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## COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Richard Semple, Chairman, writes:*



Collingbourne Kingston  
Parish Council

I am delighted that the Courier is once again in publication, providing this key communication channel for the community. A lot has happened since we were last in print, as we have lived with the challenges and restrictions imposed by the ongoing Covid pandemic. I am sure that you, like me, are pleased to see degrees of normality returning, with hospitalisation rates now somewhat delinked from infection rates, and I am pleased to report that the Parish Council has been able to return to meeting face-to-face.

Your Council has four members in addition to me: Kim Lydon-Strutt, Steve Latham, Nigel Braybrook and Tim Keighley, and we have actively continued to look after your interests, very ably supported by our Parish Clerk, Philip Palmer. Minutes of our meeting are published on the parish website and on the noticeboards in the three hamlets. We continue to have vacancies and would be delighted to welcome new members, so if you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Philip at: **[clerk@collingbournekingston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@collingbournekingston.org.uk)**.

Philip has also been instrumental in delivering some improvements around the village, funded by the Parish Council. Our playground, next to the Village Hall, has been refurbished, replacing broken equipment and the cleaning of safety matting. We have also installed a new defibrillator in Brunton, and are keen to identify a suitable location, with ready access to an electricity supply, for one in Aughton.

Concerns over traffic on the A338 have not abated and there have been a number of accidents over the past few months. We continue to seek road safety improvements through Wiltshire Council and the Police. My thanks go to Tim Keighley and his very committed band of

volunteers that form the Community Speed Watch Team. They certainly have a deterrent effect on speeding vehicles and we have now installed an 'auto-speed watch' device to reinforce the efforts of the Team. Tim is always keen to garner additional volunteers so, if you can spare a couple of hours per month to help with this worthwhile activity, please get in touch with him at:

**timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7 pm on the 9th November 2021 in the Ruth Fisher Room.

### **THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH**

*Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:*

We have made further progress on our Everleigh Enhancement project, as outlined in the July edition of our View



from Everleigh article. More work has been done to cultivate the flower bed in Everleigh Centre, which is opposite the park bench; planting is due to take place early in the Autumn. A new park bench has also been ordered, to be sited by the rear gate of the village playground with views of Sidbury Hill and Baden's Clump.

Team Everleigh enjoyed taking part in the village games at the St. Andrew's Church Fete on Saturday 4th September. The event was well organised and was a great way to develop community spirit with our neighbours from Kingston and Ducis. Congratulations to Ducis for their victory and very many thanks to Tish Leigh for synchronising activities with such enthusiasm and aplomb.

The Everleigh Harvest Festival Service will take place on Saturday 9th October at 3 pm at St Peter's Church. The Service will be conducted in accordance with current government Covid-19



guidelines. All are welcome. Harvest gifts will be gratefully received and donated to the Trussel Trust food bank.

A village litter pick will take place on Saturday 23rd October, meeting up at The Crown bus shelter at 11am and finishing by 12.30 pm. After issuing the equipment, we will split into several groups to clean up the verges of all arterial roads approaching and running through the village. Please come and help keep your village clean!



The Everleigh Christmas Carol Service is scheduled for Saturday 11th December at 5 pm at St. Peter's Church, subject to the Covid situation, and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Covid-19 continues to feature prominently in the headlines, with the situation constantly under review. Village Area Co-ordinators remain in place and alert to the needs of parishioners.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th October at 7 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The minutes of our last meeting are available on village noticeboards and the Everleigh web site at [www.everleigh.org](http://www.everleigh.org)

#### **VOLUNTEER DELIVERER FOR COURIER**

*Caroline Bouwens (01264 850250) writes:*

Collingbourne Kingston needs a new

volunteer to deliver sixteen copies of the Courier. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Bouwens, 01264

**850250, [Caroline.bouwens@gmail.com](mailto:Caroline.bouwens@gmail.com)**



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## COLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL REPORT

*Headteacher Dan Crossman and Woody the School Dog write:*

It's been a successful start to the year for everyone at Collingbourne Primary School. Our new children in Fox Class have settled in brilliantly and have made a wonderful start to their time at primary school. Our school dog, 'Woody' seems to have been quite a hit with all of them.



