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COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Semple, Chairman, writes:



Autumn is upon us once again and it was great to see so many people at our local Harvest Supper on Monday 3rd October. Thank you to the St Mary's Parochial Church Council for organising the event and providing such a convivial opportunity for the community to come together.

This time of year means that we are starting to turn our domestic heating on and will be feeling the impact of energy price rises as well as other increases to the cost of living. I therefore want to draw parishioners' attention to the initiatives that Wiltshire Council has underway to provide support to people who are struggling with some of these challenges. Information and advice can be found by following the 'cost of living support and advice' link on their website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk If there is more that you think can or needs to be done in our village please let us know via the Parish Clerk: **clerk@collingbournekingston.org.uk**

Turning to the critical issue of road safety on the A338, I am pleased to report that our Speedwatch team continues to go from strength to strength and we know that, as a result of our reporting, firms are taking disciplinary action against their drivers who are caught speeding through the village. Let's keep up the concerted campaign.

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 8th November.

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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes:

A Harvest Festival service took place in St Peter's Church on Saturday 8th October, attended by twenty-eight parishioners. The

Church was decorated beautifully by the ladies of Everleigh, who arranged a stunning floral display. Rev Jo Reid conducted an excellent service. Readings were delivered with aplomb and hymns were heartily sung. Harvest gifts were gratefully received and donated to the Trussel Trust food bank in Devizes.



A village Bonfire Night will be held on Saturday 5th November, starting from 6 pm on Jubilee Field (opposite the playground). There



will be fireworks, so those residents with animals are advised to take appropriate precautions. Car parking will be available in the vicinity of Pigleaze Farm, signposted from the A342. Donations will be collected in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance and future village events. Refreshments will include hot dogs and beef

burgers, mulled wine, mulled apple juice and soft drinks. We will be setting up from 9.30 am on the day – all volunteers are welcome.



The Everleigh Christmas Carol Service is scheduled for Saturday 10th December at 5pm at St Peter's Church and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. More details will follow in the next edition of the Courier.

Wiltshire Council have a clear procedure for reporting infrastructure faults or issues, such as an inoperative streetlight, fallen trees, potholes or blocked drains/gullies. There are several reporting options: by phone **0300 456 0105**; online at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts; or use the **MyWilts** app on a smart phone. Any resident may report any fault direct; please do not think

that this is the sole preserve of the Parish Council. However, if residents need Parish Council support on infrastructure issues, then please contact Councillor Kim Wheeler-Mallows, phone number **01264 850303**.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 7 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. 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 SCHOOL REPORT

Headteacher Harriet Phillips writes:

What amazing weather the children had for their summer break. Although very hot I am sure they had a lot of fun playing and hopefully eating ice cream!



At the start of September we welcomed seventeen new children into Fox class. The Fox Class team have been working really hard to give the classroom a complete makeover which the children love.

Many of you will have seen the new bin store at the front of the school; thank you to the Parish Council for supporting with some of the funding for this, I am sure you will agree it has improved the look of the front of the school, but most importantly it has reduced any risk of the path being obstructed by bins.

Volunteers needed

This year sees us returning to normal and welcoming visitors into school, if you would be interested in volunteering please do give us a call, we would love to see you.

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.

All volunteers subject to a DBS check.

Glitter Ball

The Glitter Ball is back, more information to follow but SAVE THE DATE Saturday 3rd December 2022, it's sure to be great fun.

We have space

Although we are over-subscribed in our Early Years we do have some school spaces available in Y1 through to Y6. Please feel free to make an appointment to have a look around the school, our Year 6 ambassadors would be delighted to meet you.

COLLINGBOURNE ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP (CRSWG)

Philip Palmer writes:

A further PUBLIC MEETING will be held on 1st December 2022 at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall at 7.30 pm with Danny Kruger MP and the panellists at the previous meeting, and the new appointee as Director for Highways and Transport, Samantha Howell. The main purpose is for the Police and Wiltshire Council to report back on the action points taken away from the previous meeting as regards what may or may not be possible to reduce speeding and HGV traffic volume, and for any recommendations of Dr Mark McClelland, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Minister for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding to be reported back following his tour of the Collingbourne's on 31st August 2022. Please be there to keep the momentum up.

