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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:

Our Harvest Festival service will be held at St Peter's Church on Saturday 5th October at 3 pm. Harvest gifts will be gratefully

received and donated to the West Farm House Residential Care Home in Collingbourne Ducis.



The final village event of the year, a Christmas Carol Service, will take place at St Peter's Church on Saturday 7th December at 5 pm and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Our village defibrillator, located by the noticeboard at the junction of A342/The Street, has ceased to function having failed the latest monthly check. Repair of the equipment is not economically viable so the Parish Council is therefore seeking to replace the device as soon as possible.

Communication and transparency are two key principles guiding our parish council operations. We promulgate information on village events, meetings, planning, property and financial/audit matters. We do so by a variety of traditional means: village noticeboards; letter drop; and this splendid local publication - 'The Courier'. Not surprisingly, we are also striving to publish as much as possible by electronic means, utilising the outstanding Everleigh web site: www.everleigh.org by courtesy of the web master, Simon Curr. Simon has constructed a brilliant web site with not only Parish Council material but also a wealth of local news and information. This web site is well worth reviewing at regular intervals.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. No special skills are required, just a willingness to represent and promote the interests of the village. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Phil Gill, the Parish Clerk: Tel 01264 398534 or e-mail philip.gill101@ntlworld.com

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Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th October 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 web site at www.everleigh.org

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Knowlson (01264 850812), Chairman, writes:

Litter Pick - A date for your diary for those that wish to help I am planning on organising a village litter pick on Saturday 2nd November. As usual we will meet at the Village Hall for 10 am and finish around midday. We have plenty of litter pickers, gloves and high-vis tops to help you as you go around. We will also provide you with some refreshments at the hall.



Rt Hon Claire Perry MP – Following receipt of a letter from Claire Perry, I can confirm that she will not be seeking to be reselected as the Conservative candidate for the Devizes Constituency at the next election. Claire has thanked the Parish Council along with all the others in her constituency for our efforts over the nine years she has represented us as an MP. Claire will continue to serve her constituents working from the Devizes office until an election is called. (Whenever that may be!)

Overgrown Hedgerows – Polite Request. Following the usual spell of warm and wet weather around this time of year it is not uncommon for our gardens to have a bit of a growth spurt. Following some requests from residents, please could I ask you that if you do have any potential overhanging hedgerows/trees that border footpaths or pavements to take a check and cut them back if needed so they are in line with your property's boundaries. Many thanks.

FILMPLACE New Screen – I am pleased to confirm that following a request from THEFILMPLACE for help with funding towards an

Electric Projector Screen this has now been purchased and installed in CD Village Hall. I'm sure that the films will now look better than ever and that THEFILMPLACE will continue to go from strength to strength.

Community Speed Watch - Liaison with Wiltshire Police concerning the establishment of a Collingbourne Ducis Community Speed Watch is ongoing and we are hopeful that the formal 'green light' to establish a team in the village will be given soon. Progress with Wiltshire Police has been slower than hoped, but we continue to engage with them and neighbouring Community Speed Watch groups to ensure it is established as soon as possible. We are very grateful to the five members of the village that have formally offered to be a part of the team. If there are any other villagers who could donate a small portion of their free time and join the team, please feel free to contact Councillor Paul Hartley on **07930838274**. Once up and running, we hope this visible presence will complement other efforts the Parish Council are taking to keep speeds safe through the village.

Virtual Footpath Cadley Road– Latest update from Wiltshire County Council is that the work will take place in November although no fixed date has been given to me as yet.

Vacancies - We currently only have five out of eleven Cllr positions filled on the Parish Council and really could do with some more help from people. I am hopeful that I will be able to announce a new Parish Councillor very soon to take us up to six but it is important we increase our numbers in order that we have a greater number of opinions and help to move general duties and future projects along more quickly.

I would invite you to either contact myself or the Parish Clerk to find out more details on becoming a Parish Councillor. You do not need any prior experience just the willingness to get involved. Please contact our Parish Clerk for more details, Phil Gill by email:

parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

The next meeting of the parish council will be at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and is due to take place at 7 pm on Monday 4th November. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stephen Matanle, Chairman, writes:



I have mentioned before that there is a county-wide interest in the Paths for All project. In support of this, we would like to start our own Collingbourne Kingston Walking Group. This will get together periodically to walk our footpaths and make sure that they are as open and usable as possible.

