

Colnbrook with Poyle

PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

TWO THREATS TO COLNBROOK:



S.I.F.E.

Slough International Freight Exchange

Heathrow's 3rd Runway



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Meeting Attendance 2014/15

Parish Councillors lead busy lives like everybody else and so with other commitments, it's not always possible for them to attend scheduled meetings or events. However we are often asked for meeting attendance figures.

For your information these were as follows:-

100.00%	Cllr Peter Hood – CHAIRMAN
84.38%	Cllr Ray Angell – VICE-CHAIRMAN
17.19%	Cllr Charles Burke
71.88%	Cllr Howard Jones
87.50%	Cllr 'K' Laxman
96.88%	Cllr David MacDougald
59.38%	Cllr Mrs Avtar Cheema
68.75%	Cllr Dexter Smith
78.13%	Cllr Mrs Barbara Underhill
43.75%	Cllr Mrs Neelam Verma
100.00%	Cllr Scott Bryant
100.00%	Cllr Mrs Safia Akram

Parish elections

In May the Parish elections took place and twelve of the sixteen candidates were duly elected. However two of those that were elected did not formally make a declaration of acceptance within the period prescribed by law. It is solely the responsibility of the individual candidates to comply with this most important and fundamental requirement. The District Council were therefore obliged to call a bi-election which has taken place and resulted in two new candidates being elected.

It is unfortunate that the Parish Council has been put to the extra cost of a second election because of the failings of Persons put forward by the Labour Party.

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Chairman's message

Heathrow & S.I.F.E.

The Parish Council have now embarked on a new term. We have a mixture of seasoned, new and very new councillors who have all committed to serve our community to the best of their abilities.

They can serve you better if you make your thoughts known to them first hand. Please don't hesitate to contact them by phone, at a monthly surgery, using the Council e-mail address or facebook page. There is also a public question time before each full council meeting.

As the front page of this issue indicates our Parish and the Green Belt it sits in faces two major threats. Both Heathrow Airport and S.I.F.E. seek to turn a huge area of Colnbrook into concrete and tarmac.

Heathrow Airport will bring with it more aircraft movements and noise together with more lorries and cars on the road.

S.I.F.E. promises thousands of extra lorry movements in the area and offers nothing in the way of compensation to residents.

At a Parish meeting called by residents and held on 16th June it was agreed that the Chairs/Leaders of local community groups should meet, discuss and agree how to respond to these threats. Two meetings have been held and most of the significant groups from the community have attended.

It was also agreed that whilst the Government/Parliament consider how to proceed with the recommendations of The Airports Commission to build a third runway at Heathrow, partly in Colnbrook that better compensation and mitigation should be sought for our community if it were to go ahead.

Following publication of The Airports Commission recommendation that Heathrow be the site of the new third runway I have made a request on behalf of our combined community groups and the Parish Council that Heathrow Airport hold a drop in question and answer forum for Parish Residents. Heathrow Airport have agreed to hold this on 30th September.

The campaign to Stop Heathrow Expansion continues. Go to www.stopheathrowexpansion.co.uk/ for details.

It was agreed that a simple brief flyer/questionnaire/poster should be circulated in respect of the S.I.F.E. proposal and as this newsletter goes to press that is in hand.

The document is titled STOP SIFE AGAIN. Not everybody will remember that there was LIFE before SIFE. The

London Intermodal Freight Exchange was proposed for the same site back in 1999. The Parish Council were successful in objecting to that and the appeal that followed.

SIFE was more recently rejected for planning by Slough Borough Council but now the appeal is in full swing it needs to be stopped yet again. The recent campaign title therefore seems wholly appropriate and adds to the efforts made by the CCA and StopSIFE.

It should be noted that **“there is no dispute”** by the developer or anyone else **“that the proposal is inappropriate development in the Green Belt”** but Goodmans continue with their appeal to let it happen.

The S.I.F.E. inquiry commences on 8th September 2015 and is being held at The Centre, Farnham Rd, Slough, SL1 4UT. The Parish Council have already attended and spoken at the pre-enquiry and have registered to speak and give evidence at the inquiry.

The inspector has confirmed that at the start of the inquiry there will be the opportunity for anyone else to ask to speak.

Go to the Parish Council web site www.colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk to find the full notes of the pre-enquiry and more details of the SIFE proposals.



The location of the huge SIFE proposal. Almost a third of the area of the Parish. Stealing a huge section of the Green Belt and the Colne Valley Park.

Peter Hood

Chairman



Colnbrook in bloom 2015, the hanging baskets look great.

This is what we want more of, not lorry parks.

