

Colnbrook with Poyle

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Newsletter



**THE BIG
QUESTION**



Heathrow



or Gatwick?

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Chairman's message

2014 has been challenging for Colnbrook residents. Floods at the beginning of the year caused: damage to some, distress to many and considerable inconvenience to most. However, it was good to see the local and wider community rallying to help others.

Traffic continues to cause local problems and indeed seems to increase week by week. Clearly Heathrow Airport is the source of a lot of the HGV and white van movements that we see in and around Colnbrook.

Slough Borough Council have implemented a new road scheme on the A4 London Road in an effort to speed up bus services from Britwell to Heathrow but initial reaction to the scheme is that it isn't working and has in fact made matters worse. The Parish Council have advised them of the problems and they in turn intend making improvements.

It's been rumbling on for some time but now the Airports Commission is getting ever closer to making its decision on how best to increase airport capacity in the South of England. It's now a choice between two options at Heathrow and one at Gatwick. Clearly this decision will have an impact on our community. Everybody has an opportunity to give their views to the commission during the current public consultation period. The Parish Council would welcome a copy of any representations that are sent in. Please see the article titled "Heathrow or Gatwick" on page 4 of this newsletter. I shall be speaking at Slough Borough Council's Cabinet meeting before they make their decision on how to respond to the Airports Commissions Consultation.

Despite these and other challenges Colnbrook with Poyle remains a positive community with lots of voluntary groups, organisations and individuals doing their bit to help make it somewhere you can Love to Live. I often receive comments from those living outside of Colnbrook on what a nice place it is and how great it is to visit somewhere with a sense of village community spirit. The Council does its best to engage with and support active groups and organisations in the Parish. It also encourages them to provide regular reports and updates on their activities. In this newsletter we include contributions we have received, so please read on.

In closing I would like to wish the whole community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Peter Hood

Chairman

Heathrow or Gatwick

Sir Howard Davies has been appointed by the Government to oversee an Airports Commission which has been charged with recommending the direction in which aviation growth should proceed in this country.

The Commission has already concluded that the South East of England needs new runway capacity by 2030.

Of the proposals put to them they have decided that only three should now be considered, Heathrow Airport's North West proposal, Heathrow Hub's extended runway proposal and Gatwick Airport's second runway proposal.

All three proposers have submitted their further developed plans but clearly at this stage many details remain unaddressed.

The commission, with the aid of specialist consultants has carried out its own initial appraisals of the three submissions and produced a ninety four page Public Consultation Document which concludes with eight questions.

4.7 Questions 1 and 2 invite views and conclusions on the three short-listed options.

Questions 3 and 4 are on the Commission's appraisal and overall approach.

Questions 5-7 are on specific areas of the Commission's appraisal.

Question 8 asks for any further comments on any aspect of the Commission's work.

Questions inviting views and conclusions in respect of the three short-listed options.	Q1: What conclusions, if any, do you draw in respect of the three short-listed options? In answering this question please take into account the Commission's consultation documents and any other information you consider relevant. The options are described in section three.
	Q2: Do you have any suggestions for how the short-listed options could be improved, i.e their benefits enhanced or negative impacts mitigated? The options and their impacts are summarised in section three.
Questions on the Commission's appraisal and overall approach.	Q3: Do you have any comments on how the Commission has carried out its appraisal? The appraisal process is summarised in section two.
	Q4: In your view, are there any relevant factors that have not been fully addressed by the Commission to date?
Questions inviting comments on specific areas of the Commission's appraisal.	Q5: Do you have any comments on how the Commission has carried out its appraisal of specific topics (as defined by the Commission's 16 appraisal modules), including methodology and results?
	Q6: Do you have any comments on the Commission's sustainability assessments, including methodology and results?
	Q7: Do you have any comments on the Commission's business cases, including methodology and results?
Other comments.	Q8: Do you have any other comments?

4.8 Respondents do not have to answer every question, and can answer selectively if they wish.

Everybody is invited to respond and the consultation document explains how to do this.

The Parish Council have already submitted a letter which objects to the Heathrow proposals. This letter has been acknowledged by the Commission and will be considered in their decision making process.

The consultation period continues for twelve weeks ending on 3rd February 2015.

Details can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/airports-commission>

Four Parish Councillors attended the consultation event held at The Park Inn Hotel Heathrow on 3rd December and our Chairman took the opportunity to talk with The Chief Executive of Heathrow Airport and his team regarding homeowners support should either of the Heathrow proposals be adopted. The response was promising.

Some councillors views

Heathrow Expansion

I have lived in Colnbrook for over 37 years and Heathrow has provided an excellent living for me and my family for over 49 years and therefore believe I am more than qualified to offer comment on the expansion of our sometimes good and sometimes bad near neighbour!

During my life in Colnbrook I have experienced the growth of Heathrow with its increases and now strangely decreases in aircraft noise, moving from the air splitting era of the Caravelle and VC10 aircraft, to the ground shaking thunder that was Concorde and now some say quieter generation of new aircraft.

I have also seen the incredible growth in actual flight movements from the mid 200,000s to what we have today of around 478,000 movements per year and in my opinion, it is the increase in frequency of noise occurrences which is far worse than the higher noise levels of existing flight movements, where to some degree with the runway alternation we do get some relief or as the promoters of the expansion call it "Respite"!

As mentioned Heathrow currently has approximately 478,000 flight movements per year, which was restricted to this figure as part of the Terminal 5 planning approval.

Are you aware that the new proposals will mean an additional 260,000 flight movements per annum! This is a 54% increase over what we have today!

This means that with either a runaway to the north or an extended runway along the same path as the current northern runway, which would be used for both take off and landings we would certainly have far more noise occurrences even if they are at a supposed quieter Decibel level.

