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COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman John Wood writes:

It has been a relatively busy period for the Village starting with a litter pick held on 2nd April which was ably led by Cllr Knowlson and well supported.

On the social front, preparations for the Coronation celebrations on the 6th May are well advanced. The event will be held in the grounds of the Tipple Inn starting at 2pm.

There will be afternoon team and sandwiches, a cake competition (all entries are welcome), face painting and balloons and live music during the day and into the evening. Please come and join us to raise a glass or two and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles.

On the Speed Watch front the team have maintained a roadside presence which continues to influence the speed of vehicles through the village. Now that the clocks have changed and the weather has been kind, the Speed Watch team are still looking for willing volunteers to swell the ranks, share the load and provide more coverage throughout the coming months. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Council Clerk for details.

Vandalism in the village has become a topic of conversation, particularly the increasing amount of graffiti, the broken window in the new bus shelter (which will be replaced in due course) and the removal of the shelter on the Village Recreation Ground, which was demolished to make safe after it was badly damaged by vandals. Please, if you see any acts of vandalism report them to the appropriate authority.

... and finally, it is nearly time for No Mow May. This is an annual campaign calling all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May – liberating your lawns and providing a space for nature. See **www.plantlife.org.uk** for details.



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Our next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7 pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. Parish Council Meetings are open events, which members of the public are more than welcome to attend. If any parishioners wish to get involved in any of the activities, including Speed Watch or just want to contact the Parish Council, do feel free to email the Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Gill, parishclerk@collingbourne-ducis.com

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731) writes:

A village work party took place on Saturday 15th April to conduct general maintenance and tidying up at the



playground. Many thanks go to the seven volunteers who cleaned and painted all the equipment, and strimmed the perimeter fence. This play area is now looking very smart!

As previously informed, our village celebration of the King's Coronation takes place on Saturday 6th May at the playground/Jubilee Field, starting at 5 pm. The event will include a BBQ and games/activities such as egg + spoon races, relay races, rounders, volleyball, badminton, and golf pitch + putt. Festivities will culminate with the lighting of a bonfire beacon at 8.30 pm. We will be setting up from 10 am on Friday 5th May and applying finishing touches from 9.30 am on the day; all volunteers are welcome.

On Sunday morning, 16th July, we intend to walk the parish boundary to commemorate the ancient ceremony of Beating the Bounds of Everleigh Parish. The plan is to assemble at 9 am at the V Tank Crossing/Weatherhill Firs situated 1km south of The Crown on the Netheravon Rd, and then conduct a leisurely 8 mile+ hike around most of our scenic parish boundary, to finish at about 1 pm. Further details will follow.

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Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th 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. The minutes of our last meeting are available on village noticeboards and the Everleigh web site at **www.everleigh.org**

COLLINGBOURNES ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Philip Palmer writes:

I am pleased to tell you all that the CRSWG is entering a new phase. We have formed a core committee of six which should make it easier to engage with those organisations that we need to, in order to try and effect change. Let me introduce the committee to you:

Philip Palmer - Co-Ordinator resident in Collingbourne Kingston

Helen Steele - Admin Officer resident in Collingbourne Ducis

Simon Gilford - Communications Officer resident in Collingbourne Ducis

Anne Donald - resident in Collingbourne Ducis

Mark Eckersley - Fundraising Officer resident in Collingbourne Kingston

Jeannie Saville - FB page Admin Officer resident in Collingbourne Ducis

The committee is well poised to serve you, being comprised of people from both villages and therefore well conversant with the issues that affect road safety. The objectives of the group are:

- To improve road safety and driving conditions by tackling speeding issues in the villages' 30mph zones;
- To improve road safety by reducing, where possible, the volume of HGV traffic using the A338;
- To reduce serious injury and fatalities caused by road collisions in the villages and their environs;
- To improve road safety for the residents of the Collingbournes with regards to road signage and road surface maintenance, including road markings.