Heathrow

Drop-in Question & Answer event

being held at

Colnbrook with Poyle United Reform Church. High Street, Colnbrook

Wednesday 30th September 4.00 - 9.00pm

Following the Airports Commissions report to Government recommending that a third runway be built partly in Colnbrook this is an opportunity to ask more questions.

Representatives of Heathrow Airport will do their best to give answers on the night.

All questions will recorded (unless the questioner requests otherwise) together with Heathrow's answers and will be published on the Parish Council website as soon as possible after the event.

What is

S.I.F.E?

- **3230 extra lorry movements per day in Colnbrook.**
 - **400,000 m sq of concrete in the flood plain.**
 - **3 Super warehouses.**
 - **2 Overhead gantry's 25 m high.**
 - **9 freight trains in and out each day.**

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It is open to the public.

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Pippins Park Raymond Close Herb Garden

I'd like to welcome readers of the Parish Newsletter to The Pippins Park Herb Garden. My name is Jo Doyle, I am a local Mum and live very close to the school and park. I started with the school gardening club as an assistant in spring this year to improve my own gardening knowledge and to share my enthusiasm for digging in dirt and nurturing plants. I have been handed the role of leading the club from the start of the new school term and this role includes the maintenance of the Herb Garden in Pippins Park but as we are a small after school club we can't manage the maintenance of the herb garden alone. I am reaching out to the community to share this project with us and make this area a useful, pleasant and tasty place to be for everyone in Colnbrook.

Pippins Park Herb Garden was installed by Slough Borough Council in conjunction with Groundworks South Colnbrook Community Partnership and DHL in 2012 as an Eco-initiative. The garden contains apple trees, two raised herb beds, fruit bushes, a low level fence on the side of the park, a bench and bark chip pathway. It is situated on the right hand side of Pippins Park.

The herb garden is in need of refreshing, wild spreading herbs in the raised beds have overgrown, they are too close together and starting to disease. The area under the apple trees was sown with wild flowers but with the mix of the weeds from the adjacent field, the area looks unkempt. The brown fence, tall herbs and weeds make the area almost invisible but even still a handful of local residents have taken herbs home to use in their cooking, taken cuttings for their own propagation and local families have weeded the path and the raised bed at times when they've visited the park.

The herb garden has proven itself as a useful benefit to the community.

Slough Borough Council has approved a proposal to put a mural against the fence where artists from all over Slough and the surrounding areas may showcase their work by producing art which will be fixed to the main frame of the mural. The proposal also includes repainting the area and replacing the current tired herbs with fresh manageable herbs which local people can use. A wildlife village will be built to engage children in bugs and wildlife and benefit the plot. The garden will be refreshed and properly maintained.

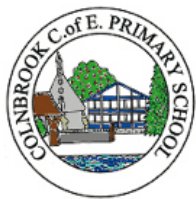
Everyone in Colnbrook is welcome to come and take produce from the garden and if interested, join the growing number of local volunteers who will be working to regenerate and maintain the area in the coming seasons.

Work has only just begun and you will soon see the improvements to this small hidden gem in our community.

www.facebook.com/pippinspark.herb garden



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Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

Believe and Achieve

This has been a great and busy two terms for Colnbrook School and, indeed for me, as I became Headteacher of this School in January 2015! In that time, one important event was our visit from Ofsted.

I am delighted to say that, we have been judged as a 'Good' school. The Ofsted report reflects how much progress the School has made in the last two years and I would like to point out one of the key findings:

"Pupils achieve well throughout the school. All pupils, including those with complex learning needs, make good progress from their starting points on entry to the school."

During the last two terms, we have as a School, opened our doors to parents as much as possible and we have been delighted with the response. Parents in Nursery join their children for rhyme time each fortnight which has proved to be a great success. Our open mornings where parents can see what is going on in the classroom in English and maths have also been very well attended. From September, we will continue to offer parents/carers as many opportunities as possible to see the school.

Our involvement with the local community is important to us. We ran a stall at the Apple Fair last September and some of the children will be performing at the next Fair on 19th September; a number of children and staff took part in the Colnbrook Magna Carta celebrations; at Christmas, the local elderly residents of the village came for tea and to watch the Nursery and Reception Nativity Play and the Local Council kindly provide us with awards for young writers and social achievement. In addition, thanks to the Hilton Hotel at Terminal 5, we are able to reward classes with the best attendance for each ½ term. So far, they have planted sunflowers, made pizza and decorated Easter Eggs. The Hilton also bring Santa and the Easter Bunny to visit us each year.