There is then the issue of air pollution; we live in one of the most polluted areas of the UK; however arguments state that the generation of new aircraft are more environmentally friendly, this is as yet to be proved, but there is no doubt that a higher frequency of aircraft movements will bring more pollution of CO₂ and NOX to our area.

Another fact which has been argued by those promoting the expanded airport, is that it will bring 41,000 additional jobs to the airport; this means that there will be an additional, 21,320,000 journeys each year, to get these workers to / from the airport. (The maths are simple; using an average of a 5 day working week equals 260 days a worker will travel to and from their place of work; 41,000

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jobs multiplied by 2 (to and from work) equals 82,000 trips daily; multiplied by 260 days equals 21,320,00 journeys per year).

This figure is in addition to the estimated 31,000,000 extra passengers they hope to generate; can our roads support an additional 52,000,000 journeys?

One argument put forward by the promoters, is that this will be mitigated by a better transport infrastructure and restrictions in parking and introduction of congestion charges; I have seen these promises before and whilst there is always a promise, workers, especially those working unsocial hours (shifts) will always revert to the most convenient way of getting to work; you only have to look at roads in Colnbrook on any day and other neighbouring areas to see the blight of airport workers parking anywhere and everywhere sometimes to the extent local residents are unable park!

I have recently attended the Davies Commission presentation regarding the proposals for Heathrow, where excellent cases were made for and against expansion at Heathrow; mine is just one opinion, we need to hear from all residents; whichever side of the argument you may favour, it is essential you express that opinion to the Airports Commission, or your local representatives the Parish Council, or Slough Borough Council.

Or you can e-mail me at hbjoness.heathrowopinion@gmail.com

Ensure you give your name and post code and house number and just indicate:

Support Expansion

Against Expansion

Ellr Howard Jones

Heathrow Expansion

I think our area would get a better deal if we were under Windsor and Maidenhead Council rather than Slough – their services are better and their Council Tax is lower. I certainly share the approach taken by Windsor and Maidenhead towards Heathrow's expansion plans – I favour a "Better, Not Bigger" Airport as a neighbour.

This approach is in striking contrast to Slough Borough Council's paradoxical position, claiming that failure to grant Heathrow a Third Runway would force the Airport to close, (which didn't happen in 2010), while being

silent on protecting the wedge of Greenbelt along the By-pass, designated as a "strategic gap" stopping the urban sprawl of London, and silent on protecting our health from air pollution, that forces SBC to operate Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) at Brands Hill and by Elbow Meadow.

There is no way that plans to increase Heathrow by more than half as much again wouldn't take significant amounts of land in our parish, or make our air quality problems far worse and more widespread, or cause much greater congestion on the roads around us. SBC got nothing for Colnbrook the last time it backed Heathrow and didn't object at the Terminal 5 Public Inquiry, while we had to take the Perry Oaks replacement sewage plant, and BAA's Logistics Centre, as well as all the extra flights overhead and greater congestion on our roads.

The Parish Council wrote to the Davies Commission, considering the UK's future airport needs; we criticised the Third Runway compensation proposals of Heathrow Airport Ltd (HAL), which were directing the compensation they proposed to areas newly affected by coming into the 57db aircraft noise nuisance area – particularly western and central Slough – to gain their support. The only part of the Parish that would "benefit" from this would have been Brands Hill which, unenviably, would be at the western end of the Third Runway.

We have helped to force an improvement in HAL's compensation proposals so more is now on offer to protect and compensate those suffering the greatest impact from putting runways and surrounding roads, like the A4, closer to where many of us live.

We would be failing in our public duties if we did not point out to you the devastating environmental impact upon our community if a Third Runway at Heathrow goes ahead; or that both the proposals of HAL and the Heathrow Hub would result in parallel landings on runways less than 1000 metres apart and that past UK air traffic control guidance has been that this is too dangerous to allow.

The Heathrow Hub proposals for a Third Runway would, in addition, require the destruction of at least 250 homes in our parish, from Elbow Meadow down through a sizeable part of the Poyle Industrial Estate. Our schools and community would become non-viable. The Third Runway proposals of both HAL and Heathrow Hub will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs presently in Colnbrook.

SBC don't understand that objecting is not only the best way to stop harmful over-development, it is also the best way to get improvements in compensation being offered. This doesn't make us anti-Heathrow.

Both the Parish Council and I as a ward councillor wrote to the Planning Inspectorate last month to support HAL in appealing against Hillingdon Borough Council's refusal of permission for construction of a taxiway enabling more take-offs and landings over West London using Heathrow's northern runway. For years this was limited by the Cranford Agreement, which was scrapped in 2009, but lack of infrastructure on the Airport means that still today more than 90% of take offs and landings using the northern runway are over Colnbrook. Of course, mitigation measures are needed to protect those affected by this taxiway development, but supporting Heathrow in this instant means that we in Colnbrook will have fewer aircraft overhead - a more even distribution of take offs and landings will reduce the noise and air pollution we experience.

Ellr Dexter Smith

Members of the council have also met with executives of Gatwick Airport to learn more about their proposal and asked them for a short summary of their case for inclusion in this newsletter. Please see below.

LONDON *Gatwick* OBVIOUSLY.

Why Gatwick is the obvious choice for the UK's next runway.

With the Airports Commission public consultation currently taking views on where London's next runway should be built, Gatwick Airport outlines why its second runway plan will give the UK the economic boost it needs at a fraction of the environmental impact of Heathrow

The debate about where the UK's next runway is built has reached a crucial stage.

The Airports Commission, appointed by the Government to come up with a solution for more runway capacity in the South East, is now seeking your views through its national public consultation.

