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#### COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Philip Palmer, The Clerk, Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council, writes:



First and foremost, on behalf of the Parish

Council, I would like to extend our most grateful thanks to all those involved in making the Kingston Platinum Jubilee Jamboree the resounding success that it was. I would like especially to thank, in no particular order because each person

or organisations help was as invaluable as the next, the following; Steve Clements and all at Core Modular who provided our excellently stocked bar, the BBQ men Tim and Baz who laboured over the hot coals, the Parish Council team who manned the bar, and candy floss. Further thanks then to all on the Village Hall committee, who baked and served the afternoon tea. Thanks also go to the Ramsbury Silver Band and Down The Hatch who provided us with musical interludes throughout, and in the case of the latter scared away the moles from the playground! Thanks also go to Karin Bell of Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council, who

stepped in and helped on the bar. Finally and most importantly, thanks to YOU, our residents who supported the event, making it so successful. In the final analysis over four hundred of you supported the event.

Also this month, I am asked by a local farmer if all of those amongst us who use the Railway field for dog walking and recreation could remember to make sure that the gates are firmly closed behind you and any chain re-fixed whilst there is livestock in this location. The farmer had a rather early wake-up call at 6.30 am recently, to be advised that his herd was halfway up the hill to the Fairmile. We are very fortunate to have access to the Railway field and the Rookery field, and we don't want to jeopardise this access by carelessness. The Parish Council is looking to update the Village Design Statement over

the next twelve months and to do so really needs the involvement of the community. We will be holding an event to explain more about the Village Design Statement and what it is, and more importantly what it means to you. In essence it expresses the views of the village about future development so it is an important task. Anyway, more on this in the Autumn. In the meantime, it only remains for me to wish you all a safe and happy summer whether you are home or away, let's hope that the weather holds.

#### THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731) writes:

Flower planters are now in position at the playground, in The Street, in West View, on Marlborough Road and in Lower Everleigh.



These flower planters are adopted by adjacent residents who volunteer to maintain them. The Parish Council have supplied the planter, soil and plants; adopters then water, feed and weed them.

We are also developing a village street map primarily to assist delivery drivers. A draft prototype has been on display in the bus shelter until 15th June for villagers to view and make comment. We intend to finalise the map by the end of the summer.

Our village celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee took place on Thursday 2nd June at the Playground/Jubilee field, starting at 5 pm. Turnout was high with about eighty villagers enjoying a glorious sunny evening overlooking Salisbury Plain. The event consisted of a BBQ and games/activities such as egg + spoon, sack and three-legged races, rounders, volleyball and golf pitch + putt. Festivities culminated with the lighting of a superb bonfire beacon at 9.45 pm to synchronise with beacons across the nation. Congratulations go to the many

volunteers who worked hard to organise such a memorable occasion. This event was very popular. Consequently, the Parish Council will now review the feasibility of reinstating a village bonfire night in November.

The Collingbourne Ducis St Andrew's Church Fete takes place this year on Saturday 3rd September from 12 noon until 4 pm in the Ducis



Village Hall and on the recreation ground. There will be a variety of stalls and activities, and refreshments will include a bar, BBQ, teas and cakes. Everleigh has been invited to participate in fun games activities with Ducis and Kingston folk at this fete.

Events are likely to include races (egg + spoon, three-legged, and dash and splash), welly wanging, and tug of war. If you wish to participate in any event for Team Everleigh then please get in touch (contact details are above), with an indication of which events you are able to participate in. Everleigh residents are most welcome to attend what promises to be a really good community event with our neighbours from the Collingbournes.

Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th July at 7 pm at the 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

#### COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Paul Hartley writes:

Well, what a fantastic week of Platinum Jubilee
Celebrations we had! A huge thank you to all those that
made the Collingbourne Ducis event possible. Mentions in
Dispatches must go to those that supported me on
organising Committee – Keith and Jill Cockerton (and
family!), David Malley, Terry Greenwood, David Dennis,
Steve Lyons, John Wood and Karin Bell. In addition, the
Collingbourne Cricket Club, Village Hall Committee, The Tipple Inn
and the always glamorous Nicky Bamford and Catherine Hartley for
their help on the day. Proceeds from the Raffle, as well as donations
from the Ice Cream and Burger Vans will be donated to the Clubs and
Organisations which supported the event and a portion reinvested in
the Parish Council Grants Fund for any local group to apply for.