Starling numbers are down by 83% since 1979.

The Song Thrush has declined by over 50% since 1979.

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(Source: RSPB.ORG.UK)

BIRD BOXES:



Nest boxes are best put up in the autumn. Face the box between north and east. Give the birds a clear flight path.

PROVIDE WATER:



Birds need water for drinking and bathing. Provide a bird bath or a wildlife pond. Keep water clean.

PROVIDE FOOD:



Although winter feeding benefits birds most, food shortages can occur at any time of year. Provide high fat foods in winter and protein in summer.

K. Scherbrucker

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

In September we went by coach to Malvern for the Autumn Show. The weather was warm and sunny and we enjoyed wandering around the marquees admiring the flower arrangements, the huge vegetables and the normal size ones, watching demonstrations, browsing the trade stalls, shopping and treating ourselves to plants and garden equipment. I should like to thank Pewsey Gardening Club who supported us on this outing, and also to friends in Burbage and Marlborough who joined us – without them the day would not have been viable.



On Thursday, 24th November Ian Margetts of Summerdown Mints, Basingstoke, is coming to talk to us at 7.30 pm in Ducis Hall. He will be bringing some merchandise with him – so a great opportunity for purchasing Christmas gifts. Visitors are very welcome.

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

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH – WINTER SUPPORT

Rev. Jo and the congregation of St. Andrew's Church will be making a monthly donation of food and other essential items throughout the winter months to help those people who will be finding it hard to cope with the rising cost of living. We are hoping that anyone attending the family service which is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, will bring along tins of food or other essential items. However, we are happy to receive items at our other services during the month. All will be stored and taken to a local food bank once a month.

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

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

EILEEN JOYCE FROST 1935 – 2022

Eileen passed away at RUH Bath following two stays in hospital. She was cremated at Charlton Crematorium in August and her ashes were interred at St Andrew's in October.



She loved living in Collingbourne Ducis, where she and Basil had moved to in 1987. She was able to carry out the things there that made her happy - gardening, cooking and looking after people and pets. Eileen loved looking after people. Her trouble was that she wasn't so good at looking after herself. She'd been a children's nurse in her late teens and then moved to Farnham to train to be a nurse. There she met Basil when he went in to have his tonsils out and she wheeled him to the theatre. They were married in Farnham in 1956 and had cards from the Queen on their 60th and 65th anniversaries. There is a wonderful symmetry here. Eileen and Basil were married in St Andrew's Church, Farnham on 6th October and her ashes were buried at St Andrew's

Church, Ducis on 6th October. It was almost meant to be. She had three sons and was a loving and caring wife and mother. She continued looking after people even when she should have thought about taking it easy. She looked after her own father, Arthur, who stayed with her and Basil in Ducis for a while, residents at the care home which used to be in Sunton and at Bartlett House in Ludgershall. And she loved her cats and Olly the dog.

Eileen and Basil have a large garden in Cadley Road and Eileen loved her greenhouses there and hosting the gardening club annual get together for a few years. But she loved her cooking more. She was brought up by her Victorian grandmother in Chute during the war and afterwards and it's possible she learnt her cooking skills from her, but it was probably more instinctive than anything else. Her Sunday lunches were legendary. Always a roast meat with roast potatoes and sometimes eight vegetables. But the Sunday feast never ended there. For tea there'd be sandwiches, three or four fillings, and several cakes. For Eileen, her job was loving and looking after Basil and her sons, and she did her job magnificently. Everything was fine with her until she broke her hip a few years ago and then her life started going a little wrong. She always said she'd get better on her own and she was really against accepting help from outside but over the years she became less and less mobile and it was obvious she was no longer herself when she had difficulty baking a cake or making a pie or working in her garden, which must have distressed her a lot.

Her pride made it difficult for her to use a stick or a frame or, heaven forbid, a wheelchair! And although the family got cross with her about that they think the Queen was the same, so she was in good company. Talking of the Queen, the family knows the King has already said this, but it is a lovely quote, and no apology is made for stealing his idea. RIP Eileen, Mum, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

John Frost

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

At the meeting on 13th October Wendy Brown, President, welcomed members and visitors.



