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Chairman Paul Hartley writes:

Winter has given way to Spring and Covid restrictions have finally eased. What should be a natural moment for real optimism and joy is sadly being tainted by the horrific conflict in Ukraine; the impact on the people directly affected by it and the ripple effects it will have in our own community. We have all seen and felt living costs and in particular, significant fuel and utility price increases in recent weeks. In response to this your Parish Council has pressed our Wiltshire Council Representative, Councillor Chris Williams, to encourage Wiltshire Council to do more to support its communities at this difficult time. Whilst we await a response and indeed action from Wiltshire Council, I have included at the end of this update a number of sources of information, support and advice that are available to help individuals and families in what I fear is an emerging cost of living crisis.

Looking specifically at your Parish Council news, change continues to be the theme. At the time of writing, a new bus shelter for the Everleigh Road junction has been purchased and is due to be installed in early April. Additionally, a Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been purchased and will shortly be in use. As we commence operating the SID, you may notice that we are initially leaving the display turned off to enable it to silently collect data on traffic speeds at different points in the village – it is not broken! From a road safety perspective this is an important part of our initial roll-out to enable us to identify where the road safety areas and times of concern are and then enable us to measure the effectiveness of the SID once the display is turned on. The data collected will assist the targeted use of the Speed Watch Team as well as requests for Police enforcement support where appropriate.

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Another important upcoming change is a significant revamp and modernisation of the Village Website. You will see this change in the coming months and as part of the development we are asking all parishioners for your views. We want the new-look website to be as usable, interactive, local group and business friendly as possible – I encourage you to all to respond to the short survey so that your thoughts and needs are captured in its design. This can be done online at **https://tinyurl.com/yck7pb7j** or through the flyer that has been included in this Courier edition for Collingbourne Ducis residents.

Planning for the Collingbourne Ducis Jubilee Event on Thursday 2nd June continues. There will be a full update and wider advertisement in the May 2022 edition of the Courier, however some preliminary details to whet your appetite are: that it will be an afternoon/evening event commencing with a Garden Party at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground, complete with complimentary refreshments, children's entertainment, bar (with drinks to purchase), live music and with the support of the Tipple Inn, the lighting of a village beacon at 9.45 pm. Importantly, with occasions to celebrate together with friends, family and communities over the last few years having been so difficult, we are happy to announce that this event will be open to all residents of Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston and Everleigh.

In preparation for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, your Parish Council will be leading on two events:

Sunday 10th April – Village Spring Clean: a village spring clean as part of the Great British Spring Clean 2022. Meeting at 10 am at the Village Hall, all are welcome to help get the Village looking fabulous as we come out of winter. Equipment and free refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 28th May – Jubilee Bunting Hanging: all are encouraged to hang their bunting in preparation for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations. In addition to the bunting you hang, the Parish Council will decorate the key communal areas of the village. This will no doubt be an impressive display throughout our village in support of our parish, street and family celebrations.

The Parish Council still has a couple of vacancies, the Speed Watch will never say no to additional members and the Parish Jubilee event requires support to deliver. If there are any parishioners that wish to get involved in giving a small amount of time in support of our community, do please contact the Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Gill, **parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com**

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www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk or **0800 444 202** is for advice and information designed to help you save money on your bills, such as being more energy efficient, generating your own renewable energy, switching to a green tariff or better insulating your home to keep the heat in.

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH



Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes:

We are making progress on our Everleigh Enhancement plans: a new all-weather bench will be positioned in the vicinity of the village playground with views of Sidbury Hill and Baden's Clump; two 'Caution Horses' warning signs are due to be installed on the Netheravon Road in the spring; and our first flower planter has been sited at the playground. We plan to deploy several flower planters throughout the village, adopted by adjacent residents who bid for and maintain a planter. The Parish Council would supply the planter, soil and plants; adopters would then water, feed and weed them. Any resident wishing to adopt a flower planter would be most welcome. In addition we are developing a village street map, primarily to assist delivery drivers. A draft prototype will be displayed in the Bus Shelter until 15th June for villagers to view and make comment. Please respond with any comments to Councillor Terry Martin at **temmet2001@doctors.org.uk**

Our village Litter Pick took place on Saturday 12th March. Many thanks go to the nineteen volunteers who took part and collected eighteen bags of rubbish. Everleigh is certainly looking much cleaner as a result.