Outside in the Forest School area we have built a very impressive new shelter, which will ensure our children can continue to learn outside, no matter the weather. Already this week, I've seen children harvesting potatoes, parsnips and carrots, and using them to make crisps over the fire!

With the lifting of many Covid restrictions, it's been lovely to get back to activities such as choral singing and assemblies! Let's hope the days of remote learning and lockdowns are finally behind us.

Later on this term, Mrs Stevens will make her way to London to compete in the final of 'National Teacher of the Year'... fingers crossed Jill! This, I'm sure, will be just one of the many brilliant events we have to look forward to as summer turns to autumn.

Dan Crossman

Woody

Headteacher

School Dog



## **BURBAGE & DISTRICT VIDEO & CAMERA CLUB (BDVCC)**

The next session will be held on Thursday, 21st October starting at 7.30 pm at the Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage. Please contact Sonny on **01672 811933** or Mike on **01672 810574** for more details.

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**OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807**

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

## THEFILMPLACE - YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

*Jim Plenderleith (01264 852734) writes:*

It is with great pleasure, and not a little relief, we can announce the reopening of



THEFILMPLACE in November 2021 – a full 18 months since our last show. The evening will follow our normal format with an emphasis on providing a convivial evening for our local community as well as an enjoyable film to watch. Any relevant Covid-19 protocols will be observed.

Showing at THEFILMPLACE on Friday 19th November 2021 is **DREAM HORSE** starring Damian Lewis, Toni Colette and Owen Teale. Dream Horse is the true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by small-town bartender Jan Vokes. With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in from their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites. Their investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks and becomes a beacon of hope for their struggling community.

This movie gets a real gallop on, due to the sheer warmth of its performances. Collette, that perennially excellent actor who utterly inhabits every part, gives us a wonderfully approachable Jan: shy, yet tough and determined. Lewis is robust and yet very sympathetic as the rakish Howard who has come very close in the past to losing his shirt to the sport of kings. It is a treat to see Joanna Page as Howard's wife Angela, and a cameo for Siân Phillips as Maureen, a local woman with a passion for Tunnocks Tea Cakes.

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 your monthly film show. Please keep giving us your feedback, personally or by email to the following: [thefilmplacecd@gmail.com](mailto:thefilmplacecd@gmail.com)

### LINK IS BACK

*Robert East (01264 850449) writes:*

If you need a lift to medical appointments, to the dentist, to the opticians or to do your shopping, telephone LINK on **01264 850807** and leave a message for one of the LINK coordinators and we will try and arrange transport for you. Please give about 48 hours notice.



### COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

*Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:*

During the summer the club enjoyed an evening outing to Wudston, Devizes, to walk around an amazing formal garden, a perennial meadow and an orchard.

We held our annual Gardeners' Lunch in our chairman's garden – thank you very much Caroline and Carel – it was so good to meet up again and enjoy a sociable occasion. We resumed our evening meetings in September – a report of which will be included in the next Courier.



The next meeting is on Thursday, 28th October, when we shall welcome back Ray Broughton who, until his retirement, was a lecturer at Sparsholt College.

Ray's subject is Putting the Plants to Bed for Winter and with his vast knowledge, practical hints and anecdotes it promises to be an entertaining evening.

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**Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101**



The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Kingston Village Hall and there will be home-made cakes, tea and coffee and a chance to chat afterwards.

New members are always welcome but if you just want an evening out, please come along. If you would like any further information, please call our chairman, Caroline Bouwens (01264 850250) or me (01264 850319).

### 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 marks the end of another season for the club. Unfortunately, despite its best efforts, the Saturday XI finished towards the bottom of the league table and the team looks likely to spend next summer in a lower division.

Our ladies' section – Collingbourne Sapphires – competed in a number of festivals again this year and also hosted their own tournament in September with seven clubs from across Wiltshire attending. The festival on Sunday made up part of the club's charity weekend, which helped raise an amazing £3,200 pounds for Against Breast Cancer and the Herefordshire Breast Cancer Support Group. On the Saturday, the club hosted T20 matches for our senior side, development team as well as the Sapphires.

