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Newsletter



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Parish Chat

Saturday 16th February 2013

10.30 Till Midday, Colnbrook Village Hall

Come along and have your say or just ask questions. It's not a meeting but a drop in and have a chat session. No formalities, tea and biscuits available and even a free prize draw.

Tell us what new projects you would like the Parish Council to consider.

Tell us whether you value the extra Police resources that the Parish Council helps to fund.

We would welcome any constructive suggestions on how to control traffic through the High Street.

Talk to the Village Hall Committee and meet some of the regular users. Meet other residents.

Talk to Heathrow about the effects of the Airport on local life and find out what they intend doing to mitigate issues.

Slough Council, the Police, Heathrow, Village Hall user groups and many others will be in attendance and ready to talk to you.

Chat to the Police and take their advice on home and car security.

Get involved with something you might enjoy.

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Chairman's Comment

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish everybody reading this newsletter a happy 2013.

Last year, 2012 was truly memorable for the country, celebrating The Queen's Jubilee and hosting the Olympics and what was probably the greatest show on earth to date.

It was also a pretty memorable year for the Parish with a royal visit by the Duchess of Cornwall to unveil Colnbrook's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Clock.



It can be remembered for the great response from local businesses, sponsors, the schools and members of the community. However it will probably be remembered best for the malfunction of the unveiling cord which eventually snapped under the strain of the Duchess, one of her bodyguards and me all pulling in an effort to reveal the lovely new clock.

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Fortunately a pole was on hand and with a couple of fellow councillors and the Church warden the veil was eventually removed.

In the end what seemed at first to be a disaster turned into a triumph. The Duchess thoroughly enjoyed the roars from the children every time a face of the clock was revealed and then the groans when the veil dropped back down until in the end the black cloth was fully removed and all faces of the clock were on show to great cheers and applause.



The Parish Council also hosted a well attended Jubilee Dinner at La Bettola Restaurant.

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On the more official side, our objections to the Slough International Freight Exchange were successful and the planning application was thrown out. Although an appeal was made the recent Radlett decision does look very promising for Colnbrook and hopefully our green belt areas will remain protected.

The Parish Council now has representation on Colne Valley Park Community Interest Group and Councillor Leslie Jarrett has very recently taken the position of a Director. This will give us a greater voice in the ongoing protection of greenbelt and the enhancement of our portion of the Colne Valley Park.

The council continues in its efforts to encourage community cohesion and we are pleased to see the Colnbrook Residents Association and the Colnbrook Community Partnership playing their part in this.

After representations made by the Parish Council we are pleased to see some increase in the numbers of Doctors Surgeries being held in the village.

The Police advise us that generally Colnbrook with Poyle has the lowest crime rates in Slough. Probably this can be attributed to the extra policing Colnbrook has through partial funding of PCSO's by the Parish Council. Normally areas close to the border of neighbouring Police Authorities suffer a higher rate of crime (Colnbrook is in the Thames Valley and borders The Metropolitan area).

Work with Slough Borough Council Highways department continues in efforts to combat the levels of traffic passing through the village.

The regular Parish Council prizes were awarded to pupils at both schools at the end of term.



This terms winners were: Hafsa Hussain, Mateusz Kielar, Joseph Burden and Tyrese Mckie from Colnbrook C of E Primary School with Uzma Iqbal, Nathan Hawes, Weronika Dobinska and Alfie Smith from Pippins School.

Lastly but very importantly you will see elsewhere that we have a drop in forum (Parish Chat) arranged for 16th of February and we would welcome your attendance and comments/ questions on Policing, Traffic, Green belt and any other matters.

Peter Hood

Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council Environment Working Group

The EWG team started the year by completing the Management Plan that was required to be submitted with the Green Flag application for Colnbrook Recreation Ground.

Then it was onto completing the Planning application form for the Jubilee Clock and as this was to be erected in the conservation area stringent rules applied. Thankfully, this was eventually passed by the Slough Borough Council's planning dept.

The next pressing task was making arrangements for the installation of the electricity supply and concrete base for the clock. In between this the Clerk had written to the Palace to see if we could get a member of the Royal family to carry out the unveiling ceremony. As it transpired he was very successful and so the installation of the clock was timed for just before the Royal visit.

The now traditional hanging baskets were erected in early June with Red, White and Blue flowers to mark the Jubilee year and of course the Royal visit.