We believe expansion at Gatwick is the best and most deliverable way to meet the country's future aviation needs. It can deliver more passengers and more destinations, earlier, and provide the greatest economic

boost through greater choice and competition. Best of all, Gatwick will be delivered at a fraction of the financial and environmental cost of expansion at Heathrow and with no additional contribution from taxpayers.

London is the world's most connected city and we need to maintain that status and the economic benefit that brings. Expanding Gatwick will create two world class gateways in a network of competing airports for London and the South East that can cater for all types of airline, ensuring that all passengers benefit.

The economic boost that expansion will bring, however, should not come at a disproportionate cost to the environment. Heathrow has never been able to find an answer that adequately addresses those who will be most affected by expansion – those that live under its flight path. Gatwick's plan for a second runway will result in lesser noise impacts as it will affect hundreds of thousands fewer people than are currently affected by noise at Heathrow. Its better mix of passengers arriving by rail as against by road also means it suffers less from air quality problems than Heathrow.

Gatwick does not underestimate the effects expansion can have on the community and will continue to be a good neighbour in its community. We have pledged to invest £250 million to promote new jobs, more houses, and new infrastructure and have introduced Europe's most progressive noise and insulation scheme. If a second runway is built, Gatwick will also compensate those most affected with an offer of £1,000 per annum towards their Council Tax.

Finally, Gatwick's plan can actually happen soon – we can deliver a second runway more cost efficiently, with more certainty and less risk; work can start within five years. Our expansion plan is comparatively simple to build and operate. On the other hand, Heathrow faces the challenge of building across the M25, which means constructing a tunnel for the motorway and years of possible disruption as a result.

Heathrow wants the taxpayer to foot this bill while Gatwick has committed to paying all the associated road costs of its expansion.

To find out more about Gatwick's plan for a second runway, to subscribe for regular updates, or register your support, please visit the Gatwick website: <http://www.gatwickobviously.com/mailling-list-sign-up/choice>

To respond to the Airports Commission consultation: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/134578HXH DU>



Charles Kirwan-Taylor
Corporate Affairs & Sustainability Director

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After The Floods

Following the Colnbrook floods earlier in the year many positive steps have been taken in order to better prepare for heavy rainfall and the flooding potential that it brings.

Although rainfall in 2013 and early this year was exceptional a lot of lessons have been learnt which can directly or indirectly help us all, residents, councils, The Environment Agency, emergency services and Thames Water. Since the floods The Parish Council have been regularly meeting with Slough Borough Council, The E.A., Thames Water and The National Flood Forum in order to ensure remedial actions are undertaken and systems are improved to provide more flood resilience.

We have also worked with The National Flood Forum to help establish a local Flood Action Group made up of residents affected by flooding. Their last meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd December and they were joined by the multi agency team, The Chairman of Colnbrook Residents Association and the Chairman of The Parish Council.

Members of the Parish Council, The National Flood Forum and the Colnbrook Residents Association have worked with volunteers from DHL under the direction of Groundwork Thames Valley clearing rivers and banks of potential blockages. The E.A. have also been clearing larger obstacles and debris although often this is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners.



Volunteers helping to clear the banks of the County Ditch in Pippins Park.

A Note from the Chairman of Colnbrook's Flood Action Group

Hi all, just a quick update for you on the Flood Action Group front.....on 3rd December we met with the multi agencies and discussed the issues raised by you all, these concerns will be looked into with time-scales in place for the issues reported back on. As a group we will continue to work with the multi agencies to gain answers to those concerns.

The National Flood Forum is working closely with our group to ensure the multi agencies give us the answers we need.

The group will now meet quarterly to address issues raised and most importantly for updates as to the progress made.

Our next meeting is planned for February 2015 at which time I will report back on the actions taken so far.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, wishing you all peace health and happiness in 2015.

God Bless

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(Chair FAG)

Colnbrook gets its first CCTV camera

A brand new state-of-the-art CCTV camera has been installed in Colnbrook in a bid to deter crime and anti-social behaviour.

The £20K camera, which is jointly funded by Slough Borough Council and Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council, is the village's first. Located in the centre near the clock tower, it can see all the way along the high street and into Park Street, as well as the vicinity of Nisa Local grocery store and Ye Olde George pub.

Peter Webster, CCTV and Careline centre manager for Slough Borough Council, said: "They use this camera in formula one racing cars, so you get a good idea of how good the image quality is.

"We can rotate the camera and zoom in, giving us fantastic coverage and detail."

Images from the camera are fed back to the CCTV control centre, which is manned 24 hours a day.

Peter Hood, Chairman of Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council, said: "We're very pleased with the camera and how quickly it has gone in; we only approached the council in March about the possibility of getting our own CCTV camera. "We do get spates of anti-social behaviour and in particular have had problems with people using catapults and throwing eggs at cars. I'm delighted eyes are now looking at Colnbrook."

Colnbrook also has its own dedicated neighbourhood policing team, with a neighbourhood inspector, two constables and four PCSOs, one of which is funded by the Parish Council. Thames Valley Police's neighbourhood inspector Sarah Cook said: "The Colnbrook community has been campaigning for the facility for a while and we are really pleased they now have a CCTV camera. It covers a vast area and will help us keep crime and anti-social behaviour to a minimum, as well as reassuring residents and keeping them safe."



Slough Borough Council's CCTV monitoring centre, manned 24 hours per day.



Saving a Loved One's Life

Would you like to have the skills to help a loved one, friend or neighbour if they collapsed and stopped breathing.

The Parish Council are offering the opportunity for you to learn such a skill.

