

Colnbrook with Poyle

PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter



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The Parish Council meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month - meetings are held at the Colnbrook Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

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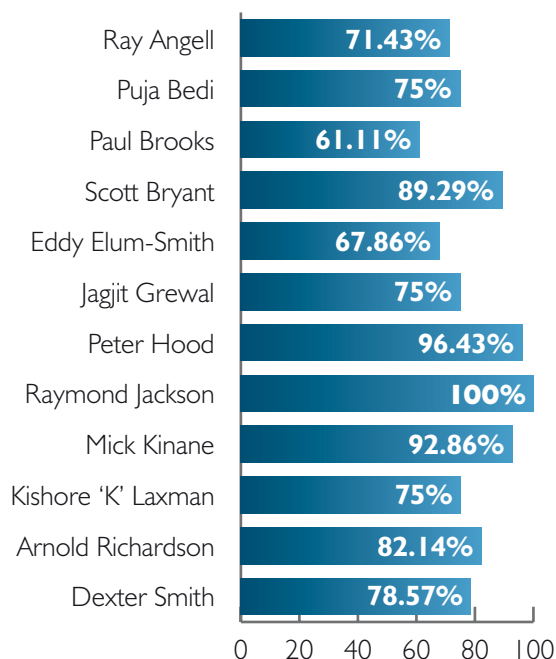


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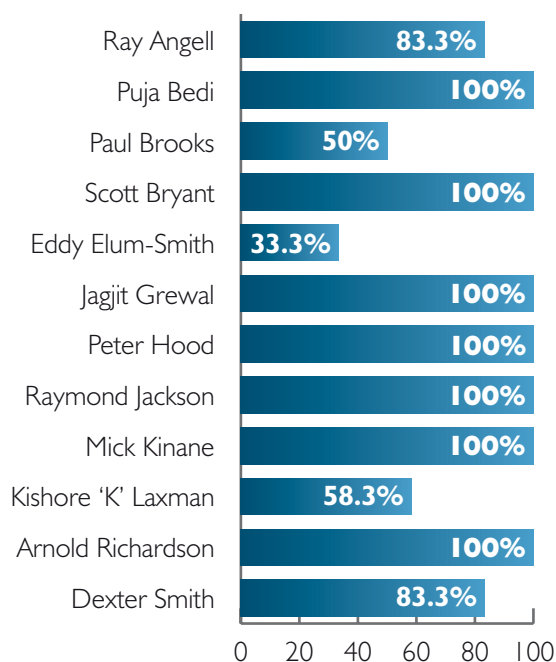
Council Attendance

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 figures. Please see these figures below.

May 2015 - April 2016



May 2016 - September 2016



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Chairperson's Say

To be nominated as Chairperson of the Parish Council after only a short time as a Councillor was a great honour and a role that I do hope to do great justice. Knowing that there were to be challenging times ahead, when family friend Cllr. Puja Bedi was then nominated as Vice-Chairperson I knew we would work well together and make positive changes for the Village.

We have already set out our goals for the Parish to make Colnbrook with Poyle a better place to live which will take time to put in place and one of the first things we want to work on is building better relationships between the Parish Council, residents and Slough Borough Council. We are working on having more presence on social media to engage with residents, as well as better advertising for our drop-in sessions to allow you, the Community more opportunities to have your say.

The Parish has held two great events this year; firstly the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations with around 500 villagers attending as well as the Mayor of Slough Arvin Singh Dhaliwal, HM Lord Lieutenant, Mr James Puxley and his wife Mrs Deborah Puxley. The weather was kind, the horses behaved and the newly renovated Fire Tender looked amazing, making the day a resounding success. Secondly, the annual Colnbrook Apple Fair organised by the Colnbrook Residents Association brought together many local businesses and trades to sell and promote their wares, raising a huge total of £7,000 for local groups. Events like these really show how the community can come together to organise, host, support and attend events for the benefit of our Village.

We are currently working with Slough Borough Council on road safety (including Brands Hill), parking issues, street cleaning, trimming over hanging trees/bushes and removing unwanted signs in an effort to make Colnbrook more attractive. Also, following on from recent vandalism to the war memorial on the clock, we are engaging with residents on what you would like as a replacement and where you would like to see it.

So what are the plans for the future??

Well that is a question we want to ask you as residents. We need your feedback on your main concerns, your issues and what you would like to see happen in Colnbrook. We as the Parish Council need to know what



you would like us to tackle, organise, take on and do. We are contactable through our website, Facebook page, email and telephone. We are approachable and available so please let us know your thoughts.

We look forward to working with you and making Colnbrook a place we can be proud to live in.

Scott Bryant
Chairperson

Puja Bedi
Vice Chair

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Colnbrook Community Cup

Presentation this year was made to **Janet Morgan** from St Thomas Church with the Colnbrook Community Cup.

Janet works tirelessly for the church and has done for a number of years also supporting many events in the community. This is a wonderful award to be nominated for and the Parish Council look forward to seeing next year's nominations.

Councillor Laxman nominated Janet with these kind words;

"My nomination for this years Colnbrook Community Cup is St Thomas' Church Warden Janet Morgan. I first started working with Janet 3 years ago and saw the amount of work and leadership she displays. She does not look for any reward or recognition, she just quietly works away in the background marshalling her troops sorting out any problems that arise.

Earlier in the year, I told her that we were planning on celebrating the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations but that I was only starting the process as acting Chairman because I did not have the energy to go through the process. But of course she knew otherwise and that knowing me I would see it to the finishing line. Not a lot of people notice the work she carries out, so I will list them for you as follows:

- 1. Janet arranges the meetings. I would contact her and tell her when we would like our meeting and she books it, arranges the opening and closing and has tea and coffee ready for all. She reminds other Church members about our meeting and attends all the meetings and makes an enormous contribution in every item we discuss. Finally she clears and makes it ready for the next mornings Sunday Service.*
- 2. Janet is always there on the Fridays before the event and is there till the bitter end on Saturdays to clear up. On Saturday mornings she would be amongst the first to arrive and start setting up things in the gardens. Amongst the many duties she would have booked the organist, arranged the music and she would volunteer to do a reading. She would make sure that all the food is laid out, the chairs and tables both inside and outside are laid out, teas, coffees and other drinks are ready. She would still find time to put on a fancy dress costume and participate in the days event*
- 3. I fear that if Janet does not win the Cup this year, her work and enthusiasm would be lost because few will*



recognise her work and nominate her in the future. To cap it all, Janet is not a resident. She hails from Langley but spends all her time and energy for the good of Colnbrook as opposed to get involved in her own area"

Margaret Lenton, Chairman of Wraysbury Parish has also recognised Janet's good work:

"It is a pleasure to write in support of Janet Morgan.

I got to know her during the two major projects we have all worked on – Magna Carta celebrations and those for the Queen's 90th birthday. Janet has been a key member of the planning committee, ensuring that anything she commits to is delivered. She is key member of St Thomas's church team.

Her responsibilities have included the catering where she and her team have organised and delivered catering for the people of Colnbrook on two major occasions. People are organised with quiet but effective efficiency, she knows whom to recruit.

Church members all know her, she has won their respect and they all speak highly of her."

We would also like to congratulate **Sean Kelly, Chairperson of the Colnbrook Residents Association**, who was also nominated for his continuous work within the community.