The Colnbrook museum area in The Ostrich was spruced up ready to show the Old Clock and Fire Tender to the Duchess of Cornwall as part of the history of Colnbrook. Needless to say and as everyone knows what followed was a very successful and enjoyable day for the whole village.

We heard in July 2012 that we had been successful in our application for the Green Flag for excellent Parks and it was then onto getting a pole erected to fly this very prestigious award. We were also delighted to learn that Pippins Park had retained the Green Flag that was awarded to it the year before. A joint ceremony for both awards where the Flags were raised was held in August.



Colnbrook with Poyle residents are very pleased with having two GREEN FLAG rated recreation grounds

It is through the extremely hard work of the Environment Working Group and Colnbrook Community Partnership that these flags are now flying over our recreation grounds.

Early autumn saw more activity with the planting of over 400 hundred spring bulbs in the Recreation Ground. The bulbs had been kindly donated by Grundons.

A new hedgerow was also planted by volunteers and Groundwork Thames Valley near the entrance to Crown Meadow.

To finish a busy year and as normal the Christmas trees and lighting were erected for the festive season.

The Environment Working Group is always on the lookout for ways to improve the area to help the local community Love where we Live and Work. So, if you have an idea please bring it to us. We will be represented at The Parish Chat on 16th February (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details).

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Hilton London Heathrow Airport Terminal 5



Dear Neighbours

I am delighted to be able to take up the role of General Manager at the Hilton London Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 and become part of the Poyle and Colnbrook community. Being part of such a community is something that I as an individual and all of us at Hilton Globally, hold very dear to our hearts.

I know that my team have been part of activities in the past, from picking up litter to providing meals at a local event. I hope that we are given the chance to be part of more activities in the future. It is my aim that we are very closely linked to the people of Poyle, Colnbrook and the local area and so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas as to how we can work better together.



Did you know we have an amazing Spa with 9 treatment rooms and a Hydrotherapy pool? Come and try it.

May I take this opportunity to wish you the very best of health, happiness and wealth in 2013 and I look forward to meeting you soon

Kind regards

Meredith Bevan

General Manager

Colnbrook Village Hall

Colnbrook Village Hall Trust invites you to come along to The Parish Chat on Saturday 16th February and meet the management team and find out more about YOUR Village Hall.

Also, this is an opportunity to meet popular local activity organizers for Line Dance, Zumba and Amateur Dramatics.

Bill Jeeves



The partnership is attended by representatives of SBC, Local Residents, Groundwork Thames Valley South and the Parish Council.

The beginning of the year saw the Partnership putting together the design for the refurbishment of Westfield Community Centre after successfully securing funding for the scheme. Tenders were then sought and work started in June 2012 and finished in July 2012 with a grand opening of the refurbished Centre. This is now an excellent facility for local residents to hire for a variety of uses.

July was a complete triumph as Green Flags were awarded to Pippins Park for the second year running and to Colnbrook Recreation ground with its first year award. Both these flags were the result of the extensive work by the Partnership in funding and designing the parks to a very high standard which enabled the applications for the Green Flag award for Excellent Parks.

After the spring time consultation for the St Thomas Church quiet garden the final budget was set and the Partnership were successful in once



again applying for funding for the refurbishment of St Thomas Church Quiet Garden. Work started in the autumn and phase 1 of the works was complete at the end of November 2012. The next phase will be in the spring time where we would love the local residents to come and help with the day, planting the last of the hedgerows etc. and as usual refreshments will be available. This will culminate in the grand opening ceremony where we are hoping to have many dignitaries present.

During 2012 work also commenced on Crown Meadow to bring it back into a Bio-diversity condition and status. The pruning of the trees will allow light to enter the banks of the stream and the stream itself. This will encourage wildlife to flourish. The area around the pond has also been pruned

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back to create the same conditions. All the resulting cuttings have been carefully laid out nearby to create habitats for smaller creatures which in turn will provide food further up the chain.



Autumn was also the time when the Partnership decided that it would like to create a discovery trail around Colnbrook which will take in the parks, Crown Meadow and the footpaths around the Village. There will be approximately 7 No information boards at strategic points along the trail interspersed with arrows to ensure that people can easily follow the trail. Funding for this project is being sought and we will keep you informed of the progress.

The last meeting of the Partnership in 2012 resulted in agreement to provide Groundwork's Thames Valley South with a £ 5,000 grant to enable them to continue their great work on the Green Spaces around Colnbrook.