Following a recent campaign by The British Heart Foundation the Parish Council have obtained twenty training manikins and other necessary equipment which help facilitate tuition via an easy to follow demonstration video.

FREE sessions will be run with the help of the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust and Colnbrook Residents Association.

We intend targeting existing groups at first and will invite up to twenty people to attend a 1 hour session. Any individuals wishing to attend should contact Cllr K Laxman in The Colnbrook Pharmacy or Peter Hood on 01753 682395. We will then arrange sessions for up to twenty people at a time. There will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea and a biscuit after the tuition and hopefully those that value the new skill will be inclined to make a donation to The British Heart Foundation which is doing so much good work in providing the training equipment.

Become part of a community of Lifesavers by learning lifesaving CPR.

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Where to start?! The Autumn Term has been a busy one, with new staff and children joining Pippins. Our ethos is still at the heart of everything we do 'Together we grow, Together we achieve', making us a strong team! We continue to strive in working in partnership with our children, parents and the community.

Our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School (RRS) started in September 2014; with a focus on Rights, Respecting, Friendship and Excellence.



Classroom and Playground Charters have been created and is an effective way of promoting a common understanding and common use of language among pupils, teaching and non teaching staff across the school focusing on the rights respecting ethos. Classroom charters enable children and adults alike to consider their classroom values and the actions that need to be taken to achieve them. In a rights respecting school, these charters must be built on the CRC (UN Convention on the

Rights of the Child). School council will be the focus group leading and developing work on achieving Level 1 RRS Award.

Free School Meals (FSM) became statutory in September 2014 for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Many of our children have opted to have a FSM, and have enjoyed eating a greater variety of food, as well as sitting together, talking and eating with a knife and fork; all skills that are necessary in life.

Pippins School has been working closely with Capita SIMS in helping to raise the attainment of all our children and improving outcomes across the school. The outcome is, SIMS has now produced a case study on Pippins School and we will be showcased throughout the academic year at SIMs Events.

As always, Harvest Festival was very successful. The children were, amazing with their singing and performing in front of an audience. We would like to take this opportunity



again to thank everyone who donated either flowers to loved ones and or non perishables to the Salvation Army who attended our Harvest Assembly.

Remembrance Day, the children, staff and parents conducted a moving service and laid wreaths to remember the fallen from past and present wars at St Thomas Church. The Last Post was played on a bugle. It was a lovely service and we would like to thank the Church Wardens and Friends of St Thomas for having the Church ready for us.

During Parents Meetings before half term, parents were encouraged to complete an online questionnaire. As a school we value feedback. Here are some quotes, from our parents about what we do well;

"I am happy with the progress of my child."

"Good learning ethos."

"Teachers are of a very high standard."

"I feel there is consistency with homework."

"My child enjoys learning and is constantly telling us about what he has achieved."

"Incidents were resolved quickly and effectively."

"The management is good and supportive."

"The school is always there to help."

"I am happy with my child's progress and pleased that he enjoys coming to school every day."

Several educational visits have already taken place this term; Year 5 and 6 visiting the Harry Potter Studios, Year 2 visiting the Look Out Centre, Nursery visiting Black Park, and Chertsey Museum visiting our Year 1 children in school.

Staff are already planning educational visits for the next term! Our school website www.pippins.slough.sch.uk is continually updated. Please visit our site. Feedback is always welcome.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the children, staff and governors at Pippins School!

Tracy Ball



Colnbrook C Of E Primary School

The pupils of Colnbrook have had a great deal going on over the past few months, as we work to ensure they get the best possible experiences both in and outside of the classroom. Our school values continue to become ever more central to everything we do for our pupils; aspiration, resilience, respect, responsibility, community and compassion are the six that we focus on in all that we do at Colnbrook School. We can also demonstrate excellent rates of progress for pupils across school, and we are extremely proud of the fact that more of our pupils make expected progress and better than expected progress when compared to national averages in reading and writing. Our pupils continue to perform well in maths too. We have recently completed some extensive building work around school that includes a brand new library, music room, breakfast club and nurture area and school reception and all of our classrooms have been updated to include air conditioning! We have topped all of this off with a recent Mock Ofsted inspection where the school was awarded a good overall grading with some outstanding features for behaviour.

As always, our children would be delighted to give you a tour of our school if you are looking for a primary place or just want to come and see some of the excellent work going on here.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Jeremy Meek

Headteacher



The School Choir performing in the Observatory Shopping Centre Slough on 4th December.



Colnbrook Residents' Association



Serving Residents and Community since 1947

Dear Colnbrook Residents

Jill, Neelam, Gill and I would like to start by wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Christmas.

We received some great suggestions from you all at last year's Christmas bash and subsequently arranged an Easter Egg Hunt for children, a Skittles evening with Fish & Chip supper for families and a Scottish evening with dancing lessons and a traditional meal all of which were well received.

A trip to the coast was also suggested but alas we were unable to get the price down to an acceptable level – if anyone has any contacts please feel free to put us in touch :)

So what does the New Year hold? :

Feb - Theatre in Windsor

April – the very popular Easter Egg hunt for the younger villagers and their families.

June – skittles evening with a fish & chip supper thrown in (please don't throw the fish!)

August – quiz night

September – Apple fayre

As always feedback, suggestions and volunteers are welcome please feel free to contact any one of us on 01753 686331 or via email coreas1947@gmail.com or check out our facebook page [facebook.com/ColnbrookResidentsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ColnbrookResidentsAssociation)

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and we all look forward to seeing you at future events.