In the last two terms, the pupils have enjoyed a variety of educational visits, including Kew Gardens, Iver Environmental Centre and the Science Museum. Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic time during their residential trip to Rhos y Gwaliau in North Wales, where they had the opportunity to go into the old slate mines, hill climb, gorge walk, kayak on the local lake and use their map reading skills to find their own way back to the Centre.

Another great trip was to the O2 Arena in London, where our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Young Voices event. Colnbrook children joined schools from around the country to perform at the O2.

Still on a musical theme, the children have all taken part in Musical Showcases in School. Each year group learnt some fantastic songs and performed these for parents and carers. Their performances in school were magnificent

Looking to the future, we are delighted that from September we will have our own in-house catering, run by the Slough and Eton Catering Manager. The new menu offers great choice, value for money and healthy food. Children and staff will also be able to take advantage of a free breakfast each morning.

We wish you a good summer from all of us at Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School and look forward to welcoming some of you into our School during the year ahead.

Susan Marsh

Headteacher





St Thomas Church

Our Mission statement is

'We are here to provide a place of worship and celebration before God and to serve Christ in the Community.'

We are doing our best to fulfil this statement and we are very pleased that our links with the community continue to grow.

Currently the church is used by the Cubs and Beavers on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The CCA youth club

meets on Tuesday evenings and our mother and toddler group 'Little Fishes' meets in church on a Friday morning. It is important to us to reach out to everyone and show that the church is welcoming to all.

We were very pleased to take part in the Magna Carta celebrations and it was fantastic to have a packed church for the service. The whole event was a really good example of community spirit, hard work, fun and cooperation. There was a lovely atmosphere and good humour from everyone.

We are holding our Annual Fish and chip Supper and Quiz on Friday October 9th at 7-15pm and we hope this will be well supported. This is one of our fund raising events which help to pay towards our running expenses.

Many people are unaware that it costs over £400 a week to keep St. Thomas' open and the average weekly attendance is about 25. Paying for insurance, utilities, parish share to the diocese to pay for clergy and general running expenses soon mount up.

We know that there are many people who are happy to support the church in a variety of ways without necessarily attending. If you are able to volunteer to help in any way please let us know. If you would like to make a donation instead that would also be very welcome.

Janet Morgan

PCC secretary



Church Warden and members of the congregation dressed as peasants for the Magna Carta celebrations. All did a great job on the day feeding hundreds of people at a marvellous tea party.

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**Colnbrook
Residents'
Association**



Serving Residents and Community since 1947

Email: coreas1947@gmail.com

Dear Residents,

As ever time seems to have passed so quickly since the beginning of the year. The Residents Association have been busy arranging events which so far have included –

Family skittles evening In February. Held at the Village Hall. Young and old alike had a chance to test their bowling skills against one another. A splendid Supper of Fish and Chips was provided by our local chippy.

Easter Egg Hunt in April. This saw the Village children hunting around St Thomas Church quiet garden, searching high and low to solve clues which provided them with a chocolate Easter Egg. There were games to play and it all made for a great family afternoon.

History of Colnbrook Talk in July. Historian Julian Hunt gave a very enlightening talk about our great village, or town as it used to be in those days. The talk was conducted in a packed upstairs reception room in the very historical Ostrich Inn. It was followed by a hearty buffet supper and a question and answer session. Everybody stayed on to chat and socialise. All in all, a great family evening and community event.

The AGM in July. This was a chance to reflect on the past years events and for committee members to stand for re- election. Sadly Neelam Verma decided to step down as Secretary due to other commitments. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank Neelam for all her help over the years.

The good news is I am very pleased to announce that Brenda Pettit who has lived in the Village for over 10 years has stepped into this role and is already proving to have some great ideas and contacts. Welcome aboard Brenda !!

Events yet to come include:

Apple Fair Saturday 19th September, 12 - 4 pm at the recreation ground old bath road (next to the Queens Arms public house), come along and enjoy traditional games, displays ,donkey rides, bouncy castle, various competitions, BBQ, a fantastic raffle and much more, be sure to check our Facebook page for updates on this great family event...

Annual Christmas Lunch Sunday 6th December being held at the Marriott Hotel, Langley. Be sure to put this in your diary as places are strictly limited. There will be great food, carol singing, kids entertainment, dancing and of course Father Christmas.

**Carol Singing Service around the Village Clock
Friday 18th December**

For your Information

Our meetings are open for all to attend and are held in the Village hall on the 2nd Thursday of each Month @ 7.30. We are always looking for help to run these events or new ideas, you can contact us via Facebook, email **coreas1947@gmail.com**, or you could just give us a call on **01753 686331**.