The annual family Smash & Bash also took place, giving the opportunity for the kids to get one over on their parents! And it wasn't just cricket... two marquees with an all-day bar and barbecue acted as the hub of non-cricketing activities, decorated with pink balloons and sparkly lights as part of Against Breast Cancer's 'Pink Weekend'. Players, members and villagers turned up to join in with



the festivities, which also included children's games and live music. The club would like to thank everyone who attended and donated so generously.

The club's youth section had yet another fruitful season with our u11 and u13 sides winning a good number of games. As usual, it held its annual youth presentation evening in September to recognise the club's most talented and determined young cricketers, and this year being no different with no less than eleven players picking up individual awards.

The evening also marked the end of an era as youth team coach Owen Sheppard announced his stepping down from the role after ten year's hard work. The club would like to thank him for his immeasurable efforts over the past decade, but would also like to assure everyone that the club will still continue to offer youth cricket in 2022!

Looking ahead... over the winter the club plans to run a number of indoor training sessions for all teams, and also take part in an indoor league entering a senior side as well as a development side for our older teenagers.

If anyone would like to learn more about these, or get involved with the club then please visit [www.collingbourncricketclub.co.uk](http://www.collingbourncricketclub.co.uk), find us on Facebook, or email [info@collingbourncricketclub.co.uk](mailto:info@collingbourncricketclub.co.uk)

Finally, the club would like to thank the volunteers that help run the The Courier, and we're glad to see it back! It's a valuable asset to the community and allows us to share our latest news with everyone in the villages.

## 1ST COLLINGBOURNE BROWNIES

*Natalie Williams writes:*

We are delighted to announce that 1st Collingbourne Kingston Brownies are back to meeting up face to face again after COVID lockdown.



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. Girls can join Brownies from the age of seven until they are ten, when they can go on to Guides if they wish.

The Brownie Promise ... I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community, to help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide Law.

The Brownie Guide Law ... A Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself and does a good turn every day.

Is your daughter looking at a new challenge or would like to try something new and learn new skills?

Why not get in touch with Brown Owl who will be able to give you details or come along on a meeting night and visit us.

Contact Brown Owl, Natalie Williams on Mobile **07976102650/ 01264 850566** or

Email **Collingbourne7@yahoo.com**

## SPTA

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

**[www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter)**

## THINGS I HAVE FOUND IN THE GARDEN

*Digger (allotment number provided)*

This is not about clay pipes. Not this month, anyway.

It seems to me that whatever object I unearth when digging in the garden, there is always something of interest to be learned about it if you dig further in books, the dictionary and Google.

I found a glass marble a while back; one with a coloured swirl in the middle, sometimes known as a catseye. And here we go. Marbles, among many other names, are sometimes termed alleys (from alabaster), aggies (from agate) or taws (origin unknown, but Samuel 'The Dictionary' Johnson references Jonathan 'Gulliver's Travels' Swift as his source for the word ). Marbles were probably first made from clay and these have been found in the tombs of Egyptian kings and in Aztec ruins. Later a clay marble was called a crock. Before glass became widely available marbles were ground from marble, like alabaster, and agate and hence were quite prized.

The ancientness of the game is shown by Atheneus describing a game of marbles played by the suitors of Penelope, the outcome of which decided who would become the bridegroom. And I wouldn't be surprised if Penelope kicked quite a bit about the whole procedure.

Ovid wrote a poem titled *Nux* (nuts to you, and me) which mentions that the game we know as marbles was once played with walnuts. Hence the Latin expression 'relinquere nuces' (let go of your nuts) meaning to put away childish things.

We have some other interesting literary references. In Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* we read of 'A fellow, sir, that I have known to go about with troll-my-dames'. A game originally called *troule-en-madame* in France was played by Queen Elizabeth the first with her favourites (almost certainly Drake, who is famous for his ability to roll

a ball along the ground). In this game a marble was rolled into holes between the feet of a row of ladies in hooped skirts painted on a board. I think we need go no further than note that the French word *troule* and the English word *trollop* come from the same source.

In Twelfth Night Sir Toby Belch says 'What man! Tis not for gravity to play at cherry-pit with Satan'. Of course this is as easily understandable as so much of Shakespeare, but it does help a little if one knows that cherry-pit (originally played with cherry stones) is a game in which players try to knock other marbles into a hole without losing their own marble in the same hole.