Our next gathering will be a village work party on Saturday 9th 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 Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June at the start of a national four

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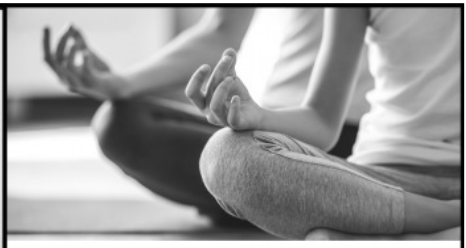


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day weekend. The event will take place at the playground/Jubilee field and comprise of a BBQ and games/activities such as egg and spoon races, relay races, rounders, volleyball, golf pitch and putt and coconut shy, starting at 5 pm. Festivities will culminate with the lighting of a bonfire beacon at 9.45 pm to synchronise with beacons across the nation. Please mark up your diaries!

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) are continuing with its work to remove trees infected with Ash Dieback disease. The next phase will involve a number of temporary road closures on the A342 and Marlborough Road. Work started on 14th March and will continue until mid-April. Road closures will take place between 7 am and 6 pm on weekdays only.

Communication and transparency are two key principles guiding our Parish Council operations. We promulgate information on village events, meetings, planning, property, infrastructure, Wiltshire Council notices and financial matters. We do so by a variety of traditional means: village noticeboards; letter drop; the Courier and the outstanding Everleigh web site: **www.everleigh.org** by courtesy of the web master, Simon Curr. Simon has constructed a wealth of local news and information including Parish Council material. Please check this web site regularly, particularly for short notice announcements from Wiltshire Council on such matters as road closures and waste collection.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th 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.

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807
Please try to give them at least 48 hours' notice to find a volunteer

Collingbourne School Report

Headteacher Harriet Phillips writes:

The children are thoroughly enjoying the change in weather; it is so lovely to see them playing in the sunshine. This week we have taken advantage of the nice weather and had a stroll into the village; the children really enjoyed showing me their beautiful village.

We have installed a new friendship bench in the playground this week. The bench is there for children who are struggling to find a friend to play with and the children know that if they see someone there they can invite them to play their game. The bench was a gift from the Jackson family and is in memory of Eloise.

We started the term with Reverend Jo and Tish for the traditional pancake races; thank you to all those who made pancakes, the children thought they were delicious.

On Thursday 3rd March it was World Book Day and the children and staff dressed as adjectives. It was great fun listening to their guesses.

The children are looking forward to Easter Bingo which is to be held in the village hall in the last week of term, it will be great to see all the families enjoying this at long last.

Warm Wishes

Harriet Phillips

Mobile Library Service

Wiltshire mobile library service is operating a normal schedule in all three villages.

Information about the mobile library service is available online at **http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/**

Cricket Update

David Malley, Collingbourne Cricket Club Secretary, writes:

The cricket season finally gets underway this month (weather permitting) and it starts as usual with our pre-season pitch preparation day – this year held on Saturday 9th April at 10.30 am. There are plenty of jobs that need doing and all volunteers will be welcomed, so please come and join us at the recreation ground if you'd like to help out (or would simply like to have a go on our roller)!

The first senior friendly match takes place the following Saturday (16th April), our first women's match on Friday 22nd April, and the league season kicks off on Saturday 7th May. After the disruption of Covid, cricket teas are finally back on – so do join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake when we're playing any of our home games. We greatly appreciate all the support we get!

