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THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley, Chairman, (01264 852731) writes: We continue to make good progress on our Everleigh Enhancement plans: 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 supply the planter, soil and plants; adopters then water, feed and weed them. Any resident wishing to donate plants or adopt a planter would be most welcome; donations can be left at Laburnum/Ivy Cottage opposite the village noticeboard at The Street/A342 junction. In particular we are looking for an adopter in Lower Everleigh.

We are also developing a village street map primarily to assist delivery drivers. A draft prototype is on display in the bus shelter until 15th June for villagers to view and make comment. Please respond with any comments to Cllr Terry Martin at temmet2001@doctors.org.uk

Our village celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place on Thursday 2nd June at the playground/Jubilee field, starting at 5 pm. The event will consist of a BBQ and games/activities such as egg and spoon races, relay races, rounders, volleyball, badminton, golf pitch and putt, and coconut shy. Festivities will culminate with the lighting of a bonfire beacon at 9.45 pm to synchronise with beacons across the nation. We will be setting up from 9.30 am on the day; all volunteers are welcome.

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. Everleigh has been invited to participate in fun games activities with Ducis and Kingston folk at this fete. More details will follow in due course.

Have you visited the mobile library in Everleigh recently? It visits The Street in Everleigh (High Trees lay-by) on a Wednesday every 4 weeks between 12.25 – 12.55 pm. If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well. For adults, there are a large range of novels, ranging from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books. It's easy to join, just bring along proof of your name and address and the friendly Mobile Manager will sign you up straight away – they are always happy to help. The Wilts Council mobile library forthcoming visits to The Street, Everleigh are on 1st June, 29th June, 27th July, 24th August, 21st September, 19th October, and 16th November. For more information please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries.

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:

This edition of 'The Courier' will likely be arriving on, or just prior, to the planned Collingbourne Ducis Platinum

Jubilee Celebrations on Thursday 2nd of June. It looks set to be a fabulous opportunity for members of our community to come together. All are encouraged to come to this free-to-attend event. There will be plenty of entertainment to cater for all ages. The hot topic on the streets appears to be who will be crowned the Champion Ladies, Gentleman's and Youth Cake decorators – Could it be you? The organising committee have requested

wonderful weather from the MET Office and we do hope that this comes through for us!

I am delighted to announce that, with the recent additions of Thom and Kelly Earle joining our Councillor team, our Parish Council is now at full capacity with all 11 allocated positions filled. Kelly has immediately got her hands dirty leading on the redesign of our website which is set to be up and running around the time this Courier Edition is published. A huge thank you to everyone who completed the website survey we recently published - your feedback directly influenced the choices we've made on the website, including adding a news section and events calendar. This is as much a community platform as it is a place for the Parish Council to share transparency, and we would love your involvement. Let us know what events you have coming up or if you'd like to contribute to writing. We're also launching a logo competition! So do have a look at the website, draw a sketch and send in your ideas.

Following the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 5th May, we have taken the opportunity to reorganise and better align Councillor responsibilities and liaison roles going forward. As we have now moved away from COVID-19 restrictions, the Parish Council will focus on re-energising and revitalising our links with Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police and other groups supporting the community to ensure that we can be as responsive as we can be to local issues and needs. Improving our links with Wiltshire Police, which had taken a significant hit during COVID-19 restrictions, will be a key focus. In addition, reflecting the wider issues affecting us all, the Parish Council has voted to establish an Environment and Sustainability Committee to ensure we remain focused in these important areas in the conduct of our work and decision we make.

With the installation of the Everleigh Road Bus Shelter, the long list of signature projects the Parish Council had planned to deliver on has been completed (some of you may remember the Survey we published

in 2018 which informed these). Look out for a new survey aligned to the next Courier Edition again seeking your views to shape future projects you wish the Parish Council to deliver on. All ideas will be welcome.

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.

LINK NOTICE

Elizabeth East writes:

Collingbournes, Everleigh and Chute, LINK, Good Neighbour Scheme



LINK Coordinators: Elizabeth East and Jane Crook (01264 850807)

Could you drive for LINK?

Local Volunteers are required to help this good neighbour scheme. It mainly provides drivers to help people go shopping, to attend hospital or doctors' appointments, or visit the dentist, chiropractor and many more.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, with a view to becoming a volunteer, please contact the LINK number: **01264 850807** and leave a message.

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COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

previews of the national and regional shows.

