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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Crispin Haywood on the 25th July after a sudden illness. Crispin was a

strong family man who contributed a great deal to our local community and served on the Parish Council with distinction from 2011 to 2014. In particular, it was Crispin who secured the grant of 105 trees for planting at the avenue by the playground to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.



The focus in Everleigh remains concentrated on the Covid-19 situation. Our Area Co-ordinators and volunteers continue to provide appropriate support to residents, particularly for those who may be most vulnerable perhaps due to age and/or medical conditions. Key Covid-19 information is posted on the village web site at www.everleigh.org

The Harvest Festival service planned for Saturday 10th October at St Peter's Church has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There are now two village events scheduled for the remainder of this year. Firstly, we intend to conduct an Autumn Litter Pick on Saturday 24th October, meeting up at The Crown bus shelter at 11 am and finishing by 12.30 pm. Secondly, a Christmas Carol Service is due to take place on Saturday 5th December at 5 pm at St Peter's Church and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Scottish & Southern Electricity Network (SSEN) maintain and repair our electricity infrastructure. They can also provide support during prolonged power cuts for people who may have a disability, a chronic illness, a need to use medical equipment that requires power or be over sixty years of age. During a power cut, SSEN can

provide priority treatment, emergency power supplies (generators) and moral support. In order to qualify for these priority services, please register with SSEN by calling Freephone **0800 294 3259**

Our village playground remains closed until further notice, due to the Covid-19 threat. We will review the situation as required, particularly as any further advice is received.

Sadly, Jenny Jones has resigned from the Parish Council. She has contributed a great deal over many years, with much effort and enthusiasm. In particular, our World War One Commemoration stone was her initiative and she worked tirelessly to provide refreshments at our village bonfire nights. Jenny also contributed with constructive comments and ideas on a multitude of other Parish Council projects. She has been a valued member of the team.

There are now three 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 and fellow team members are a joy to work with. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Phil Gill, the Parish Clerk: Tel **01264 398534**; e-mail **philip.gill101@ntlworld.com**

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September 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**

The Courier is available online on the Everleigh Village Web Site at www.everleigh.org

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Knowlson (01264 850812), Chairman, writes:



As we arrive in September I find myself questioning where this year has gone. Obviously with the global Covid-19 pandemic most of us have spent the majority of the year at home, so it has been great, in more recent weeks, being able to get out and about a little more.

Although life is far from normal and may not be for some time, it is good to see that our local pubs have managed to re-open with social distancing measures in place so we can get out of our homes for a drink and bite to eat.

Speaking of normality, fingers crossed that those of us with little darlings at home will be able to send them back to school in September; the novelty of working from home and home-schooling at the same time has certainly worn off for me. My hat comes off to the teachers!

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/>

Outdoor Play areas (Pirate Ship & Outdoor Gym) - Following the MHLCG Guidance, Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council has now re-opened the Pirate Ship, Skate Board Ramps and Outdoor Gym Equipment with Covid-19 mitigation measures in place. Further details of this can be found on the Parish Council Website and on

the signage by the equipment. In support of the mitigation measures this equipment will be disinfected weekly.

Book Exchange – Following a successful grant application and receipt of £1,166 from the Tesco Community Grant Scheme I am pleased to confirm the Parish Council is on course to complete another one of its projects and have this in place for March 2021 to coincide with World Book Day. More details to follow nearer the time.

Vacancies – Unfortunately our newest member of the Parish Council has had to step down following a change in their work commitments which means we are back down to six councillors meaning that we currently have five vacancies. 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, Phil Gill, by email for more details: **parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com**

Our next meeting of the Parish Council is planned to be on Thursday 3rd September at 7 pm. Please view the Parish Council website for confirmation as to whether or not this will be held at the Village Hall or via Zoom call. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend. Please contact the Parish Clerk for meeting access details should you wish to attend.

SPTA

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

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

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stephen Matanle, Chairman, writes:



This strange summer meanders on; we get to do some of the things we like to do but are still constrained in many ways. We seem to inordinately value things that before were almost mundane like going to the pub or out for a meal. We enjoy getting jobs done that have been 'in progress' for years. Judging by the statistics, we have been very friendly with our partners, at least those that have them!

The installation of the Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) on each side of the Church is very pleasing. They are a significant part of our overall Traffic Management plan. We are continually grateful for the excellent work of the Community Speed Watch team and to the work that Baz Gardner did in helping to select and procure the SID's.