Apologies were given and the minutes of the previous meeting were signed off, she then talked about the many forthcoming events both at County and National level. Members were asked to confirm their attendance at the Christmas Party, which is being held at The Barleycorn, and they were also asked to make their choices from the menu options. Payment to be made by the November meeting.

Wendy then introduced Amanda Butler, the speaker for the evening, who showed slides and talked about The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. This was set up by David Shepherd, the artist, 38 years ago and is still family run. It has put twelve million pounds into wildlife conservation with the motto Fight Protect Engage and many of his paintings were sold to raise the funds. Amanda talked about David Shepherd's early life and his passions, through planes and steam engines (he bought two), to elephants. The common denominator being size. The Foundation works with local teams in many areas of Africa, India and Asia trying to protect animals such as elephants, rhinos, tigers, snow leopards and pangolins. David died from Parkinson's Disease in 2017 but was involved and committed to wildlife conservation to the end of his life.

Amanda took questions and had unusual and interesting items for sale. She was warmly thanked by Mary Chandler. The meeting closed with delicious refreshments and the drawing of the raffle.

Next Meeting **Thursday 10th November 2022**

Speaker Brinkworth Dairies. Producing cheeses and yoghurts

Hostess E. Burns
Raffle Prize K. Preece
Tea Hostesses J. Oliphant S Gregory

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.

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Humphrey Sheppard (07791 760 241), cdvhdrawing@gmail.com, writes:

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If you previously had tickets but have not been contacted by anyone in recent weeks please get in touch with me.

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1ST COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON BROWNIES

Natalie Williams, Brown Owl, (01264 850566) writes:

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Brownies is about getting together regularly, often each week, to work on badges, play games and see friends. It's about trying adventurous activities and going along to special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays.

Brownies go for it!

Girls in Brownies are part of a small group called a Six, led by a girl called a Sixer. They make their own decisions about what badges and activities to do next. They work together to explore their place within their local community and the world around them.

If you would like to know more out about your local Brownie group then come along Tuesdays to Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall from 5.45 to 7.15 pm. Why not get your parent/carer to email **Collingbourne7@yahoo.com** for more details

Christmas Bingo - Fun for All

The Brownies would like to invite everyone to come along to the Christmas Bingo being held on 13th December at the Kingston Village Hall with Doors opening at 7.30 pm. There will be many prizes, a raffle and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your friends to come and join in with the fun.



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Jim Plenderleith (01264 852734) writes:

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A full thirty-six years (including some Covid-related runway delays) after

Tony Scott's Top Gun original became an epoch-defining cinema hit, Tom Cruise is back doing what he does best – flashing his cute/crazy superstar smile and flexing his ageless body in an eye-popping blockbuster that, for all its macho contrivances, still manages to take your breath away.

From the burnished opening shots of planes waltzing off an aircraft carrier to the strains of Kenny Loggins's Danger Zone, little has changed in the world of Top Gun – least of all Cruise. Maverick may be testing jets out in the Mojave Desert, but he's still got the jacket, the bike(s), the aviator shades and (most importantly) the 'need for speed' that made him a hit back in 1986. This is exactly the kind of spectacle that reminds people why a trip to the cinema beats Netflix.

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 **07906 593668**. Tickets will also be available on the door, if not previously sold out.

It is your monthly film show. Please keep giving us your feedback personally or by email to **thefilmplacecd@gmail.com**

COURIER QUIZ: BRITISH WILDLIFE

Simon Gilford tests your wildlife knowledge: (Answers on page 33)

1. How many noses does a slug have?
2. What is a group of pheasants called?
3. Which is England's fastest land mammal?
4. What is the smallest mammal in the UK?
5. What is the largest animal in England?
6. A snail can sleep for how many years?
7. How many pairs of wings does a bee have?
8. Which is the most dangerous animal in England, in terms of deaths?
9. Which four species of animals does the King own?
10. Name three types of dolphin found in England.
11. How many times better is a dog's hearing than a human's?
12. How many species of spider are there in Britain?
13. What breed is considered the national dog of England?
14. What per cent of English households own a pet?
15. What colour are the squirrels on the Isle of Wight?
16. What is the most common animal in England?
17. How many spines does a hedgehog have? 3000? 5000? 7000?
18. What is a baby bat called?
19. True or false... Hamsters' cheek pouches actually extend to their hips?
20. What is a female donkey called?

