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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes:

Our village Litter Pick took place on Saturday 11th March. Many thanks go to the seven volunteers who took part and collected twelve bags of rubbish. Everleigh is certainly looking a lot cleaner as a result.



Our next gathering will be a village work party on Saturday 15th April from 9.30 am until lunchtime to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the playground; please bring paint brushes and strimmers if you have them. We are very proud of our playground which remains a key village asset developed over many years, so let's look after it.

Planning is underway for the village to celebrate the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May at the start of a national three-day long weekend. The event will take place at the playground /Jubilee field and includes a BBQ and games/activities such as egg and spoon races, relay races, rounders, volleyball, golf pitch and putt, starting at 5 pm. Festivities will culminate with the lighting of a bonfire beacon at 8.30 pm. Please mark up your diaries!

As reported previously, we donated £200 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance from contributions raised at our Bonfire Night last November. The Parish Council has received a letter from Wiltshire Air Ambulance to thank all those who contributed and to express heartfelt appreciation for this support and generosity.

Have you visited the mobile library in Everleigh recently? It visits The Street in Everleigh (High Trees layby) on a Wednesday every four weeks between 12.25 and 12.55 pm. If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well. For adults, there is a large range of novels, ranging from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies,

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Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th 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.

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman John Wood writes:

The Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council met for the first time this year on 13th March 2023, with a very full agenda to discuss. I am very pleased to announce the co-optation of a new Councillor, Mrs Marie-Louise (M-L) Hays, to the council: she has been a resident in the village for several years and is a very welcome addition to the council. It was very refreshing to meet in person the new Police Inspector Ricky Lee responsible for policing in our area. He outlined his vision and commitment to policing the area, highlighted current resource constraints and his strategy going forward, which was well received by the Councillors. We look forward to working with Ricky and his team in the future. Councillor Chris Williams gave a comprehensive report from a Wiltshire Council perspective, highlighting the approval of the budget. He focused on areas where spending has been increased and included: Whole life pathway (mental health, autism spectrum conditions and learning disabilities support services); Living and ageing well (adult care); Families and children; Environment (which includes waste and recycling services); Highways



and transport; and Education and skills. Finally Chris mentioned that Wiltshire Council is proposing a 2.99% general increase for the council's element of council tax, plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult social care.

Paul Hartley very kindly joined the meeting to give an in-person review one year on from the introduction of Speed Watch and to present the analysis of the data from the Speed Indicator Device (SIDs) electronic sign, which he has been positioning around the village. The SIDs data when compared to the official data recorded by the last official Metro Count is indicating that there has been a fall in the average speed of vehicles passing through the village, which is very encouraging, particularly as the general perception is that traffic is moving faster. Whilst we cannot confirm whether this is primarily due to the SIDs or the proactive work of the Speed Watch, what we can surmise from the data is that the investment made by the PC has delivered a tangible positive impact and improved road safety. One key constraint for the Speed Watch team is the number of willing volunteers (currently only nine people) prepared to undergo the training and operate the equipment in the village. The Speed Watch team is influencing behaviours and with more volunteers we would be able to increase the roadside presence and continue to help reduce the speed of the traffic through the village. If you feel you want to make a difference and contribute to the safety of the village, please contact Phil Gill and register for the Speed Watch training. I wish to personally thank Paul for his enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership in maintaining the Speed Watch team and congratulate all of the volunteers who are making a difference.

Potholes – there have been several issues raised regarding potholes in the village and in particular the condition of the A338 between the Collingbournes and the condition of Saxon Rise. A request has been made to the highway's maintenance team to see if the repair of this

stretch of the A338 can be given a higher priority, due to the high volume of HGVs using it and the danger of vehicles swerving across the road to avoid the potholes. The PC understand that villagers have been following the Wiltshire Council process for registering potholes and have been disappointed by the response. The policy is that all potholes must be individually registered, and repairs are sanctioned on a priority basis set by the Wiltshire Council. Councillors agreed that the matter was to be raised at the next LHFIFG meeting by Councillors Dennis and Knowlson and that Councillor Lyons will task the Parish Steward to see if he could repair any of the potholes.

Councillor Peter Knowlson reported the demolition of the shelter on the recreation ground was complete and the area made safe. He thanked the Councillors and members from the village who helped with removal and disposal. The next steps will be to agree to some seating to go in its place.

Councillor Stephen Lyons reported that the Parish Steward has been on secondment to highways filling in potholes and carrying out highways road maintenance. The good news is he is back in the village on 15th March to get things back to normal. The Village Spring Clean is to be held on Sunday 2nd April and will be run on similar lines to previous Litter Picks. The Clerk reported that the PC now has 'Title Absolute' of The Great Mere under HM Land Registry Title WT256799 and that The Great Mere has been added to the PC's Asset Register.