Outdoor training sessions will start towards the end of April on Thursday evenings at 6 pm for seniors and youth team players, and Friday evenings for our women's team. 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.

If you have any questions regarding joining the club, please feel free to **email info@collingbournecricketclub.co.uk** or visit our **website www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk**

You can also keep up to date with all the latest happenings at the club by following us on Facebook.

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 10th March when the President, Wendy Brown, welcomed the members. The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated before the meeting and they were approved and signed off by the President. The President and the Secretary both read their reports, which cover the period since the previous AGM and told the meeting that the group now numbers thirty because members had been welcomed from the now defunct Pewsey group. The routine of the meetings had been disrupted by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic but were arranged whenever rules allowed and were also set up on Zoom. Normality returned for the 2021 Christmas Party and the January and February meetings this year.

Karen Preece, Treasurer, had circulated the accounts and discussed the figures with the meeting. As the balance at the bank is still healthy the Committee had decided to reduce the subscription for the coming year to £33, due in April. Karen said that while she will accept cheques, she would prefer payments be made by bank transfer and would send the group bank details through to members. The meeting approved the accounts and the President signed them off.

The meeting was told that Lesley, the Secretary, and Karen, the Treasurer, would both be standing down from those positions and asked for volunteers to take on the roles.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

The Ordinary meeting directly following the AGM was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed off. The President talked about the upcoming events, including a reminder about the coach trip to Kew on 15th June. She also reminded the members that Kingston would be hosting the Group

Meeting on 31st of the month and asked for volunteers to contribute to the refreshments. The meeting ended with a quiz instead of a speaker followed by delicious refreshments and a raffle.

Next Meeting 14th April 2022, 'Knitting 1950 to Date'.

Hostess	L. Nichols	
Raffle Prize	S. Fisher	
Tea Hostesses	Gill Foster	Chani Mindelsohn

New members and visitors are always welcomed to meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall.

Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Draw

Jane Crook informs us:

The results of the March draw were:



£50 S. Fergus 178

£25 P. Haverson 258

£10 W. Roper 5

£5 Howard 45

Congratulations to the winners. Support the village hall by entering the monthly draw. Further information from Jane Crook on **01264 850436**.

Burbage & District Video & Camera Club (BDVCC)

The next session will be held on Wednesday, 20th April starting at 7.30 pm at the Burbage and Easton Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage. Please contact Sonny on **01672 811933** or Mike on **01672 810574** for more details.


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Our area Inspector is: Inspector Tina Osborn

Burbage & District Model Railway Club (BDMRC)



Sonny Hamid writes:

At our March session, we dedicated our time to seeking out and rectifying final details on our layout being prepared for the inter-County Model Railway Exhibition at Fordingbridge next month.

Detail work included final ballasting of points, painting backdrop scenery and aligning rail joints at the edges of the baseboard. We are looking forward to presenting our layout at the Show and hope you will also attend and support us and our layout at the Exhibition! We are arranging some additional meeting sessions to complete the remaining parts of the layout and undertake final testing.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4th April, 2022 commencing @ 19:00 hours.

The Club welcomes new members and any donations and gifts of unwanted model railway items. So, if you would like to try your hand at this hobby or have some equipment you are not using, please feel free to call me, Sonny, on **01672 811 933**.

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Collingbournes and Everleigh Gardening Club

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:



After the horrendous storms a few weeks ago isn't it wonderful to feel the warm sun on our faces and gardens! We were fortunate at the end of February to see the snowdrops at Lin Miles's garden in Boscombe Village; she has hundreds of different varieties, some had flowered in January and almost disappeared, some were giving a beautiful show for us and there were more in tight bud just waiting to bloom. True to the club's tradition, we had tea and cake in the garden before we came home.