On behalf of all the team at Colnbrook Residents Association, I would just like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year, as without your support we couldn't run these events wishing you all a great run up to Christmas.

Sean Kelly

Chairman



Scouts

Colnbrook Beavers, Cubs & Scouts – Summer 2015 update

This year so far has seen a successful year for all 3 sections in the Group, whilst Beavers and Cubs are now starting to grow again the Scout Section is maintaining its numbers. Our Young Leaders are also growing and taking an active role in the sections whilst taking on their training and projects.

All 3 sections are delivering a fun, active and balanced program helping all of our young people try new things, learn new skills and have a great time.

We are always looking for more young people to join and do not run a waiting list –

Beavers is open to Boys and Girls from age 5 ¾ to 8 and meets Wednesdays from 6-7.15pm

Cubs is open to Boys and Girls from age 8 to 10 ½ and meets Mondays from 6.30 to 8pm

Scouts is open to Boys and Girls from age 10 to 14 ½ and meets Fridays from 7-to 9pm

Alasdair Garbett

Group Scout Leader

Tel **07793 973240**



Beavers

Beavers have been out earlier with the Cubs and Scouts at Group Camp. This was their first time away from home for many and the first time in tents – despite some very tough weather conditions the Beavers stayed all weekend and learnt

to cook on open fires, try new activities and had a lot of fun (they also asked when the next camp was...)

Beavers were also out with Slough District at a Circus skills day where a great day out was had by all



Cubs

Cubs have been getting more active this year, having been out on Group Camp with Beavers and Scouts. They took part in the district cycle ride and went to the Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum in London

Our Cubs are already planning for their first week long 'Jamboree' experience next year at Cubjam 2016 (www.cubjam2016.org.uk) with over 1500 Cubs from around the UK

Scouts

Scouts is our oldest and most active section, they take part in everything from Abseiling to Scuba Diving (yes... Scuba Diving!!!!).

Our Scouts have been to France and also an International Jamboree with Scouts from over 43 countries. They have recently returned from summer camp in Staffordshire where they had a week of outdoor 'wet n wild' activities. This ranged from rafting and abseiling to Jacobs ladder. It all culminated in a visit to Alton Towers.

Our scouts always have fun and are up for trying all sorts of different activities.



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Colnbrook Village Hall at the 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 re-furbishment programme has gone a long way to achieve this ambition.

Colnbrook Village Hall was completed over 25 years ago and replaced the old "Public Rooms" in Bridge Street and has recently undergone a cir. £ 100,000 renovation programme to ensure that it lasts for another twenty odd years.

This has enabled us to push on and we have secured many more regular bookings and doubled the amount of Ad Hoc bookings and to this end it will ensure that the hall is the **heart of the village**.

Also within the Village Hall is the **Village Hall Members Club** where residents of Colnbrook meet for a drink, chat and perhaps a game of darts. The Village Hall Club is an autonomous group to the village hall and pays rent to the Village Hall for the use of the bar.

If you would like to become a member of the Village hall Club please obtain a form from Barbara Underhill on **01753 684139** or **calabarb@sky.com**

For Hall availability, please call Chris Darbon our Bookings Secretary on

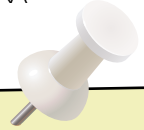
07598 126809 or
bookings@colnbrookvillagehall.org.uk

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.

Colnbrook Village Hall Trust

Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0RA

CVHT is a Registered Charity Number 1003725



**Have you tried the Zumba
or line dancing classes?**

**Have you been to a play or
musical production by CAST?**

There is an event/information notice board at the Village Hall that has the contact numbers for all the groups that hold events/activities in the hall.

Colnbrook Museum

In conjunction with the Parish Council and all the village groups we are planning an extension to the hall that will become the **Colnbrook Museum**. This will be able to house all the historical artefacts of a very ancient village including the fire tender pump and the original Coronation clock.

Whilst this project is in its infancy a funding application will be submitted for the capital works that need to be carried out.

The Apple Fair will kick start the fund raising of on 19th September 2015.

Draft plans produced by the Colnbrook Community Partnership have been viewed by community groups. The drawings are being further developed by an architect for planning purposes. Once these are completed an exhibition and consultation will be held for all residents to see and hopefully agree. Help with the fund raising will be appreciated.

Our **AGM** is soon to be arranged and we will be announcing the date very shortly so please come along and support your hall. If you feel that you can make a contribution to the running of the hall please come along and put your name forward for election to join this hard working group of people.

Ray Angell

Chair to the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust (CVHT)



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, Grundons, Groundwork South and the Parish Council.