Sean Kelly

Chairman

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Scottish Night

The Colnbrook Residents Association organised a Scottish Night on Saturday 25th October 2014 at St Thomas' Church, an event which the Parish Council were asked to help out with. This consisted of a 3 course meal with haggis, venison and salmon as the delights on the menu. This was preceded by an address to a haggis, and followed by a mini-quiz and Highland Dancing with guests taught and carefully choreographed by a professional bona fide Scottish teacher. The night was rounded off by a rendition of "Old Lang Syne". Needless to say, all had a great night.



Some dancing at the Scottish Night.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch was held at the Marriott Hotel in Langley, on Sunday 7th December. Ticket sales met the 100 mark as anticipated and a great time was had by all. Father Christmas made a special appearance and presents were handed out to all the children and family groups. The live music was very well received with everybody joining in with carol singing, plenty getting up to dance and children enjoying a nursery rhyme interlude.

The Hotel & staff were magnificent in providing a fabulous array of foods to choose from.



Colnbrook Village Hall Trust - CVHT

Colnbrook Village Hall, Heart of the Community.

The Village Hall is already near to the centre of the village in Vicarage Way, our vision is to become the Heart of the Community and we believe that the recent refurbishment programme will go a long way to achieve this ambition.

Colnbrook Village Hall was completed over 20 years ago and replaced the old "Public Rooms" in Bridge Street and has recently undergone a c. £ 100,000.00 renovation programme to ensure that it lasts for another twenty odd years.

We now have a brand new top class kitchen that any commercial chef would be pleased to work in and which is complimented by the bar that has also had a facelift with new decorations, carpet and lighting.

We now also boast completely new ladies, gents and assisted toilets, complete with modern washroom facilities and hand driers.

The two meeting rooms have also benefitted from the refurbishment programme with decorations, carpet and new lighting.

We also decided to lay new anti-slip flooring in the foyer and varnished the woodwork skirting and door frames and then replaced the rusty emergency exit signs with new ones.

Then at the 11th hour it was decided to paint the hall walls up to the picture rail.

We now intend to push on and secure many more regular and Ad Hoc bookings to ensure that the hall does become the heart of the village.

The Objectives of the CVHT which is as the names suggest a Charitable Trust is, "The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Colnbrook and the neighbourhood thereof" (Extract from the Charity Scheme document).

What the CVHT is not, is an organising committee for events at the Village Hall, this is the responsibility of the user groups and other outside parties; have you tried the Zumba or line dancing classes? Have you been to a play or musical production by Colnbrook's own theatre company C.A.S.T.?

The community's own PCSOs have a small office at the Village Hall to enable them to remain in the Village for longer periods of their working day; it is hoped this may also allow them to conduct regular face to face meetings with the community.

For bookings phone: Chris on

07598 126809



The official reopening of the Village Hall conducted by the Mayor of Slough councillor Shafiq Chaudhry.

Colnbrook Community Cup Award

Chris Darbon receiving the Colnbrook Community Cup for her years of service to the community as Chair of CAST, Booking Secretary of the Village Hall and recently helping to co-ordinate flood relief efforts based in the Village Hall.

The cup was donated to the Parish many years ago by our former Clerk Roland Hewson.



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The Great War Memorial Service

Saturday 26th July 2014

A Working Group consisting of Parish Cllrs Bryant, Laxman, MacDougald and Mrs Safia Akram, agreed to deliver this event. Their task was to bring together local groups such as St Thomas' Church, the local schools, the Scouts, Colnbrook Residents Association, Over 50's Club and others and organise an event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Great War.

Over 170 people attended the wreath laying ceremony at the Jubilee Clock, outside the Old George at 2.00pm and a total of 7 wreaths were laid. This was immediately followed by a memorial service in St Thomas' Church, which was packed by some 150 residents. The service was put together and conducted by the Area Dean Rod Cosh and was delivered with the utmost sensitivity and respect. The names of the Fallen Heroes were read by members of the Scouts. After the service tea was served in the grounds of the Church.





Thames Valley Police

The Colnbrook and Poyle Neighbourhood police team carry out "Have your Say meetings" outside the NISA store on the High Street in Colnbrook. A have your say is a mechanism to engage

with the public in a setting other than a public meeting environment, and to reach those who are unable or unwilling to attend meetings or engage with us via the usual methods. The objective of the meeting is to listen to people's concerns and to take these into account when the Neighbourhood priorities are decided. 'Have Your Say' allows neighbourhood teams to receive information from the public by a wider range of publicised opportunities, but also includes one-to-one encounters with the public while out on patrol.

Drivers throughout the Thames Valley area are urged not to leave their vehicles unattended with the engine running on frosty mornings. Opportunist thieves could be on the lookout to take advantage of such a situation. It only needs a moment for a thief to jump behind the wheel and drive off in your car. Even if the door is locked, a thief will not think twice about smashing a window to get in. The simple message is not to leave a running car unattended for any length of time, whether it is left on your own driveway to de-ice on a cold winter morning, or for example while you pop to post a letter or pay for fuel. Give yourself extra time to defrost all your cars windows and don't be tempted to leave the car even for a few moments. A car unattended with its engine running is a golden opportunity for a thief. As well as causing a huge amount of upset and stress, this type of theft can also result in your insurance company refusing to settle the claim because the vehicle was left insecure. You could potentially lose thousands of pounds. You can watch a video on our Thames Valley Police YouTube



Speed camera operation in Park Street.

account which provides Winter Driving Tips, including not leaving your car unattended with the keys in the ignition.

Most offences of theft from vehicle are opportunist. If valuable possessions (eg, handbags, laptops, sat navs, iPods, mobile phones, cameras) are left on show inside a vehicle, it is much more likely to be targeted by thieves. Even items of little value, such as shopping bags and clothing, may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing. Offences can take place during the day or night, whether a vehicle is parked in a driveway, on the street or in a public car park. Typically thieves will smash windows to gain entry; sometimes they will break door locks or, on older vehicles, prise the door away from the body of the vehicle. The neighbourhood police team would advise the following crime prevention tips to motorists to reduce this type of vehicle crime.