We are also very grateful to Fran Dickenson for the work she (and her family!) have done in repairing the benches along the various footways in the Parish. This was very much her initiative and the results are spectacular. Thank you very much.

We have been making progress with Wiltshire Council and with local landowners in addressing the state of the footpaths in the Parish. This has been complicated by the Government's drive to get all footpaths properly designated which is resulting in some debates as to how, in fact, they should be designated, i.e. footpath or restricted byway etc. We are very much involved with this and whilst we do want the footpaths to be open and safe, we want to

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

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

achieve this goal working in conjunction with landowners and Wiltshire Council.

We will be conducting periodic maintenance days on the footpaths and would really appreciate some more help from the community. The more help we can get, the more effective we will be. Please watch out for future announcements on this and please come along.

We are sad to have said goodbye to Guy Anderson who has resigned from the Parish Council due to pressure of work. We very much appreciate all that he has done for the Parish Council, both as a councillor and more recently as the Vice Chair. We wish him all the very best for the future.

As a result of this, we now have a vacancy in the PC. If you are interested in joining, please call or email me on **stephenmatanle@yahoo.com** or **07771765420**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 8th September 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Ruth Fisher Room.

COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dan Crossman, Headteacher writes:

Over the summer holidays Collingbourne School has taken the opportunity to upgrade some of our facilities to ensure we offer the very best learning environment for our children. We have installed new tinted windows in 'Kingfisher Classroom'. This will help ensure that the children (and teachers!) stay cool in the summer and avoid the glare of the sun. We've also installed new netball posts that slot into the ground- hopefully they'll help us keep our crown as the area champions!



In bigger developments, our IT upgrade has continued. The children and staff now have brand-new laptops that can really make the most of our new super-fast wi-fi. We will even be able to access wi-fi in our new Forest School area! Our staff also received Microsoft training on 'Teams' so, if we ever have to 'Lockdown' again, we will be able to move seamlessly to online lessons.

We welcome our new assistant Headteacher to Collingbourne this term. Mrs O' Shea has moved to the area from Yorkshire specifically for this role and I'm truly pleased to have gained such an experienced and skilled teacher. Mrs O' Shea isn't our only new member of staff though... We are also being joined by Woody, our new school dog!

This promises to be a really exciting year for the school, continuing to build on the successes of recent years.

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

We haven't been able to meet for several months now and it is still uncertain when we can hold our next meeting. The September talk has been postponed until September 2021 but we are hoping that Ray Broughton will be able to come in October although everything depends on when the village halls will be allowed to re-open.



At the time of going to press we are planning a visit to Wudston, near Devizes for early September. Some gardens are open, although with restricted numbers, and our trip was booked earlier this year,

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

and we very much like to support the people who open their gardens for charity.

So, carry on gardening – and let's hope we can get together soon.

If you've discovered a love of gardening during the lockdown, do come to one of our meetings. We have some very knowledgeable members so there is always someone able to help.

For more information call our chairman, Caroline Bouwens **01264 850250** or me **01264 850319**

THEFILMPLACE - YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

Jim Plenderleith writes:

THEFILMPLACE is still in effective lock down! We have considered what

options we have for reopening in line with current Government Covid-19 guidance and law; however, we feel there is not a viable protocol to allow us to safely welcome you all back at this time.

We will return with something special for the reopening night and at this time the plan is for January 2021.

We feel it is not only important to be safe when we reopen but to keep the enjoyable social aspect of the evening at the top of our to-do list.

Our reopening will be announced in the Courier and publicised at Ducis Village shop.

Best wishes from all at THEFILMPLACE.

THEFILMPLACE
YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA 

COLLINGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Jane Crook announces lots of lucky winners:

At a recent Village Hall committee meeting, the following months draws were made. Sorry for the delay, due to lockdown, but when the hall reopens in September the August and September draw will take place. If you would like a number please contact Jane Crook on **01264 850436**



April

£50 V. Gordon 40
£25 Y.Oats 171
£10 I.Barnard 141
£5 Mrs. Mac 265

May

A.Woodgate 246
Alec Knowles 233
J.Price 203
G.Heath 176

June

£50 L.Brett 9
£25 V.Gordon 249
£10 D.Booth 145
£5 V.Stone 28

July

S.Bamber 23
V.Scanlan 89
R.Colquhous 139
S.Hull 16

CATS PROTECTION

Ruby writes:

Little Rose has been lucky enough to find her forever home and has settled in really well. We have a beautiful ginger cat named Annie. Annie is six years old and looking for a new home with no young children. She has lived in a flat but we're sure she would love a garden to explore once settled into her new home.