We now have our own email address for you to contact us on about road-related matters: **collingbourneroadsafetywg@gmail.com**

Finally, we are proposing to have another public meeting in the near future at which you will be able to put your concerns about potholes to Wiltshire Council.

CASTLEDOWN BOWLS CLUB

Humphrey Sheppard, Secretary, writes:

Your friendly welcoming local Lawn Bowls Club is looking forward to the 2023 season. We will be holding our first roll up on Monday 1st May at 6.30 pm on our green at The Wellington Academy.

We play predominantly on Monday and Wednesday evenings from early May to mid-September. We run a cup competition on Friday evenings in May, June and July.

It is free to come and try and we have a number of sets of bowls that can be used whilst finding your way. For more information please call the Secretary, Humphrey Sheppard, on **07791 951396** or e-mail on: **castledownbowlsclub@gmail.com**

COURIER SURVEY 2023 – THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Simon Gilford writes:

Many thanks to those of you that took the time to complete our 2023 survey.



The Courier is your magazine and we really wanted to hear your views on what is good, what content you like (or don't) and how we can make it even more relevant for the residents of Ducis, Kingston and Everleigh.

You didn't disappoint and we had some fantastic, constructive feedback.

Summary of findings:

Overall, most of the responders (over ninety per cent) were satisfied or very satisfied with the content we publish.

A similar number felt that the Courier effectively provides information that is important to the local community. We had some very positive comments on the current content that is included (including clubs and societies information, local history and recipes) and a good number of suggestions for additional topics that you would like to see in future issues (including widening the net further afield for what's on, health and well-being, local walk routes and more local contacts). I will be directly approaching those of you that kindly put yourselves forward to contribute.

We rely on contributions from residents so – please, please, please – if you want to put forward some content then email it to **cdkecouriercontribute@gmail.com** When you do send in content, please don't worry if you don't see it appear in the next issue as we are limited to a maximum number of pages, we occasionally have more submissions than we can publish in a single issue, and we will endeavour to use your article in the next one.

Eighty per cent were satisfied or very satisfied with the layout/design of the Courier and we had requests for greater use of colour and more

photographs. We will certainly look at some of these suggestions and see what is possible within our finite/limited production budget.

It was great to hear that so many readers do support those local organisations and businesses that regularly advertise in the Courier. As Humphrey Sheppard so eloquently wrote in the April issue, local businesses are the heartbeat of our community, and we should try, when possible, to shop locally for goods and services. A shameful plug from me as the Courier advertising manager – if you or any of your friends/suppliers/contacts want to reach the 800+ households that receive the Courier then please email me at **cdkecourieradvertise@gmail.com**

We are reviewing all of the comments and suggestions received and hope that you will see some of these being implemented in future issues of your Courier magazine.

Thanks once again to all who completed the survey and I'm delighted that Debs Bainton was the lucky winner of the £20 book token – congratulations!


A final comment:

We'd all love for the Courier to be a full-colour, glossy magazine with award-winning content but just a reminder here that the Courier is entirely managed, created, printed, and distributed by a dedicated team of unpaid volunteers who generously give their time, effort and energy to getting ten issues per year into the hands of you, our lovely readers. And the costs to print are solely covered by the revenue generated from our loyal advertisers.


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Pre-plan your meals. Take a list with you to the Supermarket.



Cook larger meals in bulk and freeze any leftovers.

Clean out your fridge regularly, ensuring you are aware of all use-by dates.

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh, Secretary, (01264 850319) writes:

At our March meeting George Clowes told us how in 2009 he took over the long-established company De Jager Bulbs when he heard that the owner wanted to retire and had no family member willing to take over the business. He had been a customer of the firm for many years but did wonder what he had taken on, but with the support of the staff in the Kent-based company it has been a resounding success.



George speaks very highly of his staff, many have been with the company for years and there are three generations of families still working together. He appears on QVC to promote the company, which was a daunting experience originally but something he now enjoys. De Jager hold a Royal Warrant and supply bulbs to the King and they supply bulbs and plants to many of the historic houses in the country. It was a lovely story of a successful company, told with much humour.