- When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car
- Park your car in an attended car park
- Look for public car parks approved by the Park Mark scheme
- When parking at home, use your garage. If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area
- Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle
- Take all your personal possessions with you
- Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser to your car
- Record the details of your property on the Immobilise website
- Do not store your car's documents in the car
- Secure your wheels using locking wheel nuts

Thefts of number plates continue to be an issue that is affecting not only our neighbourhood but other areas of Berkshire. Stolen index plates may be used to aid secondary crimes such as: theft of fuel from forecourts (bilking); avoidance of congestion charges and parking fines, vehicle cloning and burglary. If they do not report index plate theft, victims may receive summonses for unpaid parking and speeding tickets, or may even be questioned by police in connection with more serious crimes. The

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following prevention/reduction actions and advice will assist police and partners to reduce the potential risk of crime and prevent members of the public from becoming victims.

- Park your car in a garage at night or park to prevent access to either front or rear number plate.
- Park in a safe public car park.
- If parking on a public road, park in a well-lit spot.
- Use theft resistant number plates, which are designed to break apart if they are forcibly removed from a vehicle (see information in Related Links).
- Fit security screws. Simple anti-theft devices can be easily fitted with a screwdriver in place of existing screws but cannot be removed using standard tools (Use correct security screws appropriate for the pre-existing number plate screw size and application).
- Ask members of the public to contact police if they notice a car with different number plates on the front and the back of the vehicle.
- Make sure nothing is left on display in your car. Even small belongings such as clothing or small change can be tempting to a thief. Never think leaving items in the boot is safe either, who is to say someone didn't see you leave them there?
- Bill if your car is broken into:
- Excess for insurance: £50, or paying to have the window fixed - £200
- Stolen presents: £250
- Having your car valeted to remove glass: £15
- Left feeling annoyed, stupid and embarrassed, not mentioning present-less. It's not worth it! Lock your vehicle, leaving nothing of value inside, to ensure a crime free enjoyable Christmas!
- Help drive thieves' crackers this Christmas by giving extra thought to your personal and vehicle security. When considering where to park, look for a well lit, busy area. For additional security look out for the Park Mark security approved car parks.
- Never leave your keys in the ignition while your vehicle is unattended, even for a few minutes. Opportunistic thieves will often steal cars that have been left with the engine running to defrost the windows.
- Car crime accounts for more than a quarter of all reported crime in the UK, so always take precautions

and lock your car, making sure windows are closed, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a few minutes. Additional security such as adding a steering lock is also recommended.

Your local neighbourhood team have tamper proof screws for your number plates and we will keep you updated as to when these are available. If you have any information about any crime within the area, please call 101. If however you wish to remain anonymous, you can call Crimestoppers.



Reducing burglaries continues to remain a high priority for the team. This had been highlighted by the consultation exercise along with local organisations; because of this the NHPT has a dedicated operation to combat this and are also giving away free timer switches we are encouraging all residents to contact Thames Valley Police with regards to anything out of character or any suspicious activity. This can be done by contacting 101 the non-emergency number, or if it is life threatening 999. We will continue to work with residents to reduce burglaries by offering crime prevention advice and a reassuring presence; we ask if all residents can be mind full with regards to their property and possessions.

With the onset of darker evenings we have been working very closely with local CID to carry out another Operation called Clockwork which identifies hotspots on a daily basis of burglaries in the area. Officers have been patrolling that area to deter further burglaries and to give out crime prevention advice and leaflets. Please can residents ensure that timer switches are used if you intend to leave your property vacant for the evening. These can be programmed to come on/off automatically at set times and are available from all Hardware shops/ High street retailers and online.

- Keep presents out of view – placing presents in plain view of windows will only draw attention to your house and its contents.
- Be cautious when using social media such as FaceBook – do you really want to advertise that your home is empty by showing you are somewhere else or having a countdown to your holiday?

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- Invest in a timer to open and close your curtains or turn on your lights, or better yet, ask a family member or neighbour to pop in and do it at random times of the day so a potential thief does not see an exact pattern.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside will give away the fact that you have new and valuable items in the house.

The Neighbourhood Police Team is encouraging all residents to sign up to the Thames Valley alerts. Registering to receive messages from Thames Valley Alerts offers you the opportunity to receive localised crime and safety alerts for your local neighbourhood via email, voice or text. To sign up, you just need to visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk click on 'Join' and follow the on screen instructions. You can choose to receive different types of messages, e.g. burglary alerts, suspicious circumstances or good news and select the priority level which keeps you in control to receive alerts which are relevant to you.

If you shop, bank or make transactions online over the Christmas period please consider the crime prevention advice below to make sure that your personal details are protected from fraudsters and computer hackers:

- Is your web browser security set to the highest level? Examples of web browsers are Internet Explorer, Firefox, Mozilla.
- Use the latest version of a web browser for added security. Use automatic updates to keep your computer and web browser security up-to-date.
- Is there a padlock symbol at the bottom of the web browser and 'https' at the start of the web address? If they are not there, don't enter any bank or card details.
- If you are concerned, telephone the company to ask about its online encryption.
- Print out electronic receipts and keep them in a safe place.
- Check bank and card statements to make sure that the details match.
- Never give out your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to anyone - this includes anyone who claims to be from your bank.
- Your bank will never ask you to re-enter your account information. They will never ask you to send your PIN number in an email.
- For more information, visit the Financial Fraud Action UK website [Financial Fraud Action UK](http://FinancialFraudActionUK.org) is a banking

group that works with police and retailers to help prevent credit card fraud.