THE TIMES THEY WERE A-CHANGIN'

Keith Cockerton writes:

It is September 1929, the harvest is mainly in and the chat in the pub, over the fences and around the fires at home is all about the upcoming sale. There have been all sorts of rumours about the future of the Savernake Estate for the last thirty-five years. Some families could trace their connection with the Estate back three hundred years and many more had been in occupation for many generations. Life had been relatively stable but, in many cases, hard. Rents were low, between £3 and £5 for a cottage or £13 for larger properties per annum. Most men worked for the Estate, however, wages for farm workers were low, generally thirty shillings for a fifty-hour week.

With the agricultural recession, huge debts (and having to pay large death duties) the Marquis of Ailesbury was finding it increasingly difficult to make the Estate pay for itself. Financial returns from the Estate's assets were not producing enough to prevent it falling further into debt.

The Estate was one of the big three in Wiltshire (Wilton and Longleat Estates being the other two) which, between them, amounted to 12.5% of the land in the county. At its peak it was 40,000 acres in the 1740s. It was reported sold in 1891 when the Marquis had accepted an offer for the whole estate to Lord Iveagh (the then head of Guinness brewery) for £750,000. This was then contested by Lord Bruce who, at the time, was a future heir to the estate. He claimed that the whole Estate could not be sold as Tottenham House and the Forest was in trust. Lord Bruce went as far as making the dispute very public by writing a letter to the Morning Post:

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2. Upon an application for such consent, it is open to all interested in the inheritance to appear and oppose if they think proper.

3. I and my branch of the family represent the next heirs of entail, and we are advised that no such sufficient grounds can be shown to induce the *Court* to sanction the sale of the *Savernake Mansion and Forest*, which have been the seat of our family for so many generations. — Yours, HENRY BRUDENELL BRUCE. 36, *Eaton Place*, Jan. 10."

This challenge went all the way to the *Lords* and dragged out for several years. Eventually Lord *Inveagh* withdrew his offer.

At the court Lord *Bruce* declared that the *Savernake Estate* was the 'biggest white elephant ever known, and the position of the owner could only be maintained by the exercise of the greatest self-denial'.

There was a huge sigh of relief after the sale failed. Life was less anxious and remained so until 1929. At the beginning of that year 25,000 acres of the *Savernake Estate* was sold to Mr *E. C. Fairweather* at a figure in the neighbourhood of £250,000. A few months later the *Estate* was sold by Mr *Fairweather* to a client of *Fox and Sons*, who were instructed to resell the *Estate* in lots in September of the same year.

The catalogue was eventually published and it was announced that the sale would be held over five days at *Marlborough Town Hall*, from the 16th September. The catalogue consisted of 450 lots made up of 58 mixed farms, 60 small holdings, 450 cottages, 14 small and

large houses, off licence, beer house, Ailesbury Arms Hotel, two brick yards, ground rents, horse training courses, woods and plantations, shooting and fishing rights. In all, 24,578 acres producing £19,144 per annum in rent.

This would be the first time that tenants would be able to purchase their holdings. It was hoped a large number of tenants would take up the opportunity but it would be very difficult for the low paid. The age-old problem remained of raising the capital. Wages did not enable many to put a bit away for a rainy day and there were fewer financial institutions offering loans or mortgages.