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Time for change

The Parish Council now has a new Chair and Vice Chair. As the retiring chairman I have for some time hoped the mantel could be taken on by someone new. I was the first Chairman of Colnbrook Parish Council back in 1995 when it was first formed. It was a role I continued to fill for seven years, not because I wanted to but because other people wanted me to.

Just over five years ago I was again asked to stand as Chair when Laurie Tucker had to retire from the council due to ill health. Having had a break from the role for nine years I was able to take it on again with a refreshed outlook. It wasn't my intention to continue for quite so long as before even if that was what other councillors wished.

However during that tenure our long serving and loyal Clerk, Roland Hewson made it known to me that he wished to retire and I therefore felt it important that I help the Council recruit a suitable replacement and deal with the handover of responsibilities. That change was soon followed by the election of many new councillors and we had another period of changeover where I hoped my experience would help.

This year with these changes behind us I decided not to stand for re-election as chairman myself and instead proposed two councillors to take up the roles of Chair and Vice Chair. Over the preceding year I had seen how well these two individuals had performed as new councillors. If they said they were going to do something they had always done their best to make it happen. They conducted themselves well in meetings and truly had the community at heart. They involve themselves in many other activities



and groups within the Parish and set a good example to other councillors.

I was very happy with the result when Scott Bryant was elected Chair and Puja Bedi as Vice-Chair.

I can't finish without mentioning our outgoing Vice-Chair, Ray Angell who is a pillar of this community. Ray like me was happy to hand over the reins to another after serving more than fifteen years in the post. Ray remains very busy with his numerous other roles in the community as well as being a committed parish councillor.

Peter Hood

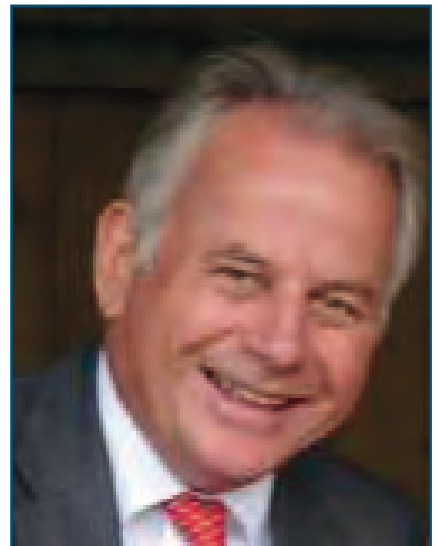
Cllr Peter Hood



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with The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire



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Why a Poyle Road Bus Gate is a necessity

Over Recent years Poyle Industrial Estate and other smaller estates in the area have turned from being engineering & manufacturing communities into Heathrow freight forwarding centres.

One of the results of this change has been a huge increase in traffic and in particular HGV movements.

Whilst still suffering much of the increase in cars and vans, the residents in the centre of the village get significant protection from HGV's with the weight limit restriction on the route through.

The residents that live at the Poyle end of the Parish get no such protection from the ever increasing numbers of huge Juggernaut's streaming past their homes.

Many of the local people that live in the Parish have done so from long before the Heathrow Cargo business took over all of the industrial estates, but they cannot escape the dreadful effects, short of moving.

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The Battered Old Bath Road through Poyle

Families going about their normal daily routine of going to school run the gauntlet of being mown down by an unstoppable 30 ton wagon using the unsuitable route that the Old Bath Road now is. These massive lorries



An accident on the Old Bath Rd opposite the Punchbowl. Lucky no one was on the pavement at the time.



A more serious accident and still the lorries keep trundling through, one after another.



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are designed for Dual Carriage and Motorways and they should always aim to use such routes and not roads close to pedestrians, homes and schools.

Slough Borough Council have now come up with a scheme to eliminate this issue. It is funded by a 106 agreement linked to the planning application for the new DHL headquarters in Poyle and sought comments on the scheme.

What is proposed?

The introduction of a Bus Gate and width restriction at the northern end of Poyle Road near the Punch Bowl pub will allow general vehicles excluding Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) to access Poyle Road through the width restriction and prohibits all vehicles except buses access via the bus gate throughout the year. The bus gate itself will involve the introduction of a bus lane in the middle of the carriageway, with traffic islands to denote the bus route and assist pedestrians with crossing the road. Other vehicles (non-HGV traffic) will be able to pass alongside the bus lane on the carriageway by using the width restriction. HGV's wishing to access Poyle Road must access the area from the south, via Horton Road. See map overleaf for a summary

of the proposals, or view online at:

www.slough.gov.uk/poyleroad

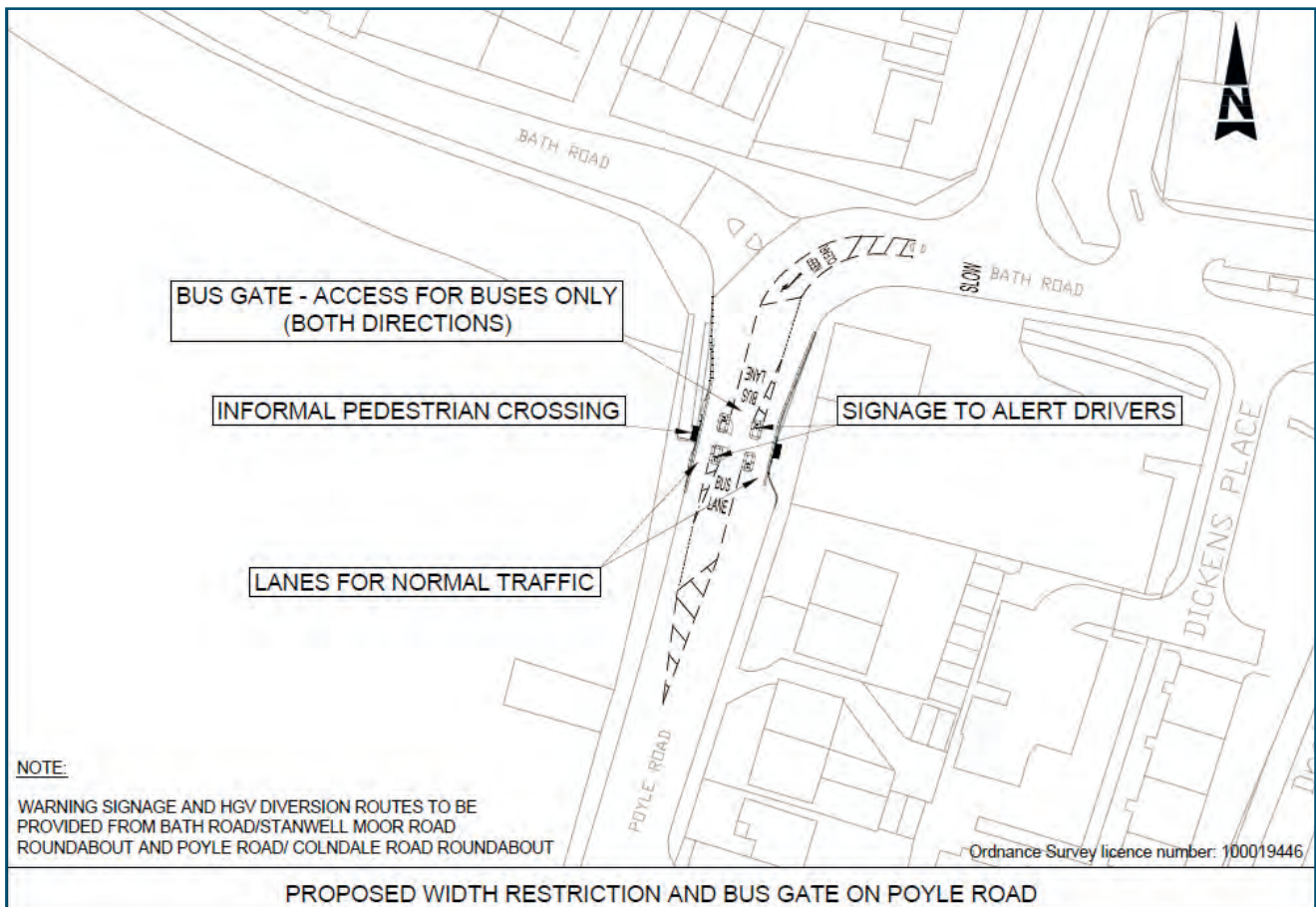
Why are was Slough Borough Council proposing this?