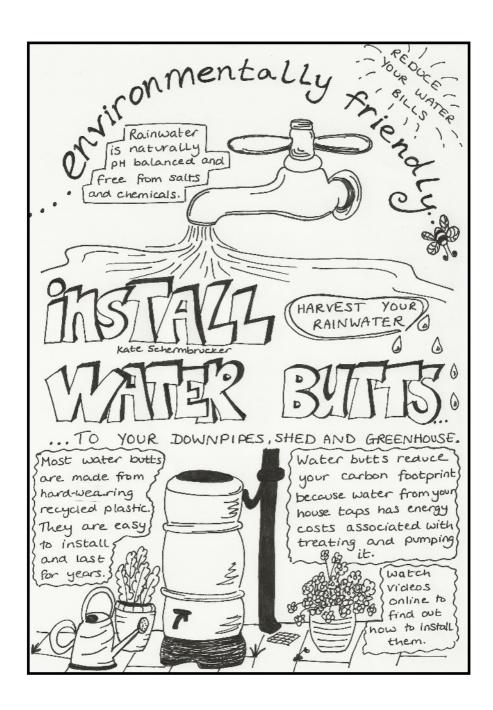
Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) and Wendy Roper write:

I am sure when you have visited an RHS show, and were being propelled along with the crowd, you may have wondered what it would be like to be behind the ropes on the other side of the exhibits and to be able to wander freely in the show gardens without hordes of people spoiling the view. Well, our April speaker Mandy Bradshaw, known as the Chatty Gardener, regularly attends Press Days and

It was a very entertaining evening as Mandy told us that when she was a junior journalist she was asked one week to produce the weekly gardening report and it was so successful she had the job thereafter. She is Cotswold based and now writes for several newspapers and magazines and was Gardening Journalist of the Year in 2018.

Mandy said that Press Days at the shows can be a nightmare as very often the photographers are more interested in the celebrities than the floral exhibits and it can resemble a rugby scrum, and you wouldn't believe how many times the BBC record the introduction of each Chelsea Flower Show programme! By the time the editor is happy with it the press reporters and photographers are more word-perfect than the presenters.

Our evening meetings will continue in October but in June we shall arrange a garden visit and on Saturday 2nd July will hold the Gardeners' Lunch. Full details will be sent out in the Potting Shed but if you would like to join us please call me or our chairman, Jane Crook, 01264 850436 for more information.



COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:

The meeting on Thursday 12th May was a party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The hall had been beautifully decorated by members



of the Committee and the tables were laid up for the meal.

The President welcomed members, old and new, and told the meeting about forthcoming events. There being only one Resolution this year, details of which had been circulated prior to the meeting, the President asked for a vote. After some discussion the vote was in favour of the Resolution with the final decision to be left to the delegate after she had heard all arguments for and against at the Annual National Meeting in Liverpool in June.

Fish and chip suppers were delivered and served and the party proper began as the members enjoyed their meal. This was followed by a quiz set by Paul, with an emphasis on the life of the Queen plus a general knowledge section, the winners were the Kensington Palace team. Paul was warmly thanked by the President. The evening closed with the drawing of the raffle.

Next Meeting: 9th June 2022 Wiltshire Little Folk/Pelham's Puppets

Hostess S Gregory

Raffle Prize M Chandler

Tea Hostesses S Fisher N Lyons

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.

KEW GARDENS

Jane Crook (01264 850436) writes:

The Savernake group of W.I's are organising a coach trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday June 15th leaving Collingbourne at 9 am and leaving Kew at 4 pm. As there are a few seats left they would like to invite you to join them, you don't have to be a W.I. member, men are also invited. The cost per person £29, (coach is £15 and entry to Kew is £14).

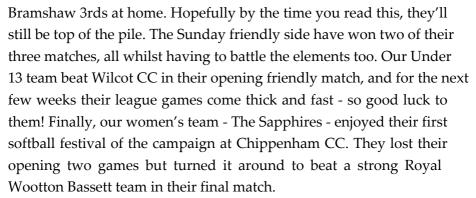
For further information please contact Jane Crook on 01264 850436.

CRICKETING COMMENT

David Malley, Club Secretary, writes:

The cricket club has enjoyed a successful start to the season, with all of our teams registering wins! The 1st XI are currently sitting at the top of Hampshire Div 6

North West thanks to a convincing 141 run victory over



Well done to everyone involved, and let's keep the victories coming! As ever, we're always on the lookout for new players, so if you think you'd like to get involved with any of our teams then please get in touch.