August 2015 again saw Green Flags awarded to Pippins Park for the fifth year running and to Colnbrook Recreation Ground with its fourth 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 has now benefited from a new Tennis Court for a year now and is adjacent to the MUGA. We are pleased to announce that the tennis court is extensively well used and sometimes queues form patiently waiting for their turn to play. If there are queues we would ask that you be patient and if you are on the court to limit your play so that others may enjoy a game.



The Chairman of the Parish Council, Peter Hood gets help from local children to raise this year's GREEN FLAG in Colnbrook Recreation Ground.

The Partnership were also very pleased to be associated with the Colnbrook Village Hall re-furbishment programme which has seen this facility more than double its bookings and popularity.

We are currently working on improvements to Albany Park in conjunction with Slough Borough Council, Groundwork South and Grundons.

This will include the following works

- Renew and extend the existing path up to the edge of the trees.
- An informal path to be cut through tree/scrub.
- Remove a section of fence to create a new entrance.
- Welcome sign/sign/sculpture trail sign.
- Sculptures
- Add spoil from the path to the bund and plant with meadow seeds
- Open up the views of the river
- Riverside planting.

Also coming up is the CCP/Village Groups led CAROL SINGING evening around the Christmas tree and the Jubilee clock on the 18th December at 7.00pm.

This has gone from strength to strength over the last couple of years that it has been going and we are hoping to improve on this again this year. After the singing we will again move to St. Thomas church for mulled wine and mince pies.

In case of inclement weather the event will be held in the Church.

We believe that we have had another very successful year and managed to make further improvements to the environment and Colnbrook in general.

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

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“Working to improve our communities by discussion, communication and cooperation”

We are a membership organisation; join for **FREE** by emailing your details, including email address to **colnbrookca@live.co.uk**

Visit our website for news affecting Colnbrook, Poyle, Brands Hill and Westfield, and find out what we do on behalf of the whole community – **www.colnbrookcommunityassociation.org.uk**

If you would like to get involved with like minded people who care about where they live and work please get in touch by email or call **07940131778**

We run the very successful Colnbrook Youth Club – for more details see the separate article in this newsletter.

We challenge infrastructure projects planned for Colnbrook that will likely severely impact quality of life and have made representations to the Davies Commission regarding the proposed third runway at Heathrow, and in September we will be attending the Planning Inspectorates enquiry into the SIFE project.

We will continue to challenge planning applications that lead to a loss of our green spaces, and those that add to noise and air pollution in and around the village.

We are represented on the Colnbrook NAG, and have good working relationships with the Parish Council and other village groups working towards a common goal – a better Colnbrook.



Colnbrook Youth Club

The Colnbrook Youth Club is now in its third year, and is run by the Colnbrook Community Association with volunteers from the community.

The regular sessions are held on Tuesday evenings at St Thomas' Church from 18.00 to 20.00 hrs and include both indoor and outdoor activities.

Young people from the ages of 11 to 19 are welcome to attend free of charge. Siblings of a slightly younger age are also considered.

We are an Associate of Youth Engagement Slough (YES) and funded via Slough Borough Council and donations from local people.

Activities available include most popular sports such as table tennis, table football, pool, cricket, football, Smash up Badminton,

We recently attended the SBC “Funday” at Salt Hill Park, when over 100 young people (and some older folk!) took the opportunity to have some free cricket coaching from our sports coaches Chris and Kerthey.





Thames Valley Police

Summer burglary Crime Prevention Advice

Now the weather is brightening up and the sun is shining people become complacent when it comes to their home security. The

most common cases of opportunist summer burglary involve offenders that:

- enter an insecure front door while residents are in the back garden
- enter doors that are closed but unlocked at night while residents are asleep
- reach through windows to take valuable items

In around 25% of break-ins that take place in the spring and summer months, entry is gained through insecure windows and doors, especially at the rear of the property.

Crime reduction advice should focus on

- Ensure that windows and doors are closed and locked when you are out. Don't leave small windows open believing them to be safe.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened, or make sure they are not large enough to allow access to a burglar.
- When out in your garden ensure that windows and doors to the front of the house are secure. It only takes a second for someone to get into your home and take things without you noticing.
- Do not leave valuables on display in front of windows or in reach of open windows or doors.
- Ensure that all barbecue and garden equipment and tools are securely locked up in a shed and out of sight. Tools can be used by the potential offender to break in to your home.
- Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars. Even using pea shingle or gravel on a driveway and spiky plants in garden beds can help.
- Don't leave any keys near entry points where they can be 'fished' or 'hooked' out through the window, letter box or cat flap.