It is great to see that the Community events are coming thick and fast now. At time of writing the Collingbourne Beerfest is fast approaching – which will no doubt be a triumphant post-COVID return. In addition, the Village Fete and Tri-Village Tournament is scheduled Saturday 3rd Sept – A Team Captain who will be charged with the important task of retaining the Cup is required, so if you are able to support, please do.

As highlighted last month, Collingbourne Ducis residents will see a flyer included with this edition of the Courier, inviting responses to a short survey about future projects for the Parish. Over the past few years, a number of projects have been completed by the Parish Council and now is the time to identify and prioritise future projects. Any and all ideas are welcome, so do please contribute. A short link to the Online version of the Survey is https://tinyurl.com/4vjate8m.

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Our next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 14th July 2022 at 7.00 pm at Collingbourne Village Hall. As ever, Parish Council Meetings are open events, which members of the public are more than welcome to attend. If any parishioners wish to get in contact with the Parish Council, do feel free to email the Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Gill, parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com.

#### COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harriet Phillips, Headteacher, writes:

Well summer term is here! We have lots to fit in, it's going to be busy.



Last term we saw three of our four classes enjoy visits, Foxes (our youngest children) went to

Cotswold Wildlife Park - they were so excited and had a whale of a time. Hedgehogs went on their first school trip ever to Salisbury Cathedral, because of COVID 19 they were unable to go on any school visits previously so you can imagine their excitement just getting on a coach! Otters class enjoyed a night away at Oxenwood Residential Centre: they took part in a Roman Experience Day and lots of adventurous activities including rock climbing.

Our Year 6 children are, as I am writing this, preparing for a camp out as a special treat before they leave for secondary school in July. I am sure they will have a super time.

Later this month the children from Kingfishers (the oldest of our children) will be travelling to London for the day to go to the Natural History Museum and take in the west end show Wicked.

The children and families of school really enjoyed sports day, all the children participated giving their absolute best. The event was topped off with a Race for Life to raise some funds for Cancer Research.

For the first time in a little while we have spaces in all our year groups. If you are looking for a school place, please do not hesitate to contact us and organise a visit.

#### VILLAGE HALL DRAW RESULTS

*Iane Crook announces:* 

The winners of the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall draw for June were:

£50	M. Doherty	222
£25	S. Waldron	245
£10	P. Wernham	29
£5	A. Palmer	163

Well done to the winners. Humphrey Shepherd will announce the winner next month.

#### VILLAGE HALL DRAW - CONTINUED

Humphrey Sheppard writes:

E-mail: cdvhdraw@gmail.com Telephone: 07791 760 241

Firstly, congratulations to the Prize Winners from June's Draw.

Times are a-changing, but the Monthly Draw will continue and prize winners will continue to receive £50 or £25 or £10 or £5.

However, to be in the draw you need to have a paid-up ticket. We are changing the way we collect money. No longer will a collector come knocking on your door. Ideally, we want our ticket holders to make an annual standing order payment on 1st July for twelve months membership. Or if more convenient a monthly standing order on 1st July and on the 1st of every month going forward.

Tickets are £1 each per month. One of the very few things that has not gone up in price!

There is no limit to the number of tickets any one person can hold.

If you wish to get the standing order set up, please contact me on the e-mail or telephone number above, (where a message can be left) and I shall supply the bank details. However, cheque or cash payments will still be welcomed, but where possible we would like these to be annual payments. One of our targets is to increase the number of people who partake and if successful to see an increase in the number of prizes paid out. To this end the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Draw will be taking a stall at the Church Fete on Saturday 3rd September. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me. Finally, I look forward to speaking with many of you in re-organising the way you pay and hopefully in welcoming new members to the draw.

#### COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

Thank you to everyone who came to our Plant Sale in May. We had a very happy morning and I hope our visitors did too! The plants sold out very quickly and people were able to sit and enjoy their morning coffee and cake among new and old friends.



Our next event is the Gardeners' Lunch which will be held on Saturday 2nd July at Highfield House. There will be a garden visit during August and we are arranging a coach trip to the Malvern Show on Saturday 24th September. Non-members are welcome to join us, so please give our chairman, Jane Crook, a call if you are interested.

Evening meetings will resume in October with a welcome return by Ray Broughton.

For more information about the Gardening Club please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, **01264** 850436 for more information.

#### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FÊTE - TOYS & GAMES NEEDED!

Tish Leigh writes:

Amy Gingell will be running a Toys & Games stall in Collingbourne Ducis village hall at St. Andrew's Church Fete on Saturday 3rd September. Amy would be grateful for any donations of toys and games which are in a good, clean condition. Please take any donations to 12, Spring Meadow, Collingbourne Ducis.

#### COLLINGBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

David Malley, Collingbourne Cricket Club Secretary, writes:

The season continues to go from strength to strength for Collingbourne Cricket Club since our last update in The Courier. After five wins from five, the First XI remains at the top of the league having triumphed over Winterbourne, Amport and Broughton in recent weeks. However, a tough test against second placed Compton & Chandlers Ford CC should test the team's mettle on the first Saturday in July. Our Sunday friendly side also continues to register some good results with two wins from their last three outings, whilst The Sapphires came second in the Bathford Women's Softball Festival on Sunday 12th June. Not only did they all enjoy a great day out, they also picked up the sportsmanship award at the event!

The Under 13 team continues to show promise but have been unfortunate to be on the wrong side of the results in June. Their most recent match to Avebury CC saw them finish desperately close,

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losing a nail-biter with just a few balls remaining. Our Development XI (filled with our older teens and led by Owen Sheppard) has had mixed results so far but turned out victors in an intra-club game against a mix of senior players from our Saturday and Sunday teams. Well done to them!

On a special note, Owen passed the milestone of 15,000 runs for the club this month after hitting 120 in the league game against Winterbourne CC. Well done to him, and commiserations to the numerous bowlers in and around Wiltshire and Hampshire that have been on the receiving end over the years!

The club also welcomed several new players to both the senior side and The Sapphires in June, which is great news, and a good indication that the club is a great position moving forward. There's always room for more however, so if you think you'd like to get involved with any of our teams then please get in touch.

#### PETANQUE (BOULES) AT THE BARLEYCORN PUB

Peter Siggers (01264 850428) writes:

The Boules Club is starting up after almost two and a half years shutdown due to the pandemic. We play every Tuesday evening from 6pm at the Barleycorn Pub in Collingbourne Kingston.

It is an easy game to learn so do not worry if you have not played before as coaching is available. We welcome new members so why not come along and give it a try. We are a relaxed and very friendly group! For further information contact me on **01264 850428** or Brian Gloyne on **07831 456963**.

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

#### COLLINGBOURNE TAI CHI CLUB

David Kiy, Instructor Collingbourne Tai Chi Club, writes:

I first started teaching Tai Chi and Kung Fu in and around Marlborough back in 2004. These classes came and went due to me leaving the area for university and living in Asia for five years. I returned in 2014 and at the end of the year I started a class in Collingbourne Ducis. By the middle of 2015 I had to move to London for work. Fortunately, a small group of students decided to continue meeting up to practise together most Thursday evenings. I ran a longer class at a weekend once a month. At the start of 2020 I moved to Basingstoke, enabling me to teach at the weekly training sessions. Classes stopped and started as the pandemic restrictions allowed. I am really pleased that we now have a small group of experienced practitioners, one of whom started training with me all the way back in 2005. They have now learnt the whole empty hand routine, two weapon routines, the qigong sequence and some of the self-defence applications.