Personal safety at Christmas.

- When Christmas shopping, be aware of how much you are carrying with you. iPods, digital cameras, mobile phones, and extra cash to buy presents means you could be the ideal target for thieves.
- When you are out and about at Christmas, don't leave your bag unattended, keep your purse safe in an internal pocket, don't carry your pin number with you.
- Don't leave your drink unattended. It takes a matter of seconds for someone to tamper with your drink.
- Have you ever considered getting a personal safety alarm? Don't allow threats of crime to intimidate you into never going anywhere alone, just be aware of what's going on around you and be confident that you can keep safe.
- Plan your journey home. If you use a taxi, ensure it is registered. If you have to walk home, try and walk with a friend, stick to well lit and busy streets, and make sure someone knows the route you are taking.

Your Neighbourhood PCSO

Christopher Davies



Our Parish Council funded PCSO Christopher Davies. Look out for him on patrol and ask for his help with crime prevention.

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A message from our retired Clerk

As you may all know by now I retired as Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer in August. It has been a rare privilege to start a parish council from nothing, to write the standing orders, financial regulations and the myriad of other tasks necessary to comply with sometimes rather complex statutory government regulations. The Parish has come a long way since 1995 and much has been achieved despite needing much more to be done. The incessant march of so-called progress has and may yet produce a great many difficulties. Fortunately the Parish Council was successful in its support of the Borough Council in halting the SIFE proposal, replaced by the LIFE application which looks as if that may be laid to rest soon. The western rail link under Colnbrook to Heathrow will undoubtedly have an adverse effect if the escapes and air vents are within the village, but again the route has not been finalised. The biggest threat of all is the exponential spread of Heathrow itself and if the 3rd runway is the chosen govt option it is an ill wind for the parish. One of the concerns within the parish is Grundon's incinerator, and one thing that is not generally known is that the Parish Council succeeded in keeping the new incinerator within the footprint of the old one, not the expansions that were proposed. Additionally the information centre was built at the behest of the parish council. Approvals or otherwise of all planning applications are outside the remit of a parish council.

The Parish Council and the residents of the parish have so far managed to keep the area semi-rural or semi-urban, (is the glass half empty or half full) despite the huge pressures heaped upon it and I sincerely hope that it may remain so.

Every Local Authority has its critics from parish meetings right up to central government, but the various organisations including the parish council comprise of people giving up their spare time to help their fellows and make their areas a better place to live in, Colnbrook with Poyle parishioners should be grateful that so many are willing to help! The assimilation between new and old can be a difficult process but given goodwill eventually rationalises for the benefit of all--this is my earnest wish for the people in the future.

The honour bestowed on me of admitting me as an honorary freeman of the parish is one that I shall always cherish, I shall be returning from time to time and hope to meet once again some of the many residents for whom I have worked for almost twenty years.

I have many thanks to make to various people in Colnbrook and the Parish Council. The two chairmen -Peter Hood and Laurie Tucker have worked tirelessly since 1995, there was a steep learning curve and I very much

doubt without their close co-operation along with their fellow councillors many of the things achieved for Colnbrook would not have happened. Ray Angell and "k" Laxman have continually aided and abetted them. K has become the unofficial recipient of the moans and groans of the village--it is no wonder he received the accolades he did as Community Pharmacist of the year! Others who may no longer be councillors but continue to serve the community such as Mike Nye and Mike Rayner also deserve recognition for their work. Councillors such as Barbara Underhill also assist other local organisations, there is always room for more! Regrettably public service brings its brickbats and criticisms, often those that criticise the most actually do the least. This cannot be said of Colnbrook with Poyle's councillors who receive little recognition for the time they give up to serve the community. To all the councillors over the last nineteen years my thanks and appreciation it has been very difficult sometimes as a "one man band" but the assistance I have called on occasionally has always been forthcoming. I would also acknowledge the Rev Peter Abrahams for his artistry and improvements to St. Thomas Church and other things he did within the village. My thanks to everyone--there is much more I could say but that would fill the newsletter!"

Thank you all once more and may I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous 2015

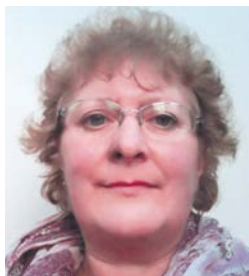
Roland Hewson



Roland together with his wife Kathy in the gardens of La Bettola Restaurant Colnbrook after receiving his Honourary Freemans award at a small ceremony with past and present councillors and friends.

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Our New Clerk and Finance Officer



Hello, my name is Katy Jones and I have recently taken over the role of Clerk and Finance officer at Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

I have 30 years experience in Local Government, working in the past for Greater Manchester

Council, Slough Borough Council, Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council, Buckinghamshire County Council before becoming the Assistant Clerk at Datchet Parish Council where I have been for the last two and a half years.

I have knowledge of most Local Government procedures including: Planning and Law, Highway issues, Play Area legislation, and Allotment Law. I am experienced in Project Management, having implemented both major and minor schemes at County and local levels.

You can contact me and The Parish Council by writing to the new address :

1 Allen Way, Datchet, Berkshire SL3 9HR

Or by e-mail at: clerkcppc@outlook.com

or telephoning: 01753 586572

Youth Sessions in Colnbrook

SATURDAY – MULTI-SPORTS SESSION – 10.00 till 12.00

The Saturday session has a new time, starting at 10.00 hrs and finishing at 12.00 noon. It will also concentrate on sports of all kinds, so whether you want to develop your skills in a particular sport or learn a new one, come along and have great fun and meet new friends in the process. This session continues to be held at St Thomas' Church.