- Ensure any internal handle operated locks on UPVC doors are fully secured with a key.

Sheds - Easy pickings?

Offenders see sheds as easy pickings because they are unprotected and lack basic security measures. The buildings often contain property that can be sold on or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home.

- Many sheds whilst being of good construction fall short on basic security.
- It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with.
- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal.
- Ensure all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
- High-quality locks should be used on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.
- A shed alarm can also be installed.
- Post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater or engravers.
- Installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, putting it where it is most visible to you and neighbours.

Going on holiday?

- Make your home look occupied.
- If you're out or going away, ask a trusted neighbour to open and close your curtains for you.
- Ask a neighbour if they don't mind parking their car on your driveway and trimming your garden to make your home look occupied.

- Cut the front and back lawns before you go away and trim any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Before your holiday, don't advertise that you are going away on Facebook, Twitter etc.
- Register for the Royal Mail 'Keepsafe' service.
- Leave important documents and valuable personal items with other family members or a bank.
- Double-check that you've locked all outside windows and doors.
- Set your burglar alarm.

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.

Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group

A Neighbourhood Action Group is a multi-agency, problem-solving group that consists of relevant partner agencies, key stakeholders and, most importantly, members of the local community. Neighbourhood Action Group focuses their work around the main priorities that are identified after consultation with the local community. Members, who are all volunteers, take on responsibility for achieving certain tasks on behalf of their neighbourhood. Several members of Slough Borough Council, Parish Council, L&Q Housing Association, Langley Neighbourhood Police team (NHPT) and members of the community are present and discuss issues surrounding burglary, theft from motor vehicles, traffic/parking, street lighting, anti-social behaviour(ASB), as well as many other local concerns. Understanding the issues that impact on those who live in or visit our neighbourhoods is one of the most important aspects of delivering a citizen focused service and improving public confidence.

As a result of attending Neighbourhood Action Group meetings, the Neighbourhood Police Team can appropriately plan and conduct patrol activities, community reassurance and respond to local priorities. Until recently neighbourhood priorities were established following leaflet-based consultation, public meeting or street events. As a result of these relatively limited consultation opportunities, priorities are identified by a very small proportion of the population and are often unrepresentative of the issues that neighbourhood teams deal on a daily basis.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via mail: **ColnbrookPoyleFoxboroughNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk**

Magna Carta Celebrations

Margaret Lenton, Chairman of Wraysbury Parish Council came to one of our meetings earlier in the year and posed the question: What is Colnbrook doing about the 800th Anniversary Celebrations of the Sealing of Magna Carta?



Children gathering in King John's Palace Courtyard before the event

Well I took on the responsibility and started a process which resulted in over 400 people turning up on 6th June 2015 at King John's Palace, Bath Road to enjoy and participate in a procession to St Thomas Church, for a service conducted superbly by Rev. Peter Wyard, followed by a Libber Tea Party. The procession was led by a horse called Revel and its owner dressed as King John, followed by the Mayor of Slough, Councillor Mohammed

Rasib and local VIP's. Our local MP Adam Afriyie also put in an appearance. A host of locals put on costumes and came as Robin Hood, Pandit Nerhu, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln and the despicable King John himself.

Most of the local groups took part in one way or another, with food prepared by the ladies of St Thomas' Church and



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King John leaves the Palace on horseback



the Colnbrook Residents Association. Special praise goes to Puja Bedi, our newest Councillor who cooked over 100 poppadoms in her own time and at her own expense. We also had amateur dramatics, with CAST members Steve Oakes (King John) and Keith Hughes (Abraham Lincoln) bringing St Thomas Church to life. Steve Oakes played the role of King John in a dramatic monologue so well that he had the congregation of 200 hissing and shouting at him as if it was a pantomime. Never have I seen anyone make such an impact in 5 minutes!!

This was a very successful event, and as Margaret Lenton said we did Wraysbury proud and went beyond her expectations.

So where do we go from here? Well next year will be our Queens 90th Birthday and we hope to plan a celebration to honour her unique achievement. Watch this space!!

Councillor K Laxman



Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group NAG

The Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group (C-NAG) has been operating in a formal capacity since January of this year after adopting the current Constitution and Terms of Reference at a meeting on 20th January 2015. The NAG was previously chaired by officers from Thames Valley Police as an interim measure until a Chairperson was found from within the local community. The current Chairperson is Raymond Jackson who can be contacted by email at **raymondsjackson@btinternet.com**

Members of the NAG represent the main organisations operating within the neighbourhood such as Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council, Colnbrook Residents Association, Colne Valley Park, Colnbrook Community Association and Neighbourhood Watch. These members are assisted by representatives from Slough Borough Council, Thames Valley Police and L & Q Housing Group on a regular basis and the NAG can invite other members from local schools, businesses and other agencies if required.