The aim is to reduce traffic levels on Poyle Road / Bath Road, improving the environment for all. Diverting HGVs via Horton Road will ensure that vehicles are using roads suitable to their needs rather than travelling through predominantly residential areas.

What are the proposed timescales?

The proposal is for the scheme to be built before April 2017.

The deadline for comments regarding the proposal was 12th October 2016 and the Parish Council have received a number of letters which have been sent on to Transport for Slough.



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Heathrow update



At the last Local Focus Forum Heathrow reported on the new facility they have provided for Private Hire Mini Cabs. Following streams of complaints about the activity of many of these businesses and the anti-social behaviour of some of their drivers the airport decided to take action.

Complaints centred on groups of cabs parking in residential areas waiting for fares to and from the Airport and whilst doing so littering the streets, sometimes using bushes as toilets and behaving in an aggressive manner if challenged by residents or even local police.

The Airport have now provided a facility parking area inside the perimeter where drivers have access to refreshment and toilet facilities. They have reported up to 2000 visits per day by cabs which would otherwise be parked up on local streets. Whilst there are still problem areas Heathrow see the scheme as work in progress and hope to be working together with all local authorities and police forces soon in a combined effort to stamp out the problem. They did respond to a question raised and say they are yet to tie up with Slough Borough Council and The Thames Valley Police Force on this particular scheme.

At the Forum the Third runway was clearly the most burning topic. Nigel Milton , Director of Policy and Political Relations, reported that whilst the Government had not made any particular official announcement it was strongly believed that a decision on one of the three options will be announced between the 6th and 30th October.

Further discussion took place about the issue but an observer would not consider that Heathrow were overly confident of a decision in their favour.

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Efforts to Save Colnbrook Doctor's Surgery

For two years now the continuation of the Colnbrook Doctors Surgery, as we know it, has been under threat. The building in Wheelwrights Place is the home of a branch surgery of Langley Health Centre. Up until a few years ago it had the Orchard Surgery next door.

Some time ago The Orchard Surgery moved to the centre of Langley and is soon to move again. The Partners of Langley Health Centre currently rent both properties at Wheelwrights Place but at a rent which was raised two years ago to a level that they just cannot afford on the funding they receive from NHS England.

Readers may recall an unannounced closure of Colnbrook Surgery around the time of the last rent review. At the time closure was an option but the Parish Council persuaded the practice to keep it open which they were only able to do so by agreeing a new, significantly more expensive lease with the landlord's agent. However they did get a two year break clause included in the lease and this is fast approaching.

Being aware of the situation the Parish Council with the knowledge of the Practice and the local Clinical Commissioning Group approached the landlord directly to see if it would be possible to either help negotiate a more affordable lease or indeed buy the buildings.

Prior to this the Parish Council had made representation for the surgeries to be listed as assets of community interest.

The Landlord was not inclined to sell the property but did show some interest in the plight of the Colnbrook



community should the practice have to vacate the buildings and close the surgery in Colnbrook. However he wished to leave any future negotiations to his Agent.

At the time of writing this article the negotiations continue and many people will be aware that Langley Health Centre have held two consultation events in Colnbrook in order to explain what they are currently doing in an effort to maintain a Surgery in the village. In the meantime it is probable that for contractual reasons the doctors will have to give notice of quitting the existing site.

It is fair to say that every possible solution is being explored including the possible construction of a new building near the centre of the Colnbrook.

Watch this space and ask questions of the Parish Council and Langley Health Centre.

Vicarage Way Fly Infestation

It would appear that the horrible problem of flies invading people's homes throughout the summer months has now been stopped.

This follows Colnbrook Parish Council's involvement, representing residents and involving Thames Water, Slough Borough Council and specialist entomologists.

Thames Water have now ceased storing dewatered sludge on their site in Lakeside Road, Colnbrook and the fly problem has, in the main, disappeared. There was a temporary period of flies later this summer but that appeared to be at a time when local farmers were muck spreading (probably with dewatered sludge).

Hopefully both the residents of Colnbrook and Richings Park can now enjoy the summer months in future.



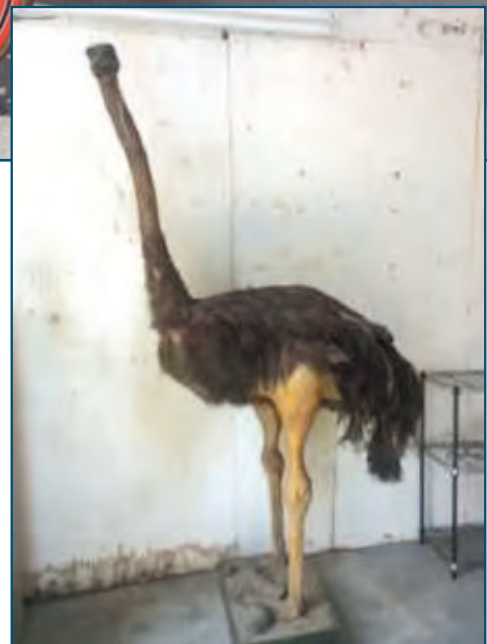
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Colnbrook Museum

As you are aware raising funds for a potential Colnbrook Museum, where we as a village to show to all residents and visitors what amazing artefacts we have collated over the years.

You may already seen our horse drawn fire tender at the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration and then at the annual Apple Fair.

Well we also have the following items in storage ready to find their new home.



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Ward Updates

The Way I See It – Traffic, SIFE, Heathrow Expansion, and remaining in the Windsor Constituency

As a Slough Borough Councillor at the same time as being a Parish Councillor I do deliberately try to be a bridge between the two - for example, reporting on developments from one to the other, trying to facilitate some positive outcomes for residents; (of course, the Parish Chairman, and Deputy Chair, and Parish Clerk are the proper channels through which the two Councils should officially communicate). Parking is becoming more of a problem for many residents, and I have just got a commitment from SBC that double yellow lines will be introduced around the junction of Severn Crescent and Trent Road, where SBC's scheme to move all the parking at the entrance to Trent Road to its north side has created a safety hazard, reducing visibility for drivers coming out of Severn Crescent and sometimes forcing them to turn left into a lane of oncoming traffic. SBC won't tell me yet when they will do the work but I will be continuing to push them for a proper safety audit of the scheme they introduced, which has produced multiple problems as well as having some benefits.