Councillor David Dennis reported that the first meeting with T J Morris at Amesbury went well, they advised that they look into reducing some of the traffic that is routed through the villages. They also advised that they are currently well underway with a new distribution centre in Warrington, which will serve the Midlands area. This will reduce the northwards deliveries from Amesbury, as it is having to utilise the southern distribution centre now because Liverpool is at capacity. This will reduce some of the traffic through the village.

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Some dates for the diary:

Coronation Celebrations, Saturday 6th May 2023. Councillor Dennis, with the assistance of Councillors Lyons and Knowlson, reported that planning for the Coronation Celebration is well advanced. The plan is to celebrate the Coronation on the afternoon of the 6th May, at The Tipple Inn from 2pm till late, with an afternoon tea, sandwiches, cake (competition), face painting etc. In the evening entertainment will be a live band and some warm food, Curry & Chilli as well as a buffet. We hope you will all come and join the celebrations.

Christmas Big Brunch, Sunday 10th December 2023. Councillor Lyons reported that the Village Hall, burger van, face painting and balloon modelling have already been booked for 10th December. This is an annual event, and all are welcome.

Councillor Tom Earle reported on **No Mow May**. No Mow May is just around the corner and in the interest of the environment villagers are encouraged not to mow their lawns. There will be No Mow May signs in the Council-owned areas where we've agreed not to mow; these will be made from reclaimed wood in keeping with the aesthetic of the village.

Now that the weather is beginning to clear and warm up, we will be creating the 'bug hotels' in the village. Reclaimed wood signs will mark the locations to ensure that these habitats are not seen as random wood piles. This activity will start in April, and all villagers are welcome to support the activity which will be promoted on the PC website.

Our next Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7 pm is the AMP and AMPC and will take place in Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. Parish Council Meetings are open events, which members of the public are more than welcome to attend. If any parishioners wish to get involved in any of the activities, including Speed Watch or just want to contact the Parish Council, do

feel free to email the Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Gill,
parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Semple, Chairman, writes:

Well spring is here in Collingbourne Kingston and we can look forward to enjoying the

opportunity to get out and about a bit more as the weather warms up.

To that end, we are planning to bring everyone together to celebrate

His Majesty the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May. You will be

able to watch the ceremony at home in the morning and then come and join us at the Village Hall from 3 to 5 pm. There will be tea and cake,

ice-cream, an evening barbecue with bar and live music, and face

painting for the children. Tickets, free to residents of the Parish, will be

available from our Parish Clerk, Philip Palmer, from after Easter. Please

save the date in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there on

the 6th May.

Your Parish Council is well-aware of the increasing number of potholes appearing on the A338. Winter has certainly taken its toll on the road,

particularly between Ducis and Kingston. We have raised this with

Wiltshire Council and repairs will be prioritised with others across the

County. In the meantime, our Parish Steward is working hard for us to

tackle small repairs where it is safe to do so.

Also, a big thankyou to the two new members who have recently joined

our Community Speed-watch Team. We continue to see this having a

direct impact on slowing traffic down. The Team could have an even

bigger effect with more members, so if you can spare an hour a month,

please do get in touch with Councillor Tim Keighley

(timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk).

As ever, we are always pleased to hear the views or concerns of parishioners so please feel free to join us at one of our meetings. The



next one will be on Wednesday 10th May, at 6.30 pm, in the Ruth Fisher Room, Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall. If you would like to participate even more actively in the running of the Parish, we now have a vacancy on the Parish Council and are looking for a volunteer to fill it. Please do get in touch with the Parish Clerk (clerk@collingbournekingston.org.uk) or come along to our next meeting if you are interested.

COLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL REPORT

Headteacher Harriet Phillips writes:

In March the Kingfishers Class (Years 5 and 6) went on their residential trip to Kilve Court in Somerset. The children have taken part in some fabulous activities including abseiling, climbing, archery, mountain biking, low and high ropes. They have shown true courage trying out all these new things and have had a brilliant time, so far!



We have also seen the return of our class assemblies, a chance for the children to show friends and family the things they have been learning about. Thank you to Jim Plenderleith for projecting children's work and photos to really enhance the experience.

Otters were the first to share their learning and thoroughly enjoyed describing the embalming and mummification process to us all as well as singing to us. Next was Hedgehogs Class who looked a little bit worse for wear to start with, but Florence Nightingale came along to aid them all and soon they were recovered.

We are looking forward to another Communi-Tea at the end of term, I hope that some of you will have joined us.

