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COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Knowlson (01264 850812), Chairman, writes:



I hope that you are all managing to keep well and are keeping up to date with the latest rules with regards to COVID-19. At the time of writing Wiltshire falls into medium category of the new tiered system of local restrictions which is the lowest level. This means current restrictions will stay the same. Please help to keep the rate of transmission low by continuing to:

Follow the Hands, Face, Space guidance: wash your hands often and thoroughly, wear a face mask in enclosed spaces, and keep two metres apart or one metre+ with a face covering or other protection. Follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors

Self-isolate if:

- You develop symptoms
- You have tested positive for COVID-19
- Someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- You're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app. It is now a legal requirement to do so
- You arrive in the UK from a country with a high COVID-19 risk

To keep up to date with any official news around COVID-19, you can visit these website links:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

COLLINGBOURNES CHUTE & EVERLEIGH LINK GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Currently, due to the Covid-19 emergency, Link cannot continue its normal service, which often means driving clients to hospitals or doctors' surgeries, opticians or shopping venues. Elsewhere in The Courier there are details of kind volunteers who have offered to collect food/prescriptions, or to help in other ways. Thank you to you all.

The Link Scheme would like to reassure all residents of our villages that we will be operating as normal as soon as this coronavirus has passed.

Later, we would welcome help from any of these wonderful volunteers who have stepped forward to help their neighbours through this difficult period by keeping an eye on vulnerable neighbours, collecting shopping or prescriptions, and being the best of good citizens. When this is all over, Link will be able to continue offering help to those who need it, and we would welcome any of these generous volunteers who would like to join our Volunteer Team.

In the meantime, we wish all our clients and volunteers good health, safe isolating, and a virus-free summer.

For more information call our Link number 01264-850807 or 01264-850298.

Councillor Resignation – Sadly we received a resignation notice from Cllr Paul Hartley this month. Paul works for the Army and has been posted away for a few months and as a result would not be able to continue in his capacity as a councillor. Paul has been a very proactive member of the council and will be missed. On behalf of the Parish Council I'd like to thank Paul for his work, but hopefully this will be just a brief absence as he has indicated his desire to return to the Parish Council upon his return.

Footpath CD FP29 – As mentioned last month, the Parish Council are looking into the state of the footpath alongside the River Bourne on the high street with the intention of having a new path laid throughout the full length. To assist with the funding of this project the Parish Council has written a letter to some of the large companies such as Home Bargains that regularly use the A338 through the village for some funding towards it. As you know the other side of the road has some very narrow sections of pavement which does bring a risk to pedestrians with the large HGVs passing just a couple of feet away, so I'm hoping that these companies may take note of our plight and make a kind contribution – we shall see! We will also be approaching Wiltshire Councils CATG group that can offer funding to Parish Councils for certain highways projects.

Village Gate – A338 – Following agreement from the CATG committee they have agreed to pay for three quarters of the cost to install village gates with new 30 mph signs as you come into the village on the A338 from Collingbourne Kingston. These gates are due to be installed by Wiltshire County Council contractors this side of Christmas.

Vacancies – I'm pleased to report we have two further people from the village that have shown an interest in joining the Parish Council,

hopefully I will be able to introduce them to you if they decide to join in next month's edition of the Courier. If you would like to get involved, 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 in making a difference in the community. Please contact our Parish Clerk for more details, Phil Gill by email:

parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

The Parish Council meeting on Monday 26th October was again held via Zoom due to the recent increased restrictions put in place due to COVID-19. It is likely that the next meeting will also be held via Zoom, full details of this will be published on the Parish Council website. Please contact the Parish Clerk for meeting access details should you wish to attend.

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:

COVID-19 continues to dominate the headlines, with the situation constantly evolving over the past six months. Village

Area Co-ordinators remain in place and alert to the needs of parishioners as required in the face of an uncertain future. Key COVID-19 information is posted on the village web site at

www.everleigh.org



Everleigh will be joining with Collingbourne Ducis for a Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November. The Service will be held outside St Andrew's Church by the War Memorial, assembling from 10.30 am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Regrettably, our village Christmas Carol Service scheduled for Saturday 5th December has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, namely:

- No singing permitted.
- Social distancing will limit numbers permitted to attend.
- The requirement for face masks to be worn will impact on delivery of the Service, particularly for lesson readers.