As things have returned to normal, we have decided to start a new beginner's class. Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise originating in China. Regular practice has been proven to help reduce stress and aid stress related ailments. Whilst also improving posture, circulation, balance and flexibility. At an intermediate level Tai Chi is a martial art, through which self-defence skills can be developed. If anyone would like to come and give Tai Chi a try the new beginner class will start on Thursday 22nd September, from 18:30 to 19:20. The first two weeks will be free then we request £20 per month, but as we do not aim to make a profit, please don't let money stop you joining us. If you would like any more information, please contact David Kiy on 07817 707999 or visit us on a Thursday evening at the village hall.

#### THE FILM PLACE, YOUR COMMUNITY CINEMA

*Iim Plenderleith writes:* 



Our film shows will start again as usual in

September this year. I am delighted to see the high quality of films that are now being released which means we should have some good shows to look forward to later this year and into 2023.

The large electric drop-down projection screen installed at the hall a couple of years ago was purchased by THEFILMPLACE with the help of Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council. This has greatly improved the film image quality and has reduced set up and breakdown time by over an hour.

I am now pleased to advise that THEFILMPLACE has obtained funding to purchase our own projection and sound equipment. A state-of-the-art laser projector and a sound system capable of delivering 7.1 surround sound will be installed in July ready for the September show. This significant purchase has been made possible with the support of Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council, Tidworth Area Board, the Village Hall Trust, a private donor and funds THEFILMPLACE had in reserves. This audio-visual equipment, together with the recently installed acoustic panels in the village hall, purchased with funding from a private donor, should greatly enhance the film watching and listening experience. Having our own equipment gives us the ability to be more cost efficient and able to provide shows for local community groups where desired.

Our sincere thanks to all who have provided funding for these various projects. Most importantly thanks to those of you in the community who came to the film shows. By coming along to see the films and experience an enjoyable community evening over the past five years you have made this progress possible.

It is your monthly film show. If you would like to join our band of volunteers who make the shows possible, please contact Jim Plenderleith on **07906 593668**. Please keep giving us your feedback by email to the following: **thefilmplacecd@gmail.com** 

#### COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

At the beginning of the meeting on June 9th Wendy Brown, President, welcomed a total of



twenty-one people, members old and new and a visitor, and then talked about forthcoming events. She also pointed out that a Suggestions Book is kept on the table in order that members can put forward the names of possible speakers and visits. Details were given of the Summer Party in July. Four Team Leaders had been appointed and they would draw the names of their teams from a hat. Each leader had been given the name of a country and it would be up to the team to provide food, decorate the table and maybe dress in appropriate costume linked to their country. A prize will be awarded to the best team.

John Jamieson Davies was then introduced. The title of his talk, illustrated by slides, on Pelham's Puppets was called Wiltshire Little Folk and he had brought some of his own puppet collection with him. Mr Davies has been interested in the puppets since receiving one instead of an Easter Egg when he was seven years old. The Pelham Company was started in Marlborough by Bob Pelham when he returned home from WW2, during which he had made wonky donkeys to amuse the men: he then continued with these until moving into making puppets, originally using army surplus materials and selling them at Marlborough Fair. His company made such television stars as Muffin the Mule and progressed into pop



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icons The Beatles. The puppets were popular worldwide and thrived until the age of electronic toys, although no longer produced in large numbers. An ex- employee, David Leech, still makes individual puppets by hand in the old way. Some members had brought their puppets to the meeting.

Sarah Gregory thanked John Davies for an interesting talk with a subject very relevant to the Collingbournes, as the company made puppets for a while in Ducis.

The meeting closed with delicious refreshments and the drawing of the raffle.

Next Meeting: 14th July 2022 Summer Party

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

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

Sonny Hamid writes:

This month our session started with members split into two sections: one taking a trip to the Crofton Area to capture shots of summer blooms while the others remained in the Legion Hall discussing all things photographic.



When the two sections met together later there was a display demo of members' work.