Some interesting facts concerning marbles.

In Saint Galla Village, Northern Ireland, a statute from the Middle Ages authorises, quite reasonably, the use of the cat-o-nine-tails on boys 'who play at marbles under the fish stand and refuse to be warned off'.

Archeologists found marbles (but no whips) on the site of Martin Luther's home.

The British and World Marbles Championship has been held at Tinsley Green, West Sussex, every year since 1932. That year was winner was Ellen Geary, a young London girl, which is rather pleasing.

However, the most interesting reference to marbles I ever saw was in a rather strange place. Harry's Nitery was a nightclub, of sorts, which stood from I don't know when until the late 1970s on Bay Street (Bridgetown, Barbados) a mere marble's pitch from Constitution Bay where HM's big ships (Ark Royal and Hermes amongst others) used to anchor, which was handy because our jolly Jack Tars had a great fondness for Harry's Nitery, sometimes queueing for hours to get in.

What made Harry's stand out was the fact that the entire front of the building was covered in gaily painted messages of encouragement to enter. The one I have never forgotten was 'Come play hiddy-biddy with us, down taw no brush'

On the island 'down taw no brush' was something you could suddenly say to your opponent, in a game of marbles, meaning the marble had to be pitched with your hand on the ground and that you were not allowed to brush away any little obstructions between your marble and the target. So they obviously played marbles in Harry's Nitery, which seems odd, but it is a strange world.

As for hiddy-biddy, in Bajan dialect of the time a hiddy was a young male sheep and a biddy was a hen and I do not know what this has to do with playing marbles.

I must end here as I seem to have lost my marbles.

## **CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE**

*Kath Brice, PR& Communications Officer, Carer Support Wiltshire (01380 819606), writes:*



It's been 15 months since the doors were forced to close our Carer Support Wiltshire's face-to-face carer cafes and support groups. The charity is now delighted to be able to welcome back carers for a cuppa, slice of cake and a chat at venues across Wiltshire.

Carer Support Wiltshire runs the cafes to give those people who care for someone the opportunity to meet with others who are in a similar situation to their own. Being a carer can be an isolating experience and carers may spend a lot of time at home if the person they care for has a disability or illness that makes it difficult for them to go out.

You must book your place in advance as numbers will be restricted to give everyone the space they require. Call **0800 181 4118** to book, or email **admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk**.

You can view all events taking place over the summer on the Carer Support Wiltshire website. Online catch-ups are continuing for those who prefer to continue meeting up online and details can be found on the website. There is also a cafe especially for parent carers to meet together.

Evergreen Court Café, Amesbury – 1st Wednesday of the month,  
10.30 am – 12 pm

The Weaving Shed, Bradford-on-Avon – 4th Thursday of the month,  
10.30 am – 12 pm

Lansdowne Strand Hotel, Calne – 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
10.30 am – 12 pm

Angel Hotel, Chippenham – 3rd Monday of month, 10.30 am – 12 pm

Methuen Arms, Corsham – 3rd Thursday of month, 10.30 am – 12 pm

Bear Hotel, Devizes – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.30 am – 12 pm

The Queens Head, Ludgershall – 1st Tuesday of month, 3 - 4.30 pm

Angel Tea Rooms, Mere – 3rd Monday of the month, 2.30 - 4 pm

Parent carers café – 3rd Wednesday of the month, phone for venues/times

Red Lion Hotel, Salisbury – 3rd Monday of month, 10.30 am – 12 pm

Beaton Café. Tisbury – 4th Tuesday of the month, 10.30 am – 12 pm

Palmer Gardens, Trowbridge – 3rd Wednesday of month, 2 - 3.30 pm

Crockerton Garden Centre, Warminster – 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
2 - 3.30 pm.

## DO 100K YOUR WAY AND SUPPORT PROSPECT HOSPICE

*Jill Crooks, Prospect Hospice, writes:*

Whether you are a regular rambler, a seasoned swimmer, or even a reluctant runner, Prospect Hospice has a challenge for you.