To get this started, we are going to hold our inaugural meeting on Sunday 24th November at 10 am. Anybody who is interested should convene at the Village Hall. I anticipate the walk will take a couple of hours and most likely be followed by refreshments at the Barleycorn!

We were pleased with the results of the most recent Maintenance Day. A lot of progress was made in clearing the footpath towards Ducis. The team worked very hard but would have benefited from a few more attendees. We are scheduling the next Maintenance Day on Saturday 26th October starting at 9.30 am. Please convene at the Village Hall and we will revert to the footpath to Ducis to carry on clearing towards the Parish's southern boundary. I know that the work that is done on these days is widely appreciated. Please try to attend as the more hands we have on deck, the more progress we can make.

We now have a vacancy for a councillor in the Parish Council. Vicky May has found that she is stretching herself too far with her various responsibilities and has needed to reduce her commitments. She has been a stalwart member of the PC for a number of years and has contributed hugely to the success of the past two Fetes and the Summer



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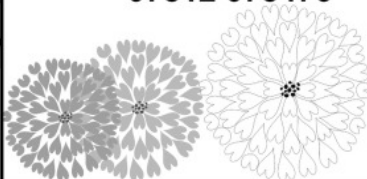
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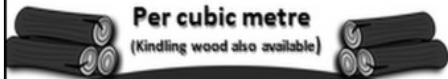


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Party that preceded them. We will miss her friendly and energetic contribution. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

We are therefore looking for one new councillor. I know that there is interest in the community but we do have to go through a formal request for applicants. Please contact me on **stephenmatanle@yahoo.com** if you are interested so that we can meet to discuss what is involved.

We do want to progress the idea of building a floral feature by the side of the Coronation Monument at the top of King Hill. We need to get hold of some bricks, railway sleepers and breeze blocks in order to create the boundaries of the feature. If anyone can help us in getting hold of these we would be very grateful. We do think such a feature would add a lot to the aesthetics of the village. If you do feel you can help with this, please contact me on **stephenmatanle@yahoo.com** or Fran Dickenson on **rfo@collingbournekingston.org.uk**.

Finally, I would like to apologise to the Durrington Walls Wind Band for failing to mention them in my comments about the Fete in last month's edition. They were a stunning addition to the proceedings and were appreciated by all who attended. My omission was regrettable and should in no way be seen to reflect a failure to appreciate their contribution to the success of the day.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 12th November at 7.30 pm in the Ruth Fisher Room. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend this meeting.

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COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dan Crossman, Headteacher, writes:

The new academic year has begun with gusto at Collingbourne School. Our new children in Fox Class have settled in quickly thanks to their 'buddies' from the oldest class; the only tears we had on day one were from children who did not want to go home!



In my previous Courier article I described some of our recent academic successes. These can now be compared to the national picture and I'm very proud to say that our school is ranked in the top 1% of the country for Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6. This is a great achievement and my staff and children deserve real credit for it.

Alongside our focus on academic achievement, we haven't forgotten to have a bit of fun. Before the summer break we organised for an 'Apache' helicopter to land on the 'Rec'. The pilots allowed the children to try out the cock-pit and explained all about this fascinating machine. We were also pleased to have Paul Hartley and James Heefey tell the children all about their life in the army and how they serve to help people around the world. The children had the opportunity to try on camouflage clothing, explore the equipment and even try running with a full back-pack on. It was a brilliant day and I'm grateful to all those who helped to make it happen.

Over the last year or so we've built up a small army of volunteer readers who do a grand job in hearing children read on a one-to-one basis at school. However, there's always room for more so if you'd like to join in, please contact Vicky or Kerry in the school office.

Believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about next year and we will be holding open mornings for prospective families on the 15th October and 12th November. This is a good opportunity to see the school in action and be given the tour by some of our prefects.

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh (01264 850319) writes:

The visit we made in July to the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre in Amport House was limited to a maximum of fifteen people, and was over-subscribed, so we went again in early September. Our members and friends who missed the trip first time, as well as some who thought it well worthwhile revisiting, were able to learn about the history of the museum and appreciate the beautiful gardens in their autumn colours. The centre is closing and moving to Shrivenham in October so this was one of the last times members of the public were able to view the Amport museum and garden before it is sold.