On a personal note, the club's founder, Mr Sonny Hamid retired as lead of our club. Sonny started the club nine years ago and together with the help and support of the early founding members, including Mr Mike Bird, developed the club into an active group facilitating members to explore all things photographic, helping snap and selfie shooters to bloom into fully fledged photographers who went on to

take great photos. In addition, the club supported many community groups, free of charge, in Burbage, Great Bedwyn and the Collingbournes where our work was advertised regularly in the local parish magazines who reported our activities and encouraged others to join us.

Members will now select another leader and an announcement made of the elected person together with his/her contact details all of which will be reported in next month's club report. Our monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month and our next session is planned for Thursday, 16th June 2022 commencing at 19:30 hours in the Royal British Legion Hall in Burbage.

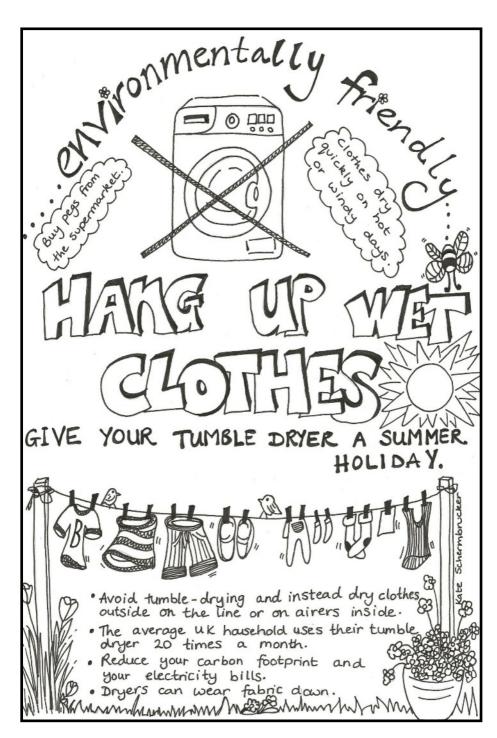
We are always on the lookout for ideas for our hobby and if you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to forward this to us.

If you're thinking about taking up photography, improving your photos and skills, purchasing new equipment or dusting off old, please feel free to contact us for advice, encouragement and a friendly welcome, no matter what your background or ability. Please contact Mike on **01672 810574** for more details and any donations.

The Club welcomes new members and any donations and gifts of unwanted photographic items. So, if you would like to try your hand at this engaging hobby or have some equipment you are not using, please feel free to call Mike on 01672 810574.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF MERRY PIM - 9TH NOVEMBER 1935 - 2ND MAY 2022 Robin Pim writes:

Please Join us for a Service of Thanksgiving, Thursday 28th July 2022 at 2 pm St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis, followed by Afternoon Tea in Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. RSVP Robin Pim raspim@gmail.com telephone 07768 156486



#### THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN

Anonymous of Collingbourne:

Raise the cutting height of the lawn mower to keep it green without watering

Deadhead roses

Clip privet and fast-growing hedges, e.g. Lonicera

Prune wisteria and philadelphus

'Stop' outdoor tomatoes

Harvest raspberries, red and blackcurrants and gooseberries

Cut and dry or freeze herbs

Feed perennials, container plants and all greenhouse crops

Plant cut and come again salads

Keep vegetables well-watered in dry spells

Watch out for blight on potatoes and tomatoes

The list is endless. Take time to sit and enjoy your garden

#### LAMB AND FETA STUFFED DOLMA WITH TOMATO SAUCE

Simon Gilford writes:

This is a delicious take on a Greek dish, but don't worry if you replace the vine leaves with kale (flat-leaf or cavalo nero) or savoy cabbage (or the like) it works equally well. In fact, why not experiment with any kind of flat-leafed green vegetables? It sounds like a bit of a faff to make but trust me – it is worth the effort and easy to make again and again. We've also found that it freezes well, so do give it a try.