This month we have had visits from the team supporting the Wiltshire Air Ambulance who took each class in turn to teach them emergency first aid, something we hope to do every year to ensure the children have the skills to help someone in need if they ever find themselves in

that situation. We also had Wiltshire Fire and Rescue visit to teach the children in Years 1, 2 and 5 what to do in a fire.

Volunteers still needed

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

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

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

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Alex Gumn writes on behalf of the Fund-raising team:

We have had a fantastic response so far from the village to our up-coming community café. In fact, when you read this it should be just around the corner!



Please do come and join us on Saturday 8th April, anytime from 10 am to 1 pm, and enjoy a tea or coffee and of course a selection of delicious baked goods. The café is being set up in the main hall and will have plenty of seating as well as things to keep you entertained, including board games, cards, books and activities for younger villagers. We will also have a trading card table set up, so if your children collect and swap trading cards, they might like to bring those along too. Another initiative we thought might be fun at the café is a sort of show and tell.

Our LINK Coordinator's Number is CD 850807

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OBITUARY - PHYLLIS RICHARDS

(by Natalie Williams)

It is with deep sadness to announce the passing of our beloved Mother Phyllis Richards who slipped away peacefully on 12th March with family by her side. A much-loved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother and aunty.

All are welcome to attend the Funeral Service at St Marys Church Collingbourne Kingston on Friday 14th April at 12 o'clock.

Family flowers only with donations to St Marys Church and Salisbury Hospital League of Friends.

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

OBITUARY – MARY MAY

(by Jackie Macbeth)

Mary May passed away peacefully at Rothsay Grange Care Home on Tuesday 14th March. A Service of Gratitude for Mary's life will be held in St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston at 2 pm on Wednesday 5th April.

OBITUARY – GERRY HOOPER 1942-2022

(by Basil Frost - former Chairman of the local LINK Good Neighbour Scheme)

Gerry Hooper, who lived in Collingbourne Kingston for many years, passed away in November 2022 after a brief illness and was cremated at Charlton Park Andover.

After he retired, following a long career in electronics, he became very involved in voluntary work and was a past chairman of the Marlborough Rotary Club and was also deeply involved with Talking Newspapers.

Locally he devoted much time to the Collingbournes, Everleigh and Chute LINK Good Neighbour Scheme, firstly, for some years, as a volunteer driver and later he took over as chairman – a job well done.

He will be greatly missed by colleagues and friends.

STONEHENGE AND PEWSEY VALE CANCER RESEARCH

Val Patrick, Chairman, writes:

With sadness I report the closure of the Stonehenge and Pewsey Vale Cancer Research fundraising group which has been in existence for forty years. The committee is ageing, and despite our best efforts, we have been unable to recruit new members.

A glance back through the records made me realise the huge amount of time freely given by committee members and their ever-supportive

partners and friends. The events were many and varied, from musical evenings to talks and demonstrations, flower sales and coffee mornings, and of course, the popular annual curry lunch at the Balti and twenty-one Christmas fairs.

Over the years thousands of pounds have been raised, so I thank you all for supporting us willingly and generously. We had a great deal of fun and made many new friends along the way.

A reserve 'army' of volunteers helped us at events, and we couldn't have done without them. Others worked behind the scenes, keeping up with publicity. Colin Stevens set up and maintained our web page free of charge.

All good things come to an end, and I hope that in the future someone will pick up the threads where we left off and continue the fight against cancer.

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

Alan Goold was the speaker at our February meeting. He is a descendant of Henry Street who started a rose nursery in the Chobham area at the beginning of the twentieth century. The company has been passed down the generations and is now run by Henry's great-grandsons in Aborfield, Berkshire.



Alan's knowledge of roses is amazing and he told us that when choosing a rose we should consider their appearance, scent, disease-resistance and sturdiness. He explained how to best plant, maintain and prune them to ensure good results and answered lots of questions on all aspects of gardening.

Alan brought along a selection of roses in pots for members to buy and many took the opportunity to get a plant at an excellent price.

On Thursday 27th April Mandy Bradshaw, the Chatty Gardener, is coming to speak to us again. Her subject is A Garden Gate Guide to Cotswold Gardens. We start at 7.30 pm in Kingston Hall and tea and cakes are available after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome and if you would like more information about the Gardening Club, please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, **01264 850436**.

COLLINGBOURNE'S SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Humphrey Sheppard, Chairman, writes:

As I am sure many of you know we meet every Wednesday from mid-September to mid-April.

As we approach the end of our indoor season I thought it might be nice to crow about one of Collingbourne's successes.