Just like many other charities, we have been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. For anyone interested in donating to help the cats and kittens within our care, we have an Amazon wish list. Any gift ordered off the list would be most welcome and a big help to us. A link to our wish list can be found on our Facebook page.

For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries;

Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or email: sylvia.cp@outlook.com

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

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Another tasty recipe from Pennyfarthing:

Chilled Courgette and Mint Soup

3 courgettes

Splash of olive oil

Fresh mint

Ice cubes

Greek yoghurt (optional)



Method:

Grate the courgettes and add to a semi-hot pan with a splash of oil and a good pinch of salt. Place a lid on top so it steams the courgette, stirring every 30 seconds. Cooking time takes only a few minutes. Blitz in a blender with the mint leaves and 5-10 ice cubes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Stir in a couple of tablespoons of yoghurt or cream if you wish.

ANYONE FANCY A REAL WEST INDIAN DINNER?

The Chairman suggests:



Brown Stew Chicken

6 chicken thighs, skin on	½ tsp salt
Juice of ½ lime	1 tbsp all-purpose seasoning
½ tsp coarse ground black pepper	1 tbsp chicken seasoning
Good glug of vegetable oil	2 onions, chopped
1 garlic clove, finely chopped	1 red pepper, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped	6 whole allspice berries
Knob of butter	
3 whole spring onions, finely chopped (including green part)	
½ Scotch bonnet chilli, deseeded and finely chopped	
2 eddoes or potatoes, cut into long chunky chips	

Method:

Rub chicken with seasonings, lime juice and salt and pepper. Leave to marinate for a couple of hours minimum.

Get oil very hot in large deep pan or casserole. Remove chicken from marinade (reserve marinade). Put all the eddoe in hot oil and as many bits of chicken as will fit. Fry gently for 5 minutes then turn everything and fry for another 5 minutes. Remove chicken and put to one side. Fry rest of chicken as per the first batch.

Remove chicken and eddoe from pan and get rid of excess oil. Return chicken to pan and add splash of hot water to release any brown on bottom of pan. Add all remaining ingredients including eddoe, reserved marinade and 400ml of hot water.

Simmer until liquid is reduced and chicken cooked through. If necessary, thicken liquid with cornflour. Serve with basmati rice.

QUIZ - ANSWERS ON PAGES 28 AND 29

- 1) Who is Svetlana Tikhanovskaya?
- 2) What was Colin Kaepernick the first to do?
- 3) Who owns Tik Tok?
- 4) Where does the wine Tokay come from?
- 5) Mark Owen, Howard Donald and Jason Orange were original members of which band?
- 6) In Thailand, what are motorised rickshaws called?
- 7) The taka is the official currency of which country?
- 8) In the 80's, who had hits with 'Twist in my Sobriety' and ' Good Tradition'?
- 9) The city of Takoradi is in which African country?
- 10) Who is the male lead in the 'Taken' series of films?
- 11) In which country was Dame Kiri Te Kanawa born?
- 12) What is the name for the red mark or pendant on the forehead of a Hindu woman?
- 13) The ancient Mayan city of Tikal is in which Central American country?
- 14) Which Norwegian pop band had a 1995 hit with 'Take on me'?
- 15) Which Swedish band had a hit with 'Take a chance on me'?
- 16) In which culture do you find the tiki, a carved representation of an ancestor or god?
- 17) Meat or veg marinated in yoghurt and cooked in a tandoor roughly describes which style of Indian cooking?
- 18) What is The Takbir?

19) Is a tektite a stone or a fossil?

20) On which West Indian island can you listen to a Tuk band?

About turn...

21) What is the capital of Nepal?

22) 'Have a break', have a what?

23) Which band had a 1985 hit with 'Walking on Sunshine' and won the Eurovision Song Contest for the UK in 1997?

24) What happened at Kitty Hawk on 17th December 1903

25) In the world of Athletics, who is KJT?

26) Which British recipe derives its name from the Indian dish kitchouri?

27) In the TV series Knight Rider, what was Michael Knight's car called?

28) What is a kittiwake?

29) During WWII, what type of Japanese weapon had the Allied designation 'Kate'?