Our February guest speaker, Susan Clarke, is an expert on butterflies, especially the Marsh Fritillary and explained how they feed on devils bit scabious and live on the tussocky grassland in the chalk hills of the Pewsey Vale. Her group monitors their breeding sites, which are really well camouflaged and almost impossible to find, to help this endangered butterfly to survive. Susan also showed slides of other butterflies that we might see in this area.

Our April meeting is on Thursday 28th in Kingston Hall at 7.30 pm when Amanda Bradshaw's subject is The Chatty Gardener.

Do come and join us, guests are very welcome. If you want any more information please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, **01264 850436**.

Finally a reminder that our Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, 21st May in Ducis Village Hall, starting at 10 o'clock. As usual there will be a variety of flower and vegetable plants and shrubs for sale and tea, coffee and home-made cakes to enjoy too.

'Ticket News' for Collingbourne Beerfest Saturday 25th June 2022 from 6.30 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall

Barry Reed writes:

The organisers are pleased to announce that tickets for Beerfest 2022 will go on sale from 9 am on Saturday 7th May. Tickets are £10 per person and will include entry to the event and a commemorative half pint glass. Due to the location, nature of event and licensing criteria we have to restrict number of tickets available, so, in an effort to allow as many of our local community as possible to attend, the organising committee has once again decided to release the tickets to individuals with local connections. The criteria we have set, of which only one need apply, are as follows:

- Resident in the villages of Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston or Everleigh
- Parent or guardian of a child at Collingbourne Primary School
- Contribute or be affiliated to local clubs or groups based in the three villages
- Work or be employed in the three villages

There will be two ways to secure your tickets, via email or attending our temporary ticket office at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. Email: from 9 am Saturday 7th May 202**2 tickets@collingbournebeerfest.co.uk** with your contact details, number of tickets you require and please tell us into which criteria you fall. You will then receive an email detailing how to pay and collect tickets. We are setting a maximum number of tickets per household to four. We will keep you posted with details of the temporary ticket office on social media and May's copy of the Courier. Emails received prior to 9 am on 7th May will not be accepted.

Collingbourne Picnic in the Park, will return on Sunday 26th June, starting off at 1 pm until 5 pm. This is our free day which is open to families. Live music, delicious food and children's entertainment - this should round off a fantastic weekend.

We continue to seek sponsors for both Beerfest and Picnic in the Park: please get in touch at **Collingbournebeerfest@gmail.com** - we can offer any sponsorship to match your budget.

New long-distance walking, cycling and riding route – Pewsey Vale Circular Way

Susie Brew (susie@visitpewseyvale.co.uk or call 07802 444022)

The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership has launched a new long-distance walking, cycling and riding route, the Pewsey Vale Circular Way. The way marked route is a seventy seven mile walking route or a seventy two mile cycling/riding route, with the Vale of Pewsey at its heart (passing through Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh).

Dramatic downland, secluded woodland, sweeping valleys and the Kennet and Avon Canal provide a rich variety of landscapes for the walker, rider or cyclist to enjoy.

The walking route has been divided into seven stages, with ideas on where to eat, where to stay and transfer options available. All the information, including maps, gpx downloads and other useful information can be found at **www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/discover-pewsey-vale**

Dawn Wilson, Chair of the Partnership, said, 'The Pewsey Vale Circular Way is the third itinerary we have published for use by visitors and by local people, but it is the first one that is a completely new route. The Pewsey Vale Circular Way is truly spectacular and is the culmination of an extensive community project funded by the Pewsey Area Board, the Co-op Community Fund and Tesco

Groundwork. We have to give a huge thank you to Ron Forbes, Gerard Dinnage and Trevor Neal for devising the routes and for the way marking of them – an enormous task. Thanks also to our small army of local people who have been checking the route for us and to those who helped us with images as well as Jonathan Martin for his cycling videos – all these voluntary contributions are so important to a community project like this. This new route supports our recent accreditation with Walkers are Welcome, demonstrating the quality and variety of walking in the area and will encourage people to visit the area and to stay longer.'

