

Colnbrook with Poyle

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Newsletter



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Join the Clean for The Queen weekend on March 4/5/6 and let's clear up the UK in time for a very special Birthday.

Everybody can help: Residents, Shop keepers, Businesses, Schools, Cab drivers, Van Drivers. See inside for details.



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Parish Council Precept

Before 1995, the year the Parish Council was formed, a petition was submitted by local residents calling for a Parish Council to be formed to represent the community at a local level when the boundary commission redesignated which County & Borough Colnbrook and Poyle would sit in. Hence the Parish Council was formed.

The precept is money that Slough Borough Council collect on behalf of the Parish Council.

For the last few years the Parish Council have been able to hold the precept cost at the same level. However 2015 threw up an exceptional cost arising from the need to have a second election following two elected candidates failing to comply with the legal requirement of signing their acceptance of office before or at the first meeting of the newly elected council.

Slough's returning officer had no alternative but to declare the two councillor positions vacant. They then received a letter from a resident which included the names of a number of registered electors calling for a by-election. The by-election duly took place.

Stand alone Elections or Polls for a Parish the size of Colnbrook with Poyle are not cheap, especially when some of the overheads cannot be shared with a District or Police & Crime Commissioner election.

The cost of this second election was £6,607.90.

We have endeavoured to recover the costs from the individuals concerned and also from the Political Party they ran for and were supported by. The individuals have not shown the courtesy of replying to our letters and the Political Party concerned consider that they have no responsibility whatsoever in the matter. Perhaps this is a pointer that Political Parties are best not involved in Parish Council elections.

As a result of the above and in order to continue doing the things we do the council have found it necessary to make a small increase to this year's precept. The average increase is expected to be less than £2 per household per year depending on the banding level of the home.

You can rest assured that the Council will continue to strive to deliver good value for all its residents.

Peter Hood

Chairman

Heathrow/Airports Commission



As most people will be aware the Government have announced that having made an initial study of the Airports Commission's report they accept that an additional runway will be required in the South East of England by the year 2030.

Whilst the Airports Commission indicate Heathrow's third runway as the best option the government consider that further study is required especially in terms of the needs to meet air quality requirements. They now anticipate making a decision in the summer. In the meantime all three proposals, Heathrow, Heathrow Hub and Gatwick are deemed to be credible options and remain on the table.

Recent statements from all the parties can be found on the Parish Council website.

Below we give recent answers received in respect of outstanding questions raised at the Heathrow drop in Q & A session held in Colnbrook on 30th September last year. The earlier answers can be found on the Parish Council website colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk

Colnbrook session outstanding Q & A

Response from Heathrow: We have responded to the specific queries raised at the Colnbrook Residents drop-in session on Heathrow expansion. These answers are offered as our best view at this point in time - we are still in the process of working up detailed explanation documents on property compensation and Heathrow Expansion to help local people understand this complex area. These documents would be available 2-3 months after a positive Government decision.

1. Will HAL consider a compensation payment system for those in the wider property offer zone who wish to stay in their homes but wish to have the loss of amenity in the use of their garden considered?

Heathrow currently has no plan to implement a discretionary scheme, over and above the existing statutory framework, for these circumstances. A loss of amenity could be the subject of what is known as

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a Part 1 claim that could be lodged after the runway has been operational for a year. We may consider, during the course of any planning application process, whether the suggested idea is an effective way of managing these types of potential future claims.

2. Regarding properties that are shared ownership, what is the legal effect of the housing association having first refusal on purchasing the property?

We have not yet investigated in detail the legal issues behind this. However, our current offer will not alter the terms on which shared ownership is secured – i.e. the Housing Association having a first charge. The eligible 'owner' will need to seek the necessary consents from the housing association first to determine whether they are in a position to sell their interest to Heathrow under our Wider Property Zone offer, just as they would if they were planning to sell on the open market. Subject to the "owner" being able to sell their share to us, our offer will apply to the portion of the equity that they hold.