30) Which British football club was the first to wear a sponsor's logo on their shirts?

31) What is ketjap manis?

32) In the film 'Alien', Parker is horrified when the beast bursts from John Hurt's chest. Who played Parker?

33) Is a katydid an insect or a mollusc?

34) In what decade was Heinz tomato ketchup first sold?

35) The musical instruments timpani are otherwise known as what?

DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Louise Knox, Senior Media Officer, (01722 691086) writes:

Media Release: The service urges drivers to take care on roads



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging all drivers to take care when out on the roads, after seven people lost their lives locally in less than a week.

The Service has worked with colleagues from the police and ambulance service at a number of road traffic collisions since lockdown restrictions started to ease, and three such incidents across its area in the last seven days have led to fatalities.

If you've been working from home in recent months, with only the odd trip to the shops or to care for someone, your driving skills may not be as sharp as usual. In addition, your vehicle should be checked thoroughly, especially if it's spent most of its time parked up. Drivers are encouraged to use the FLOWER acronym to keep their vehicle maintained. FLOWER stands for Fuel, Lights, Oil, Water, Electrics and Rubber (tyres).

PROSPECT HOUSE

Amy Francombe (01793 816154) writes:

Join the Prospect Hospice 40th anniversary raffle and you could win £2,000 cash!



In celebration of Prospect Hospice's 40th year, you could win some fantastic cash prizes in their 40th anniversary raffle, all thanks to the generous people at Imagine Cruising.

First prize £2,000

Second prize £500

Third prize £250

Plus five lucky winners will receive a prize of £50 each.

To enter all you need to do is visit www.prospect-hospice.net/raffle. Tickets costs just £1 each and with every ticket purchased you will be contributing to the care and support that Prospect Hospice provide to local people living with a life limiting illness. Every pound really does make a difference so, whether you're looking to buy a single ticket or many, thank you for supporting Prospect Hospice in this way.

Entries close on Monday 5 October 2020. For full terms and conditions please contact the fundraising team on lottery@prospect-hospice.net.

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector writes:

Dear Friends,

I always react to that greeting with 'I'm not your friend', so I apologise if you are a grumpy person like myself. But for once it is an address I would like to use.

We are back into it, whatever it is. The 'it' remains unclear, the threat uncertain and the future vague. Other than that, all is crystal clear. September is once again the time where we move forward into our new year.

Some University students will start on Zoom without the benefits of drunken freshers' weeks and seas of strangers. Many of us, used to



a rush of physical meetings, will experience the unreality of the virtual. But life does and has continued.

What we often forget is that 'there is nothing new under the sun.' It may be 350 years since we have had quite the social devastation of the plague. A hundred years since the Spanish Flu. But society has risen new every time from these events.

As any good teacher will tell you, anyone who says it is *just* a story has failed to understand the role of story in our lives.

The story for us Christians is one that we visit constantly in both the Old and New Testaments. Like the stories and parables that Jesus shared, there are levels of truth to be embraced. In telling the story of 'the lockdown,' we have the option of making it bear a truth that will be valuable for future generations. The enthusiasm to do what was right will be one truth that will be ingrained in us all henceforth.

Let our eulogy to lockdown be one that is full of the richness and depth of reflective people.

Let 'it' be something better than what went before because we have told that tale well.

Enjoy the autumn and the changes it brings as we move to Harvest Festivals. Even the Church of England might be different, new and exciting.

Every Blessing,

Michael

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

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

Please find below a copy of a notice which you can find on the Church's north door from Reverend Michael McHugh:-



I regret that it would be irresponsible for us to open this church for private prayer at present.

You may be aware that many of our volunteers, who would have the task of cleaning the church, are either in the vulnerable or over seventy-year-old categories. For their own safety we cannot ask them to carry out potentially risky practices daily.

If you are not in these categories and are willing to clean the church daily to preserve everyone's safety during this crisis, please contact the churchwarden, the local vicar or myself. We would be very glad of your assistance. Please remember that despite our inability to offer regular services in church, the church buildings still need to be maintained. Details on how to donate are available locally or on request.

We are still offering regular online Sunday services which are readily available on the links on our website, the parish magazines and many of the church Facebook pages.

I repeat my regret. If this should trouble you, please feel free to phone me on the number below. We look forward to welcoming you back to worship when it is safe for all.