Set yourself a 100 kilometre target and either run, walk, swim or cycle – the choice is yours.

You can do the challenge at a pace that suits you, over a few days or a few weeks, and in the location of your choice.

Get the whole family involved and you could clock up the kilometres on the daily school run, in your lunch break or even walking your dog. If you're used to running longer distances, why not complete park runs or half marathons?

You don't have to do the challenge outdoors. Perhaps you prefer the exercise bike or treadmill at the gym or at home - it's up to you.

You will have until 31st October 2021 to complete the distance. All we ask is that you raise funds to enable the hospice to continue caring for patients who are terminally ill and support their families.

When you complete the challenge, you will receive a medal and certificate for your fantastic achievement. If you can raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship, we'll also reward you with a Team Prospect T-shirt.

Registration is £10 per adult and £5 per child or dog.

To register visit the website at <https://www.prospect-hospice.net/fundraising-support-us/challenges/100k-your-way/>

or email [fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net) or call **01793 813355**.



## HARRY CALLS FOR A BOOST IN HIS RACE AROUND THE MOON

*Laura Shack, Communications Officer (07850 928133), Julia's House writes:*

A stellar seven-year-old is on a quest to race around the moon to show his love for his seriously ill little brother. And he's calling on the people of Wiltshire and beyond to help him.



Harry Byrne, from Larkhill, captured hearts earlier this year when he took on a fifty mile hike for **Julia's House** children's hospice in Wiltshire and **Naomi House** and **Jacksplace** in Hampshire, who care for his brother Reuben.

Now that lockdown restrictions have eased, Harry has decided to venture much further with his fundraising – he's got his sights set on space. With help from his family, friends and other fellow 'moon trekkers', Harry hopes to complete the 6786-mile distance around the moon in just three months.

As well as leading three fancy dress walks past Stonehenge on the full moon days of 22nd August, 21st September and 20th October, the St Michael's C of E Primary School pupil plans to clock up the miles by climbing mountains, running with his football friends and lots more.

Harry hopes his challenge will raise £4,000 for Julia's House children's hospice and Naomi House & Jacksplace, to help provide vital care for seriously ill children like his brother.

We're beyond proud of Harry," says Mum Sophie. "He has such a special bond with Reuben. He'll put his arms out wide and tell him, "I love you around the moon and back," and Reuben will always give Harry his biggest smiles.

Two-year-old Reuben was born with a condition that causes his brain to deteriorate – it's so rare it doesn't have a name yet, and there are

fewer than twenty recorded cases worldwide. Sadly, the boys' older sister Olivia died from the same condition when she was just eight months old. Because doctors are still learning about the condition, the family were told that 'lightning wouldn't strike twice'.

Harry's 'A race around the moon' challenge started Saturday 31st July and will last for three months. Already, the youngster has gained support from more than 300 people who have joined his Facebook group, with many pledging miles and donations for the local children's hospices. Nicky Clack, Fundraising Administrator for Julia's House, says, "We'd like to say a huge thank you to Harry for racing around the moon, and bon voyage on his cosmic adventure!"

Find out more about Harry's challenge show your support at his **Virgin Giving** page.

Find out more about Julia's House children's hospice at **[www.juliashouse.org](http://www.juliashouse.org)**

### **SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER**

*Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:*

Dear Reader,

A few months ago, a parishioner gave me a list of 'helpful suggestions.' The list contained a number of very good ideas. It spoke of the need to put out a positive and hopeful message, not one that focussed on the doom and gloom that is so easy to see. I could dismiss that list on grounds that it was unrealistic for a time-challenged vicar. Stepping back, I tried to work out ways of making it happen that don't rely on me. Miraculously, answers to those suggestions have fallen at my feet. A philosophy of 'tortoise' gets a lot more done and avoids the feeling of 'busy', which is so harmful to well-being. The time spent is the same, but the reflective attitude creates a winner not constantly worn down with



high-speed collisions with people and the world. By rolling with the blows, we see the joy at our very feet. Fear, the real enemy, is dismissed. Fear of upsetting people, not reaching expectations, not finishing tasks, fear of monsters. It doesn't matter what the fear is or what it is of. Fear is negative and so can kill our spirits. I have just found a quote on Google by someone I had never heard of: "Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will." James F Byrnes.