You can keep up to date with all the latest goings-on, including the latest fixtures, by visiting **www.collingbournecricketclub.co.uk** or finding us on Facebook.

COLLINGBOURNE BEERFEST

The Beerfest Committee write:

Wow, as we prepare for Collingbourne Beerfest 2022, we have had a fantastic response to ticket sales and sponsorship, At the time of writing the tickets are nearly sold out, but we will continue to take reservations for as long as we have tickets to sell. Support from local businesses in Sponsorship has been amazing and we continue to pass on our thanks.

Saturday 25th June - Beerfest, is a TICKET only over 18's event. Doors open at 6 pm, with live music provided from 6.30 pm until late. We have three spectacular acts lined up on Saturday evening, with local musician Sean Andrew kicking off in the Garden Marquee. Further music with Down the Hatch and The Dog House round off the evenings entertainment. Locally sourced sausages and burgers will be cooked to perfection to compliment a full range of drinks. Entrance ticket will be exchanged for a 2022 wristband, all bars will operate on Collingbourne Beerfest tokens paid for by card or cash at the ticket booth.

Sunday 26th June, Picnic in the Park, is our Family day. Live music from Mostly Harmless, along with children's games should keep the whole family entertained. A BBQ and snack bar will provide plenty of options.

A slight change this year will see the Beerfest wristband holders be able to use their left over tokens during the Picnic in the Park. Bars and refreshments will operate both cash/card payments.

This year we have worked tirelessly in the background to make this event as successful as previous ones and we look forward to welcoming you to our 2022 event.

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



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COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL DRAW

Jane Crook (01264 850436) informs us:

The winners of the May village hall draw were:

£50 Wendy Chandler 80

£25 Sue Bamber 165

£10 Joy Goddin 19

£5 Wendy Roper



GOOD FESTIVAL

Charlie Thompson writes:

Hampshire's family festival is back for 2022 with an incredible fundraising target for our local NHS hospitals. Good Festival (formerly Hampshire Country & Garden Festival) is returning to its incredible location in the beautiful gardens of Bere Mill on the River Test in Whitchurch, on the 25th and 26th June 2022.

The festival is an annual event organised by The Hampshire Medical Fund, who purchase pioneering medical equipment for Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester NHS hospitals that is not covered by NHS budgets. The charity is aiming sky-high this year, to raise £200,000 for a state of the art machine for interventional radiology, enabling tumour ablations in patients with lung, liver & kidney cancers. The festival begins with a Saturday evening supper and auction and continues into Sunday with an all-day family festival.

This family friendly event celebrates good living – with delicious food, exciting attractions, stalls, displays, talks and a delightful dog show. Visitors will have a wonderful time and critically, help to support this

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incredible cause that will have an impact on cancer treatment in our local NHS hospitals.

Tickets on sale at goodfestival.co.uk/buy-tickets

To donate to this wonderful cause now, please text **HMFGF10** (£10) **OR HMFGF20** (£20) **TO** 70450

A QUIZ OF SORTS

Questions provided by Simon Gilford (stolen from Facebook)

WHY?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Whose idea was it to put an 's' in the word 'lisp'?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do toasters always have a setting so high that it would burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why is there always a light in the fridge and not always in the freezer?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bottom when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Stop singing and read on.....

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Does pushing the button in the lift more than once make it arrive faster?

You are welcome.....

THINGS I HAVE FOUND IN THE GARDEN

Digger, Allotment number provided:

I often find bits of broken pot in the garden and, forgive me if I briefly digress from the fun-filled world of fractured ceramics, they always remind me of my old woodwork teacher Brekpot. Brekpot was called this, not by his parents but by us boys, because we thought he was completely barmy – Brekpot being a way of saying that his noggin, or

head, was broken. He threw a chisel at Parker one day, completely unprovoked except for the fact that Parker (not an intellectual) had just declared 'Sir, I found a piece of brek pot in the yard'. The chisel didn't get home but the incident was too much even for a man as committed to brutality as our headmaster (the school motto was Wafa wafa wasara wasara) and that was the last we saw of poor old Brekpot.