A promotional video of the route is available from the Visit Pewsey Vale YouTube channel - **https://youtu.be/GvpR1qj3lHw** together with a guide to the cycling route **https://youtu.be/gYffzXe0DKQ**

The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership works with Visit Wiltshire, the Great West Way, North Wessex Downs AONB, Walkers are Welcome and Great Western Railway to promote the area and deliver projects such as this.

If you are a local business and would like to be included on the website, then just contact Susie Brew at **susie@visitpewseyvale.co.uk**

Friends of Ludgershall

Deirdre Lillywhite, Secretary, writes:

Friends of Ludgershall (Charity number 1184566) are looking for Volunteer Drivers. Would you have a couple of hours to spare on Thursdays to collect in the morning and deliver members home after meetings in the afternoon? We start at 10.30 am and finish at 3 pm. A petrol allowance is given.

If you could help please contact **07982 135250.**

HOME-START SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES

Dawn Wilson, Scheme Administrator, Home Start Kennet, writes:

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has resulted in an increase in British troops deployed to Estonia. Many military personnel who were due to return on completion of military exercises in the region are now having to remain. The Defence Secretary, Ben Wallace, told the House of Commons that the people of Wiltshire and the families of the deployed troops 'Should be enormously proud' but he warned that they would not know when their loved ones would be coming home again.

Home-Start Kennet have been supporting military families in Tidworth for over thirty years but in recent weeks they have experienced a sudden increase in the number of enquiries and requests for help. In response to this, the charity is opening a Friendship Café for supported families at Tidworth Leisure Centre. This will run every Friday, from 10 am to 12 noon, from 1st April and will provide a warm, welcoming, relaxed atmosphere for Home-Start families to meet, with Home-Start staff and volunteers on hand to listen, chat and play! Other than support through the café, the charity provides trained volunteers to offer longer term, one to one home-visiting support to young families who are struggling with isolation, anxiety, and loneliness. These are just some of the challenges faced by families new to the military and new to Wiltshire. Want to get involved? There are still places available to train to become a Home-Start volunteer. If this is something you are interested in, find out more by visiting **https://www.home-start.org.uk/home-start-kennet** or by calling the Home-Start office on **01672 569457**.

If you are a family with at least one child under five and are finding it hard to cope (for whatever reason), please get in touch. Text **FAMILY** to **66777** or message us on Facebook.

Recipe: Creamy Chicken Pie (with Crispy Potato Topping)

Simon Gilford writes:

It's safe to say this one is a real favourite at our house and apparently it was originally created to celebrate Prince Harry's birthday (don't hold that against me or the recipe though). Instead of opting for a traditional pastry crust it is topped with a delicious layer of thinly sliced potatoes covered with golden cheesy breadcrumbs. It only takes around forty-five minutes to make and freezes very well. Give it a try and you can thank me later!

Ingredients (for four people)

- 4 potatoes
- 2 leeks
- 2 celery sticks (I leave this out as it is the food of the devil)
- 250g punnet of mushrooms (ideally chestnut variety)
- 400g (5 or 6) boneless chicken thighs (or 2 chicken breasts)
- 1 chicken stock pot
- 300ml double cream
- 60g mature cheddar cheese
- 50g breadcrumbs (panko work best)
- 200ml water
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

Put a saucepan of water with a pinch of salt on to boil for the potatoes and preheat your oven to 220°C. Peel the potatoes and slice into 1cm wide rounds. Pop the potatoes into your pan of boiling water, cook until just soft, 10-15 mins. TIP: The potatoes are cooked when you can easily slip a knife through but be careful because you don't want the slices to break up too much. Once cooked, carefully drain in a colander, and set aside.

Meanwhile, remove the root and dark green tops from the leeks, halve lengthways and slice into thin half-moons. Chop the celery into ½cm wide pieces (or leave it out as I do!). Cut the mushrooms into roughly ½cm wide slices. Chop the chicken into bite-sized pieces.