Yesterday I buried a congenitally curious person. He did not fear death, rather he looked forward to it and he certainly was not stupid. He was always alive and always controlled his fear in situations that few of us ever have to face. The scripture reading was 'The New Heaven and The New Earth' at the beginning of the Book of Revelation. It is a piece of scripture that oozes hope. That is what he saw throughout his life, even into the hallucinations of his dementia. For a minister, funerals are a great privilege!

Returning to my first point, our spiritual purpose is to create God's Kingdom on Earth. You can give it another name (Eutopia?) if you wish, but the thing remains the same.

We are facing much in the coming months. We have proven our resilience. Now we have to prove our joy. One great tool in this is to change our language and alter the way in which we look at our world. As I suggested last month, be open (ephphatha).

I must finish as I am not busy, but I have a lot to do. Fear not and be curious!

Every Blessing, *Michael*

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**Addresses for the village websites:**

CD: [www.collingbourne-ducis.com](http://www.collingbourne-ducis.com)  
CK: [www.collingbournekingston.org.uk](http://www.collingbournekingston.org.uk)  
Everleigh: [www.everleigh.org](http://www.everleigh.org)

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

*Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:*

It is wonderful to be writing a report again for the courier after such a long break, even if it seems a little strange, but I hope and pray that this is a welcome sign of life returning to some sort of normality.



It doesn't seem possible that by the time you are reading this that it will be October and autumn will be upon us, with misty mornings and cool nights. The clocks change on 31st, it will be dark at the end of the month by 5.30 pm and not light again until 6.30 am in the morning, and come the 1st October it will only be 84 days until Christmas!

However, life in the church has been busy and productive, with a number of weddings during the summer and of course, the Church Fete on the 4th. It was our first church fete and Tri-Village-Tournament for 16 months! The Beerfest Committee very kindly ran the drinks 'tent' and donated their profit to the church funds and our thanks also go to Tesco, Tidworth for donating burger buns towards the number needed. It was wonderful to see so many people from all three villages enjoying the stalls, competitions and the raffle. Along with Durrington Brass Band, singing from the Two of Us and the dog show. Thank you to Gill McIntyre for donating the Baxter Trophy for the best dog in the show, which was won by Ruby, an English Pointer, owned by Sarah King of Manor Farm, Collingbourne Kingston.

Finally, the hotly contested Tri-Village-Tournament! The tournament cup was won this year by Collingbourne Ducis. Adorned with its blue ribbons, the cup will reside in the village school until next year! The grand total of money raised was £2,682.72 and whilst expenses

will need to be deducted, it is a much-needed boost to church funds for maintenance and repairs. Our current major project is the repair of the church clock which sadly has been silent for over a year. The cost of repair has been quoted as £5,300.

Our Harvest Festival was held on 19th September. Many thanks to Simon Gilford who made and kindly donated a superb Harvest loaf. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items of food. All the tins and packets were parcelled up and given to Andover food bank.

Our Harvest Supper will be held at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on Friday 8th October from 6 - 9 pm. as detailed on the flyer delivered by the Courier team last month.

St Peter's Church, Everleigh are holding their Harvest Festival Service on Saturday 9th October at 3 pm. St Peter's is a 'closed' church but this is one of the special services that are held during the year.

Please remember that 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 on Facebook, just search for St. Andrews Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

Lastly, most of you will be aware that the funeral of Eloise Jackson was held last month in the Church. The loss of Eloise has been, and will continue to be, deeply felt by us all and we continue to hold Laura, James and Anaiis in our prayers and thoughts at this very sad time.

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS**

*Services in October*

Sunday 3rd October	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 10th October	Holy Communion at 9 am
Sunday 17th October	Family Service at 11 am
Sunday 24th October	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 31st October	TBC

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON**

*Services in October*

Sunday 3rd October	Morning Worship at 9.30 am
Sunday 10th October	Taize Service at 6 pm
Sunday 17th October	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
Sunday 24th October	Evensong at 6 pm

*Cover Picture: Wheatsheaf loaf, courtesy of Courier Head Baker, Simon Gilford*