Our next meeting will be in Kingston Village Hall on Thursday the 24th October at 7.30 pm when Nick Gilbert of Gilberts Nursery, Sherfield English, near Romsey will be our speaker. We have visited this family run nursery a couple of times as a club and I know several members are regular patrons of both their plant sales and tearoom. Nick's subject is Gilbert's Nursery Dahlia Year but his plant knowledge is vast and any horticultural problems we may have can be presented to him on the night.

Visitors are always welcome and if you would like more information about the club, please contact either our chairman, Pam Haverson on **01264 850609** or me on **01264 850319**.

BURBAGE & DISTRICT VIDEO & CAMERA CLUB (BDVCC)

The next session will be held on Wednesday, 16th October starting at 7.30 pm at the Burbage and Easton Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage. Please contact Sonny on **01672 811933** or Mike on **01672 810574** for more details.

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:



At the meeting on Thursday 12th September, The President, Wendy Brown, extended a welcome to fewer than usual members and a visitor. Apologies for absence were read out and the minutes of the previous meeting were signed off.

The President told the meeting that running the Pimms stall at the Collingbourne Kingston Fete on 20th June, and the teas at the Flower Festival weekend, had made a contribution to funds and it was suggested that a plaque to mark the centenary year could be purchased, a further idea was that it could accompany a clock. Members were reminded about the Centenary Group Meeting on Wednesday 25th September, the Autumn Council Meeting on 29th October and were also asked to give thought to the Christmas celebration for this year.

The booked speaker for the evening had apparently left her position to go on maternity leave at the beginning of 2019! To fill the gap Maz had devised an unusual and interesting quiz evening which was thoroughly enjoyable. The evening closed with delicious refreshments and a raffle.

Next meeting: 10th October

Speaker: Jackie Shearer on 'Bee Keeping'

Tea Hostesses: H. Ball and D. Johnson

Hostess: M. Allcorn

Raffle Prize: G. Foster

29th October Wiltshire Federation Annual Meeting.

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

CRICKETING COMMENT

David Malley writes:

By the time you read this the cricket season will be finished and the club's winter preparations will be complete. The annual hibernation of equipment and cricket square maintenance in readiness for the close season marks the end of a very successful year for the club. The senior league side finished top of their division and won promotion in a campaign that saw them lose just one game over the course of the summer.



Our new ladies' section – Collingbourne Sapphires - competed in a number of festivals over the last few months culminating in hosting our very own tournament in September. Clubs from across Wiltshire attended with the Sapphires able to field three teams! A memorable day was had by everyone – players and spectators alike – rounding off a great summer for the Sapphires and the women's game in Wiltshire as a whole.

Our thriving junior section also had a busy schedule with teams competing in u9, u11 and u13 categories. Their season was fittingly rounded off with a presentation evening in the marquee on the Rec in September where our young players had their successes recognised with a barbecue and awards ceremony with their friends and family.

The senior presentation evening will take place on Saturday 12 October in the Village Hall in Collingbourne Ducis. Starting at 7.30 pm, our Moroccan-themed evening is open to all local residents and includes a three-course meal, fully licensed bar and live music from the ever-popular band Paunch. Tickets cost just £10 per person and are available from cricket club committee members or via

info@collingbournecricketclub.co.uk. The evening promises to be one to remember as the club celebrates one of its most successful seasons in recent years.

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Doors open at THEFILMPLACE, Collingbourne 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) **07788 992588**. 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

Movie night date for your diary

Friday 22nd November, Yesterday

COLLINGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Jane Crook (01264 850436) writes:

The winners of the September Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall draw were:

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£25 A. Knowles 233

£10 Y. Oats 171

£ 5 Mrs Mac 265

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COLLINGBOURNE BEERFEST GRANT APPLICATIONS

David Malley writes:

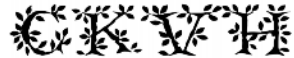
The Collingbourne Beerfest Committee is still accepting applications for grants from the proceeds of this year's event. The aim of this grant scheme is to enable local groups to do something they otherwise couldn't afford to do and to fund projects that can really make a difference. So, if you help run a club or organisation within the community and are looking for a small cash injection to help finance your next project, then please get in touch. For further information and to request an application form please email collingbournebeerfest@gmail.com



COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Val Patrick writes:

Did you know that the Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall committee runs a lottery with a first prize of £500? The second prize is £100, and there are several smaller prizes. Tickets are £10 each and the draw takes place annually, shortly before Christmas. Ticket holders and friends are welcome to come to the draw, where we also provide drinks and nibbles.