We are holding our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 20th May in Ducis Village Hall starting at 10 am. There will be vegetable and flower plants, tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle. It's a good chance to catch up with friends and if you have a gardening question there is always someone on hand to ask. We look forward to seeing you there!

The club has arranged a trip to Hestercombe Garden on Thursday 29th June. The coach will leave Pewsey at 9 am and Collingbourne Ducis at 9.15 am and leave the gardens at 4 pm. The cost is £31, (payable by 31st May) and if you would like to join us, please give our chairman, Jane Crook, a ring on **01264 850436**

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sandra Fisher (01264 850363) writes:



The April meeting was held on Thursday 13th April in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall with twenty-five members present. The president, Maz Clifton, chaired the business meeting and shared information about forthcoming events. Members were reminded that membership fees for 2023/24 are due by the end of April.

The WI Resolution this year is 'Clean Rivers for Wildlife'. There are many web sites and publications regarding this and it will be discussed at the May meeting.

The speaker for the evening, Amanda Butler, was introduced and proceeded to give a very enlightening and amusing talk on her exploits as a volunteer in Zambia with the charity Game Rangers International. Over three weeks she visited various areas, the Lusaka National Park, looking after orphaned baby elephants, and the Kafue Release facility, where babies that have been nurtured are eventually released into the wild. In Musca Park she joined the anti-poaching wardens on a raid before finally visiting Victoria Falls. Throughout her entire visit she camped under canvas. Amanda answered questions from the members and was warmly thanked for an excellent talk.

Presentation of a Bird Bath from the members was made to Wendy Brown in appreciation of her 5 years' service as President.

After tea and cake provided by Wendy Brown and Karen Preece the raffle was drawn.

Next Meeting: **Thursday 11th May at 7.30 pm.**

Speaker: Kady Chapman. 'How Horses Can Change People'

Hostess: Lorraine Dance

Raffle Prize: tbc

Tea Hostesses: Mavis Jones and Gill Foster.

Visitors are always welcomed to meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall. A donation of £4 is suggested.

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Alex Gumm on behalf of the fundraising team:

This April we opened the doors of the Community Café for the first time



and I think it's fair to say we were utterly blown away by the fantastic response and turn out.

It was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed the homemade cakes, teas and coffees as well as the overall feel of the hall. A lot of work went into trying to create a space that felt truly warm and welcoming.

Our primary aim for the Café is to create a community hub, somewhere that villagers, from all of the villages and of all ages, can come together without the need to travel too far.

For our first opening we were using a donated Nespresso machine; this made some delicious coffees but we quickly found that just one machine was not enough to manage the number of drinks required. Our apologies to anyone who was waiting a while for their drink. We have, however, very kindly been granted a sum of money from the Beerfest Committee to use towards the purchase of another machine, which we plan to have in place before our next opening on Saturday 13th May. We also have some new volunteers joining the Café team.

Thank you to those of you who filled out one of our questionnaires or were able to give us some verbal feedback. This really does help us ensure the Café is the best we can make it.

Fête and Tri Village Tournament 2023 Date Announced!

Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

Following a fantastic event last year, we're delighted to announce that the fête and hotly contested Tri Village Tournament is returning to the Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall and Recreation Ground on Saturday 2nd September 2023, from 12pm onwards. Lots more information will come over the next few months, but in the meantime don't forget to add the date to your diary.

It's a wonderful opportunity for all villagers of Ducis, Kingston and Everleigh to get together, have some fun and meet up with friends old and new - both human and canine.

Calling all villagers - A huge amount of time, effort and energy goes into organising and delivering such a large event and whilst we feel that the event last year was a great success, we really want to hear your thoughts. What was good? What needs to be improved? What else would you like to see on the day? How can you get involved? We can **ONLY** continue to run such events if more people volunteer some of their time and energy to help.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete our short survey to tell us what you really think, and how you can help at the event.