The main purpose of the NAG is to co-ordinate the efforts of all members in dealing with the concerns of residents on crime related issues such as Burglary, Vehicle Theft, Anti-Social Behaviour, Rubbish/Fly-Tipping and Traffic Enforcement.

Regular crime updates are provided by Thames Valley Police which are discussed at meetings and the relevant crime figures are included in the Minutes of meetings issued to members and published in our soon to be launched Facebook page for the benefit of residents.

The NAG meets every 5-6 weeks on average with a longer break during August due to holidays. New members are always welcome with the next meeting planned for September 9th in Colnbrook Village Hall at 19.30.

One of the NAG's major programmes is dealing with the scourge of rubbish and fly-tipping that has blighted a number of locations throughout Colnbrook and Poyle for many years. Following the publication of photographs showing the kind of rubbish dumped in and around the village a meeting was requested with partner agencies to discuss the issue in detail and an Action Plan was drawn up with Slough Borough Council taking the lead.

The focus at present is on clearing the Willow Close/ Horton Road ditches of accumulated rubbish and fly-tipped furniture, bedding, fridges and assorted sundry items as well as educating people through the provision of leaflets, letters and local meetings to bring about changes in behaviour.

Pump Hunt For Sewage Station Owners



Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations.

The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000

pumping stations in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

"We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at **thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt**



The Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company (CIC)

Following on from our article published in the Christmas 2014 edition of this newsletter, and not wishing to become repetitive, we wish to concentrate on the future of the Colne Valley Park in this edition. Suffice to say that the Colne Valley Park is a special place including some attractive countryside, rivers and lakes that receives millions of visits each year. Anyone wishing to gain background information can visit our website at <http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/>

Significant threats to the Colne Valley Park and its local communities have been taking up much of our resources, financial and manpower, in dealing with these matters. The CIC has put in place a Spatial Planning Group who respond to planning applications, Development Consent Orders (DCOs), and much more recently Hybrid Bills. The learning curve has been steep, time consuming, frustrating and satisfying, all rolled into one heck of a roller-coaster ride.

HS2 has taken the most time for our small team of four, not really due to the enormity of the development, but the process, a hybrid bill, by which the development is being determined. Objections are lodged via the Parliamentary petitioning route. This would be a daunting task for any group of objectors.

The Additional Provisions to the bill, one of which is the relocation of the Heathrow Exchange Depot to Langley, are also open to petition. More informative details of this process can be found on the Government website <http://www.parliament.uk/business/bills-and-legislation/current-bills/hybrid-bills/hybrid-bills-faqs/> (Only for the dedicated amongst you, wading through the documentation can be likened to watching grass grow!)

Whilst the process of our engagement with the petitioning process lasted over 12 months, and is still ongoing with negotiations with HS2 Ltd., other threats have not escaped our involvement, including:

- We had engagement with the Pinewood Studios development and presented at the last inquiry.
- We have submitted to the Davies Commission upon Heathrow expansion and had negotiations with the promoters of both schemes, for mitigation / compensation for the areas of the Park affected.
- We are represented at the forthcoming Slough International Freight Exchange Inquiry.
- We are preparing for whatever process the Western Rail Access to Heathrow (WRAtH) may take as a determining route (possibly the DCO process).
- We have had our first meeting with Highways England upon the local effects of Iver and Colnbrook with the proposed temporary removal of the Old Slade Lane footpath crossing over the M4, part of the Colne Valley Trail, for up to 1 year duration.

Most of the impacts to the Colne Valley Park are being justified as major infrastructure projects of National importance, as a method of satisfying the condition for Green Belt development. It is important to recognise that all groups opposing these developments make provision in their argument that if the Nation benefits due to these developments, then the local communities and facilities available to those communities, require commensurate compensation.

One last consideration; this year the Colne Valley Park celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Our funding comes from our Corporate Supporters and Members, without them your local Regional Park will not have a future, please support the Colne Valley Park in whatever means are available to you, see: <http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/get-involved>. Let's look forward to our future, and provide a legacy for the generations that follow us. - Thank you.

Mike Nye (Director)

Colne Valley Park C.I.C.