3. If I need to go into a residential care home before you start buying properties, would Heathrow buy my property?

Anyone who meets the terms of a future Hardship scheme (which we will consult on following a positive Government decision) will be eligible to have Heathrow purchase their property. This would be at its unblighted market value. Our current intention is that an interim form of Hardship scheme would be open for applications soon after the date of any positive Government decision.

4. If house prices fall as a result of the proposals to build a runway and don't recover, will Heathrow compensate home owners?

Principally our Wider Property Zone offer (for those who are eligible) but also our statutory obligations under the compensation code (e.g. Part 1 claims) will ensure that every homeowner with a compensatable interest will receive appropriate compensation

5. If Heathrow receives planning permission but decides not to build the runway, will you compensate residents for the stress of the past few years of uncertainty.

Throughout the promotion of the project to the point of receiving planning permission, Heathrow will have

a Hardship Policy in place to provide assistance to homeowners who demonstrate that they need to sell and have been unable to do so because of the proposals.

6. What will happen to house prices in the surrounding areas which are likely to be driven up by demand from displaced home owners?

House prices in the surrounding areas will be subject to many different influencing factors (the advent of Crossrail, the continuing movement of population into the South East etc). The timescale over which our Wider Property Zone offer is currently anticipated to be open (from receipt of planning consent to a year after the runway begins to operate, a period of about 6 years) is purposefully designed to provide plenty of time for homeowners to search for suitable property and relocate. This will limit any potential for a surge in property prices driven by those wishing to move to avoid Heathrow expansion. Over the life of the project, homeowners (outside the CPO zone) will not be under any pressure to move quickly or until they have found somewhere suitable to move to.

7. If someone who is eligible to qualify for the compensation package were to die and their property was inherited by a relative or someone else would the compensation eligibility carry over even though they may not have directly owned the property for the prescribed length of time?

If the property was bequeathed by an owner occupier then the heirs will still be eligible for our Property Offers. Our future Hardship scheme will also be drafted in a way that allows the potential for personal representatives of deceased owners to apply for Heathrow to purchase the property if, following the owner's passing, the property must be sold and a sale on the open market has not proved possible except at a price below what might otherwise have been reasonably expected.

Please direct any enquiries to:

Email communityrelations@heathrow.com

Tel 0800 307 7996

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Clean for the Queen

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.



When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

On Sat/Sun 5th/6th March, Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council are taking part. We invite you to come along to help clean our "Grot Spots", "Eyesores", "Litter Magnets" and Fly-Tipping areas.

We are calling on individuals, volunteer groups, local councils, businesses and schools to do their bit. You can

start now and also take part in our Clean for The Queen weekend on Sat/Sun 5th/6th March.

RESIDENTS

Become a CLEAN UP CHAMPION in your road and team up with neighbours to do a little project to make your street nicer or a local area tidier.

Alternatively join in with the Parish Council and meet at Colnbrook Village Hall at 9.00 am on Sat/Sun 5th/6th March.

BUSINESSES

Get your own workforce volunteer group together to help residents Clean for the QUEEN.

The ditch in Poyle Road is full of litter.

SHOPKEEPERS

Do that little bit extra to ensure the area outside your shop is nice and clean, especially if you sell food or drink.

FLY TIPPERS

Even you can help...by stopping your filthy, hideous practice of dumping on our streets and in our countryside.

If you know or see a Fly Tipper report them. You can report anti-social behaviour using the hotline: 01753 875298 which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We will be starting at The Village Hall from 9 am! Go to <http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2440> to find out more.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr K Laxman already has plans well underway with the hope that this could be an even bigger and better event than the Magna Carta Celebrations.

It is being proposed that our own Parish Queen Elizabeth with her Consort will lead a parade from Abingdon House to St Thomas' Church where a service will take place before a community tea party is held in the grounds surrounding the church.

Everybody attending will be encouraged to dress up in the differing fashions of the Decades through which the Queen has lived. It's hoped that the schools will be involved making birthday bunting and the flags of the commonwealth.

The event will be held on Saturday 4th June.



Colnbrook's OVER 50's Club

The Club meet every Thursday at 1.30 pm in Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way.

Just come along and make new friends.

Good Neighbours Scheme

Are you interested in becoming a Good Neighbour?



Can you spend an hour or any spare time in a week to support your neighbours?