Unfortunately, SBC's Highways Department has a track-record of ignoring unfavourable safety audits on its road schemes. It ignored three such reports on the changes it made to the London Road at Brands Hill. I worked with local residents last year in taking the matter before a scrutiny committee which judged that the new three-lane arrangement was "not fit for purpose" (meaning it doesn't work and is unsafe). Highways were supposed to come back with proposals by the start of the summer to address this but still have not done so. They now have a Langley-area public consultation going on, that includes the Westfield Estate, bounded by Sutton Lane and the London Road at Brands Hill. You can email them on TfS@slough.gov.uk - they want to know what you think the traffic problems are in the area - go on, believe me, they are asking for it!

Goodmans, the property developers who wanted to put giant warehouses three-times the size of the biggest building in Slough on the Green Belt land north of the Colnbrook By-pass, have launched a legal challenge to the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment refusing their Slough International Freight Exchange (SIFE) proposal. This is not leading to another public inquiry, where the Parish Council will have to defend an objection



again, but this will be a Judicial Review at the High Court with lawyers for Goodmans and the Government looking at any legal flaws in the way the decision (against SIFE at Appeal) was made. It certainly seemed to me that the Inspector gave Goodmans more than generous scope and time (and deferrals) to develop any argument they wanted to put.

This may all be overtaken by a decision by the Government about a Third Runway at Heathrow expected in mid-October. Heathrow has just announced, as a sweetener, a "Brexit scheme" to add 25,000 more flights from its two existing runways as soon as they can get the current cap on flights lifted so as to make possible, they say, a one-hour extension of their ban on night-flights till 5.30am daily. So, we are meant to be grateful for the extra flights and extra sleep, and have confidence in Heathrow being good neighbours as a result of them doing now something they said for years they couldn't do: grow the Airport without a Third Runway, and give us more respite from night noise.

One thing we can be grateful for is that Colnbrook with Poyle will remain in the Windsor parliamentary constituency - remember under the Coalition Government there was an aborted proposal to put us into Spelthorne constituency (even though we would remain in Berkshire). Now it is proposed that Chalvey will join us as part of Slough Borough in the Windsor constituency, to even-up the number of electors between Slough and Windsor - like us, Chalvey is certainly an area with its own distinct community, and those of us who have been around a long time know that this is just the reverse of.

Dexter Smith

Cllr Dexter Smith

Colnbrook with Poyle Conservative Ward Representative
Colnbrook with Poyle Parish councillor

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

Last year we were asked what we were going to do to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday.



The Parish Council decided that a Church Service was the best way to mark such an event. The project was a major event and a success.

Special guests:

The Worshipful Mayor of Slough Arvind Singh Dhaliwal and the Lord Lieutenant (James Puxley) and Mrs (Deborah Puxley).

Well over 500 Villagers turned up for the procession which ran as follows:

- Peter Hood had thoroughly refurbished our Fire Tender which had been stored in The Ostrich. This led the way with fireman. Later he arranged a demonstration of the Fire Tender in full working order.
- Our Guests were part of the procession I had the great honour to accompany them.
- The third carriage had The Parish Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Parish Council and their partners.
- A Piper joined us at Abingdon House and then led the procession up the High Street and into Vicarage Way to St Thomas Church where we had a wonderful service followed by a Garden Party with refreshments and food prepared by volunteers and other members of the Community.

So where do we go from here? What are we doing next year? Watch this space!!

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Cllr "K" Laxman



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CAST Theatre Company

It has been a busy 6 months for Colnbrook's resident theatre company CAST. Having celebrated their Silver Anniversary in March with 'Memories - a musical celebration of those first 25 years', the summer saw a return to the trusted world of Terry Pratchett with the group staging their third Discworld adaptation, this time *Carpe Jugulum*.

The summer period saw the group actively engaged in the community, with appearances at Wraysbury Fair, Langley Carnival, and most recently Colnbrook's own 'Apple Fair'. CAST have often appeared at these events performing a few songs, but this year saw the appearance of the group's unique Animalympics. What I hear you say? Well, imagine 14 people dressed up in pantomime animal costumes, and racing themselves around an 'It's a Knockout' style obstacle course, and you wouldn't be far off. The event (staged at both the Langley and Colnbrook events), went down so well with both performers and audience alike, with large crowds gathering to cheer them along, and even queuing up for photos and selfies afterwards. An even better Animalympics is due to return next year, along with a special new arena event, so watch this space!

As we move into the Autumn, the group are hard at work rehearsing the village's annual panto, which this year will be the fabulous 'Mother Goose'. The box office is already open, so be sure to book your tickets early (particularly for the matinees that always sell out), and support one of the Colnbrook's most popular annual family events.

Box Office: 07894 579177 or
www.cast-online.org.uk/box-office

Finally, CAST are always on the lookout for new people to join them, both in performance roles (singing, acting and dancing), but equally importantly behind the scenes. Perhaps you are a handyman, eager to help build sets, an artist that would love to bring those sets to life or a dressmaker that would love to help out with costumes, then get in touch. There are many other roles too, so why not pop along on a Monday or Thursday evening and meet the team?

CAST meet:

Mondays 8.30-11.00pm

Thursdays 8.00-11.00pm

At Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way



CAST

present.....

The 2016 Colnbrook Pantomime

at Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, SL3 0RF

MOTHER

Wed 7th-
Fri 9th Dec
@ 7.45pm

Sat 10th Dec
@12noon & 5pm

Sun 11th Dec
@ 12 noon

Tickets:

Adults £9

Concs £7

Call us for group
bookings (10+)

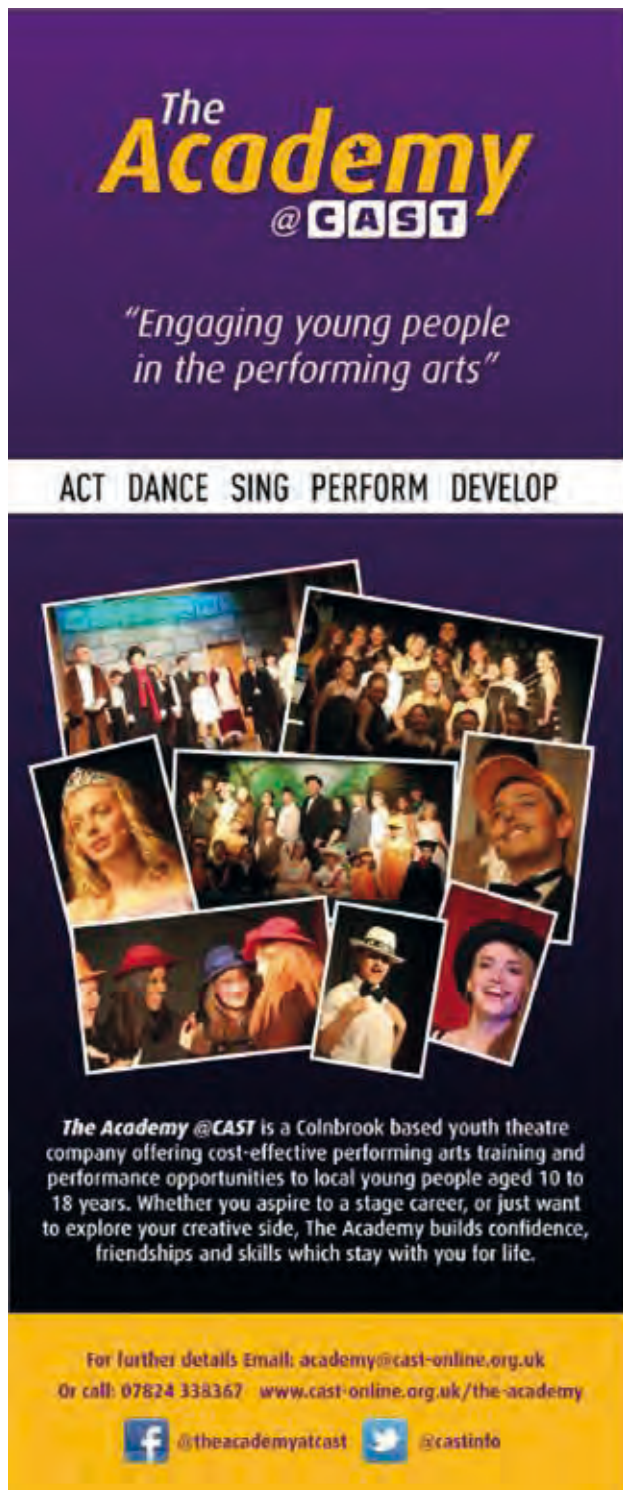


GOOSE

Box Office: **07894 579177** or book online
at: **www.cast-online.org.uk/box-office**