Instructions:



Scan the QR code - simply open your smartphone or tablet's camera, move the camera so the QR code is in the frame and follow the instructions on your screen.

If you are unable to access the survey via the QR code and would like a printed copy to complete and return then please call Simon Gilford on 01264 850117 and leave your name, email and postal address. A copy of the survey will be sent to you.

Remember the Café will be open on the 2nd Saturday each month from 10 am -1 pm. May's Café will have more tasty morsels for you to try, including cakes and biscuits, various types of scones and fresh fruit plus a new coffee machine. June 10th will be a particularly special Café as it will include our first Arts and Crafts Fair. Both the Café and Fair will be open from 10 am – 4 pm.

We are looking for local artists and crafters who might be interested in taking part. Please email us at **ducisvillagehall@gmail.com** if you would like to know more. Forms and further details will also be available at May's Café.

We hope to see you again very soon!

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£10	Harry Larcombe	123
£5	J Cockerton	208



Congratulations to all the winners.

We had a successful morning at the Community Cafe on Saturday April 8th with lovely bakes and good coffee and lots of chat and activities. We also managed to sell another eighteen tickets for this draw and one of the winners for April bought their first ticket at the Community Cafe. Our next target is to reach 250 tickets sold at which point we will be introducing a 5th monthly prize of £15.

So, all you who have one ticket start thinking about having a second or even third ticket. My contact details are below.

If you want any information on the draw please call Humphrey Sheppard on **07791 760 241** or e-mail on **cdvhdraw@gmail.com**

The draw is open to anyone (over the age of eighteen) who wishes to take part. If you previously had tickets, but have not been contacted by anyone please get in touch with me.

If your name is here and you have not received your winnings please contact me.

COLLINGBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

David Malley, Chairman, writes:

Unfortunately, the weather in the run-up to our open games has been a little unkind to say the least. The continued rain has hampered pitch preparations significantly through March and April, but hopefully by the time you read this, the sun will have started to shine and the club will have played its first few friendlies of the year.



Our two senior league sides kick off their competitive schedules over the Coronation weekend, and we wish our 1st and 2nd team skippers Karl Gingell and Barry Reed the best of luck over the next few months. Our Sunday friendly side, our women's team 'The Sapphires', and the midweek evening side all begin their campaigns too. In addition, we've teamed up once again with Marlborough CC to give our younger teens some cricket this year, and there are a good number of games for our under 13s throughout the summer. A list of fixtures for all teams can be found on our website or in our fixture card, which you can pick up from the score shed next time we're training or playing a game up at the Rec.

On Sunday 28th May, the club is running an internal softball competition - including teams from all section of the club. Everyone's more than welcome to come and join the fun during the afternoon...

we'll have a bar and BBQ running, followed by live music from Down the Hatch from 5 pm.

As ever, we welcome any individuals looking to get into cricket this summer and hope to see some new faces as the season gets underway. Regardless of age, sex and ability, we would love to see you, so please get in touch. We've even started a new softball team for 2023. Aimed at both men and women over fifty or those with reduced mobility through injury, illness or disability, this fun, shortened version of the game should give an opportunity to those that want to enjoy cricket, but are unable to play our other longer forms of the game.

So, if you're interested, then please get in touch... alternatively, you're more than welcome to just turn up at one of our training sessions and join in. These have already started up at the Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground with Thursday evenings at 6 pm for all hardball teams, and Friday evenings for our softball teams. 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.

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.

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COLLINGBOURNE BEERFEST

Baz Reed writes:

Collingbourne Beerfest Committee have decided to take a fallow year for 2023 (similar to Glastonbury), coming back bigger and better for 2024. There are a number of reasons for this decision and we fully appreciate the disappointment following the success of 2022. We are a small event team who have relied upon the sponsorship of local people and businesses to allow the event to be both affordable for the community and to make money for local clubs/organisations. Without the support of our sponsors our previous events would not have achieved the amazing results we have - to our sponsors of 2018, 2019 and 2022, thank you, it is very much appreciated. As a committee we are looking forward to planning a 2024 Festival that beats our previous events! Our successes extend to the grants and support we have provided to the local community. Firstly, we have donated several cases of "Bubbly" to all three Parish Councils to help toast the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May, so make sure you get a drink on us at one of the events our Parish Councils are putting on. Secondly, we have donated monies to several local organisations/clubs:

Everleigh Parish Council to support their Fireworks display;

Collingbourne Cricket Club for updated First Aid (kits and training);

Collingbourne Cricket Club "Crusaders" for equipment for their newly formed Over 50's Softball Team (which includes those with reduced mobility);

Collingbourne Bowls Club, a donation towards a new mat to support their ever-increasing popularity;

Collingbourne CofE Primary School to support an ongoing project in their playground;

Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall "Community Cafe" with a small grant that helped get them off to fantastic start.

Grants are still available - just email grants@collingbournebeerfest.co.uk for further details.

The Beerfest Committee will be supporting other events this year in the three Villages: King's Coronation events (Saturday 6th May), Cricketfest (Sunday 28th May), Church Fete (Saturday 2nd September). Follow us on Facebook for all updates.

LOCAL LADS SAVE DAY – CHARLES WILL BE KING

David Puttock:

Surnames, like all words, are interesting. Debbie Bainton, who won our readership survey book token, shares a variation of her surname with a 15th C monk – whose name we do not know!

In Edington Priory Church sits the altar tomb, c 1485* and considered to be of national importance, of an unnamed monk. But the tomb bears a carved rebus (a representation of a name by pictures representing the component parts of the name), repeated in eight places, of a sprig emerging from a barrel. This is interpreted as 'bay' (as in laurel tree), 'in' 'tun' (large barrel), giving the name Baynton or Bainton.



Which is reasonable as it is known that there were Bayntons living in the area at the time and the hamlet of Baynton is a stone's throw NE of Edington. Baynton House is a quarter of a mile away in Coulston and Baynton Down is one and a half miles to the south.

The Bainton surname is a habitation name, signifying that the family originated in a place called Baynton/Bainton or nearby. This is an Old English (OE – the language spoken by the Anglo-Saxons) place-name deriving from the personal forename *Bæga* coupled with *ton*, a

homestead or settlement = the settlement of Bæga (Oxford Dictionary of English Place-names 1955). The *æ* in Bæga is the OE letter Ash and is pronounced like the *a* in cat.

And if you are wondering, as I am confident you all are, how the *g* sound in Bæga vanished, it was never there as the *g* sound (as in bag) we would assume it to be. In OE it would have been pronounced either as *y*, according to one rule, or as the abominable velar fricative according to another. The velar fricative does not exist in modern English as a phoneme (a distinct speech sound in a language) so it is difficult for us to pronounce. You have to use the back of the throat to achieve a sort of vowel with a soft growl sound. Either way, over time, in spoken usage of the place-name the sound would have disappeared into the vowels around it. It cost me a long evening and a headache to work that stuff out. The thing is, we don't know how some OE words were pronounced because no-one can recall hearing an Anglo-Saxon say them. A look at how the current name of Bainton (from the *ton* of *Baga*) in Yorkshire developed is helpful.

1086 (Domesday Book) = Bagentone

1185 = Baington (the *n* and the *g* may have been accidentally transposed by the scribe, or this may have something to do with French/Norman influence. Or, if the scribe heard the name spoken by someone with a bad cold; that's all it would have taken)

1191 = Baenton

1222 = Bainton

2023 = Bainton

Something that stands out here is that there are four different recorded spellings in a period of a hundred and thirty-six years, and then the same spelling stuck for eight hundred years. The main reasons for this aren't difficult to work out if you ponder it.

Considering the Baynton place-names in the area, and the number and prominence of the people taking the name (the Bayntons of Faulston Manor, and many other manors, were one of the richest families in the county), Baynton village must at one time have been of some significance. Not anymore.