On the subject of dangerous nutters, I feel compelled to take issue with the biased way the British media is reporting on the war in Ukraine, or 'Special Military Aberration' as the ruzzians call it (although every 'adequate human being', to use the lovely Mr Zelensky's phrase, knows it's a bloody war)

Firstly, there are all those insulting inferences that putin is a loony. This is just gratuitous childishness. The man is a perfectly sane, high-functioning, amoral, brutal, ruthless psychopath and it seems this personality type has always been quite popular in ruzzia. There was Vlad the Impala, Count Dracula, Stalin* and now putin**. I was talking the other day to my Ukrainian chum Fredomir about this ruzzian penchant for revolting leaders and he told me that it goes back to the revolution and the cult of the individual. He said that Ukraine had been trying for years to tell the rest of Europe that putin was a massive ruzzian cult, but they just wouldn't listen.

Secondly, the BBC never mentions the glaring deficiencies of the weapons we give to Ukraine. Take the In-Law, (of which Boris Johnson was able to send far more than the average European PM), a Britishmade anti-tank device. Videos show that the projectile actually has to get quite close to a ruzzian tank to completely obliterate it. And the US Javelin is even worse, having a defect similar to the old Sten gun. As all of you who own a Sten will already know, this sub-machine gun, (bits of old pipe welded together in dark rooms by the visually impaired at ten bob a go) has an incurable habit of firing high and to the right. The Javelin (\$137,000,000 per bang) fires low and to the left meaning the



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poor operator has to aim about three feet above the tank's turret to have a decent chance of putting a shell through the windscreen. Compare this with ruzzian systems which have pre-select buttons for school, hospital, museum etc. and seem to have 100% accuracy.

Our media also has ignored the fact that ruzzia is obviously winning the letters war. Despite having their own alphabet (acrylic – hence Blondie's album 'Plastic Letters' on which track 5, 'Contact in Red Square', uncannily foresees current events) they have already annexed Z, V and O, and if they get a consonant like G or H next go, they will be able to encircle the wide-open areas from I to N, or 'the soft underbelly of the alphabet' as Churchill put it. At the very least we need to seize back V and we can do this if we all stick up two rigid digits every time we hear the words putin or ruzzian army. I am already doing it, and I shout 'Be off with you' like that brave border guard on Snake Island. It's great fun.

However, the ruzzians greatest triumph has been in liberating their country from IKEA and Macdonalds. I have written to Liz Truss asking if we could not oppress Scotland and Wales a bit in the hope of affronting these companies' corporate sensibilities and thus cause them to withdraw from England. I also suggested we ban the import of Caerphilly and Scottish cheddar as I know Liz is mad for anything which gets foreign cheese off our shelves. She wrote back thanking me for my kind thoughts and said the government was already doing all it could in regard to Scotland and Wales, but that those were not foreign cheeses and my idea was inane. Which is fair comment as I never think very deeply before formulating new ideas and opinions. Saves time.

Breaking news: For those of you who are worried about the future security of Europe I am reliably informed, by the chap who was next to me in the queue at Tesco's, that Nato is finalising its application to join Ukraine. So, no worries, eh.

Well, that's bits of broken pot dealt with. Next month back to bricks.

Finally, due to popular demand, I am adding a new feature to my 'articles' which shall be called 'Swingin' sounds of Collingbourne' where I shall suggest a few tunes each month to cheer you up in these trying times.

And to start, we have:

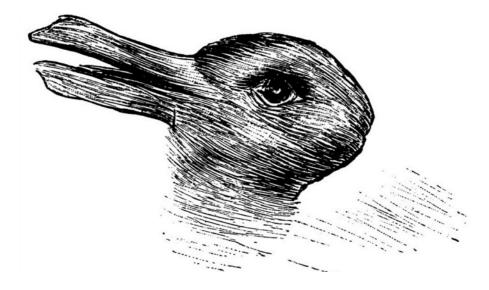
La Mer – Charles Trenet

Smile – the one and only, truly beautiful, Jimmy 'The Schnoz' Durante Some mutts can't be muzzled - Amyl and the Sniffers (Advisory warning: video contains haircuts some people may find disturbing) Have a listen, and watch in one case, on any good Google-machine tubing music to a location near you.