email: **boxoffice@cast-online.org.uk**

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The Academy @CAST

"Engaging young people in the performing arts"

ACT DANCE SING PERFORM DEVELOP

The Academy @CAST is a Colnbrook based youth theatre company offering cost-effective performing arts training and performance opportunities to local young people aged 10 to 18 years. Whether you aspire to a stage career, or just want to explore your creative side, The Academy builds confidence, friendships and skills which stay with you for life.

For further details Email: academy@cast-online.org.uk
Or call: 07824 338367 www.cast-online.org.uk/the-academy

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The Academy @CAST is Colnbrook's youth theatre company offering cost-effective performing arts training and performance opportunities to local young people aged 10 to 18 years. Whether you aspire to a stage career, or just want to explore your creative side, The Academy builds confidence, friendships and skills which stay with you for life.

The group is currently preparing for a musical revue show entitled 'West End Musical Magic' to be staged at the Village Hall on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th November.

The show will feature well known songs from shows such as Cats, Matilda, Hairspray and many more. It is sure to be a great evening, and an opportunity to see some budding young talent tread the boards for the first time (you never know, there could be a future West End star in their midst!)

If you are interested in joining 'The Academy', the group will be kicking off their next project on Monday 13th November 2016. There are currently a few places available for entry, specifically in the senior 13 to 18 age group. Why not give them a call today, and arrange to pop along and meet the team and secure your place?!

Contact Steve for details on: 07824 338367 or email: academy@cast-online.org.uk

The Academy @ CAST meet:

Mondays 6.30-8.30pm
At Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way



The Colne Valley Park CIC

The last year has been extremely challenging for us, especially for the Spatial Planning Group, who have been busy addressing issues, which most who read this Newsletter are familiar with. The development requests through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, which is decided through a public or written inquiry process, or the Hybrid Bill process, which ultimately is approved by Royal Assent. These processes are mainly reserved for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). They do not follow the normal planning regime, and are decided upon at a level above the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The Colne Valley Park C.I.C. has played a major role in all the NSIP proposals, but with these comes other 'spin-off' developments, gravel extractions which are brought forward due to avoidance of sterilisation of the mineral resource. These are dealt with through the normal planning process and are decided upon by the relevant LPA.

We have recruited new directors. Sir John Randall ex MP for Uxbridge, and a passionate advocate for wildlife and the importance of Colne Valley Park, I was grateful for his assistance at presentation to the Select Committee for mitigation for HS2 Heathrow Express development at Langley. Tony Brooker of the Colne Valley Fisheries Consultative, also recently joined our board, and his expertise is centred upon the fishing fraternity that use the Colne Valley.

The CVP-CIC's main source of income is from our Corporate Supporters scheme of which we have 9 organisations, ranging across three levels of membership. Colne Supporters (£5000 + vat per annum); Heron Supporters (£1000 + vat per annum); Kingfisher Supporter (£300 + vat per annum), and a further 56 members groups who donate whatever they can. Unlike the regional park to the east of London, Lea Valley Regional Park, which is financed by a small contribution from London, Hertfordshire, & Essex taxpayers resulting in £11.3m during 2014?

We are supported by Groundwork South, a charity, who are our Managing Agents and have an enviable track record in maintaining landscapes and countryside for people and nature to thrive in. Groundwork South is working in Colnbrook alongside the Colnbrook Community Partnership to deliver conservation tasks – Crown Meadow, Poyle Poplars and Arthur Jacobs Nature Reserve. A long term project for the enhancement of Albany Park is about to commence following several years

in planning, and will feature much on wildlife, biodiversity and accessibility for people to enjoy. Groundwork are also applying for a Lottery Landscape Partnership grant of £1.4m to be used in the Colne Valley Park, of which the first round of the awards process will be announced during October.



The new ever popular children's playground and the new Cafe at the Visitor Centre Denham, part of the £200k refurbishment that Groundwork has instigated at Denham Country Park, in partnership with Bucks County Council.



On a final note, our area of responsibility covers some 43 square miles, with 40,000 people living within the boundary and 3 million people living within 10 miles of the Park. If only we could encourage more of these people to support us by joining the Friends of the Colne Valley Park, membership is £5.00 per year single membership or £10.00 for family membership. Or talk to your boss to encourage your company to become a Corporate Supporter.

For more information visit
www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/get-involved

Mike Nye

Director CVP-CIC

Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



Colnbrook Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Autumn 2016 update

After a busy summer programme including our Cub Section attending Cubjam for a week as a mini jamboree for cubs and the Scout Section having summer camp in Scotland. All 3 sections are going into an active program from September to December; this will range from activities to the Panto in the village with CAST.

All 3 sections are continuing to deliver a fun, active and balanced program all year round 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**

Roy Goswell

Cub Scout Leader
Tel **07818 576121**

Gary Rumble

Scout Leader
Tel **07957 422259**



For our Beavers in Colnbrook, they always like to be out and about especially when the opportunity is available to go on trips such as Cutty Sark, HMS Belfast, Maritime Museum, Science Museum, Bird world, and many others in London

Our Beavers especially like to camp whenever they can, they have had a number of opportunities last year to send time in tents and get a taste of what scouting will be like as they get older

Our Beavers have also taken part in a number of District Events over the last 2 years including Sleepovers, Children in Need days, Water Activity Days and others.



cubjam 2016 Gilwell Park

Cubs have also had a number of Camps on their own at Walter Davies and Bears Rails camp sites -this has given the cubs a better chance to see some more adventurous activities whilst away from home like climbing, crate stacking and also learning some new skills.

Our Cubs had their first week long Jamboree 'experience this year in May at Cubjam 2016 (www.cubjam2016.org.uk) with over 1500 Cubs from around the UK. as part of this we had a Scottish Cub join us as her mum is on staff at Cubjam and she has been taking part in some of our program through to the event itself and we are using Skype to help her join in at the moment and even managed to lead campfire for cubs via Skype.



scouts be prepared . . .

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

We continued our outdoor theme throughout 2016 with more outdoor cooking and activities. One favourite we repeated was Laserquest and of course Panto. Our scouts always have fun and are up for trying all sorts of different activities.

The programme planned for the remainder of 2016 has a lot of outdoor activity and challenge built in, alongside an Expedition weekend that took place.

The Scout section had its summer camp in Scotland this year based from Scout HQ in Edinburgh which had a range of outdoor activities to take part in, visited a highland games, Edinburgh and Stirling Castle, they even became the first English scouts to gain the Scottish Thistle Challenge Badge.