Support them at home, make them a cup of tea and chat for a while, or read them a book.



Or you could collect or return library books for them support them with their shopping or take them out for an activity, event or hospital / doctor's appointment.

If this is something that you would be interested in volunteering for, or organising and developing this scheme, please contact Barbara on **07825 377086** or **01753 875413**...

...or come along to the consultation meeting at St Thomas' Church, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0JY.

23rd Feb 2016 10am – 12pm



Representatives of the Parish Council recently attended a Health & Wellbeing workshop arranged by Slough Clinical Commissioning Group and whilst the whole event was very informative there was a

particular area which concerned us and requires the population of our Parish to take note of. This relates to the uptake of medical screening and available immunisation.

Generally the uptake in Slough is lower than national averages and this may be for any number of reasons. However we are keen to spread the message:

“PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER & TAKE UP ANY OFFERS OF SCREENING OR IMMUNISATION THAT YOUR GP'S SURGERY OFFER TO YOU OR YOU FIND AVAILABLE”.

Most screening or immunisation is offered on an “age” or “at risk” related basis. It's offered for good reason. Early diagnosis of conditions generally leads to better outcomes. Immunisation not only protects the individual but can also help protect the many others they come into contact with.

Your local practice is the best place to find out what is available and appropriate to you and your family but listed below are some of the more common screening and immunisation programmes.

- Breast cancer screening
- Bowel cancer screening
- Cervical cancer screening
- Blood pressure (also available at most pharmacists)
- Flu immunisation (annually)
- Shingles immunisation
- Pneumococcal Vaccination
- MMR (Measles Mumps and Rubella) Vaccination



Saving a Loved One's Life

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

Generally the uptake in Slough is lower than national averages and this may be for any number of reasons. The Parish Council are offering the opportunity for you to learn such a skill. We have training manikins and other necessary equipment which help facilitate tuition via an easy to follow demonstration video.

A small session will be run on 26th March commencing at 10.30 am sharp in Colnbrook Village Hall. It will be on a first come basis and numbers will be limited to the available space.

BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY OF LIFESAVERS BY LEARNING LIFESAVING CPR.

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Colnbrook Village Hall at the Heart of the Community

Colnbrook Village Hall Trust

Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0RA

CVHT is a Registered Charity Number 1003725



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 the 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 out our website at **www.colnbrookvillagehall.org.uk**

The web site 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.

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.

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**

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.

The Apple Fair kick started 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** for 2015 – 2016 will be held in September 2016 the exact date has yet to be finalised. 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 band of hard working of people.

Ray Angell

Chair to the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust (CVHT)



**Colnbrook
Residents'
Association**



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Serving Residents and Community since 1947

Email: coreas1947@gmail.com

Dear Residents,

Hello again and I hope 2016 is treating you and your loved ones well. Just a quick recap of how 2015 ended as December was a very busy month.

We kick started December with the Christmas luncheon at the Marriott Hotel. A fantastic family afternoon made even more special, as our great friend Mr K Laxman and his family were able to share the afternoon with us. Indeed K's daughter, Rishika provided some great entertainment for the younger children which proved very popular. Can I also say a very big thank you to the staff at the Marriott who yet again pulled out all the stops.



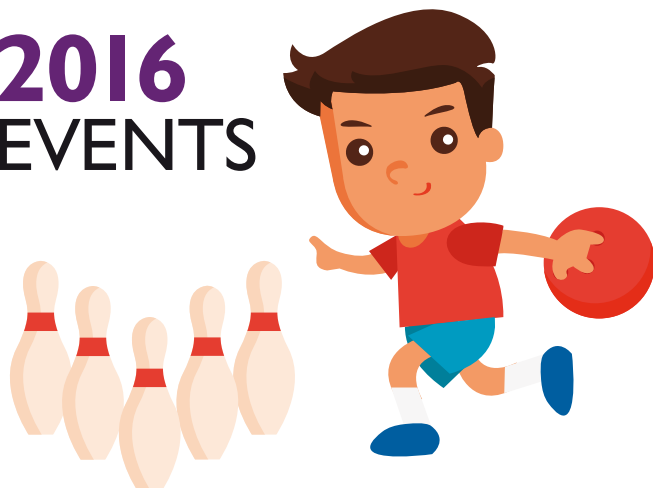
The following weekend saw a first for the Association, as we booked the complete Saturday evening performance of CAST's Camelot pantomime. The show was especially laid on for the School children of Colnbrook and what a great evening it was, with laughter and jokes from the off, CAST you did us proud thank you.