Heat a drizzle of oil in a frying pan on medium-high heat. Add the chicken, season with salt and pepper and cook until the chicken is browned, 5-6 mins. TIP: The chicken is cooked when it is no longer pink in the middle. Cook the chicken in two batches if you need to - in a crowded pan it will stew rather than brown!

Once cooked, remove your chicken from the pan and put on one side. Add a drizzle more oil and the leek and celery. Cook until slightly softened, 4 mins. Add the mushrooms along with a pinch of salt and a good grind of black pepper. Turn the heat up slightly and cook everything together until the mushrooms are slightly browned, about 5 mins.

Pour in the water and add the chicken stock pot. Bring to the boil and stir to dissolve the stock pot. Add the double cream and bring back to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer gently until reduced by a third, 4 mins. Meanwhile, grate the cheddar cheese into a mixing bowl. Add the breadcrumbs and vegetable oil. Stir together.

Once the sauce has reduced, return the chicken to the frying pan. Taste and add more salt and pepper if you think it needs it. Transfer the chicken mixture to an ovenproof dish and top with the potato slices. Sprinkle over your cheesy breadcrumbs. Season with black pepper and bake on the top shelf of your oven until the top is golden brown, 10 mins.

If you are freezing then do so before you do the final cooking in the oven, defrost when you are ready to try this and heat in the oven for 10 minutes. Enjoy!

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The Power of Women's Circles

Catherine Hartley writes:

Since the beginning of time women have come together in circles to hear each others' stories, to witness each other in their full authenticity. As society developed and became more linear this ancient tradition was lost. People became too busy, disconnected, separate from each other and it is often women who hold the memory of this ancient wisdom in their DNA, that feel this disconnect the most.

Despite strong friendships, there is often little space in women's lives for community and as beings who are hardwired for connection, the structure of women's circles is often a lifeline for women who are looking to improve their mental health and well-being.

Weighed down by the modern dream of trying to have it all, women are often expected to nurture like they don't work and work like they don't have children. Often bearing the role of caregiver, whether that be for their own children, grandchildren or elderly parents; many women do this work unseen and unsupported, not held in the way they hold others as they give until the point of breaking.

Coupled with this often comes guilt, the feeling that we could, should have it all and ever chasing the notion of being enough. All of this leaves women with little space for themselves and statistics show women are feeling more and more separated, both from themselves and from others.

In times gone by sisters would gather in the red tent at the cycles of the moon. Sharing stories, holding space, laughing, crying, witnessing the feminine in all her being. Celebrating the phases of womanhood as we moved through the youth of the maiden, the creative force of the mother and the wisdom of the crone. These spaces were seen as

sacred, vital to our wellbeing allowing us the time to reflect, release and renew.

For so long that wisdom has been lost to us yet the benefits of women's circles are well documented; there is a healing that comes from sharing, from allowing ourselves a voice. In addition through connecting with each other and women from all different walks of life, we realise just how similar our struggles are to those of the other women gathered and when we start speaking, we begin to see that we all experience comparable feelings and emotions each month, or across each moon cycle.

Going to a women's circle doesn't have to be 'woo', spiritual or any of the other labels we like to put on them. Yes, these gatherings are intimate, yes, there is an atmosphere of the sacred created by relaxing music, candles, flowers, and an invitation to listen from the heart but, ultimately women's circles are a space for all women, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs to come and be seen and heard. A place to lay down all you are carrying in a safe and supportive environment where there is no judgement.

Women's' circles allow you to connect with yourself and the other women around you, to find yourself when you're feeling lost and to allow yourself a moment of peace, a moment for you. If you are interested, please contact Catherine on **07904 955471**.