2012 also saw the inception of the **TALE OF TWO VILLAGES**. This a joint venture between Colnbrook with Poyle and Iver Village. The idea being to plot the history of the two villages and to involve the youngsters in collating the information gathered together with pictures and creating a historical and present day view of the life and times of the villages.

One unfortunate piece of news is that, whilst the Partnership continued funding the newly improved Westfield Community Centre for the Youth Service to provide activities for the youngsters Slough Borough Council no longer fund the scheme and so this service ceased in May 2012. However we are on the case and Slough tell us they are currently re-structuring Youth provision throughout the Borough.

Ray Angell

*Hon. Secretary
Colnbrook Community Partnership*



The over fifties club is sponsored by the Colnbrook Community Partnership.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB

A new club has been started for the over fifties. The club will meet every Thursday at 1.30 in the Village Hall Vicarage Way Colnbrook.

Whilst it will only meet once a week at the moment a variety of activities will be organised over the coming months. Come along and meet like minded people and put your ideas forward for the calendar of events. The more people that come along the more days it can be opened for you all to enjoy.

For further information please contact Barbara Underhill 01753 684139 or just pop in on the day.

Heathrow

The name BAA, British Airport Authority has now been dropped and the organisation is now simply known as Heathrow.

Jobs and careers fair

Heathrow are holding a Jobs and Careers Fair on Tuesday 12 February 2013, 9.30 am – 7.00 pm at the Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel. This is a great opportunity for Colnbrook with Poyle students, young adults and their Teachers/Parents to meet Heathrow recruiters and to learn about jobs and careers available working for Heathrow and their partners across the airport.

Over 76,500 people work for 320 companies at Heathrow. The airport offers a whole host of

employment opportunities including airline staff, security personnel, ground crews, fire and police officers, engineers, construction workers, caterers and retail staff.

Heathrow has its own Academy which runs courses specifically aimed at Airport employment.

If you are looking for a first or new career try to get along to the fair.

For more information visit

www.heathrowjobsandcareersfair.co.uk

Heathrow hope to see you at The Parish Chat on 16th February.

A Historic Moment in Time

A Pictorial Souvenir book of the Royal

visit, containing over 125 colourful photographs of the day is available from the Colnbrook Pharmacy, both Schools or by phoning **01753 682395**.

Copies will also be available at the Parish Chat on 16th February. Please try to get along for half an hour or so.



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Colnbrook Residents Association



The Colnbrook residents association was first founded as long ago as 1947. During its existence it has had some quiet years but of late we have been doing our bit to help improve community cohesion. During a twelve month period we have held four very successful community lunches. The last one was the Christmas lunch held at The Holiday Inn Express Hotel Colnbrook which was attended by one hundred and fifty people including Father Christmas and the Mayor and Mayoress of Slough.

Some of the results of a questionnaire completed by a good proportion of those attending rated the event:

	Good	Great	Brilliant
Value for money	44%	23%	29%
Quality of food	44%	34%	2%
Enjoyment level	51%	34%	2%
Meeting new people	40%	51%	7%

Ideas for other events were suggested and included, Skittles and Fish & Chip supper, Walking and Cycling groups, BBQ in Pippins Park, Coach outings, Multi Cultural Festival, Photographic club, Victorian Fair, Carol singing, more Community meals, Go-carting for kids, Barn Dance or Bollywood evening, Tea dances, summer Fetes, Village club Dog show, Fun days /Kids day, and Theatre trips.

We now have a great selection of good ideas. Would you like to get involved in just attending, or helping to organise. If so please get along to our meetings which are held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month. It's all pretty informal, just a group of Colnbrook people pursuing ideas to help residents love where they live.

Following one of the suggestions made at the Christmas lunch we quickly arranged a Carol singing event with the help and support of the Colnbrook Community Partnership. A group of



about forty people sang carols next to the Parish Christmas tree outside Ye Olde George and were treated to mince pies and mulled wine.

At the last meeting we agreed that our next focus will be on a Skittles with Fish and Chip supper, a Coach outing to a National Trust site and perhaps a theatre trip.



We still have the badminton facilities available in the Village Hall and if anybody is interested again please get along to one of our meetings.