Monday the 16th arrived, the large room in the Town Hall was crowded to the doors (as it was each day of the sale) and many notable sales were affected. One of the striking features of the auction, having regard to the prevailing agricultural depression, is the fact that no less than forty-five large farms found buyers, including one of nearly 1,500 acres and another of over 1,100 acres. The famous Manton Gallops were sold, and the well-known Ailesbury Arms Hotel of Marlborough. Fishing in the Kennet realised £1,375. There was keen competition for the woods. The Corporation of Marlborough bought the Market and Fair Tolls, some Quit Rents and Allotments, and a Rent Charge on the Sewage Works. Friday 20th was the day that most of the Collingbournes went under the hammer. Below are listed some of the results and who purchased them. Is yours there?

65 Collingbourne Ducis sold to tenant prior to sale.

106 & 107 Collingbourne Kingston sold to tenant prior to sale.

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45 Collingbourne Ducis £475 W Rawlings & Son, Collingbourne Ducis.

38 Collingbourne Ducis £130 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.
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54 Collingbourne Ducis £85 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

55 Collingbourne Ducis £310 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

56 Collingbourne Ducis £75 Mr F S Ingle, Bath.

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Court Farm Collingbourne Ducis £5,600 A J Bridgeman,
Collingbourne Ducis

Hougoumont Farm £5,800 J P Wiltshire (tenant)

6,7,8 Collingbourne Ducis £140 Mr A E Bond Lowestoft

38 Collingbourne Ducis £75 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

19 Collingbourne Ducis £60 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

18 Collingbourne Ducis £45 Mr J Davis (tenant).

16 Collingbourne Ducis £170 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

12 & 13 Collingbourne Ducis £100 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

35 Brunton sold to tenant privately.

38 Brunton £25 Mr E J Palmer Brunton village.
The Post Office Collingbourne Kinston to tenant.

85 Sunton £100 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

Black smith shop Sunton £45 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

91 Sunton £75 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

92 Sunton £70 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

95 Sunton £85 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.



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96 Sunton £75 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

98 Sunton £70 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

99 Sunton sold privately.

100 Sunton sold privately.

48 Cadley Road £40 Mr A S Knight, Bournemouth.

67 Cadley Road sold privately.

68 Cadley Road sold privately.

Aughton Farm Collingbourne Kingston withdrawn at £2,650

Manor Farm Collingbourne Kingston Mr A May withdrawn at £4,750

Brunton Farm Collingbourne Kingston A J Hosier withdrawn at
£7,750

Sunton Farm Collingbourne Kingston vacant withdrawn at £3,000

Parsonage Farm Collingbourne Kingston E Parrott withdrawn at
£4,000

Cowdrey's Farm Collingbourne Kingston withdrawn at £975

West Farm Collingbourne Kingston L A Worth withdrawn at £3,000

Herridge Farm Collingbourne Kingston A G Bendir sold privately to
tenant

Mount Orleans Collingbourne Ducis H L Pullin withdrawn at £3,500

Widgerley Farm Collingbourne Ducis P A Berry withdrawn at £750

By the end of the week the sale had realised £202,648, and
negotiations for unsold lots continued after the sale.

The uncertainty continued with further sales in 1930 through to 1933
when the residue of the Estate was sold by further auctions and
private treaty. The final sale on 19th September 1933 saw the

realisation of the Estate put up for sale which started in September 1929. It comprised in all of 24,570 acres (nearly 40 square miles) and resulted in a total of £263,388.

It also meant that the lives of those who lived and worked on the Estate would never be the same in many ways. Some became owners of their homes and farms, others had new landlords, probably higher rents and possibly lost their jobs. The investors probably realised a good return (there were a few who purchased a large number of properties) but the huge and mighty Savernake Estate was reduced to Tottenham House and Savernake Forest.

The final chapter in the story is that in 1939 the forest was leased to the Forestry Commission and Tottenham House with 800 acres was sold in 2015 for £11.25 million. Planning permission has been passed to make it into one of the most luxurious family houses in Wiltshire if not the country.

Note. In 1929 £1 = 20 shillings and the purchasing power of £1 was then approximately seventy times more than now.

ANDOVER CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

17th December St Mary's Church, Andover at 7pm

Veronica Bacon writes:

Saturday 17th December sees the return of a long-standing Andover tradition – the Christmas Carol Concert. Andover Chamber Choir (formerly known as The Harmonium Singers) have presented a concert at St Mary's Church each Christmas for over thirty years, until the Covid pandemic intervened.