By 1858 Baynton was a 'tything** in the parish of Edington, hundred of Whorweldown ... containing 33 inhabitants' (A Topographical Survey of England, Samuel Lewis). Now there is hardly anything left of Baynton. A decrepit road sign points in the direction of just three or four houses and a farm.

Finally, in Edington we see a rare example of a long established village name reverting to an earlier spelling. This can only happen now by a deliberate decision being made to do this, not by shifts in pronunciation or any of the old reasons. In the late 1980s a movement to re-establish the oldest recorded version of the name, which was OE *Eþandune* (or Ethandune; that þ is the OE letter Thorn), started to make some headway.

One reason behind this movement was that the name had been corrupted over the centuries to end up looking as if it had originally meant 'the ton (OE settlement, as in Baynton) of Etha's people'. This obscured the historical significance of the original 'dun' ending which is a pre-Anglo-Saxon word, from the British language of the Celts, meaning 'hill'. It is where our word for the downs (which are also ups) comes from. Ethandune probably meant barren hill, which would still fit today.

The other reason for going back to Ethandun (I don't know why they dropped the *e*) is that the name was recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle annal for 878 as the site of a battle that turned out to be of world historical importance. With 'all the men of Somerset and Wiltshire and that part of Hampshire which was on this side of the sea

(the Solent)' Alfred went 'to Ethandune; and there he fought against the entire host, and put it to flight'.

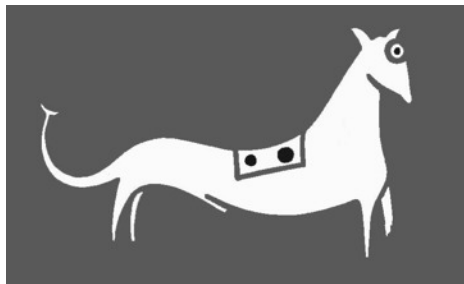
This was the last chance for Alfred. He had just emerged from his refuge at Athelney having previously been roundly defeated by the Danes. If he had lost at Ethandune it is unlikely his people would have thought it was worth continuing the fight. The creation of modern England, and the ensurance of its survival, was achieved by Alfred crushing at Ethandune the Danish (Viking) Great Heathen Army ('the entire host') led by King Guthrum of East Anglia.

The village sign now reads both Ethandun and Edington and bears the date of the battle.

So, no victory for the men of Wiltshire at Ethandune, no King Charles.

And there is every chance that distant ancestors of Mark, Debbie's husband, fought in that battle.

It is 23 miles from the Collingbournes to Ethandun.



From a sketch of the original Bratton white horse which was obliterated in the 18th C by the horse we see today. It may, or may not, have been cut after the Battle of Ethandun. It faces to the right.

*Not long after 1471 when the Baynton family, lords of Faulston (at Bishopstone) lost all their properties after Robert Baynton fought on the losing, Lancastrian, side at the Battle of Tewkesbury.

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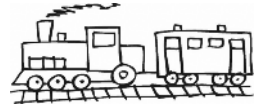
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BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid (01672 811933) writes:

The activities during our April meeting were not the usual continuation of construction of our major



layout, Savernake High Level. Instead, since our supporters have been donating items of model railways we felt it was time to go through the donations and sort out the items for our storage bins for future use or disposal.

After nearly two hours of sorting, we managed to recover much that we could use in our future layout construction. Most of the items were lineside models including trees, bushes, hedges, sign posts, gradient notices, etc.

We are hoping that the Club will be given space at the forthcoming Coronation Celebrations to be held on 7th May in the Burbage Village Hall to exhibit our layout of Burbage's High-Level Station in Savernake as it was in the 1960's. We hope to display some photographs of structures that are still standing in their original locations on the property and diagrams of the original layout. We also hope to display some replica models of the existing structures. Hope to see you at the Exhibition.

Our next session will be Monday, 15th May, 2023 commencing at 19:00 hours when we return to continue work on our large layout project.

We can arrange availability of working layouts and demonstration of modelling techniques at local village fairs and other Community gatherings. Organisers are invited to contact us regarding their requirements.