#### **Ingredients** (serves 4)

300g of whole kale leaves with the tough lower stalks removed

1 onion finely chopped (we prefer red onions)

2 garlic cloves finely chopped or grated

500g lamb mince

100g arborio rice

200g feta

1.5 tsp chilli flakes (more if you like it hot or less if you don't like heat)

15g fresh oregano (a sprinkle of dried if easier)

For the sauce

650g passata (or 2 tins of chopped tomatoes)

2 garlic cloves finely chopped or grated

1 onion finely chopped

#### Method

Preheat your oven to 190°C / 370°F / or gas mark 5

Bring a large pan of water to the boil and add the kale for 4 minutes. Drain and plunge into cold or iced water to stop them from cooking further. Once cool, leave them to dry in a colander.

Place all the ingredients for the sauce in a pan and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook for approximately 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour 1/3 in to the base of a 20x25cm roasting tray or large ovenproof dish. Keep the remaining sauce to one side

Mix the onion, garlic, lamb, uncooked rice, feta, chilli flakes and oregano in a bowl using your hands. Really squeeze and squish it together until it's well mixed.

Lay a kale leaf onto a flat surface/chopping board and trim any large bits of stalk off. Take a tablespoonful of the lamb mix, shape it into a

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stubby sausage shape and lay it at the top of the leaf. Tuck in the sides of the leaf and roll down to the stalk end – making a small parcel (if your leaves are very long, then trim and make 2 parcels from 1 leaf).

Place into your tray/dish and repeat until you've used up all the leaves. You should have 15-20 parcels.

Pour the remaining tomato sauce over the dolma (parcels) and spread evenly. Bake in the middle of the oven for 35-45 minutes until bubbling and the lamb is cooked through. Don't worry, the rice will plump up and cook in this time too.

Serve the dolma with a good glug of olive oil and a grind of black pepper. I thoroughly recommend some crusty bread to soak up the juices as well.

Enjoy!

#### JULY QUIZ (ANSWERS ON PAGE 26)

Simon Gilford Tests Us:

- 1. Who played the title role in the late 90's TV series, "Kavanagh QC"?
- 2. What is the main alcoholic ingredient of a White Lady cocktail?
- 3. The Welsh Leader Owain Glyndwr (Owen Glendower) appears in which Shakespeare play?
- 4. The Great Train Robbery in 1963 took place in which English county?
- 5. Which songs with 'Blue' in the title were UK top twenty hits for the following artists,
- [a] The Orb (1992), [b] Elton John (1982), [c] Lil Mosey (2020), [d] Carl Perkins (1956) and [e] Cliff Richard (1966)?
- 6. What was the only novel written by Oscar Wilde?

- 7. What was the name of the lifeguard played by Pamela Anderson in the TV series 'Baywatch'?
- 8. In 1981, who released the UK top 5 single, 'Mirror Mirror (Mon Amour)'?
- 9. How old was Henry III when he became King of England?
- 10. Who succeeded Ted Hughes as Britain's Poet Laureate?
- 11. In which year did the St Valentine's Day massacre take place?
- 12. Who wrote the song 'If'?
- 13. The Bolivar is the unit of currency in which South American country?
- 14. By what name is the painting 'Arrangement in Grey and Black No.1' better known?
- 15. What name is shared by a species of bear and an Alaskan island?
- 16. Played by Jim Broadbent in the 2014 movie, what was the name of the antique dealer in Paddington Bear?
- 17. What venue is the home of the London Symphony Orchestra?
- 18. In which year was YouTube founded?
- 19. Which product used the slogan, 'A drink's too wet without one'?
- 20. Donald 'Red' Grant was a villain in which James Bond film?

#### WORLD NATIONAL DAYS - JULY:

Louise Tomlinson tells us about some key dates celebrated around the world:

1st Hong Kong: Special Administration Day commemorates the end of British Colonial Rule in 1997.

Rwanda: Independence Day celebrates independence from Belgium in 1962.

Somalia: Republic Day marks the unification of the former British and Italian Somaliland in 1960.

3rd Belarus: Independence Day commemorates the Liberation of Minsk from German attack in 1944.