Thank You, *Michael*

The Vicarage, Church Street, Great Bedwyn, Marlborough SN8 3PF

Tel: **01672 870779** Email: **mtmch@hotmail.com**

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

Summer may be officially over and autumn on its way but September is often a glorious month. Hopefully, all of you have had a good summer break, despite the ongoing uncertainty of these strange times we find ourselves in.



Although St. Andrew's has remained closed during these last few months the people of the church have remained very much in contact, worshipping and praying together. Each Sunday approximately forty people have joined an online service via Zoom, which has been led by Savernake team rector, Rev Michael McHugh and Rev Jo Reid. These services will continue, at least for the time being. If you would like to join future online services, join us on the following link at 11 am for services every Sunday until we resume ordinary services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668874600?pwd=M31mU3ovY1p0ZHFDW1FBdy9PVWtFZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6887 4600

Password: 021821

When St. Andrew's will open for services is still being discussed. Please keep an eye on the church notice board and on St. Andrew's Facebook page for any updates on the situation.

As was said in last month's Courier, as part of our ongoing support to the community, St Andrew's Church is here to offer moral and spiritual encouragement to anyone who is ill, in self-isolation or otherwise downhearted about current events. You can contact me at the above number to submit a prayer request or schedule a call to a member of our congregation for a supportive talk, uplifting chat or

general chin-wag! St Andrew's has set up a Covid-19 specific prayer group where we will continue to pray daily for the National effort, the three villages, and any specific prayer submissions. All submissions will be kept confidential within our prayer group.

The Annual Parochial Parish Council Meeting for St Andrew's Church, which has been postponed since April, will be taking place on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church. The church will be open from 7 pm. Everyone on the PCC Electoral Roll is invited to attend. Everyone attending will be asked to sit so that they are socially distanced unless from the same household; everyone will be also be asked to use hand gel as they enter the church and to wear a face-covering. If you would like to have a say in what goes on in your local church, are baptised and over sixteen years of age and are not on the Church Electoral Roll, but would like to be, please collect a form from the village shop or phone me for details on the number above. Completed forms need to be returned to Peter Siggers, Linden Cottage, Collingbourne Ducis before Friday 18th September. If you are on the PCC Electoral Role and would like to join the PCC, or be a Church Warden, please contact me.

Sadly, the church's Harvest Festival Service and Harvest Supper which were both planned for this month have had to be cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

We will aim to keep the Facebook page up to date with Church of England news and further updates about worship. The link is on our webpage or alternatively in Facebook just search for St. Andrews Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

Keep up to date with fine detail changes in between Courier editions at www.savernaketeam.org.uk

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

St. Andrew's Church remains closed for the time being. Please keep an eye on the church notice board or on St. Andrew's Church Facebook page for any further updates.

Join us on the following link to join the churches of the Savernake team for a service at 11 am every Sunday until we resume ordinary services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668874600?pwd=m3lmu3ovy1p0zhfdwlfbdy9pvwtfzz09>

Meeting id: 826 6887 4600

Password: 021821

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

All Church Services are suspended until further notice because of health considerations due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, the Church will be closed all day until further notice.

QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) Belarus political opposition leader
- 2) 'Take the knee' during US national anthem
- 3) The Chinese company ByteDance
- 4) Hungary
- 5) Take That
- 6) Tuk tuks
- 7) Bangladesh
- 8) Tanita Tikarum
- 9) Ghana
- 10) Liam Neeson
- 11) New Zealand
- 12) Tika
- 13) Guatemala
- 14) A-ha
- 15) ABBA
- 16) Polynesian (esp. Maori)
- 17) Tikka
- 18) The Arabic phrase 'Allahu akbar'
- 19) A small glassy stone
- 20) Barbados (10 extra points if you got this)
- 21) Kathmandu
- 22) Kit Kat
- 23) Katrina and the Waves
- 24) The Wright brothers made the first controlled, powered, heavier-than-air flight, i.e, an aeroplane
- 25) Katarina Johnson-Thompson, 2019 World Championship heptathlon gold medalist for GB

Addresses for the village websites:

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

QUIZ ANSWERS:

26) Kedgeree

27) KITT (Knight Industries Two Thousand)

28) A coastal bird

29) A (torpedo) bomber

30) Kettering Town FC

31) (Sweet) soy sauce

32) Yaphet Kotto

33) An insect

34) 1870's

35) Kettle drums

Cover Picture: Detail from The Gate of the Sun at Tiahuanaco, Bolivia