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 Village Hall Quiz

Questions provided by Janet Wray

Here is a selection of questions from a previous quiz. Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall quiz is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in CK Village Hall, entrance £2 per person. Everyone welcome! (**Quiz answers on page 32**)

Places

1. Name the 3 countries in the world that begin with the letter F?
2. What is the longest river in Britain?
3. In the European continent, the Lofoten Islands are in which country?
4. Which Cathedral has the tallest Church Spire in England?
5. Which city has the busiest airport in the world?
6. Mount Paektu is a sacred mountain in which Asian country?
7. In which county is the seaside resort of Cromer?
8. What is Scotland's fourth largest city by population?
9. In which London borough is Heathrow airport?
10. In which city do football teams River Plate and Boca Juniors play?

Cheese or Service Station?

11. Gordano
12. Dorstone
13. Washbourne
14. Wooley Edge
15. Magor
16. Berkswell
17. Pont Abraham
18. Tunworth
19. Godminster
20. Trowell

Have fun at It's a Prospect Knockout!

Jill Crooks, Communications Office at Hospice, writes:

It's a Prospect Knockout promises a fun day out with friends, family or colleagues while tackling wacky challenges.

The event, in aid of Prospect Hospice in Swindon, involves entertaining games including those with foam and water, running over large inflatable obstacles and more.

Not only a challenge for those taking part, but great for spectators to come along and cheer on your team.

It is being held on Sunday 17th July 2022 at Swindon Cricket Club, County Road, Swindon, from 10 am to 2.30 pm and is for teams of ten adults aged eighteen or over.

The friendly competition will involve teams competing in several games and working together to get as many points as possible.

Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice, said:

'Everyone who takes part will have an unforgettable experience and will also be helping Prospect Hospice to care for people who need end of life care and supporting their loved ones.'

Entry is £300 per team (or £30 per person) and each team is asked to raise an additional minimum of £500 (or £50 per person).

To find out more and to enter a team go to

www.prospect-hospice.net/knockout

Savernake Team Letter: Disturb Us Lord!

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:



These first three words of a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake were introduced to me at the wedding of a Ukrainian I had the privilege of presiding at.

In this Church period of Lent, we gaze towards the disturbing sight of the crucifixion of Jesus. The disturbance of our world in which the sins and failures of history have not succeeded in changing humanity's arrogance.

For two years our lives have been disturbed by Covid and storms. We are now disturbed by war. Evil reveals our own impotence and weakness. It brings a worldwide threat of poverty and hunger. It produces tears of pain and despair.

But the disturbance by evil shrinks when faced by the disturbance of good. Good calls us to account, humbling us with the generosity and goodness of those around us.

It is simple things like the pride of children in making sunflower lapel badges for the Ukraine and its spread to other schools and parliament. Financially challenged churches committing to give from their collections. Artists donating work in an auction. Parish Councillors approaching Wiltshire to use a vacant building to house refugees. People donating not just money but their own resources to help and offer their homes to the refugee. We are disturbed by viral good at a time when we have communal weariness. And if the good produces tears, they are tears of healing.

I hope you catch this viral good. I leave you with Sir Francis:

We ask You to push back

The horizons of our hopes;

And to push into the future

In strength, courage, hope, and love. Amen

May your hearts be disturbed by good this Easter!

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 on in this report.

I'm sure that many of you will have noticed that the churchyard wall which was covered with ivy and developing a number of cracks and larger holes has recently been stripped of the ivy and had all the holes repaired and cracks repointed. The PCC are very grateful to the Hon. Mrs Mirabel Helm for 'lending' us her master stone-wall craftsman, Ron, who has skilfully repaired the wall using traditional lime mortar. The white appearance will gradually weather. The wall should now remain standing for at least another one hundred years!

The turret clock repair fund continues to grow and now stands at just over £2,000. The total cost of repair is £5,300 and a further £1,850 is needed to renovate and re-gild the clock dial. Many grateful thanks to those of you who have sent generous donations to the fund. If you would like to contribute to the church clock repair fund, you can do this via our Just Giving page: **www.justgiving.com/campaign/standrewsCOVID19** or send a cheque, made payable to PCC of Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh

to Mr Michael McIntyre, The Old School House, Everleigh, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3EY.