4th United States of America: Independence Day celebrates independence from Great Britain in 1776.

5th Algeria: Independence Day celebrates independence from France in 1962.

Cape Verde: Independence Day celebrates independence from Portugal in 1975.

Venezuela: Independence Day celebrates independence from Spain in 1811 and the creation of the first independent nation of South America.

6th Cayman Islands: Constitution Day honours the first written constitution for the islands which come into effect in 1959.

Malawi: Independence Day celebrates independence from the UK in 1966.

9th Argentina: Independence Day celebrates independence from Spain in 1816.

10th Bahamas: Independence Day celebrates independence from the UK in 1973.

11th Mongolia: Naadam, a celebration of the country's tradition and nomadic culture.

12th São Tomé and Príncipe: Independence Day marks independence from Portugal in 1975.

14th France: Bastille Day, celebrates the storming of the Bastille and the creation of the Republic of France in 1789.

National Mac and Cheese Day, implementation unknown.

19th South Sudan: Independence Day celebrates independence from the Republic of Sudan in 2011.

21st Belgium: Independence Day celebrates the separation of Belgium from The Netherlands in 1831.

23rd Egypt: Revolution Day celebrates the military coup in 1952 which led to the end of the monarchy.

26th Liberia: Independence Day marks independence from the USA in 1847.

27th Peru: Independence Day celebrates independence from Spain in 1821.

29th Faroe Islands: St Olav's Day commemorates Norwegian King Olav II who brought Christianity to the Faroe Islands and who died in battle in 1030.

30th Vanuatu: Independence Day marks the end of British and French rule in 1980.

#### **QUIZ ANSWERS**

- 1. John Thaw, 2. Gin, 3. Henry IV, part 1", 4. Buckinghamshire
- 5. a] Blue Room reached no 8, [b] Blue Eyes no 8, [c] Blueberry Faygo, no 9, [d] Blue Suede Shoes, no 10 and [e] Blue Turns to Grey, no 15.
- 6. The Picture of Dorian Gray, 7. C J Parker, 8. Dollar
- 9. 9 years old, 10. Andrew Motion, 11. 1929, 12. David Gates
- 13. Venezuela, 14. Whistler's Mother, 15. Kodiak
- 16. Mr. (Samuel) Gruber, 17. Barbican Hall, 18. 2005
- 19. McVities Rich Tea Biscuits, 20. From Russia with Love

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#### THIS MONTH'S WORD SEARCH

Contributed by Simon Gilford

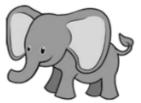


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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the African animals in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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#### SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:

You don't know what you are missing!

This is such an obvious statement, because you cannot know what you are missing until you experience it. If you are looking for something that is on your agenda, you'll never get it. We all live such desperately full lives that it is really hard to take that step back which will allow us to experience something new or forgotten.

For weeks I do not move much from the Savernake area. The greatest excitement might be a parish visit or a trip to the supermarket. I have just finished an extraordinary week in which I travelled a thousand miles using innovative transport. I have attended two rare events, one full of pomp and royalty and the other full of pomp and clergy. I have revisited a loved sacred place after 23 years. All fun if a little stressful to a snail-like introvert. I was the person of my youth, heading off into strange places and occasions only this time not alone. This was weirdly re-assuring and enjoyable. All the excitement helped me to appreciate what I treasure every day.

At the beginning of the week, I was at a regular small Sunday service when a parishioner said to me 'They don't know what they're missing.' The person was referring to the 'too busy' people. I know what they meant; I have been that person too often.

What is missed? The familiar words shared with a few in the cool calm and wonder of a place that has been used for meditation and prayer for centuries. A place that uses formularies of light and proportion to achieve a stilling and sense of wonder. The expression of something beautiful, subtle and beyond in a loud world. The words of the 'Our Father' giving re-assurance to a dying person after their extensive experience of meditation fails. The intangible in a world

judged by what is tangible, of value, of worth. Quiet prayer with a handful of people.