We have 38 regular playing members from a wide catchment area including Tidworth, Ludgershall, Burbage, Everleigh and the Collingbournes.

We have reached a point of saturation so please can you extend the Village Hall to allow us to put down six mats?

Most Wednesdays we play with a league game on three mats and a fourth mat with non-players on a rest week.

Due to our numbers we have started playing on Sunday afternoons and do so on average every two weeks.

This is a fun social activity which helps the winter pass with less difficulty.

We play friendly home and away fixtures at other Short Mat Bowls Clubs and in March we had an evening playing against Enford when forty people enjoyed an evening of bowls and some welcome refreshments.

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We play against the Cricket Club every year and in February we had over forty people again enjoying a full and lively social evening.

If anyone would like some information on the Short Mat Bowls Club please contact me on **01264 850721** or **humphreysheppard@btinternet.com**

FLOWER PEDESTALS, ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

Sandra Fisher. (01264 850363) email: slfisher_uk@yahoo.co.uk

After almost forty years of use it appears that moths and rust have corrupted the flower pedestals in our church so badly that we need to replace them. As usual we need to raise some money for new ones, which will cost about £200 for a pair.

Flowers make a church look welcoming and they are needed for special occasions, such as weddings and funeral services, so I am hoping there are some of you with a link to the church who will feel able to help financially.

If you would like to donate to our pedestal fund please contact me, details above, and I will be delighted to hear from you, (email is the better option because my hearing is not very good). Thank you.

COLLINGBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

David Malley, Chairman, writes:

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who turned up to our recent Pig Racing Night and St Paddy's Day Quiz social events. We hope you all had a fun time, and the club greatly appreciates your support. We have more events lined up for the summer, and we'll let you all know as plans develop.



On the cricket front, it's full steam ahead as the season starts to appear on the horizon. Fixtures are being finalised, ground preparation is underway, and players are beginning to emerge from their winter hibernation.

It's also that time of year when we endeavour to attract new players to the club, and this season is no different - and for very good reason. The 2023 campaign will see the club take on one of the most extensive and inclusive fixture lists of any season in the club's history, with 75+ games and festivals already arranged. Our 1st and 2nd XIs will be battling it out in the Hampshire League; our ladies' Sapphires side will be playing in a host of softball tournaments in and around Wiltshire; our Sunday Friendly team will be busy every weekend; and our Midweek and Development XIs will make sure some of the long evenings aren't wasted during the week!

If that wasn't enough, in addition to our established teams the club is embarking on a new venture for 2023 with the introduction of a new softball team. Aimed at both men and women over 50 or those with reduced mobility through injury, illness or disability, this fun, shortened version of the game should make our beloved game of cricket more accessible to those wanting to play. We hope this new team can complement and play alongside our ladies' softball team. To kick things off, we have a 'come and try it' day planned for Sunday 23rd April 2023 from 1 pm at the Ducis Recreation Ground, where players of all abilities are welcome to come along and have a go.

Unchanged from last year, outdoor training sessions will start towards the end of April on Thursday evenings at 6 pm for all hardball teams, and Friday evenings for our softball teams. We welcome any new players looking to have a game of cricket this season and our range of teams should ensure there's a level suitable for anybody wishing to join in. Regardless of age, sex and ability, we would love to see you.

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Jim Plenderleith (01264 852734) writes:

Showing at **THEFILMPLACE** in surround

sound 7.1 with laser projection on the big screen on **Friday 28th April 2023** is **AMSTERDAM**.



Set against the backdrop of 1930s New York and 1920s Amsterdam, this riveting comedy-drama very loosely documents the true story of a fascist military coup gone wrong. The stellar cast list in acclaimed writer and Director David O. Russell's film includes **Christian Bale, John David Washington, Margot Robbie, Robert De Niro, Anya Taylor Joy, Rami Malek, Taylor Swift, Michael Shannon, Chris Rock, and Zoe Saldña**. Through the lives of three friends, Burt Berendsen (Bale), Harold Woodsman (Washington), and Valerie Voze (Robbie), who, having met during WWI, inadvertently become embroiled in a double homicide, and are subsequently implicated. Only to again, unintentionally, land themselves in one of the biggest conspiracies of 20th-century American politics.

Doors open at **THEFILMPLACE** in **Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall** at **7.00pm** for pre-film drinks and refreshments, the **film show starts at 7.30 pm**.

Tickets are **still only £6** and are available now from Collingbourne Ducis village shop or by telephoning Jim Plenderleith (CD) **07906**

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

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

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

The March monthly meeting of the group took place on 9th March and was followed by the Annual Meeting.