Colnbrook Community Cup

This Year's Community Cup award went to Lorrie Paesano for his support of many community groups and events and his service to many car owners in the Village. Lorrie has owned and run Airport Motors for around thirty years. He has sponsored the Colnbrook Football Club and for several years provided fun and enjoyment at his special farm for disabled and able children where they could meet and pet a variety of interesting animals including Alpacas, Sheep, Ducks, Geese, Peacocks, Chickens and more.



The cup being awarded to Lorrie Paesano by Chairman Peter Hood.

Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre CAST

The Annual General Meeting was held on August 6th in Colnbrook Village Hall. An important part of the business of the meeting was the award of the Ken Howard Memorial Cup.

Cast was first established nearly twenty five years ago by Ken & Viv Howard. Ken worked tirelessly to make the venture a success and in doing so did a lot for the local community. When Colnbrook moved into Berkshire and the Parish Council was formed in 1995 Ken organised and presented a Festival of Unity which was performed at The MGM Cinema in Slough the following year.

Following a very successful event Ken was awarded a cup by the Parish Council in recognition of his community work. Sadly Ken passed away but his memory lives on in the cup which is now awarded annually to the member or members of the group which best epitomise the CAST ethos of fun, friendship and camaraderie.

As the person that awarded the cup to Ken all those years ago I was very pleased to be asked to award it to this year's winners.

Peter Hood




The Ken Hoard Memorial Trophy being awarded to joint winners Jaime Hodgson, Pauline Chamberlain & Steve Oakes. Well done to them!


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Colnbrook Apple Fair 2015



**ENTER THE
CHILDREN'S COOKERY
COMPETITION**



APPLE FAIR-Y CAKES

CHILDREN, UP TO THE AGE OF 12, TO
BRING SIX DECORATED FAIRY CAKES TO THE
FAIR FOR JUDGING

FABULOUS PRIZES

Chairman: Scott Bryant
8 Layburn Crescent, Colnbrook, Berks, SL3 8QN



Colnbrook Apple Fair 2015

BAKING



MAKE YOUR SIGNATURE CAKE
TO WIN A PRIZE IN OUR BAKING
COMPETITION



Bake a family size cake of any type to bring to the Fair

Event Chairman: Scott Bryant
8 Layburn Crescent, Colnbrook, Berks, SL3 8QN



Colnbrook Apple Fair 2015



**CHILDREN'S
FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION**

AGES UP TO 7 AND 8 TO 11

SUPER PRIZES TO BE WON



Event Chairman: Scott Bryant
8 Layburn Crescent, Colnbrook, Berks, SL3 8QN



Colnbrook Apple Fair 2015



**CHILDREN'S
MINIATURE GARDEN
COMPETITION**

Make a miniature garden on a round or
oblong tray to win a super prize
(Children up to 12)



Event Chairman: Scott Bryant
8 Layburn Crescent, Colnbrook, Berks, SL3 8QN

COLNBROOK APPLE FAIR!

19TH SEPTEMBER, COLNBROOK RECREATION GROUND.

Raffle with prizes including:

- **1st.** Two return British Airways Euro Traveller Tickets to Paris or Amsterdam.
- **2nd.** £150 (Cash).
- **3rd.** Escorted tour for three to The Brooklands Motor & Aviation Museum including The Concorde Experience & Lunch.
- Dinner for Two at Mr Todiwala's Hilton T5,
- A second Dinner for Two at Mr Todiwala's Hilton T5,
- Dinner for Four at The Gallery Restaurant Hilton T5 and Annual Membership for one to The Imagine Spa Hilton T5,
- A Spa Day for two including 30 min treatment at The Imagine Spa Hilton T5,
- Meal Voucher for the Taj Restaurant Colnbrook,
- Meal for four & bottle of Wine at The White Horse Longford
- Wheel Alignment and Nitrogen Inflation ATS Colnbrook,
- Luxury Picnic Hamper from Colnbrook Flood Group,
- Bottles of Champagne, James Martin Cookery Books,
- Cosmetics, Timberland Jacket....and more. See the growing list on Facebook.



COLNBROOK APPLE FAIR



19TH SEPTEMBER,
COLNBROOK RECREATION GROUND.



Raffle Tickets now available at the Colnbrook Pharmacy or by contacting the Colnbrook Residents Association Facebook page.

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2nd. £150 (Cash).

3rd. Escorted tour for three to The Brooklands Motor & Aviation Museum including The Concorde Experience & Lunch.

EVENTS INCLUDE

Donkey Rides, Dancers, Various Competitions, Hog Roast, German Food Market, Burgers & Hot Dogs, Sports Events, Raffle, Games, Emergency Vehicles, Music, Bar, Farm animals, face painting, and other stalls.