The choir returns this year for the first time since 2019. Proceeds have always been donated to a local charity and will be given this time to the Andover Foodbank.

The programme features music both well-known and unfamiliar. Carols such as 'Gaudete!' (made famous by Steeleye Span), 'Gabriel's Message' and Handel's 'Joy to the World' rub shoulders with Holst's 'Jesu, Thou Virgin Born' and 'The Time draws near the Birth of Christ', composed for the fiftieth anniversary of The Harmonium Singers and here receiving its Covid-delayed premiere! Items will be interspersed with poems and with carols for the audience.

Tickets can be bought in advance from The Lights and from the Newbury Building Society or choir members. The admission price, £10 in advance, £12 on the door, under 16s free, includes interval refreshments. The concert takes place exactly a week before Christmas Eve and the day before the World Cup Final so there's no excuse to miss it!

HELPING HANDS NEEDED IN JULIA'S HOUSE TEAM

Are you looking to make some new friends, support your local community or build your skills? Volunteers are being called on to join the

Julia's House team and help out at the children's hospice charity's shops across Wiltshire.

Anneka Grayson, Julia's House Volunteer Co-ordinator said, 'There are lots of volunteering roles and new ones coming up all the time, so we'd love to hear from anyone who has a few hours to spare. And you don't have to have experience to be a volunteer at Julia's House, as we provide all the training you'll require'.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Julia's House Volunteer Team on **01202 644220 / 07748**

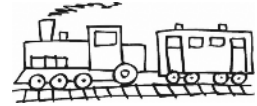
684043 or **volunteer@juliashouse.org**



BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid writes:

Work continued on our large project; a replica of Burbage's Savernake High Railway station as it



was in the 1960's. Much effort was applied to the design and fabricating of the control switch panel which consists of aluminium panels into which electrical switches are inserted and all mounted on a timber support frame. Other Members worked on applying ballast on to the track and completing some of the sections of the scenery.

Our next session will be Monday, 21st November commencing at 19:00 hours when we return to continue work on our large layout.

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**.

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:



Poverty

When Jesus was asked the question 'Who is my neighbour?' he responded with the story of the Good Samaritan. Charity is applied to correct poverty. It is intimately linked to the virtue of justice and understanding it's scope, or the width of poverty is not easy.

Poverty in its simplest form is to do with remaining warm, dry, fed and watered. But a sticking plaster fails to address the causes of poverty through inequality and injustice.

An example: In this country there is a shortage of clergy. For those who wish to practice in traditional forms, there is a spiritual poverty in not being able to access the 'inherited forms' of religion. Some churches have dealt with this by bringing in clergy from other countries (Like agencies bringing in doctors from WHO red list countries?). The danger is that the influential and cash rich congregations look after their own needs at the expense of others. The response to 'Who is my neighbour?' is the same as those who walk by on the other side of the road. I don't care if someone else doesn't get a priest/doctor as long as I do.

The solution in the Good Samaritan lies in thinking outside of the box. We might think about when we celebrate. Our most successful Christmas Services in the team are not currently on Christmas Day. Statistically, Rural Churches with some services led by lay people are thriving. The answer is not either lay or priest but sharing both in an equitable way. The 'trickle down' concept of festival churches, bringing in a bit actor three days a year, is not a practical or just one.

I use the church example because it is bad form to point fingers from one's own glass house. But whatever the type of injustice, the picture is always bigger. In fact, generally it is global.

Whatever you think of my words, I urge you to think like the Samaritan, who by his actions corrected an injustice.

Every Blessing, *Michael*

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

Nigel Worner-Phillips, Churchwarden, (01264 850070) writes:

The first Sunday of October commenced with the annual Harvest Festival and the PCC wish to express their sincere thanks to all the flower arrangers for the impressive displays throughout the church.



The Harvest Festival Service was followed the next day with our annual Harvest Supper, which I am sure, everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed.