And finally the Carol singing service around the village clock, a great family evening that helps bring young and old together, even if some of us need a little fine tuning the weather was kind and as usual the lovely Ladies of St Thomas church laid on some well-deserved mince pies and mulled wine for afterwards, thank you Ladies.



**SO DIARIES TO HAND FOR SOME OF OUR UP
AND COMING**

2016 EVENTS



Family Skittles with Fish and Chip Supper

PIPPINS SCHOOL

Friday 11th March – 7.00pm

Adults £5.00 including Fish & Chips or Veggie Burger & Chips with Bread & Butter

Children £2.50 including Sausage & Chips

Bring your own drinks

Bookings can be made at the Colnbrook Pharmacy
or Tel: **01753 682395**

Easter Egg Hunt ST THOMAS' QUIET GARDEN

Saturday 26th March – 2.00pm

100 chocolate eggs to be found!

With drinks & games as well

**FREE for all Colnbrook children, up to the
age of 11 and accompanied by an adult**



Into April and I am very pleased to announce that

**Historian Julian Hunt, has agreed to come along
to St Thomas Church on Saturday 23rd April. To**

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enlighten us with more historical facts about our village.(Times and prices to be confirmed). For those of you who were lucky enough to see his first talk, about our wonderful village last year, you will remember it was a fascinating evening but a complete sell out so please book your tickets early.

We are also looking to hold a magical show evening but at time of going to press no firm dates have been set.

Other events taking place in our village which the Association will be assisting with include a clean for the queen weekend and also the Queen's Birthday Celebration and afternoon tea.

All of our meetings are open to the public 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, coreas1947@gmail.com**, come along to one of our meetings or 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 summer.

Sean Kelly

Chairman

Colnbrook Flood Action Group

Hi everyone

The Colnbrook Flood Action Group (C-FAG) have been working throughout the last year and meeting with the relevant agencies to ensure that our village is not at risk in the event of any kind of severe weather fronts.

In October last year we met with Thames Water, The Environment Agency, The National Flood Forum and Slough Borough Council to discuss matters such as boreholes, soakaways, gauge boards, the county ditch and concerns around the dredging of areas such as the Albany Park ditch.

Members of the team carry out regular walk abouts in and around the village and relay information to the Environment Agency who also visit our village and carry out observations of bore holes soakaways and ditch areas.

With recent flooding in the north of England our team is on a 'standby' status until we are confident that there is no longer any threat of flooding.

In the event of a village emergency the Village Hall will become our 'Hub' from here we will brief and update. The team now have in place an Emergency Procedure Plan which has been shared with Slough Borough Council and we are also linked in with them for updates

For now we are not at risk, and the team will continue their work.

Now the focus is also moving to raising funds / donations for our cause so that we can purchase equipment to help in the event of an emergency event in the village.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to join our team, if you wish to volunteer please email your interest to: cbkfag@gmail.com

also if you know of anyone who is vulnerable or who will need more help or support then please email us at the address as mentioned before.

Your action group also has a Facebook page where updates are posted please feel free to join you can find us at: Colnbrook Floods.

If you live or work in the area please let us know by inboxing us a message so that your membership to the group on FB can be approved.

Here's looking forward to a happy healthy year to you all

Puja Bedi

Chair - Colnbrook Flood Action Group



Thames Valley Police advise...

Help prevent crime against yourself and others.



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

OPPORTUNIST BURGLARY



Don't leave front doors insecure when you are in the back garden or any other time. Don't leave windows open, even small ones (without a restrictor).

NUMBER PLATE THEFT



Fit anti theft screws (available from your local PCSO) before it does.