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A 'GARDEN GATHERING'

Thelma White writes:

On July 14th this year I held a 'garden gathering' at The Old Bakery, Everleigh for people to have a nose around my garden in aid of Parkinson UK. A big thank you to Les and Mary Doherty and team who helped me on the day. The magnificent sum of £545 has been given to this cause. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the event and made it such a success.

1ST COLLINGBOURNE BROWNIES

Nat Williams writes:

The Brownie Promise



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There are some activities in the Becoming a Brownie book that you will be given on your first evening, this will help you understand your promise and your Leaders will be able to help you too. When you make your Brownie promise your family will be invited. You will be given a badge and certificate to remind you of this special occasion.

Brownie Guides are for girls aged seven to ten years, we run on Tuesday evenings from 5.45 pm - 7.15 pm (term time) at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall. We are always looking for new members to join our pack. If you would like to find out more check us out on Facebook (1st Collingbourne Kingston Brownies) you must become a member first.

We are pleased to announce that the Brownie Pack is growing in numbers and very soon all our new brownies will be taking their promise, a very exciting time for them.

If you would like to become a Brownie go to:

<https://enquiry.girlguiding.org.uk> and register, or contact Natalie Williams (Brown Owl) **01264 850566** or email **Collingbourne7@yahoo**

BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid writes:



We continued working on our new project of modelling the Midland and South Western Railway's Savernake High Level Station.

Most of the carpentry required for the baseboard for our new project has been completed and additional work such as making a control box was also carried out during our September session.

Other works undertaken were preparing scale drawing of the buildings used on the prototype layout which included the original signal box, water pump room and other buildings. The drawings were prepared from photographs and sketches we had made on site during the past two months.

We still require more information on dimensions and any architectural drawings available will be of great help to us. So, if you do have access to these drawings please do let us know.

We were invited once again to exhibit one of our layouts at the Inter-County Fordingbridge Show next year. The Show is sponsored and organized by the local Rotary Club. We are pleased to announce that this will be our third invitation from the organizers. The request to exhibit at the Show will increase our workload to include work on a past or new layout as our exhibit at the Show.

The Club will hold two sessions during October. The first to be held on Monday, 21st October, 2019 starting at 7 pm while the second will be on Monday, 28th October, 2019 starting at 7 pm.

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 811 933**

COLLINGBOULE PÉTANQUE CLUB

Peter and Janet Kenny write:

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



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

1ST COLLINGBOURNE BEAVER SCOUTS

Nat Williams writes:

If you are aged between six and ten and a half and interested in getting involved in Scouting and everything that we get up to, come and check us out at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall on Monday Nights: Beavers 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm Cubs 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm



Children join their local Scout Colony for many reasons. It might be they have heard about the great things from their friends and about all the things the members get up to every week. We welcome parents or carers to come along with activities.

The Scout Group are looking for members to help out with fundraising on the executive committee, taking on a Secretary or Chairman role. Help in any of these areas will be a great help to the leaders as it will free them up to run the group.

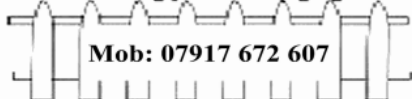
If you would like to be part of 1st Collingbourne Air Scouts Beaver Colony or Cub Pack then please get in touch. Both sections of the local Collingbourne Scout Group are growing; this is great news, so if you would like to find out more check us on Facebook (1st Collingbourne Air Scouts) contact GSL Natalie Williams (Ameek) on **01264 850566** or email **Natalie.Williams@wiltshirescouts.org.uk**

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Martin Bevan writes:

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A date for your diaries, we will be at the Christmas Bazaar at Wherwell Home Guard Club on 9th November between 12 noon - 3 pm.

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COLLINGBOURNE TO CAIRO

Vik Olliver writes:

Usually when I make a trip overseas, it involves a trip to the home village of Collingbourne Ducis, and a visit to my Dad, Peter Olliver. Due to the vagaries of work and airline prices we had to give it a miss this time.

Hanging over the mantelpiece at Collingbourne is the plaque from a Turkish cannon, liberated in the second Egyptian-Ottoman war. It's inscribed in a florid script that's as much an obsolete relic as the empire that wrote it.