TUESDAY – CLUB NIGHT – 18.00 till 20.00

The Tuesday sessions continue in the well proved fashion of a good mix of fun & games, sports and discussions from time to time. This session continues to be held at St Thomas' Church.

THURSDAY – WESTFIELD CLUB – 17.00 till 19.00

The Thursday session is Westfield Youth Club and the time has changed to begin at 17.00 and end at 19.00 due to the youngsters choice. As on the Tuesday sessions, this is a good mix of fun & games; and sports in the cage at Westfield Community Centre.

These sessions are run by the



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December Services at St. Thomas' Church Vicarage Way

December 14th

11am - Holy Communion

3-30pm - Christingle

School Services

December 17th: Pippins School 1pm

December 18th: Colnbrook Church of England
School 2-15pm

December 21st

9-30am - Fun on Sunday Morning

Christmas Eve (Dec 24th)

4pm - Crib service

11-30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Dec 25th)

11am - Family Communion

December 28th

9-30 am - Holy Communion at St.Mary's
(no service at St. Thomas')



Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council Environment Working Group (EWG)

Since the last newsletter the EWG team were contacted by the Green Flag Organisers to inform us that Colnbrook Recreation Ground has again retained the green flag. We must always try our best to ensure that the park is always maintained at its current high level at all times as visits are made by the Green Flag team during the ensuing year.



We have again arranged for the repairs to the play equipment which in the main is fair wear and tear. Should anyone witness vandalism or anti-social behaviour please contact the Parish council. Your anonymity will be assured with regards to any information that you are able to impart to us. It also allows us to get repairs done quickly and efficiently.

We were extremely pleased to again supply this year's Christmas trees and the lamp post lighting.

The Environment Working Group continue to work closely with the Colnbrook Community Partnership to enable us to enhance the Parish throughout its length and breadth.

The Environment Working Group are always on the lookout for ways to improve the area that we live and work in. So if you have any ideas that we can adopt please bring them to us by ringing or E-mailing any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. The contact details are on pages 2 and 20 of this newsletter.

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The aim of the partnership is

"to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Colnbrook and the surrounding area the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and the natural environment for recreation or other leisure time occupations in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants"

The partnership is a registered charity: No. 1115166

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

August 2014 again saw Green Flags awarded to Pippins Park for the fourth year running and to Colnbrook Recreation ground with its third 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 to be made.

Pippins Park now benefits from a new Tennis Court which is adjacent to the MUGA and the floodlights from the MUGA will be adapted to work on the tennis court. Work was delayed on the scheme owing to the amount of water laying in the park. However, as soon as the land was dry enough to allow us to get on to the park to get the equipment on site the work was started and finished within 6 weeks. We are pleased to announce that the tennis is extensively used and sometimes queues form patiently waiting for their turn to play.

The Partnership are also very pleased to announce that they have made a significant contribution to the refurbishment of the Colnbrook Village Hall.

More work is in the planning stage and as soon as this is finalised we will let you know how things are progressing.

Ray Angell

Hon. Secretary

Colnbrook Community Partnership.



The opening of Pippins Park Tennis Court.

Colnbrook Parish Council support the Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company.

The history of Colne Valley Regional Park, is traced back to March 1965 when the Town Clerk of Hillingdon submitted a report drawing attention to the existence of large areas of gravel pits within the borough and suggesting their use for various forms of water recreation for which there was an extensive demand.

In November of the same year a letter was sent from the Greater London Council referring to the potential of the Colne Valley for recreation and leisure purposes. A conference of the authorities affected by this proposal was held on the 17th of December 1965 where a working party of officers was set up.

The boundaries were drawn to include all the open land visible from the valley floor between Rickmansworth and Denham, rounded off to conform to recognisable features. The eastern boundary was defined by the existing development and the southern by the River Thames. The western boundary was defined by development at Langley and Datchet and then runs roughly parallel to the River Colne taking in Langley Park and Black Park. The Misbourne Valley below Chalfont St Peter was also included.

The boundaries remain broadly similar today, although the area has increased from 25,000 to 27,500 acres. Additions have included land north of Staines town centre, an area near Langley and areas near Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter.

The area to the north of the M40 is a distinct valley with rolling chalk hills forming the valley sides. The wide valley bottom has a wetland landscape including the River Colne, Grand Union Canal and a succession of lakes. Ancient sunken lanes often link the settlements.

Between the M40 and the M4, the valley becomes less pronounced as the chalk slopes become more gentle. This part of the Park has large woodland blocks and many historical parks.

The southern section of the Park consists of a flat plain created by the convergence of the flood plain of the River Colne and River Thames. This area is dominated by five large reservoirs with steep grassland slopes.

Historically the Colne Valley was essentially an agricultural landscape, significant areas of this have survived to the present day.

For more information check out our website: www.colnevalleypark.org.uk the new site for all aspects of the park.

Mike Nye

(Director Colne Valley Park CIC)



COLNBROOK COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER | 7.00 PM

AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE & VILLAGE CLOCK
MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES & HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE

ORGANISED AND PRESENTED BY

THE COLNBROOK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRA)

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

ST THOMAS' CHURCH

THE COLNBROOK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (CCP)



Stop Press!

The Parish Council are pleased to announce:

That following helpful discussions with Gatwick Airport they have agreed to provide an exhibition in Colnbrook Village Hall on Monday 12th January from 1.00 till 8.00pm.

This will give all communities local to Heathrow the opportunity to view the alternative that The Airports Commission can opt for when making their recommendations to government.

LONDON *Gatwick*
OBVIOUSLY.