The meeting began with a talk about emergency cover by the Scottish and Southern Electricity Network in the case of power cuts. The SSEN is the company responsible for bringing power from the grid to the electricity meter of buildings. From then on it is managed by various power companies such as OVO. Houses with children under five, people over sixty-five, or with disabilities, are advised to arrange to be on the list of consumers who may need special help in the case of a prolonged power cut. The number to ring to report a power cut is 105. They also advised having an 'emergency' bag packed and tucked away somewhere in the event of having to evacuate your house. They ended the talk by showing a power pack - a gadget which can be charged and will keep a mobile phone going - or even start an electric car. They had leaflets with all the useful information on them and they also demonstrated glow sticks. These will provide light for up to twelve hours and are much safer than candles. The representatives were thanked for an interesting and informative talk. Questions were asked and answered during a break for refreshments. There was no raffle this month.

The evening continued with a short business meeting which was followed by the AM. The annual reports were read by the Treasurer

and Secretary. In the absence of the outgoing President her report was read by Alison Comlay, a County Advisor, who was present to help with the elections. The committee was re-elected en-bloc but Wendy Brown and Karen Preece stood down from their roles as president and treasurer. These positions are now the responsibility of Marilyn Clifton and Chani Mindelsohn. The meeting thanked Wendy and Karen for their years of hard work.

The meeting was declared closed.

Next Meeting Thursday 13th April 2023

Speaker Amanda Butler whose presentation is called More than just Elephants.

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.

LOCAL BUSINESSES THE HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY

Humphrey Sheppard writes:

As I sit here pondering what I am about to write I reflect on March 2020 as we all waited for the then Prime Minister Boris Johnson to make the announcement that was to change most of our lives for many months.

I remember watching him say that we are all to stay at home and the Government will see us alright with jaw dropping disbelief!

Three years on 'What was all the fuss about?'

I suspect that many of you, like me reverted to doing shopping locally. The local butcher, the local garage, the local retailers in an attempt to avoid the crowds at the Supermarkets. In fact my children banned us from going out for anything including shopping, and insisted that they do it.

So much so that despite my reluctance I became an advocate for online banking as I had to pay them for their efforts.

We tried to find home delivery from the supermarkets and failed miserably, however, we did find a fantastic fresh fruit and veg delivery company in Devizes and still use them today.

So what of our local businesses who helped us during the Pandemic with improved product availability, longer opening hours, and excellent customer service amongst everything else?

Are you still supporting them?

Am I still supporting them?

In my case yes and no!

Yes, I have returned to supermarket shopping, after all we all want cheap food.

I do still use the local businesses, admittedly not in the way I did during the Pandemic, but probably as much as I did before the Pandemic.

Is it enough? I don't know?

Why don't we ask them?

They are still here supplying the needs of their loyal customers with fantastic service, products and personality.

I know there is a cost of living crisis, so we still get in a car and do 20 miles round trip to shop at a convenient supermarket when we could probably get all we require within a three miles radius of home.

I am not banging a drum here, but I do sometimes feel we are deaf and blind to what fantastic products are available in our immediate vicinity.

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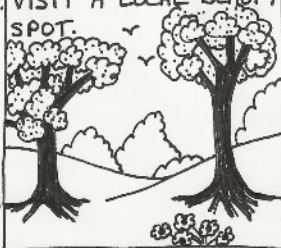


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If you want any information on the draw, please call Humphrey Sheppard on **07791 760241** or e-mail on **cdvhdraw@gmail.com**

The draw is open to anyone (over the age of 18) who wishes to take part.

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

If your name is here and you have not received your winnings please contact me.

POTATO DAUPHINOISE

Simon Gilford writes:

A perfect accompaniment to pretty much every dinner in my humble opinion. I had forgotten how quick and easy it is to make and how good it really is. We really like cheese so up to you if you want to reduce the quantity to make it just a little less calorific!

Ingredients (for 2 people):

450g potatoes (apparently Maris Piper are the best)

2 cloves of garlic

50g of cheese (cheddar is fine, and a larger quantity is also good!)

50g grated hard Italian style cheese (parmesan)

1 shallot

1 vegetable stock cube (optional)

150g crème fraiche

75 ml of water

Method

Bring a medium saucepan of water to the boil with 1/2 tsp of salt and preheat your oven to 220°C. Peel the potato and slice into 1cm thick rounds. Pop the potato into your pan of boiling water, cook until just tender, 10-12 mins. Once cooked, reserve some of the potato cooking water (see ingredients for amount), then carefully drain in a colander and set aside.