So I went with wife Suz, and daughter Tamara to Egypt, with this thing hanging in my mind much as it does over the fireplace at home. I'd learned a little Arabic before going - shokrun (thank you) Basem and Rawa.

The visit was for a Fab Lab educational conference in Cairo, a world-wide network of 1,750 workshops where the public can go to learn to use laser cutters, 3D printers, electronics, looms, rug-tufters, airships, just about anything. There's one in Exeter. I was demonstrating how to pick locks, of all things, and a bunch of armed police came up saying 'You're going to be in trouble with that!' before grinning broadly and saying 'Can you show us?' Then my wife came round the corner to see me surrounded by armed police...

Afterwards we did the tourist thing, went in Khefre's pyramid, toured the museums, got terrified by the traffic (you thought Bath was bad!) and had a go on a hookah.

We never thought we'd get to Egypt, and follow in the steps of my more adventurous ancestors. But you can't help feel that return to the origins of civilization, in a similar way as I do every time I return to Collingbourne.

FREDERICK HUGHES MM

Patti Marsh writes - here is the next part of my late Uncle Fred's war-time memoirs:

The Old Farmhouse

A little further on, I was requested to go and investigate to establish if anyone was occupying a farmhouse and outbuildings. It was raining a little and although the moon shone through the clouds now and again, it was mostly very dark. I took my usual two lads, Perry and Doug, and we sat together under a rock overhang about one hundred yards away where we had a good view of the yard and front door.

We stayed there for some time. I was hoping that if it was occupied by the enemy there would be a guard on, and someone would be

patrolling around. Eventually the door opened and a dim shaft of light shone through from the room beyond. Two ladies appeared, both wearing long black dresses, one holding an umbrella over the other much older lady. They didn't go far from the door before the older lady stopped, hitched up her skirt, crouched down and had a wee. This done, the old lady adjusted her clothes and they both then went back in.

I thought if I went into the house I might get some more information. I told my two lads that I was going inside and they were to wait there and to come and get me if I wasn't out in ten minutes.

I slipped down from our observation post and keeping in the shadows of the farm buildings I slowly opened the door. I was immediately confronted by a very old man, who, thinking I was an American, shook my hand and took me into a large room, which was full of smoke. He spoke a little rough English and when I asked him where he learned this, he explained that years ago he and many other young lads had gone to Canada to help to build the Canadian railways. I knew this to be true because my own mother and father went to Canada on the same scheme. My father was a fitter and turner by trade and they stayed in Canada for three years. My mother's sister and her husband actually stayed and lived there and eventually died in Canada.

It was quite a large room. At one end there was a fire on a slab floor up against the wall, and on each side in a high-backed armchair sat a well-wrapped elderly person. I said to the old chap the word the Italians called the Germans and he said they had gone a few hours ago.

Along one side of this room was what I can only describe as a shelf. It was about twenty feet long and two feet high. On this shelf was laid some straw and several bodies fully dressed stretched out. I counted the pairs of boots and shoes and found that there were seventeen people there. Knowing my time must be up, and before my boys came in, I beat a hasty retreat.



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We were able then to return and report 'Yes, the farm was occupied'

The Time a Pigeon Saved our Lives

On patrol one night when there was a lovely full moon, I was leading with Perry and Doug following. Perry was approximately 20-25 feet behind and Doug about the same distance behind Perry. Perry's job was to assist me if I walked into trouble and Doug's was to bring up the rear, making sure we were not being followed.

We were about halfway up the hedge, on the dark-side in no-man's land, making as little noise as possible when all of a sudden a pigeon, which must have been roosting on a branch above me, flew out making a hell of a noise thrashing its wings against the branches.

I immediately froze and heard a noise which I recognized as that of a Very light pistol being fired. The pigeon in its panic had also alerted someone else and I estimated the Very light pistol was fired from the top corner of the field for which we were heading.



The whole field was soon illuminated. I hit the ground and I am sure the other lads did too, hoping that we were not going to be seen.

This damn light took ages to go out but we had to just lie there and hope. As soon as it was safe enough to move, we made a quiet withdrawal and found another route to meet our objective.

I am convinced that had that pigeon not intervened in our progress up that hedge, we could have walked into some real trouble.

Food and Rations

When we were in the front line, the men were placed out in pairs around the perimeter of our area. While up in the mountains in Italy sometimes we would get hot soup brought up to us by a train of mules. In our train, each mule was led by a black lad from South Africa. Some of these lads had marks scarred onto their faces.