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 811933**.

CRISPY CHICKEN, GARLIC BUTTER SAUCE AND CHEESY MASH

Simon Gilford writes:

So, this is a kind of deconstructed Chicken Kyiv, and a lot easier in my humble opinion as you don't have to faff about with all that stuffing malarkey! I really love garlic, so I ever so slightly overdid the amount in my first attempt at this recipe. Baking the garlic gives a far more palatable result, so I'll leave you to decide on quantities. And I'd never even thought of cooking French beans in this way – it is a game changer. I also used chicken breast but think that thighs will be tastier the next time I cook this one.

Whilst it looks like there are a lot of steps to this recipe, do the preparation of the ingredients and then it really is easy. It is delicious too and you can thank me later!

INGREDIENTS (FOR 2 PEOPLE):

2 skinless chicken breasts (or 4 boneless thighs)

450g potatoes

3 (or more!) cloves of garlic

30-50g of cheddar cheese

1 shallot

50g panko breadcrumbs

80g French beans

1 small bunch of flat-leaf parsley

1 small chicken stock cube (or 10g chicken paste)

15ml cider vinegar

1 egg

40g salted butter (for the sauce)

100ml of water (for the sauce)

PREPARATION:

Bring a medium saucepan of water to the boil with 1/2 tsp of salt and preheat your oven to 220°C. Peel the potatoes and chop them into 2cm chunks. Meanwhile, sandwich each chicken breast between two pieces of baking paper. Pop onto a board, then give it a bash with the bottom of a saucepan until it's 1-2 cm thick. Season with salt and pepper.

Crack the egg into a medium-sized bowl and whisk. Put the panko breadcrumbs into another bowl, and season with salt and pepper. Dip the chicken into the egg and then the breadcrumbs, ensuring it's completely coated. Transfer to a clean plate and set aside for now.

Trim the French beans, then spread them out on a large baking tray. Drizzle with oil, season with salt and pepper, and then set aside.

Pop the garlic (unpeeled) into a small piece of foil with a drizzle of oil and scrunch to enclose it. Place it on the tray with the beans.

METHOD:

When your pan of water is boiling, add the potatoes and cook until you can easily slip a knife through, 15-20 mins. Meanwhile, pop a large frying pan on high heat and add enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan. You want the oil to be hot, so heat for 2-3 mins before you add the chicken.

Once hot, carefully lay the chicken into the pan, and fry until golden brown, 2-3 mins on each side. Then transfer the chicken to the baking tray and bake on the middle shelf of the oven until the chicken is cooked through and the beans are tender, 8-10 mins.

While everything cooks, halve, peel, and chop the shallot into small pieces. Roughly chop the parsley (stalks and all). Discard the oil from the (now empty) frying pan and pop back on medium heat with a drizzle of oil. Once hot, add the shallot and cook until softened, 4-5 mins.

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Once the potatoes are cooked, drain in a colander, and return to the pan, off the heat. Add a knob of butter and a splash of milk or cream (optional), then add the cheese and mash until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Cover with a lid to keep warm.

Add the cider vinegar to the shallot pan and allow it to evaporate, then add the water for the sauce and chicken stock cube/paste. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer for 2-3 mins. Stir through the butter until melted, 1 min.

Once the garlic has roasted and cooled, cut the end with scissors, squeeze it out of the skin and mash with a fork. Stir the garlic and parsley through the butter sauce.

SERVING:

When everything's ready, share the cheesy mash between your plates and top with the crispy chicken. Serve the green beans alongside.

Spoon over your roasted garlic butter sauce to finish. Serve and enjoy!

CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE

Kath Brice, PR & Communications Officer, writes:

Would you like to learn new skills, or use your existing ones, helping others? Are you looking for a way to contribute positively to your community and to meet new people? If so, have you considered volunteering?

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SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:



Qualities of a Monarch

I have just come back from planning Coronation with one of the local primary schools and was struck by some of the reflection points that were given for children. Among all the bling and the glamour of the event, we have the hopes of an entire nation as to what sort of a monarch we will have.