* Stalin wasn't his real name, it was a nom de cur meaning man of steel

** Man of putty

What do you see? Duck or Rabbit



Quiz of another sort (Answers on page 24)

Questions provided by David Puttock (previously asked at CK Village Hall Quiz)

- 1) What colour connects novels by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Arthur Conan Doyle and Baroness Orczy?
- 2) The English language has adopted the Urdu word for dusty to describe a colour. What is it?
- 3) In Thomas Gainsborough's painting of 1779, the boy subject is commonly referred to as being which colour?
- 4) In Cluedo, what colour is the Colonel?
- 5) What is the name given to the people in Jamaica who are descendants of escaped African slaves?
- 6) Formed in 1966 which rock group had the members Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce and Eric Clapton?
- 7) What is the French for cherry?
- 8) Can you describe the Libyan flag?
- 9) In a UK electrical plug, what colour is the live wire?
- 10) According to the Welsh language, what colour is a penguin's head?
- 11) On the Monopoly board, what colour is Bow Street?
- 12) What colour was the Owl and the Pussycat's boat?
- 13) In the title of CS Forester's novel, who is on Resolution?
- 14) What colour dye did the Celts produce from the plant woad?
- 15) According to the poem by James Milton Hayes, to the north of Kathmandu stands a one-eyed idol of what colour?
- 16) During the American Civil War, what colour uniform was worn by soldiers of the Confederacy?

- 17) In Richmal Crompton's William stories, who is second in command of the Outlaws?
- 18) The ports of Odessa and Yalta are on which sea?
- 19) What colour dye did the ancient Greeks and Romans obtain from shells of the murex family?
- 20) The dioxin containing defoliant widely used by the US during the Vietnam War was called Agent what?

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:

Refugees and Poverty

These two topics are at the forefront of my mind at present. We are facing something quite unprecedented with the complex global crises that we hear so much about.

'no one leaves home unless

home is the mouth of a shark'

The quote comes from an incredibly moving poem called 'Home' written by Warsan Shire. It is born out of the experience of a refugee and requires a strong stomach to read.

Last night I was at a meeting with people who are hosting Ukrainian Refugees. As the refugees arrive the need for both the hosts and the refugees to be supported and avoid isolation is uppermost. If you are hosts, can I urge you to get in touch.

'It is a common condition of being poor...you are always afraid that the good things in your life are temporary, that someone can take them away, because you have no power beyond your own brute strength to stop them'. — Rick Bragg, journalist

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Surely this is equally true of those who we are welcoming into our communities! As a child I was often hungry but never starving, often cold but there were always more blankets, daily bathing was with a sink and flannel in lukewarm water. It is important that we who are relatively comfortable do not forget. I still have a fear that the good things are transient, but as C.S. Lewis says: 'Nothing that you have not given away will ever really be yours'.

Let us hope that we see again the remarkable generosity of our communities that we saw during the pandemic. As people struggle to make ends meet, we are already facing something that goes beyond a tightening of belts and will probably go beyond the experiences of most of us. With both of these issues, it is not a matter of responding immediately but rather that we are prepared and by being prepared we are ready to help.

'The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything'. Albert Einstein

I look forward to watching evil being destroyed in our communities, Every Blessing, *Michael*

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes: The Annual Church Meetings will have been held on Thursday 19th May and members of the PCC, the churchwarden(s), the secretary and the treasurer elected. (A full list is on the noticeboard in the church).



We are looking forward to the annual Church fête on Saturday 3rd September. Our next meeting for the fête planning committee is on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church. Please come along if you would like to be involved, especially if you would like to

help with the Tri-Village Tournament. We need starters, line-judges, equipment organisers. If you own a dog and would like to enter the dog show, organised by Becky Oldfield, just come along on the day. There will be classes such as: golden oldie; best puppy; prettiest bitch; most handsome male dog; the dog most like its owner. Entry for all events will be $\pounds 2$.

Finally, 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 in Facebook just search for St. Andrews Church, Collingbourne.

ST Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston

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

A Service of Gratitude was held on Friday 6th May for Richard May who for many years dedicated his life to both St. Mary's Church and the life of the village. Richard was a member of St. Mary's PCC and during this time ensured the finances of the church were always kept in good order. Also, we will miss his enthusiasm in everything he did and especially for his good sense of humour and extend our good wishes to his family.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Scarlet 2. Khaki 3. Blue 4. Mustard 5. Maroons 6. Cream 7. Cerise 8. Green 9. Brown 10. White 11. Orange 12. Pea green 13. Brown 14. Blue 15. Yellow 16. Grey 17. Ginger 18. Black 19. Purple 20. Orange

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Services in June

Sunday 5th Evensong/ Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm

Sunday 12th Holy Communion at 9 am

Sunday 19th Family Service at 11 am

Sunday 26th Holy Communion at 11 am

ST Mary's Church, Collingbourne Kingston

Services in June

Sunday 5th 11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th 9.30 am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th 6 pm Evensong

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