Meanwhile, halve, peel and thinly slice the shallot. Peel and finely chop the garlic (or use a garlic press). Grate the cheddar cheese. Heat a drizzle of oil in a frying pan on medium heat. Once hot, add the shallot and fry until softened, 4-5 mins. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute, then pour in reserved potato cooking water and vegetable stock. Bring to the boil and simmer until reduced slightly, 1-2 mins. Stir in the creme fraiche, bring to the boil then remove from the heat.

Stir the cheddar and half the hard Italian cheese into the sauce, then taste and add salt and pepper if you feel it needs it. Layer half the potatoes into a small ovenproof dish, then pour on half the sauce. Layer in the remaining potatoes and pour in the remaining sauce. Sprinkle

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over the remaining hard Italian cheese, then bake in your oven until golden and bubbling, 15-20 mins. Serve and enjoy!

ANOTHER DIP INTO THE PAST

Keith Cockerton writes:

This month's delve into the past looks at articles from the archives that highlight changes and similarities between now and the 1800s. As in current times, the first two show a strong sense of community and 'looking after our own'.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON. Probate of the will, dated the 5th November 1889, the late Miss Elizabeth Piper, of Highfield Lodge, Collingbourne Kingston (now in Ducis), who died on the 3rd July last, 'leaving £11,193, has bequeathed to the Cottage Hospital £500; for such institution for the benefit of the deaf and dumb the executors may select, £500; for institutions for the blind. £500; to the vicar and churchwardens of Collingbourne Ducis, £200, expend the income thereof in coals and blankets for poor persons who have attained 55 years of age; and to the vicar and churchwardens of Collingbourne Kingston for similar objects, £1,000'.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 05 January 1860

Collingbourne Kingstone. 'The eleventh annual dinner given to the aged poor of this parish, took place on Friday last, at the Collingbourne Kingstone Inn, when about 40 recipients of both sexes (above 60 years of age) partook of an excellent dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. Mr C. H. Poore, Mrs. Poore, and the gentlemen of the village, assisted in carving and waiting on the aged party. After dinner each person was regaled with a pint of beer, or a glass of gin and water, together with tobacco and snuff. A more interesting scene could

not be witnessed. Those who from sickness or infirmity could not attend, received Is. 6d. each.'

As ever there have been accidents and mishaps and the 19th century was no different.

Warminster Herald - Saturday 15 August 1868

'Collingbourne Kingstone. GUN ACCIDENT. On the afternoon of Friday, two children named Martha Dickenson, aged about 15 years, and Honor Matthews, a younger girl, with others, were in the house of a man named Fisher, which adjoins the premises occupied by the parents of the former. During the afternoon the girl Dickenson went into her house, took a loaded gun, which had been left there by her grandfather, and following Honor, Matthews, pointed the weapon at her, which went off, the whole charge entering the poor girl's right thigh. She was at once taken to her own home, and Dr. Fitcher was sent for, who has carefully attended the sufferer, and we are glad to say that hopes are entertained of her recovery.'

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette – Thursday 04 February 1864

'COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTONE. Inquest. An inquest was held on Thursday, before G. Sylvester, esq., the body of William Perry, a ploughboy, in the service of Mr. Thomas Sheppard, farmer. Deceased was returning from his master's coppice with three horses and waggon loaded with rushes Tuesday, when in going down a hill the horses started off into a trot. Deceased, who was walking at their side, was knocked down and both near wheels passed over his body. Mr. T. D. Baker, surgeon, who examined the body, stated that several ribs were crushed in upon the lungs, causing laceration of the same and death. —Verdict—Accidental Death.'

There was no shortage of crime in those days, most of which was fairly petty or traffic related (much as now but with different vehicles and life styles).



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Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 11 October 1888

“Edward Wicks, engine driver, in the employ of Messrs. H. and W. Rawlings, of Collingbourne Ducis, was summoned by the police, for allowing a traction engine to stop and water at Enford Bridge on the 20th September, contrary to the by-laws of the Highway and Locomotive Amendment Act. P.C. Pearce of Enford stated the case, and defendant admitted the offence. The Bench told the defendant he was liable to a heavy fine, but it being the first case of the sort, which had been brought before them (the Everleigh Bench), they would let him off this time by paying fine of 10s. and the costs.’

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 02 May 1867

‘Mr. D. W. Clunes was summoned for removing three heifers and two cows a greater distance than 500 yards on turnpike, at Collingbourne Kingstone, without a license, on the 3rd of April, and was fined 9s. 6d. including costs.’