All ten of Wilts Council Household Recycle Centres (HRCs) continue to be accessible through an online booking system in order to limit numbers on site to enable social distancing. Details are at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres> Bookings may be made up to seven days in advance and two visits per month are permitted. Opening times from 1st November are as follows:

Amesbury and Marlborough: 10 am - 4 pm; Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun. Closed Tue and Wed.

Devizes: 10 am - 4 pm; Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun.; Closed Thu and Fri.

Residents may be asked for proof of address, e.g. driving licence, council tax bill.

A new version of the My Wilts App is now available for mobile devices. It is the Wiltshire Council's general reporting App which enables you to simply, quickly and easily book and report Wiltshire Services. It fulfils many of the same functions as the web site but it allows you to do so easily when you are out and about. For example, you can report potholes, problems with public rights of way, flooding, problems with road drains or manholes and many other issues.

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

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting is provisionally planned for Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7 pm. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom, due to the COVID-19 situation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Instructions for joining this meeting will be available from the Parish Council clerk, Mr Phil Gill, at **philip.gill101@ntworld.com**

SPTA

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

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

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

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

COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dan Crossman, Headteacher, and Woody, School Dog write:

After months of life feeling just a little bit strange, it's nice to say just how 'normal' school feels!



The measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe are working really well and we've been able to get on with the job of 'learning'. That's what we're here for!

It's been great to see Mrs Stevens hard at work in the area. The children have loved cooking sausages, toasting marshmallows, cutting willow and whittling their own tools. In time we will be looking to further develop the alongside our wildlife area so that our school has a really exceptional resource for our children to enjoy.

Following on from our recent IT upgrade we are really excited to be working with 'Microsoft' and 'Insight' to develop Collingbourne School specific apps. We will be trained on how to help children, parents and the whole community write, develop and even sell apps that will benefit our school. So, look out for a 'Marvellous Maths' app coming to the Apple Store sometime soon!

We'll be sad to say good bye to Mrs Nunn at the end of this term. Francesca is moving to the Isle of Wight with her young family and we wish her well in their new adventure. As we wave goodbye to Francesca, we also welcome Sammy Wright and Ingrid Devlin as our new MDSA's. It's great to have them as part of the team.

Stay safe and we hope to see you all soon.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Alan Dobson peacefully passed away on October 5th 2020 aged 69.

Dearly loved husband of Angie. Much loved father of Sally, Pauline and Susan a truly loved and amazing grandad to Luke and Ellen.

Any donations for the memorial bench to Dianne Mackinder, Mackinder Funeral Directors, Wagon Yard, London Road, Marlborough SN8 1LH

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tish Leigh writes:

As you will realise, St. Andrew's Church has been closed for worship since March and has been unable to do any fundraising due to COVID-19. Our Parish Church has stood on its current site since at least 1170, so has been a constant and important part of our village for 850 years. Support from our visitors and regular donors help us to care for St. Andrew's and keep us open as a living, working church. It costs over £23,500 a year to maintain St. Andrew's. We are independent and receive no funding from the Church of England, the Government or Salisbury Diocese. We have very little money in the way of reserves so our financial situation is serious. We are now beginning to hold a few limited services but our long term future is uncertain.

Our village church needs your help! We are holding a Christmas Raffle, hoping to raise much needed funds. Tickets cost £1 each, £5 for a book! Fabulous prizes include: Gardener's Turkey and Ham plus home-made Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings. The draw will take place on Sunday 6th December 2020. If you would like to buy tickets please contact Joy Siggers on **01264 850248**

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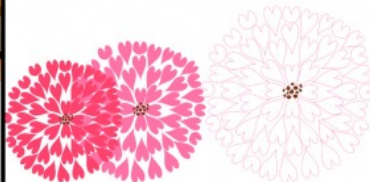


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WILTSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE IS BACK!