If we didn't get a delivery during a night it perhaps meant that a few shells or motor bombs had fallen near the porters and the mules and the porters had panicked, and that meant our supper gone!

When going up to the front we were always issued with two packets of Army Biscuits and a tin of bully beef. The biscuits were very hard, approximately one and a half inches square and packed four to a packet. Two of my men had false teeth, and although we were not supposed to use the water (one and a half pints) in the water bottle that we carried, I would give them permission to use half a mug of water to pour onto their biscuits in their mess-tins. They could then eat the biscuits as if it was porridge.

When you opened your tin of bully beef it was too much for one meal and you couldn't carry the rest of it around, so the best thing to do was to share your tin with your mate and when he opened his tin he would share with you.



Soup, if we did get any was, I am sure, tins of bully beef placed in a cooking utensil and boiled up with a certain amount of water. However, it was warm and we were grateful as there was a certain amount of liquid with it.

Water was always a talking point as we were forbidden to touch any local water because of the threat of malaria. We were issued with Quinine tablets which were yellow and very bitter to take.

Clothing

At no time were you permitted to remove any of your clothing, not even your boots, while you were in the front line. You couldn't sleep at night because of the possibilities of someone creeping up to you in the dark and cutting your throat while you were in the trench.

We were normally in the line for ten days. If we were unfortunate and had to cross a river or stream, our boots and socks got wet, and so they remained soaked until we were relieved.

Once out of the line I would inspect the men's feet. Like mine, they would be really white and shrivelled up. I also checked the inside seams of their shirts and if I found any light blue dust, their shirt was changed. This was because it was a small mite. The shirts then went to the CQMS (Company Quarter Master Sergeant) and were, I presume, disinfected and washed, or burnt.

Moving up to Monte Cassino

In December 1943, although we were not aware of it at the time, we were moving up through Italy to Monte Cassino, but first we had to cross the wide River Volturno.

It was decided to do this quietly by small boats at two o'clock in the morning near where the river entered the sea.

Billy Wise and the other truck drivers had brought up the boats as far as they safely could the day before. These boats were small inflatables and we had to go and carry them, from where they had been dumped, across the water meadows to the river. At this point the river was at its widest point, approximately sixty to seventy yards wide and the current was not too fast.

I was in the front of our boat with my TSMG (Thompson Sub-Machine Gun) and behind me were two lads, each with a paddle, with Perry in the rear. The current in the middle of the river was more difficult but provided you kept the bow of the boat pointing upstream, you progressed.

Each man was warned once they were in the boats to unbuckle his equipment belt and undo the buttons on his shoulder straps. This was a safety measure. If you unfortunately found yourself in the water you



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could release your equipment and swim to the nearest bank. On arrival on the other bank we would span out in a defensive position and I would check to see if everyone had made it.

The crossing was a success and once we were organised, we moved off towards our objective.

Soon after moving on in the half-light I kicked something like a small football. I soon realised we were moving through a melon field. As we never knew where our next drink was coming from, we all ended up moving forward munching melons. This was a real treat!

The purpose of the early quiet crossing was to cut the main road that came down the valley of the Volturno, around the edge of the mountain range to the sea. With us in charge of the road we could stop any enemy withdrawal or block any reinforcements coming up to assist them. When this mission was completed, we proceeded up the road and crossed the River Garigliano.

To be continued

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND GIFT FAIR

Gillie McIntyre (01264 850761) and Wendy Brown (01264 850012) write:

Save the Date – Saturday 7th December

We are delighted to announce that this year's St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival will include a new element for all the family, a Gift and Craft Fair on Saturday 7th December from 12 noon until 3 pm!

Lots of lovely things for every pocket and every person so please save the date and come along to see the fabulous Christmas trees and buy some of your Christmas gifts. Everyone selling is local to the area and is a small business that would love your support. PLUS delicious refreshment including hot soup and bread rolls – Oh Yes!

We really look forward to seeing you there. Shop Local this Christmas!

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector

Dear Reader,



Last Saturday I attempted and completed something that I have intended to do for the last seven years. I used to cycle great distances, especially around London on the way to and from work. I was the lunatic who cut up the traffic on the Hammersmith Gyratory. I thought this would be a breeze.