‘John Pepall, a carter, in the employ of Messrs. Mortimore and Kellow, millers, of Andover, was summoned for riding in waggon with horses on the Devizes and Andover Turnpike, without reins or any person to guide the same, on the 26th March. Sergeant Luffman proved the case and stated that defendant rode all the way from Collingbourne Ducis to Ludgershall, a distance of two miles, there being another man who also rode with him. Defendant now said in his defence that the snow was so deep that he could not walk by the side of his horses, and so was compelled to ride; but this was denied, the road was quite clear of snow, the last fall of snow having taken place on the 19th March, which was followed by a rapid thaw. He was convicted, and fined 19s. 6d. including costs.’

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 05 January 1860

‘December 30th, 1859. James Crouch, was charged with having stolen 25lbs. of coal, the property of Martha Buckeridge, Collingbourne Kingston, on the

26th inst. The prosecutrix, who keeps the Cleaver Inn, at Collingbourne, had sent the prisoner to Burbage wharf for a load of coal, and the policeman, James Mould, happening to come the road after he had returned, saw a lump of coal near it, and on making enquiries found it was left there by the prisoner, who had sent a message to his brother to fetch it. He apprehended the prisoner the following day, when he said, " I will tell the truth, my brother Tom ordered to bring 1 cwt. of coal from Devizes Thursday, and didn't do so, and my brother didn't know but that this was it." This was proved in evidence, and Mr. T. W. Brooke, of Burbage, proved the prisoner had not bought any coal except Miss Buckeridge's 33 cwt. Prisoner, who was servant to Mr. Sheppard, pleaded guilty, and having received a good character from his master, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.'

James Walker, was fined 3s. 6d. for being drunk and disorderly at Collingbourne, on Saturday the 3rd last.

'False Balances. —Miss Anne Wheeler, of Collingbourne, was summoned by Superintendent Stretton, the inspector of weights and measures, with having beam and scales in her possession six ounces against the customer. J. Mould proved that they had been used for weighing flour for a long time. Miss Wheeler said the scales were never used for weighing at all, and she was not aware of their inequality. The bench, addressing Miss Wheeler, said it was a very aggravated case, as in using the scales for selling small lots of flour, she had every time cheated the poor persons who had dealt with her out of a large quantity; it was a most disgraceful case and she would be fined £4 and cost, 11s, and forfeit the beams and scales. The money was immediately paid, and the Bench ordered the scales to be burnt.'

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 03 November 1864

'Robert Blackmore, labourer, was charged by Mr. J. Hill, farmer, Collingbourne Ducis, with damaging grass the amount of a penny, by walking thereon, on the inst. Ordered to pay damage and costs. —Richard Crouch of

Collingbourne Kingstone, was charged with cruelly beating and ill-treating a donkey, the property of James White, labourer, Collingbourne Ducis.'

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 29 December 1855

'The inhabitants of Collingbourne Kingston and Ducis were about a quarter to five on the morning of Thursday alarmed by the cry of fire, which was discovered to proceed from the bakehouse of Mr. Saunders, speedily igniting his dwelling-house and shop, and from thence to the King's Arms Inn, conducted by Mr. Samuel Sheppard, which also soon fell prey to the flames. The flakes of fire drifted by the wind then caught the out-houses and dwelling-houses of two deserving and industrious mechanics, Charles Mead and Jeremiah Morse, scarcely allowing them time to remove themselves and furniture before they were burnt to the ground. It was fortunate the wind was blowing from the south-east, or the flames must have extended to the farm buildings occupied by Mrs. Grace, and thus endangered the greater part of Collingbourne Ducis. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Sheppard were insured. No life was lost, with the exception of that of a noble Newfoundland dog, belonging to Mr. Saunders, who, although liberated from his chain, rushed back to his usual abiding place, and thus fell a sacrifice.'

Rural life would not be the same without the mundane but good intentioned event.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 04 April 1889

'A presentation was made at the Manor House, Everleigh, on March 26th. The servants, tradespeople, and Others connected with the Manor House, presented Mr. and Mrs. C. Curtis with a handsome and massive punch bowl, inscribed with their crest. The gift was accompanied by an illuminated address, with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis's monograms, and containing over 120 signatures. It was worded as follows " Sir and Madam, We, the undersigned servants, tradespeople, and others connected with the Everleigh estate, beg your

acceptance of this punch bowl, as a small token our respect and gratitude for the many acts of kindness received from you from all the residence in Everleigh. That you may both live many happy years to use it, is the wish of the undersigned." The presentation, which was pleasant surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, was witnessed by nearly all the villagers, whose ages ranged from two years to 82. The Everleigh band conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins, was in attendance, and played selection of music. The proceedings concluded with hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and their family.'

