Andrew's Church and would like to join the electoral roll, you can do so by filling in the form for Application for Enrolment, available on the table by the door of the church, and returning to Tish Leigh at Coombe House, Cadley Road by 4th May.

What is the PCC? PCC stands for 'Parochial Church Council'. The group that has the responsibility for managing the financial and legal responsibilities of the parish. Also responsible for vision, staff management, building management, resources management and so

on. Members of the PCC are elected for three-year terms at the APCM.

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 Andrew's Church, Collingbourne.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Services in May

Sunday 1st	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion at 9 am
Sunday 15th	Family Service at 11 am
Sunday 22nd	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 29th	Team Service of Holy Communion 11 am at St Mary's Church
Thursday 26th	Ascension Day service. Time and venue tbc

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

A Thanksgiving Service for Richard May is to take place on Friday 6th May at 14:30.

Services in May

Sunday 1st	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	9.30 am Morning Worship
Sunday 15th	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	6 pm Evensong
Sunday 29th	11 am Team Service – Holy Communion

Quiz Answers

Places

1. Sherlock Holmes
2. Clark Kent & Lois Lane
3. The Banks family - Fresh Prince of Bel Air
4. Donald Duck
5. Vernon, Petunia & Dudley Dursley - Harry Potter
6. Monica Geller – Friends
7. SpongeBob SquarePants
8. The Brown family and Paddington Bear
9. The Addams family
10. Bruce Wayne - Batman

Cheese or Service Station?

1. Service Station (near Glasgow)
2. Service Station (in Gillingham) and (washed curd) Cheese
3. Cheese (soft blue)
4. Service Station (in Lancashire)
5. Cheese (goat's cheese)
6. Service Station (near Leatherhead)
7. Cheese (Red Leicester)
8. Service Station (in Derbyshire)
9. Service Station (near Exeter)
10. Cheese (goat's cheese)

Cover Photo: Fifteen-year-old Liam Reed looked accomplished at the crease during Collingbourne Cricket Club's narrow defeat to Farley CC in the opening game of the season on April 16th.

Photo: David Malley/Collingbourne Cricket Club.