David MacDougald

Chairman



A small patch of Pippins Park has kindly been allocated to Pippins School by Slough Borough Council. This has already been dug over, thanks to volunteers from DHL. Pippins School are working with a scheme called Love Local Food to develop the area, and the plans are to plant small fruit trees and bushes and raised herb beds, and to incorporate a 'sitting area'.

It is very much wanted for it to be a community venture, and a place where members of the local

community can visit and also share any produce. A 'construction day' is planned for February 28th and March 1st, when Love Local Food will come in to help, together with volunteers from school (parents and children) and anyone from the community who may be able to offer any help.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact Jill Jannotti at Pippins School (01753 682937).

New Bus route linking Egham, Staines, Colnbrook & Langley

The TGM group intend introducing a new bus route from Egham station to Langley station commencing early April this year. The service will run as a trial on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a period of six months. The service will not be numbered but will be called "Colnbrook Connection"

Subject to the uptake and viability of the service the company will consider the continuation. It would be useful once the service is running if Colnbrook residents gave TGM some feedback. Their telephone number is 0208 757 4700.



Proposed Timetable

Egham Station	10:10	14:10	Langley, Station	11:10	15:10
Staines Bus Station	10:25	14:25	Langley, High Street	11:16	15:16
Ashford Hospital	10:33	14:33	Colnbrook, George	11:23	15:23
Stanwell, Happy Landing	10:35	14:35	Poyle Trading Estate	11:25	15:25
Stanwell Moor, Post Office	10:43	14:43	Stanwell Moor, Post Office	11:32	15:32
Poyle Trading Estate	10:50	14:50	Stanwell, Happy Landing	11:40	15:40
Colnbrook, George	10:52	14:52	Ashford Hospital	11:42	15:42
Langley, High Street	10:59	14:59	Staines Bus Station	11:50	15:50
Langley, Station	11:05	15:05	Egham Station	12:05	16:05

Fares will be in line with the current fare scales used in both Surrey and Slough Borough's.

Parish Council information

Please remember you can find out more about the Parish Council by visiting our website www.colnbrookwithpoyleparishcouncil.org.uk or referring to the notice boards.

Crime is down in Colnbrook

Message from your neighbourhood policing team

Insp Shelly Squire, from the neighbourhood policing team (NHPT), said: "We have worked closely with our partners and other Thames Valley Police departments to concentrate on the crime types that matter most to the community. "Over the past twelve months many operations and initiatives have taken place targeting dwelling burglary, shed thefts and focusing on known offenders. By investing this time the results can be seen and hopefully felt by residents."

In the period from December 2011 to November 2012, there were 708 crimes reported, compared to 814 in the same period in the previous 12 months. In the same year on year period, robbery has halved – from 8 to 4 offences, anti-social behaviour (ASB) is down from 230 to 157, vehicle crime is down from 164 to 117.

The NHPT has run several operations and initiatives during 2012 which have no doubt impacted on the crime figures reduction, including:

Operation Cape saw targeted patrols of burglary hotspots in the parish and engagement with known offenders. It was run by Local CID using neighbourhood staff.

Operation Crop was door to door enquires to conduct home security surveys to combat burglaries and shed breaks.

Operation Candle saw street surveys being carried out to record homes in darkness in the evenings. This was followed up with a letter and a free timer switch offered by NHPT to properties that were identified as possibly vulnerable.

Operation Closure was the local police response to any request from housing associations on our area to assist with either disclosure or eviction of repeat ASB offenders.

Moving forward, work is commencing to combat bilking and number plate theft. A day of action on the forecourt is planned, where tamper proof number plate screws are fitted to cars that stop for fuel. High visibility presence will deter fuel theft and changing screws will address number plate thefts.

Several intelligence gathering exercises have taken place with an engagement programme of every door in the parish being knocked. This has given NHPT the opportunity to introduce themselves, identify known offenders on the area, canvass opinion of effectiveness and address any issues that may have come from the engagement.

People across Slough can pick up security advice via Twitter by following TVP_Slough or for free regular updates via email, phone or text on crime and disorder you can sign up at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk



Inspector Shelly Squire adds this comment :

"Community involvement and assistance is a vital part of delivering targeted and effective policing. Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) provide re-assurance to the public, they act as the eyes and ears to the wider policing family and gather invaluable intelligence. A great deal of police activity has been supported by the presence of the local dedicated officers and the PCSO's in the Colnbrook and Poyle area and they have been instrumental in addressing community priorities, targeting anti – social behaviour and working on crime prevention and reduction initiatives."



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