Church is now one of the few things that you can do and be a true rebel. Not even the clergy expect you to be at church. We are simply pleased to see you.

Be bold and try something that is not activity or adrenaline packed. Something that appears dull to the dullard. Join the cognoscenti.

Every Blessing, Michael

#### St Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston

Nigel Worner-Phillips writes:

Thank You. The PCC wishes to express their sincere thanks to all those who help St Mary's financially. Again, in the last couple of weeks have had to have builders remove part of the roof to clear another bees' nest which cost approximately £800, and without the help of peoples' generosity, we have no idea how we would be able to pay for these situations when they occur. Once again, many thanks for your generosity and it is appreciated and

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

continues to keep the church running.

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

Many thanks to all those of you who donated so generously to our Just Giving appeal when we were affected by not being able to offer church services or do much fundraising due to COVID. The total raised was £950 which most certainly helped the PCC keep paying St Andrew's bills during that difficult time. That appeal has been closed. We now have a new Just Giving appeal which is detailed below and in the enclosed flyer.

Salisbury Diocese Advisory Committee have granted permission for the work on the church's turret clock and the clock face to be carried out. Thanks to fund raising and some generous donations the Clock Fund now stands at £1,845. The PCC has also been awarded grants of £3,000 towards the repairs and restoration. The renewed quote, taking account of the recent rise in the cost of materials, for the repairs of the clock and the restoration and repainting of the clock face is now £7,700 so we still need to raise £2,855. If you would like to donate to the Clock Fund, you can do so via our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/standrewschurchclock Whether you are a church goer or not, I'm sure you would agree that it would be wonderful to see the clock telling the correct time once more, to hear the clock chiming the hours again and to see the clock face repainted and re-gilded. Please donate!

Thursday 21st July is the last day of term for Collingbourne C. of E. Primary School. They will be holding their Leavers' Service in the Church at 1.30 pm on this day. We wish all the children in year six the very best of luck as they leave to move onto their secondary schools.

Rev. Jo will be away at Army Cadet Force Camp, in her role as an Army Chaplain, and the other vicars in the Savernake Team will be taking a holiday on various dates throughout August, so joint services have been arranged. Please make sure you look at the service times listed after this report.

As mentioned in last month's Courier, the annual Church Fête including the Tri-Village -Tournament will take place on Saturday 3rd September 12 noon -5 pm. See the flyer enclosed with this month's Courier for more details. We will pray for fine weather!

As the next Courier will not be until 1st September, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer break. May the sun shine and all of our local farmers successfully gather in their harvest. Let us hope and pray that all their hard work, throughout the year, will be rewarded with a bumper crop!

Finally, remember St Andrew's Church has its own Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events. Our church page is getting quite a following so why not have a look, if you haven't already. Login to Facebook and search for St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

#### **CHURCH SERVICES**

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

Sunday 3rd July Evensong at 6pm

Sunday 10th July Holy Communion at 9am

Sunday 17th July Family Worship inc. baptism at 11am

Sunday 24th July Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 31st July Team Service at East Grafton at 11am

Sunday 7th August Evensong at 6pm

Sunday 14th August Team Holy Communion at Burbage at 11am

Sunday 21st August Team Holy Communion at Shalbourne at 6pm

Sunday 28th August Holy Communion at 11am

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

Sunday 3rd July Holy Communion Sunday 11am

Sunday 10th July Morning Worship 9.30am

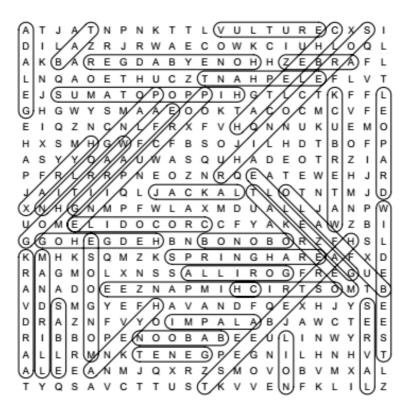
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Sunday 31st July Team Service 11am

Sunday 7th August Evensong 6pm

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