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Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

Believe and Achieve

We have had another busy year at Colnbrook C of E Primary School with lots going on.



We brought the catering in-house last September and this has been a great success. It has allowed us to provide a free Breakfast Club to pupils and is a popular way to start the day. Children have the choice of a cooked breakfast, toast and cereal, and following a request from the children, we have also introduced fresh fruit. We have been able to design our own healthy menus and this year we have introduced a packed lunch option, named by the children as a 'Grab Bag.' We revise the menus twice a year so they are always improving.

Our Open Mornings have continued to be very popular, allowing parents to see what English and maths lessons really look like and we plan to expand these this coming year.

We are delighted to have been able to work collaboratively with Pippins School during the past year and this will continue over the coming year as we share our knowledge and experiences for the benefit of the children.

The School already has strong links with the Hilton Hotel Terminal Five and we are strengthening our links with Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd. This allows us to provide even more opportunities and experiences for our children. The Hilton run a Business Insight day for Year 6 and we hope to expand this and work with Heathrow and other local businesses to support our pupils aspirations for the future.



In June, the Years 5 and 6 children went on a residential trip to Green Park Adventure Village in Aylesbury. The children excelled themselves when faced with a variety of challenges; they achieved things they didn't think were possible and watching them work as a team was such a delight for us as staff. We were so proud of each and every one of them!

The children enjoyed World Book Day in March when they came to School dressed as their favourite book character. We held a parade in the hall and prizes were awarded for the best outfits.



We would love to welcome anyone from the local community into the School for a tour. If you are interested, please contact us on **01753 683661** and we will arrange this for you.

Susan Marsh
Headteacher

SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire C. of E.
Multi Academy Trust



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

The CCA has continued with its community work, helping to make the three communities that make up the Parish (Brands Hill, Colnbrook and Poyle) better places in which to live and work.

We have formed a good working relationship with the new Parish Council and are working with them on a number of matters including the very successful campaign against thoughtless and dangerous parking throughout the parish. Our thanks go to Thames Valley Police and SBC for their help in enforcing restrictions where they apply.

There is some confusion around the matter of access to the High Street and where weight restrictions apply; largely due to incorrect signage at each end of the High Street. We have instances of delivery vehicles refusing to enter the High Street. The weight restrictions signs should refer to “Park Street” where the actual restriction applies. This has resulted in some cases, of delivery drivers extracting money from residents to in effect “break the law” as they see it. Our known instances are not isolated, so if you have been affected by this please let us know as we will be discussing the matter with SBC Highways and Trading Standards.

We have dealt routinely with the matters as diverse as overgrown hedges, broken drains, blocked footpaths, anti-social behaviour, lost pets, illegal businesses, fly tipping, and many other matters brought to our attention by members and residents throughout the parish. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped us throughout the year and long may it continue.

We have also been very active on campaigning against the various infrastructure projects proposed for our rural communities. Following independent representations by the CCA, Parish Council, Colnbrook Views and Colne Valley Park, the Slough International Freight Exchange was refused permission although still subject to a possible appeal as I write.

Heathrow expansion continues to be the major threat to our quality of life, and we continue to fight this with regular updates on our Facebook page and Twitter. Due to his unstinting work in opposing expansion we are delighted to announce that Charles Burke, our Secretary, has been invited to be co-opted onto the Stop Heathrow Expansion (S.H.E.) committee. S.H.E is a leading opposition group to Heathrow expansion based in Harmondsworth and has organised many protest meetings with support from local MP’s, including our MP, Adam Afriyie.

The CCA are now affiliates of HACAN and AirportWatch which will help us bring you regular updates on the Heathrow and Gatwick expansion proposals.

We are on Facebook under
“Colnbrook Community Association”

We are on Twitter **@colnbrookca**

Our email address is **colnbrookca@live.co.uk**

Our web site is at
colnbrookcommunityassociation.org.uk

Kind regards to you all,

Vicki

Vicki Brenner, Chair CCA

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“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 attended by representatives of SBC, Local Residents, Grundons, Groundwork South and the Parish Council.

Along with other village groups the CCP sponsors the CAROL SINGING evening around the Christmas tree and the Jubilee clock which will take place on the 16th December 2016. The Carol singing is still going from strength to strength with a lot of new faces and youngsters joining in the festive singing. After the singing we will again move to St. Thomas church for mulled wine and mince pies.

We work closely and contribute funding to Coln Valley Park CIC (Community Interest Company) to help protect the Green Belt for local residents to enjoy.

We are currently working with the partners in installing a Trim trail in Crown meadow and hopefully if the budget allows we will may be able to improve the tarmac area to the right of the meadow.

Groundwork South are currently applying to the Landscape Lottery Partnership for a £ 1.5 million grant and the CCP is working very closely with Groundwork South in trying to achieve this goal.

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







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

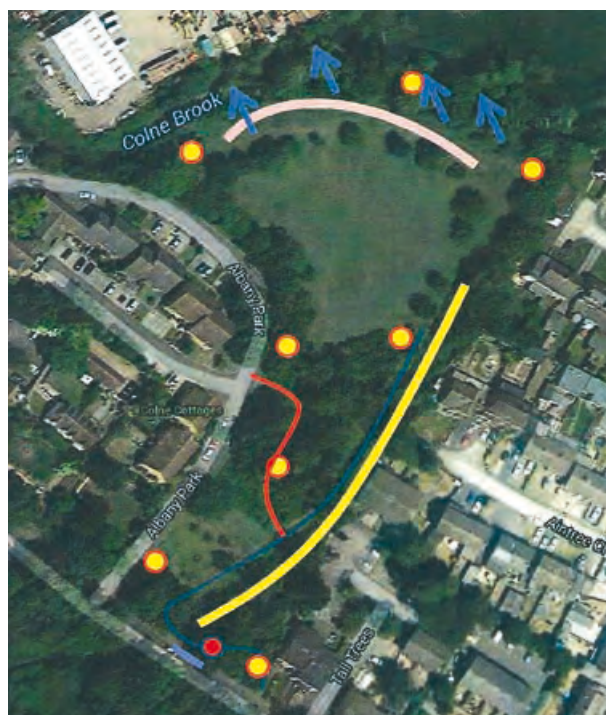
More work is in the planning stage and as soon as this is finalised we will let you know how things are progressing.

Ray Angell

Hon. Secretary
Colnbrook Community Partnership

ALBANY PARK PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

-  Renew and extend existing path up to the edge of trees
-  Informal path cut through trees/scrub
-  Remove section of fence to create new entrance
-  Welcome sign/sculpture trail sign
-  Sculptures
-  Spoil from path added to bund and planted with meadow seeds
-  Open up views to river
-  Marginal or riverside planting



Colnbrook Flood Action Group

Dear Residents

We hope you've enjoyed the good ole British summer and are now looking forward to a toasty Autumn and a festive winter...

Our work at the flood action group for Colnbrook continues all year round...

The C-FAG met with the multi agencies in the summer. Communications between all those that are supporting us has an open door policy with discussions around the village on-going.

We will continue the walk abouts in the village and monitor soak aways and boreholes.

We endeavour to run a mock flood scenario soon and will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of our team or would be able to help please contact us at cfag@gmail.com

Please visit our Facebook page and get involved. We are always looking for volunteers to add to our current team. In the event there is any such situation as in the floods before, then the more members we have the more effective we can be.

For those that continuously support us, a huge thank you for your commitment.