FLY TIPPING



If you require anybody to remove waste from your property you must ensure they are authorised to do so and hold a legitimate waste carriers licence. If you see fly tipping, REPORT IT.

SBC hotline is: 01753 875298 which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

THAMES VALLEY ALERTS

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.

For more detailed information about crime prevention and local Police updates go to the Parish Council Website. **colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk**

The Colne Valley Park CIC

During recent years the Colne Valley Park and its directors have been facing some of the most extreme challenges to the park. The future period through 2016 shows no sign of the pressures lifting. Much of the impacts occurring at the present time are not within the realm of standard planning regulation, which are decided locally, instead decisions are made by Central Government and the Secretary of State.

This area of the park that Colnbrook with Poyle resides in has the greatest number of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) either being progressed or are waiting for the process to commence:-

- M4 Smart Motorway
- Heathrow additional capacity (if approved as the site for expansion)
- Western Rail Access to Heathrow (WRAtH)
- Slough International Freight Exchange (SIFE) – Awaiting decision by the Secretary of State, scheduled for April.

Additional impacts will be associated with them as consent is granted, i.e. construction compounds, construction workers' caravan sites, spoils deposits not forgetting the construction vehicles adding to the current congested road network. These developments will also impact upon our neighbouring communities, Richings Park, Iver, Langley and Iver Heath – all affected by the construction haul routing and certainly the closer communities with dust and noise. Similarly the construction of the Langley Heathrow Express depot, not taking place within this parish boundary, but a large number of construction vehicles scheduled to use Sutton Lane and London Road (A4) to reach the M4 motorway, creating greater detriment to air quality on an area already seriously compromised.

There may be a case for local communities to co-operate with each other on a unified approach to seek mitigation for the negative impacts. A consolidated approach between several cross boundary communities has a more reasoned chance of success than several individual claims, which are likely to have differing arguments allowing the developer to exploit the differences thus reducing his liability.



The Colne Valley Park CIC is committed to ensuring that if any of these current developments go ahead, they provide substantial improvements within the Colne Valley Park for the benefit of local landscapes and local communities. We make representation at Planning Committee, Inquiries and at Parliament. We appeared at Select Committee in June 2015 to present the case for mitigation on the main HS2 Hybrid Bill. We presented at the SIFE Inquiry, which I know many from Colnbrook, our parish council and community groups, along with neighbouring groups all presented. We are opposed to Heathrow expansion because of the impacts on the Colne Valley, however if the government gives approval to Heathrow's plans we are determined to work with Heathrow to ensure the remaining green space is used for recreation, wildlife, farming and communities.

The Colne Valley Park CIC had its second foray at the HS2 select committee on Monday 25th January 2016 when both Sir John Randall, our newest director, and I presented our case for mitigation resulting from the Additional Provisions to the Bill, relocating the Heathrow Express Depot from Old Oak Common to the Langley. Supporting our communities of the Colne Valley Park who will be impacted and most importantly ensuring that aftercare plans for the mitigated land improvements has a robust plan for the continued improvements for biodiversity.

The photograph below, taken in the north sector of the park, shows a group of us walking the footpaths around the Old Shire Lane area. This area is one of many adversely impacted by HS2 in the Colne Valley Park. It is just one of the many reasons that we campaign so forcibly for the protections needed to sustain such fragile landscapes that is shared by wildlife and human habitation alike.



Mike Nye

Colne Valley Park CIC

Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group

FLY-TIPPING/RUBBISH/LITTER

The reformed Neighbourhood Action Group, with representatives from all of the major organisations within Colnbrook, has been working hard to tackle the scourge of Fly-Tipping, Rubbish and Litter throughout the village since the beginning of 2015 and has achieved significant improvements in areas that were constantly targeted by those responsible.

Working with a number of committed individuals from within Colnbrook and Poyle, along with the support of Slough Borough Council's Resilience and Enforcement Teams, a major clean up of the Horton Road ditch has almost been completed. The attached photographs show the extent of the problem in early 2015 with corresponding photographs taken this month which shows the much cleaner ditch since the major items were removed and the vegetation cut back to limit the opportunity for further fly-tipping.