Peter Waterman (07384235642) writes:

The Wiltshire Mobile Library service has now resumed (from week beginning 19 Oct). Peter Waterman from Wiltshire Libraries got in touch to say:

“We're very pleased to be back on the road! We're operating with the following Public Health measures in place to keep us all safe:

- Only one customer is allowed on the mobile library at a time.
- Please limit browsing to five minutes if other customers are waiting.
- Face coverings are mandatory for staff and customers, unless exempt due to a medical condition.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entering the mobile library.
- You will be asked to provide your contact details as part of the COVID-19 test and trace system. Details will be handled in accordance with GDPR laws.

Some minor alterations to the mobile library timetables such as adjustments to the arrival/departure times at some stops may be necessary to accommodate new procedures. The mobile library timetables are available on our website at <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/> (Although please note the mobile library does not operate on public holidays – whatever the computer says!) Our mobile libraries are free to use by anyone with a Wiltshire Library card, and there are no fines on books borrowed (and returned!) on a mobile library. If you see the mobile library parked up why not come on board and see what we've got to offer?!”

1ST COLLINGBOURNE AIR SCOUTS AND 1ST COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON BROWNIES

Natalie, Group Scout Leader and Brown Owl

Halloween Quiz



When is Halloween celebrated?

- December 25th
- February 14th
- October 31st

What colours are associated with Halloween?

- Red and green
- Orange and black
- Green and blue

What do people traditionally 'bob' for at Halloween parties?

- Pumpkins
- Oranges
- Apples

How many bones in the human skeleton?

- About 50
- About 200
- About 1000

Who can walk through the walls?

- Witches
- Goblins
- Ghosts

In Britain, if a black cat crosses your path, it is considered:

- Good luck
- Bad luck
- A sign of bad weather to come

What do people wear around the neck to keep vampires away?

- Garlic
- Onion
- Pepper

What vegetable do people use for jack-o-lantern?

- Watermelon
- Turnip
- Pumpkin

What does a witch use for transport?

- A hat
- A broomstick
- A motorbike

Who is the author of "Frankenstein"?

- Edgar Allan Poe
- Mary Shelley
- Stephen King

Which country celebrates the Day of the Dead instead of Halloween?

- France
- Greece
- Mexico



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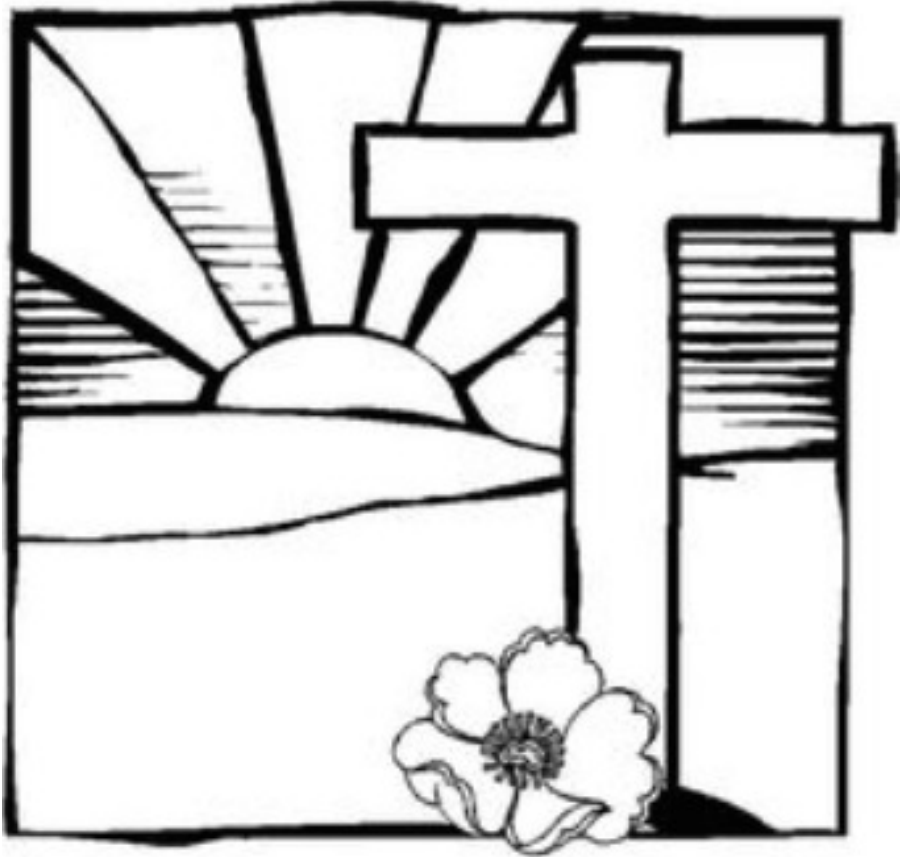
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Ruby writes:

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These two gorgeous cats are Ruby and Tigga. Ruby is about 7 years old and her son Tigga is 6 years old. They are a bonded pair so would like to be homed together.

They are both very friendly so would settle well into a family home.



It's the time of year when we all start planning for Christmas. We have a selection of cat themed Christmas cards for sale, all proceeds from sales go directly to helping the cats in our care. Please call or email to order and help support us at this busy time of year.

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To view all cats currently up for adoption visit andover.cats.org.uk

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes

We should have enjoyed the company of Ray Broughton, who was a lecturer at Sparsholt College for many years, at our October meeting but we have had to postpone his visit until next year.



The November meeting and the Christmas Party have also been cancelled but the committee have already confirmed several speakers and one visit for next year, so please be assured that we will be ready to resume as soon as restrictions allow.

If the Gardening Club can help you in any way, or you want further information, please call our chairman, Caroline Bouwens (01264 850250) or me (01264 850319)

PROSPECT HOSPICE

Amy Francombe writes:

Have your donation doubled for Prospect Hospice this Christmas



Prospect Hospice is excited to announce that it has been selected to take part in The Big Give's Christmas Challenge 2020, the UK's largest match funding campaign.

This campaign gives you the chance to have your donation to your local hospice doubled this Christmas.

The hospice launched an appeal earlier this year to bridge the £2million gap in income that the charity expects as a result of COVID-19. While Prospect Hospice has had a brilliant response to this appeal, raising over £1million already, the local charity still has nearly half of the money to raise. The Big Give's Christmas Challenge is an excellent and easy way to help toward this.

For more information visit www.prospect-hospicce.net/thebiggive or call 01793 813355 to donate.

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Prospect Hospice is once again planning its annual Christmas gift wrapping service for December 2020.

The gift wrapping, which has been kindly sponsored for a second year by Marlborough based business, Soft Options, is entirely manned by volunteers and will take place at the Brunel Shopping Centre in Swindon.

For dates, times and more information, visit Prospect hospice's website and search for 'Christmas gift wrapping'. Alternatively, email fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net

Remembrance Service

Prospect Hospice's annual remembrance service, Light up a Life, is a time in the calendar that many in our local community look forward to. It is a time for us to collectively reflect on the year and think about those people who are no longer with us. For us to come together as a community and share the joy of their memory – and, importantly, to support each other as we mourn their loss.

On Sunday 6th December, Prospect Hospice will be holding their first ever virtual Light up a Life service, so everyone in our community can watch through smart TVs, tablets, PCs or smart phones. The event is open to everyone as we share a ceremony of favourite readings and Christmas carols at this special time of year. The highlight of the event, as always, will be the switching on of the

tree lights – each light shining brightly in memory of someone special.

To find out more about the service this year, sign up and see how your support at this time of year helps Prospect Hospice care for those in our community, visit

www.prospect-hospice.net/lightupalife

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector writes:

Dear Reader,



I've tried to be clever and used 'Now is the winter of our discontent' as a starting point.

After a grim year, the winter is promising to be grimmer. Yet the whole of nature has been so phenomenally beautiful!

Recently, my mind has gone back to that person who saved my life when I was having a seizure. I looked back at my own words in April recalling that story.

At a time that leaves some of our communities sick, some isolated and others penniless, there is no better parable than that of the Good Samaritan. We need to be aware of the temptation to 'walk by' someone from fear. Somebody saved my life once when I was fitting in the street. Everyone else assumed I was a drug addict or an alcoholic. He got an ambulance.