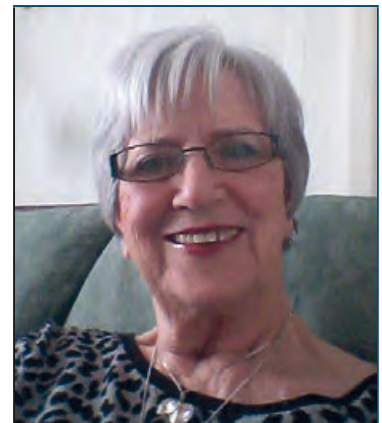
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Puja Bedi
Chair
Colnbrook Flood Action Group



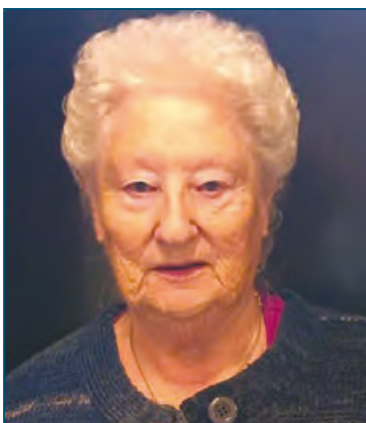
Beatrice

Beatrice Hannah
CFAG Secretary



Sheila

Sheila Underwood
Community Liaison



Barbara

Barbara Underhill
Community Support



Clive

Clive Cripps Environment
Liaison



Claire

Claire Thompson
Vice Chair

Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group

Hi there!

Your Neighbourhood Action Group continues to meet every month and discuss issues close to all of our hearts – Fly tipping, Crime, Anti Social Behaviour and Parking, to name a few.

The Multi-Agencies continue to support us from Slough Borough Council, Thames Valley Police and local associations and groups.

We are always looking for more residents to come along to our meetings to get involved and be part of

making a difference to our village, so why not come along and join us?

Our meetings are held every month, the last Wednesday of each month at The Village Hall, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook at 7:30pm.

Please also visit our Facebook page and like us and become part of our group.

Puja

Puja Bedi
Acting Chair

Mike

Mike Nye
Joint Acting Chair

Colnbrook's OVER 50's Club

The club meet every Thursday at 1:30pm in the Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way.

Everyone is welcome to come along and make friends.



The Colnbrook Residents Association Christmas Party

Its Party time! Once again we have organised our Xmas Party at the Marriot Hotel. Sunday 4th December circa 12.pm.

We have delicious food and incredible entertainment, something for all.

- Helen is once again our Compere and live singer.
- Children dancing to Nursery Rhymes ably led by Rishika Laxman, fully qualified Nursery teacher with all the certificates.
- Twelve days of Xmas(always very popular with the adults)
- Raffle prizes
- Pass the parcel

- Carol Singers
- Santa will be dropping in at some point.
- Drinks can be bought at the Bar or table service is also available.
- Any other ideas I can think of from now to the event.

A lot of people have put in an enormous effort into this event. Please support us.

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Councillor "K" Laxman



**Colnbrook
Residents'
Association**



Serving Residents and Community since 1947

Email: coreas1947@gmail.com

Another great Colnbrook Apple Fair

With torrential rain the day before things didn't look too bright for this year's event. After many weeks of pre-planning and activity by the small committee making all the arrangements the mood was that whatever the weather the "Show will go on".

On the day, the weather had cleared up but the air temperature was cool and the sky overcast.

The Show did go on and it was fantastic. There were two arenas, a huge marquee, dancing, singing, horses, Fire Tender & fire, The Mayor, animal Olympics, competitions, the bar, stalls, pony rides, Hog Roast and much, much, more.

People turned up in their hundreds and stayed.

It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by so many. And overall £7000 has been raised for local causes.

It must be said that if Colnbrook would like another Apple Fair next year we need more people to come forward and volunteer to help in the weeks leading up to the event, during it and after, clearing up. The small team we had this year were very pleased with the outcome but totally shattered at the end of it.

Sean Kelly

Chairman
Colnbrook Residents Association



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Colnbrook Village Hall at the Heart of the Community

Colnbrook Village Hall Trust

Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0RF

CVHT is a Registered Charity Number 1003725



Colnbrook Village Hall the Heart of the Community

As well as providing a venue for a number of regular community activities, the hall and meeting rooms are available for hire both by individuals and by commercial organisations.

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

Please note that we do NOT accept 16th, 18th or 21st birthday party bookings under any circumstances.

For Hall availability, please call Chris Darbon, our Bookings Secretary on **07598 126809** or **bookings@colnbrookvillagehall.org.uk**

Please check our website at **www.colnbrookvillagehall.org.uk**

The website has the current diary of users and the times that they use the hall, the list of trustees and details of the hall and meeting rooms.

Ray Angell

Chair to the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust (CVHT)

Colnbrook Village Hall Trust

Colnbrook Village Hall is managed on behalf of the community by Colnbrook Village Hall Trust, a registered charity (Reg. No. 1003725). The objectives of the trust are:

“TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF COLNBROOK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES, CLASSES AND OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION”

Full details can be obtained from the Charity Commission: **www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission**

The trustees comprise of a mix of representatives from established hall users and community groups, and a number of elected members.

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 and Education Centre. 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.

Draft plans produced by the Colnbrook Community Partnership have been viewed by community groups. The drawings have been further developed by an architect for planning purposes. These will be available in an exhibition and consultation to be held for all residents to see and comment on at the Parish Forum on the 1st October 2016. Help with the fund raising will be appreciated.

Our AGM for 2015 – 2016 was held on the 15th September 2016 where the Chairman's report and the accounts for 2015 – 2016 was also discussed and approved for entry on the Charity Commission web site.

If you feel that you can make a contribution to the running of the hall please contact a member of the Trustees via our booking contacts.

Pippins Herb Garden

Our first official event was to open the Herb Garden. Here Jo talks about what it's all about.



Since opening Pippins Park Herb Garden in May 2016 the garden is a big hit in Colnbrook and has remained a peaceful, enjoyable place for the whole community to enjoy.

With huge thanks to the many regular and irregular volunteers who have tended the garden, doing jobs big and small; mowing the lawn, watering, weeding, tidying up, taking the produce, adding to the compost and donating items!

The late spring burst of the Foxgloves welcomed visitors from across the bridge, in July the strawberries encouraged the children to come in and pick the fruits, in the height of summer we saw local residents simply sitting in the garden with some taking their work lunch break here.

Visitors have taken cuttings and snipped the sweet pea flowers to enjoy their perfume at home, the tomatoes and herbs are still being harvested, so get in there quick!

Visitors to the park are sometimes unsure whether or not they may use the garden but everyone is welcome to

come inside and interact. We saw children make a frog pond on their own initiative, using an ice-cream pot with stones and leaves found in the garden which was a lovely addition! Activities are positively welcomed and parents are encouraged to bring their children into the garden to play, dig, water and of course take produce home for cooking! Compost and pots are available by the potting table for you to take cuttings home.

We will be preparing the garden for over wintering soon, the garden will always be changing with the seasons and there is always something new to see.

If you would like to know more about Pippins Park Herb Garden, please get in touch!

[Pippinspark.herbarden/facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/pippinspark.herbarden/)

or

[email pippinsherbs@gmail.com](mailto:pippinsherbs@gmail.com)

Jo

Pippins Herb Garden Founder



Pat and Jim tend to the garden once a week with great dedication

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Together we grow, Together we achieve.