The PCC wish to thank all those who actively helped in making the evening a success with special thanks to those who helped out in the kitchen, arranged tables, made puddings and helped clear up the hall after the event. It is the help of those people in our community that made the evening a success, so many thanks.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

It is now autumn and our local countryside is certainly looking glorious in all its rich autumnal colours. The hedgerows are full of bright hips and the blackthorns are blue with sloes. Nature continues its annual cycle despite whatever else is happening in the world.



Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh PCC can now report that the net profit made by this year's church fête was £2,224.67. This is a wonderful total and is a great boost to the fund for the restoration and repair of the church turret clock. Added to the grants that the PCC has been pledged, we now have enough in the Clock Fund to pay for the work to be done. Many grateful thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to make the fête such a success both before and on the day,

especially all of the stall holders and those who ran events. Many thanks also to everyone who came to the fête and helped to make it such a success. The second part of the project is to raise the funds to pay for the restoration and repainting of the turret clock face; a total of £2,200. As the clock restorer has given a date of June 2023 for the work to be carried out, we are hoping to have raised the funds for both the repairs to the turret clock and the repainting of the clock face, by that time.

On Sunday 16th October the Baptism of Henry Otto Turnbull took place during the Family Service. It was lovely to see the church full of Henry's friends and family to help celebrate this wonderful occasion.

St Andrew's Harvest Supper took place on Friday 21st October at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. Any profit from the evening will go towards the fund to restore and repaint the turret clock face. Many thanks to everyone who provided the delicious food, ran the bar, organised the raffle and donated raffle prizes and to everyone who came. The final total raised will be reported in next month's Courier.

This month sees the annual service of Remembrance, when we remember those from the parishes of the Collingbournes and Everleigh who fell in battle. There will be a short service, on Friday 11th November starting at 10.45 am when the children from our school will remember those who gave their lives for us. Weather permitting, this will take place at Collingbourne Ducis War Memorial. The church service of Remembrance will be held at St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston on Sunday 13th November starting at 10.45 am.

Addresses for the village websites:

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

A few advance notices now as Christmas is less than eight weeks away. The first of three school Advent services will take place in church on Monday 28th November at 9.15 am. Tickets for the Christmas raffle in aid of St Andrew's Church will shortly be on sale. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize - and who wouldn't want the chance of winning a Christmas turkey or ham or a home-made Christmas cake for just £1? - please Contact Joanna Seccombe on **01264 850624**. The draw will take place on Sunday 4th December. The Phoenix Brass band will be providing the brass element of 'Brass and Carols' at the Tipple Inn starting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th December. There will also be mulled wine and mince pies! There will be a candlelit carol service at St Andrew's Church at 6.30 pm on Monday 19th December followed by more mince pies and mulled wine! 'Come to Bethlehem' makes a welcome return, after a two year break, at 3 pm on Christmas Eve - start sorting out your costumes now! Will you be a traveller to Bethlehem, an angel, an inn keeper, a wise person, a shepherd, a donkey or a sheep? The Midnight Service will be held at St Andrew's Church this year, the service starting at 11.30 pm. Family Holy Communion will be at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston on Christmas Day. Please put all the dates in your diary now.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

Services in November

Sunday 6th 11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th 10.45 am Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th 6 pm Evensong

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Services in November

Sunday 6th 6 pm Evensong

Friday 11th Service of Remembrance with the school at 10.45 am

Sunday 20th Family Worship at 11 am

Sunday 27th Holy Communion (BCP) at 9 am

Quiz Answers:

1. 4
2. Nye, bevy, bouquet or covey
3. Brown hares
4. Pygmy shrew
5. Red deer stags
6. 3 years
7. 2 sets of wings (so 4)
8. Cows
9. Mute swans, whales, sturgeons and porpoises
10. Bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic white-sided dolphins and the Common dolphin
11. 4 times
12. 600
13. Bulldog
14. Upwards of 50%
15. Red
16. The brown rat, at 10 million
17. 7000
18. A pup
19. True
20. A jenny

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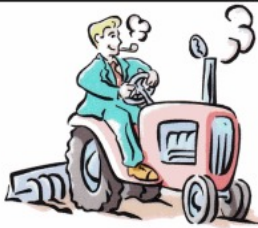
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