Today, as I write, Wales has gone into lockdown for two weeks. A 'firebreak.' Some have been suffering so long now that they ask the question, 'What sort of life is this?' Friends who have not felt the embrace of a loved one for half a year or more.

Many of us have 'Coronavirus fatigue.' This is the point when our resilience becomes tested. This is the point at which we become

heroes. When we do the exceptional because it is the thing to do. Heroes are ordinary people who make extraordinary sacrifices.

As we come into the winter now, I urge you to be the hero. Be generous, giving of what you have and possibly more than what is comfortable. Be prudent in your care of others, observing guidelines, not because you agree or disagree, but because the risk of harming another person by negligence is too awful to contemplate.

Maybe the long-awaited vaccine will materialise, and all will be well, and all manner of things will be well. But maybe not. In which case we need to continue to be good Samaritans, as we have before.

Keep safe and look after those around you,

Every blessing, *Michael*

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE

Tish Leigh, Churchwarden, (01264 850867) writes:

Our local countryside is certainly looking glorious in all its rich autumn colours at the moment; the hedgerows are full of blackberries and bright hips and the blackthorns are blue with sloes. Nature continues its annual cycle despite whatever else is happening in the world.



The church too is trying to continue its annual cycle, as well as it can, with the current restrictions. This month sees the annual service of Remembrance, when we remember those from the

parishes of the Collingbournes and Everleigh who fell in battle. This year, a short service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.55 am. We will not be going into the church. Kiri Macdonald- Jones (Sheppard) will be playing the Reveille and the Last Post. Everyone will be asked to stand socially- distanced, with just those who are from the same household standing together. Although we will be outside, we are requesting that all adults wear face coverings.

On Sunday 1st November, there will be a said service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am Hopefully, COVID restrictions allowing, we will be able to hold this service on the first Sunday of every month.

Although we are now having one monthly service at St. Andrew's; the people of the church still remain very much in contact, worshipping and praying together. Every Sunday at 11 am, approximately forty people continue to join an online service via Zoom, which is led by Savernake team rector, Rev. Michael McHugh and Rev Jo Reid. If you would like to join future online services, enter www.zoom.us/join into the address bar of your computer.

Meeting ID: 826 6887 4600

Password: 021821

As reported in last month's Courier, St. Andrew's will be open every Wednesday from 10 am until 4 pm should you wish to sit and pray quietly. Please use hand gel as you enter and leave the church and wear a face-covering, while inside the church, for everyone's safety.

On Sunday 29th November, our 11 am Zoom service will be an Advent Carol Service. However, it is with great regret that I have to give advance notice that our normal Christmas services will not be taking place this year, as everyone's health is of paramount importance.

There will be extra services of Holy Communion in church during December and a service with carols via Zoom on Christmas Day.

Please look on the church notice board and on St. Andrew's Facebook page for any updates on the situation regarding services, which may be subject to change at short notice.

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

ST MARY'S, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

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

Our next service will be a Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November at 10:45. Unlike previous years we are unable to congregate inside of the church, so the whole service will take place at the War Memorial due to COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, each village will be organizing their own service to limit the congregation numbers and reduce any possibility of cross infection. A Holy Communion Service will take place on Sunday 22nd November at 9 am and welcome anyone who has been missing a regular service during this difficult period. However, if you wish to attend an online service, please refer to the web page savernaketeam.org.uk and under the menu go to News and Events to find the online Zoom services held each Sunday. The PCC hopes that everyone will remain safe and well during these difficult times.



Addresses for the village websites:

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

ST ANDREW'S, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Services for November 2020

Sunday 1st November

Holy Communion at 9.30 am

Sunday 8th November

Service of Remembrance at 10.55 am at
the War Memorial

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www.zoom.us/join into the address bar of your computer.

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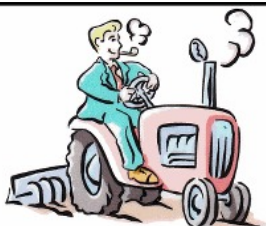


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