There are a number and variety of events and services taking place during Holy Week, which begins on Monday 11th 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 of 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 15th April, Good Friday, will start at St. Andrew's Church Collingbourne Ducis at 10 am. Taking it in turns to carry the large wooden cross, we will walk to St. Mary's Church in Collingbourne Kingston, stopping at various 'stations' on the way, to hear Bible readings reminding us of events from Jesus' passion and death. Following a short service at St. Mary's Church there will be refreshments including hot cross buns.

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

Finally, we would 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 link is on our webpage or alternatively enter St. Andrews Church Collingbourne Ducis in the search bar on your Facebook page.

Addresses for the village websites:

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

St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis

Services in April 2022

Sunday 3rd	Evensong at 6 pm
Sunday 10th	Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 9 am
Thursday 14th	Maundy Thursday, Last Supper at 7.30 pm
Friday 15th	Good Friday, Walk of Witness Start at 10 am at St. Andrews. Walk to St. Mary's, CK
Saturday 16th	Team Service of Light at St. Michael's Church, Tidcombe at 8 pm
Sunday 17th	Easter Sunday Family Celebration Communion Service at 11 am
Sunday 24th	tbc

St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston

Services in April 2022

Sunday 3rd	Holy Communion at 9 am
Sunday 10th	Morning Worship at 9.30 am
Thursday 14th	Chrism Eucharist, Salisbury Cathedral at 11 am
Friday 15th	Walk of Witness – From Ducis to Kingston starting at 10 am
Saturday 16th	Vigil Service at Tidcombe at 8 pm
Sunday 17th	Holy Communion at 11 am
Sunday 24th	Evensong

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7 pm on Sunday 24th April.

Quiz Answers

Places

1. France, Fiji, Finland
2. River Severn
3. Norway
4. Salisbury
5. Atlanta
6. North Korea
7. Norfolk
8. Dundee
9. Hillingdon
10. Buenos Aires

Cheese or Service Station?

11. Service Station: in Somerset
12. Cheese: English Goat's Cheese
13. Cheese: a washed Curd Cheese
14. Service Station: in West Yorkshire
15. Service Station: in Monmouthshire
16. Cheese: Sheep's Milk Cheese
17. Service Station: in Carmarthenshire
18. Cheese: English Camembert style Cheese
19. Cheese: Cheddar
20. Service Station: in Nottinghamshire

Taras Shevchenko

National bard of Ukraine, founder of modern Ukrainian literature and language. He played a leading role in the formation of the Ukrainian national identity and consciousness. Exiled to Russia 1847-1857 for promoting the independence of Ukraine.

Hymn of Exile

The sun goes down beyond the hill,
The shadows darken, birds are still;
From fields no more come toilers' voices
In blissful rest the world rejoices.
With lifted heart I, gazing stand,
Seek shady grove in Ukraine's land.
Uplifted thus, 'mid memories fond
My heart finds rest, o'er the hills beyond.
On fields and woods the darkness falls
From heaven blue a bright star calls,
The tears fall down. Oh, evening star!
Hast though appeared in Ukraine far?
In that fair land do sweet eyes seek thee
Dear eyes that once were wont to greet me?
Have eyes forgotten their tryst to keep?
Oh then, in slumber let them sleep
No longer o'er my fate to weep.

(Written in Orsk Fortress, Russia 1847)

Cover Picture: 'It is snowing. This is what Spring looks like. The Spring is similar to the war we experience. Spring is harsh. But everything will be fine, we will win.'
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky

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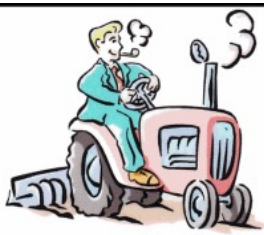
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