A clean up of the ditch in Horton Road, bordering Willow Close, is also due to take place shortly and photographs of the state of the ditch in early 2015 and of the cleaned up ditch will be published in a similar manner to the foregoing.

Other areas of Colnbrook/Poyle have also been targeted by fly-tippers and litter louts and these too are being tackled by the same committed individuals whose aim is to improve the environment we all share. Meetings have taken place with representatives from all of the adjoining local authorities as well as with Highways England to tackle the scourge of rubbish being dumped by unscrupulous individuals on our doorstep. These meetings will continue during 2016 as fly-tipping has taken place at all entry and exits routes to Colnbrook/Poyle and the removal of the rubbish requires a co-ordinated response.

BEFORE



AFTER



Raymond S. Jackson

Chairman – Colnbrook NAG



Colnbrook Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Spring 2016 update

After a busy summer programme, all 3 sections went into an active program from September to December. These ranged from day trips to extended camps to Panto in the village with CAST – we even have all our Scouts and Section leaders who have completed the Discover Scuba Certification Course.

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**



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 into late 2015 with more outdoor cooking and activities. One favourite we repeated was Laserquest and of course Panto.

We also built a comms network and sent Morse code across the village hall for communicator badge work. Our scouts always have fun and are up for trying all sorts of different activities.

The programme planned for 2016 has a lot of outdoor activity and challenge built in, alongside an Expedition weekend planned, the Scout will have its summer camp in Scotland this year based from Scout HQ in Edinburgh which will have a range of outdoor activities to take part in.



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 spend 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.



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.

2015 saw an extended camp which also became a training camp for those attending Cubjam in 2016.

Our Cubs are already planning for 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 have a Scottish Cub joining us as her mum is on staff at Cubjam and she is now 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 she will come to one of our meetings in April.



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.

Slough Borough Council have undertaken to repair the path in Pippins Park that is to the right of the park and to extend the path around the tennis court which was the original route. However, this is subject to SBC finding the money to do so.

The CCP has applied for funding to install a trim trail along the right hand side of Pippins Park from the entrance to the tennis court. We should know if we have been successful in February this year.

Along with other village groups the CCP sponsored CAROL SINGING evening around the Christmas tree and the Jubilee clock on the 18th December 2015. This still goes from strength to strength with a lot of new faces and youngsters joining in the festive singing. After the singing we again moved to St. Thomas church for mulled wine and mince pies.



Colnbrook Youth Club

The New Year has started well on the financing front, with the YES Consortium having received verbal confirmation from SBC that funding will continue until at least 31st December 2016. This should allow the club to continue its Tuesday evening sessions at St Thomas' Church, although other plans we have will be on hold until contracts are signed.

The Youth Club has continued into 2016 with reduced numbers, which is quite normal due to the weather, although we have established relationships with local schools which we hope will enable us to reach more of our community's young people. We have also adopted

the "Youth Café" approach which enables our young people to take part in the organised sessions if they wish, or just sit and chat over a soft drink with their friends.

We have signed up again for the SBC Fun day held in Salt Hill Park in the summer and we hope this will be as successful as last year's event when over 100 took part in our cricket activity.

Keep a look on our website for details of future activities.

A new dedicated Facebook page will be up and running shortly.

How to join: Attend on any Tuesday evening at 6.00 at St Thomas' Church, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook

Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

St Thomas' Church

Dear Friends

Last year we were delighted to welcome many Colnbrook residents to St Thomas's church for the service which was part of the village's Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations. That service was a highlight for us, because as a church we want to be at the heart of village life, helping to keep the spirit of our community strong in uncertain times for Colnbrook.

In 2016 we are already looking forward to the Queen's ninetieth birthday celebrations on June 4, when we hope to see many of you back in church for the thanksgiving and celebration service that we shall be holding on the Saturday afternoon.

What you may not realise is that the life of St Thomas's continues week by week, all through the year, and not just on Sundays. As well as our Sunday morning services (see www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas for details) we have the Colnbrook youth club on Tuesdays for years 5 to 8; the Scouts; the Little Fishes playgroup for the under threes on Friday mornings; as well as a Friday morning Communion service for those who are busy on Sundays.