Speaking on behalf of all my staff, it was lovely welcoming all our children back to school, nearly as much as parents looking forward to sending them back to school! It has been a real delight welcoming all our new pupils starting at Pippins School, but a particular warm welcome to our new youngest children who are starting in Nursery, a few in Reception and starting school for the first time.

The start of a new term is always special: pupils moving up a year group, developing in maturity and the skills to shine as individuals both academically, emotionally, creatively and of course physically. To watch and see children transform into responsible independent people is always a privilege and something that fills our hearts with fulfilment and pleasure for those of us lucky enough to work in the school environment.

Pippins School Ethos and Aims

As it is the start of the year we have been reminding ourselves of our School Ethos and Aims, as this underpins everything we aim to achieve.

‘Together we grow, Together we achieve’

Learning lies at the heart of all we do. We nurture our children, develop their strength and resilience and strive to realise the potential of every child. We believe that everyone can achieve, regardless of ability and aptitude. Every child is significant, every child deserves the best and every child has the right to achieve. Trust and integrity are the cohesive elements that bind the partnership between home and school TOGETHER. Together, we celebrate and share success and achievement.

We are committed to:

- Striving for continuous development in all that we do and recognise that learning is life-long
- The values of friendship, respect and excellence underpin our work. This is the core and pith of our apple; our metaphor.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

Our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School (RRS) is progressing nicely, with a focus on Rights, Respecting, Friendship and Excellence. Our Classroom and Playground Charters have been created with our children 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.

Colnbrook C of E School

We have been working closely and building a strong partnership with our neighbouring school, Colnbrook C of E. Staff from both schools have had the opportunity to work closely together, sharing good teaching and learning as well as supporting one another in the community. We are very lucky to be in this position, building on positive relationships.

Our school website www.pippins.slough.sch.uk is continually updated. Please visit our site. Feedback is always welcome.

Kind Regards

Mrs Tracy Ball

Headteacher

St Thomas' Church



In May this year we were fortunate enough to receive a grant of £2,500 from **Heathrow Community Fund - Active People Initiative**, to go towards the cost of replacing our outdated sound system.

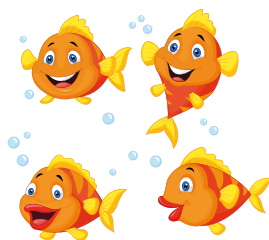
This award meant that we were able to go ahead with the work of installing new cables, microphones and speakers.

Thanks to a small group of volunteers the work has now been completed and the final tidy up will be in October.

The sound quality is superb and will benefit not only the church services but also the school services and community events.

We are very grateful to **Heathrow Community Fund** for this award.

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Little Fishes toddler and carers group meets on a Friday morning in church from 10am – 11-30am. for play, songs and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome.

Check out their Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/stthomascolnbrook/>

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Future Events

Harvest Supper and Quiz

October 14th, 7-15pm.

Fish and chips, ice cream and fun

Tickets £7-50

Community Carol Singing

Friday December 16th

Everyone is welcomed to come along for refreshments mulled wine and mince pies.

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We try to be a very welcoming church whether you come regularly or just occasionally please check out our website for events and service times:

www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas/

The service times do vary and also the venues.

We do have occasional work parties to tidy up the grounds as well as inside the church. Several members of the community supported the one in July.

If you have any spare time and you would like to volunteer to help, please contact David Shields on **01753 681079**. Coffee and tea are always available!

People are always welcome to come for a quiet time of reflection or prayer. If the church is not open please contact

Jenny Gregg: tel: **01753 792846**

David Shields: tel: **01753 681079**

to arrange a convenient time.

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St Thomas' Church

Dear Friends

At St Thomas's church we have a long-standing vision with two central aims. The first is to be a place where we can celebrate and worship God. The second is to be a congregation that serves the community of Colnbrook.

The first aim is why we are here at all. Every Sunday morning and every Friday at 8:30 am we meet together to forget ourselves, lift up our hearts to God, and offer him our worship. Everyone is welcome, whether we feel full of questions and very weak in our faith, or close to God. As we worship together we are filled each time with the love and the power of God, and that gives us strength to live our lives in sometimes very difficult circumstances, and also to show God's love to others in service, which is the second aim of our vision.

Our congregation is still fairly small, with about 25 on a typical Sunday, but the atmosphere is warm and friendly, and we would love to grow in numbers by welcoming new people. So please look on our website www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stthomascolnbrook to check when the services are, and come along to see what it's like.

Back in June we had a tremendous celebration service for the Queen's 90th birthday. It was a fantastic occasion for the whole village and we were delighted to be able to host it. As I have written before, as a church we want to be at the heart of village life, helping to keep the spirit of our Colnbrook community strong.

Our Little Fishes playgroup for the under threes on Friday mornings has restarted for the new term, and we still have spaces available.

Peter Wyard

Vicar of Colnbrook



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

We invite you to come to this special service to remember all the people who have died in wars, World War One, World War Two, the Falklands War, the Gulf War and conflicts in Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq. It is an opportunity to hear the names of the Colnbrook people who gave their lives for our freedom.

Sunday, 13th November, 10:30am
St. Thomas Church, Vicarage Way



Thames Valley Police

Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency Number: 101

In Emergencies Dial: 999

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

It has been a busy summer with long, hot days influencing crime rates. We have seen a rise in opportunistic crime such as theft from motor vehicles and burglaries. Windows are being left open to properties and vehicle's, making them vulnerable to thefts. Residents are often on holiday, leaving houses unoccupied for weeks at a time. We have increased our patrols in the hot spot areas to tackle this.

You came to use concerned with the amount of pavement parking that was taking place and hopefully residents will have noticed a reduction in this after a team of PCSO's targeted anti-socially parked vehicles and issued tickets.

We will continue with our successful monthly beat surgery which has maintained a positive turnout since it began. This is currently being held at Pippins Primary School however we hope to expand to other locations within Colnbrook shortly. Dates and times of our surgeries can be found via Pippins Primary.

We will be supporting various events across Colnbrook run by the Parish Council, including the surgeries that they are organising. We are also always happy to stop and chat to the community whilst we are out on patrol and can discuss issues and concerns.

As winter approaches we will repeat our festively named Op Cracker which runs over the Halloween and Bonfire weekends which is designed to prevent / combat Anti-Social Behaviour. Hopefully you will see our Officers patrolling your area on bikes, attempting to keep warm!

As the evenings draw longer we often see a steady rise in night time burglaries. We are conducting an operation which will look to identify vulnerable properties and persons. We will then advise on how best to keep safe and secure through leaflets, discussions and visits. This will be supported by intelligence led patrols by the team.

Please view the Thames Valley Police website for details on your local area.



Top Tips from Thames Valley Police:

- Don't leave vehicles and properties insecure whilst unoccupied. Be vigilant in the hot weather when leaving windows and doors open, even whilst at home.
- Never leave valuables on display, especially near open doors and windows.
- Inform your neighbours when going on holiday, so they can keep an eye on your property.
- Report anything suspicious (details above)



THE COLNBROOK



CHRISTMAS

CAROL SING ALONG

Join us all at the Village Clock
outside Ye Olde George to
start the Christmas festivities

The event will move to St. Thomas Church
if the weather turns bad!



Friday December 16th at 7pm

Hot Mince Pies | Mulled Wine | Tea | Coffee | Squash

Organised by the following Community Groups:



All monies collected will be distributed