Almost all of us, from the royal enthusiasts to the indifferent will be hoping that Charles III will have inherited some of the gifts of his mother. One of her gifts is very hard to follow, the ability to get things right most of the time. The starting point of any ruler has to be *'Faith and*

Service. Not simply religious faith, but faith in people and faith that they and the world can become better. A service that is inclusive, embracing all in a deep-seated desire for justice and equity.

The children's list consists of; *peacemaker, pure in heart, wise, courageous, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, loving, merciful, patient and 'something else.'* All of those are part and parcel to governance in any of its forms. The interesting question is the *'something else.'*

King Charles is a polymath who throughout his life has expressed that *'something else.'* Some of those ventures people are critical of. Many however are beyond reproach. The work that continues indicates a king who is likely to be courageous in his passion for human communities and the environment.

He expressed it at Christmas, 'It is a belief in the extraordinary ability of each person to touch, with goodness and compassion, the lives of others, and to shine a light in the world around them. This is the essence of community and the very foundation of our society.'

As you enjoy this rare event reflect on those qualities/enthusiasms that we all should hope to share.

Michael

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CK: www.collingbournekingston.org.uk
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

It was lovely to see so many people in church for our Easter Sunday Celebrations on 9th April. After a lovely service, the children had great fun hunting for the 180 little Easter eggs hidden all over the church.



The APCM was held on Monday 17th April when members of the PCC, the churchwarden, the secretary, and the treasurer were elected. Please see the church notice board for details.

The services in May include the traditional open-air service on Ascension Day, which is on Thursday 18th May this year. This date is forty days after the resurrection. The service is being held at Wilton Windmill at 7.30 pm. If you would like to come to this wonderful service but need a lift, please contact me. Ten days later (28th May) is Whit Sunday or Pentecost. This is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

I am delighted to report that, thanks to a very generous donation, the PCC now has enough funds to pay for the clock face of the turret clock to be repainted and regilded at the same time as the clock is being repaired. Hopefully, this work will begin in June.

Repairs to the clapper assemblies of the church bells and some other maintenance and conservation work has also become quite urgent if the bells are to continue to be rung. It is interesting to note that two of the six church bells are historic, one dating from pre-1499 and the other from 1608. The only time the bells have not been regularly rung in 700 years was during World War II. The PCC feel it is important that bells are repaired and conserved so that we can continue to enjoy hearing

them rung, as well as conserving them for future generations. The cost of the repairs will be £4,030 + VAT. We are hoping that the repair work will be able to take place in the Autumn. Some of the cost will be covered by grants but once again the PCC is appealing for donations and for your support at our fund-raising events.

The first of these events will be the popular Starters and Pudding Fest, which is back after a few years' break. This will be held at Collingbourne Ducis village hall on Friday 9th June starting at 6 pm. Bring a starter and/or a pudding to share and taste everyone else's! As anyone who has come to this evening in previous years will tell you, this is a culinary feast of an evening. Tickets £6 per adult and £3 per child under eleven. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Profits will go to help fund the repair and conservation work on the church bells.

We are also looking forward to the annual church fête on Saturday 2nd September. You will have seen the enclosed flyer announcing this event and asking for your thoughts about last year's fête and any ideas to make it even better.

Our next meeting for the fête planning committee meeting is on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church. Please come along if you would like to be involved. We really do need your help and support if the fête is to be a success. Many hands will make it lighter work and even more fun!

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.

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

Services in May

Sunday 7th	11 am Morning Worship
Sunday 14th	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	6 pm Evensong

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Services in May

Sunday 7th	6 pm Evensong
Sunday 14th	9 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 18th	7.30 pm Ascension Day Service, Wilton Windmill
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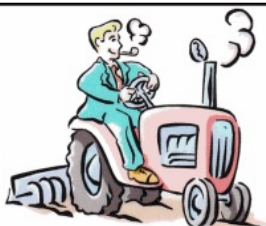
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