Saturday was a beautiful day only marred by the flies, clustered around the dead pheasants, which found their way to the back of our throats as we exceeded the sensible speed cycling down hills. My son and I visited all twelve of the currently active churches in the Team. Twelve beautiful places of prayer that have a tendency to wander into romantic venues in people's minds. For most of the morning, there were people, cleaning, doing fix-it cafés or history weekends in the churches. The afternoon was different, but still a palpable warmth in these places with their hundreds of years of prayer.

To cut a long story short, we were greeted at the end by two ladies leaving Great Bedwyn Church. I grumbled about how long it had taken. One commented that we at least had a beautiful day. At which I realised that I had spent most of the day looking at three or four meters of tarmac or gravel. In being single-minded with the desire to finish I had looked only at the path ahead.

The analogy is obvious. We are surrounded by beauty, both in the world and more importantly in the people around us. It is our choice whether we put our heads down in a stubborn desire to reach an end or stand for a principle. We can complete what we have to do in life, but we can also raise our eyes to the goodness around us.

This message Jesus had for hypocrites and bigots. Read the middle of Luke's gospel.

As we head towards the winter, I ask you to raise your physical and metaphorical eyes to say thank you for the good things around you,

With every blessing, *Michael*

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

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

The Exhibition of the history of Collingbourne Kingston took place on the 14th and 15th September and all those who attended will testify that this was both extremely interesting and educational and an insight in to our village and those who lived in the community.



This event was organized by Val Patrick and she wishes to extend her gratitude to everyone who assisted in either helping with setting up or provided items for exhibit. In addition, the event was well attended with over eighty attendees alone on Saturday. A big well done to Val.

The Harvest supper. Our annual Harvest Supper takes place on Monday 7th October at the Village Hall. It is open to all residents of Kingston, Ducis, Everleigh and elsewhere, and all are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

The Harvest Festival service will be held in the church at 9.30 am on Sunday 6th October and all donations of garden produce will be very welcome. These should be delivered to the Church by 2 pm on Saturday 5th October if at all possible. The produce will then be transferred to the Village Hall on Monday 7th October to be auctioned at the Harvest Supper in aid of church funds.

Addresses for the village websites:

CD: www.collingbourne-ducis.com

CK: www.collingbournekingston.org.uk

Everleigh: www.everleigh.org

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

Writing this on a warm September afternoon with temperatures in the low-twenties, it doesn't seem possible that by the time you are reading this it will be October and autumn will be upon us. On the 1st October it's only eighty-four days until Christmas.



As mentioned in last month's Courier, the annual sponsored 'Ride and Stride' event which raises money for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust took place across Wiltshire on Saturday 14th September. I walked eight miles, visiting three local churches while Matthew Martin rode seventy-plus miles on his bike, visiting thirty Wiltshire Churches! Between us we have raised approximately £600, which is a fantastic amount. This will all be sent to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust but half will be donated back to St. Andrew's Church. Thank you to all our supporters and to the team of people who 'manned' our church on the day to greet other ride and striders and give them refreshments.

Our Harvest Festival was held on 15th September. Many thanks go to everyone who donated items of food. All fresh, perishable produce was donated to West Farm House. Helen would like to pass on her thanks. All the tins and packets were parcelled up and given to Andover food bank.

St. Andrew's Church held their Harvest Supper at the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on Friday 20th September. At the time of writing it hasn't happened but I'm sure it will have been a great success. I will report in more detail next month. Meanwhile I'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed to cooking the delicious food; helped with the bar and the raffle and all who helped to organise the event and of course to all of you who came and made the event worthwhile!

St. Peter's Church, Everleigh are holding their Harvest Festival Service on Saturday 5th October at 3 pm. St. Peter's is a redundant church but this is one of the special services that are held during the year.

At our school, the weekly after school JAM Club (Jesus and Me) is now underway. This club is run by Revd. Jo and her band of helpers and is, as ever, proving to be very popular with children. The aim of the club is for the children to hear stories and take part in games and craft activities with a Biblical theme. Collingbourne Primary is a Church of England school and the sessions reinforce the close ties between the school community and St. Andrew's.

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 Ducis.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

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Sunday 13th October Holy Communion at St Mary's at 11 am
Sunday 20th October Family Worship at 11 am
Sunday 27th October Holy Communion at 9 am

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‘... meanwhile, in the Village, the entire population, faced by the threat of impending catastrophe, has been flung into a state of complete panic ...’



(With apologies to Pont)

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