Most of the sources for this article no longer exist other than in newspaper archives. There is still a desire for local news - what is on, events and general information - today. Whilst we still have local newspapers, we are more likely to find this information now in the Courier, celebrating its 30th year of publication, the local pages on Facebook and the Parish Council's website.

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:

Easter Special



At this time Christians celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Unsurprisingly, I want to focus on Jesus.

In past letters I have commented on how Jesus challenged the behaviour of the accepted authorities of the time. When he has a conversation with the woman at Jacob's Well, he is fully present to her and she on her behalf assumes the best of him.

Those who know themselves as sinners and imperfect accept they are in need of redemption. In contradiction, those who believe that they are right, hear Jesus' words as a threat and plot his eventual crucifixion.

Our own world has an incredible ability to focus on the literal meaning of words. In our reliance on social media, we have lost the ability to read the nuances of the person in front of us. Often this leads to a negative interpretation of the other.

Jesus suggested that we should forgive those who sin against us. The question is, 'Is the sin ours?' because we have assumed the worst of them. Our assumption of their guilt precludes any relationship with them. It is my loss, my sin, not theirs.

A prolific American writer, Brene Brown says: - "You never know if people are doing the best they can, but if you assume that they are, it makes your life better. To assume the best about people is a selfish act because the life you change first is your own."

In its altruism Christianity has always been ultimately selfish. In picking up their cross and following Jesus his disciples hope to save themselves by saving others.

Rejoice therefore if you always assume the good of people, because yours is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Easter Blessings

Michael

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

Isn't this a wonderful time of year! The sun is shining (sometimes!); the weather is getting warmer (slowly!) and spring is definitely on its way. We are now well into Lent and Easter will soon be here. More details about Holy week and Easter Sunday later in this report.

Weekly Lent lunches took place at the church on three Thursdays throughout March. Delicious home-made soup and bread was served.



All donations made will be given to the Trussell Trust. Many thanks to everyone who provided the lunches, and to all who came.

Many thanks also to all the people who kindly donated so many Easter Eggs and household items at the services during March. These have also been taken to the Trussell Trust foodbank in Andover. At our Family Service, each month, members of the congregation donate items requested by the Trussell Trust. The amount donated is always very generous.

There are a number and variety of events and services taking place during Holy Week, which begins on Monday 3rd April - leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please take careful note of the different places and times throughout the week. Please come and join us for some or all these events and services, you will be made very welcome. If you would like to have more details, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

The Walk of Witness which takes place on 7th April, Good Friday, starts at St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston at 10 am. Taking it in turns to carry the large wooden cross, we walk to St Andrew's Church in Collingbourne Ducis, stopping at various 'stations' on the way, to hear Bible readings reminding us of events from Jesus' passion and death. Everyone is welcome to join us including children and well-behaved dogs. Following a short service at St Andrew's Church there will be refreshments including hot cross buns.

The family Holy Communion and celebration service on Easter Sunday will be followed by the ever-popular Easter egg hunt.

The Annual Parochial Parish Council Meeting (APCM) for St Andrew's church will be taking place on Monday 17th April at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served from 7 pm. Everyone on the PCC Electoral

Roll is invited to attend. If you are on the PCC Electoral Role and would like to join the PCC, nomination forms will be available in the church.

Looking forward to later this year - two dates for your diaries: St Andrew's Church Annual Starters and Pudding Fest has been booked for Friday 9th June at 6 pm to 9 pm and the Church Fete for Saturday 2nd September; both events to be held at the Village Hall.

I should like to wish everyone in the parishes of Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh a very Happy Easter.

Remember St Andrew's Church has its own Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events – and comment on them! The links is on our webpage or alternatively enter St. Andrews Church Collingbourne Ducis in the search bar on your Facebook page.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Services in April

Sunday 2nd	Evensong at 6 pm (Palm Sunday)
Friday 7th	Walk of Witness from Kingston to Ducis 10 am start
Easter Sunday 9th	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 16th	Family Service at 11 am
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion at 11 am

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at St Mary's Church on Sunday April 23rd at 19:00. Details relating to the meeting will be affixed to inside of the North Door 14 days prior to the meeting. (Nigel Worner-Phillips (01264 850070) Churchwarden).

Services in April

Sunday 2nd	11 am Holy Communion
Friday 7th	10 am Walk of Witness from CK to CD
Sunday 9th	9 am Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	6 pm Evensong
Sunday 30th	11 am Team Service at Great Bedwyn

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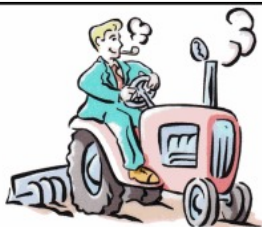
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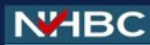


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