We hope that there is something of interest to many of you in what we provide, and I encourage you to come along and try for yourself. I think you will find a very warm welcome, a listening ear and a place of friendship and hospitality. Everybody is welcome at St Thomas's, whatever your background.

The next big Sunday is Mothering Sunday on March 6. If you haven't been to church for a while, why not come along to celebrate this special day? Looking only a bit further ahead, Easter is very early this year, at the end of March. You will find details of our Easter services in the accompanying box. Do come to our beautiful church at this most sacred time of the year to remember and celebrate Jesus' great love for us all in dying on the cross and rising again to new life.

Wishing you and yours a joyful Easter,

Peter Wyard

Vicar of Colnbrook



The sound system at St. Thomas' church needs replacing. As well as at regular church services, the sound system is used at baptisms, weddings and funerals and also at community events such as the annual quiz and supper, W.W.I commemoration day, the Magna Carta Anniversary and this year the Queen's 90 birthday celebration in June. So far we have raised nearly £3000 from grants, donations and church fund raising events. We need at least another £2000 for this project.

If you would like to make a donation, however big or small, we would be very grateful.

Please send your donation to

The Treasurer St. Thomas' Church Vicarage Way
Colnbrook SL3 0JY

or put your donation in an envelope in the church post box.

If you would like to gift aid your donation please contact

Janet Morgan 01753 823125 or Jenny Gregg 01753 792846

Easter Services at St Thomas' Church

March 24th 7-30pm Maundy Thursday Service

March 25th 2pm Good Friday Service

March 26th 11am Easter Saturday
Blessing of the Baskets

Swieconka – Polish Traditional Service



March 27th 11am Easter Day Holy Communion

Spring 2016 Newsletter



Together we grow, Together we achieve

What a challenging start to the new year! Staff and children returned to school to large blue containers in the staff carpark, no ceilings and temporary lighting in the main building. Temporary classrooms were set up for Reception, KS1 and Year 3, on a rotational basis. Despite the modernisation works, parents, children and staff have been amazing at 'just getting on with it!' A lot of work took place over the Autumn Term. We now have a brand new kitchen, skylights in our hall (a huge thank you to Heathrow), new flooring and carpets and a fresh coat of paint! It looks wonderful! As with all building works 'snags' is next on the list. We hope by February half term there will be no builders on site; despite the disruptions, the builders have done an amazing job.

The Apple Fair seems like a life time ago! Our school choir and Zumba did well to represent Pippins School. Fun was had by all and the children certainly enjoyed dressing up on the day.

Year 6 took part in the Heathrow Primary School Construction Challenge this year. They had a great time and were definitely challenged!

Harvest Festival brought in bunches of flowers from EYFS and KS1 parents to give to loved ones and KS2 children brought in cans of food which were donated to The Salvation Army. As always it was a lovely way to celebrate the importance of Harvest.

The Halloween Disco was a success. The children certainly dressed up for the occasion. The PTFA enjoyed setting up challenges for KS2; they certainly enjoyed wrapping their partner with toilet paper into a 'mummy'. The Hall did look like an 'AndreX' advert!

Half term came and went very quickly...Year 2 took a trip to the Lookout Centre in Bracknell as part of their topic.

Remembrance Day, Year 2 and KS2 visited St Thomas's Church. The service was led by Mrs Davies and a group

of children from different year groups. The children did well to stand in front of a large audience. It was also lovely to see many of our parents join us on this very special day. A special thank you goes to the church members in supporting us on this day.

Pippins school took part in 'Children in Need' and we raised £192.77. Many of the children and staff came dressed as their favourite super hero or character.

Our Christmas Fete was certainly one to remember. Thanks to our PTFA, Reindeers visited Pippins School! What an amazing experience for all. Santa's Grotto was also a success; the queue went around our Pippadrome! The PTFA raised over a £1000.

Towards the end of term, a child from each class from Year 1 to Year 6 were selected as 'pupil of the class' and were rewarded at the Hilton Hotel. The children had an opportunity to make a Chocolate Yule Log to take home. Colnbrook C of E also joined us. It was great to be able to share this special event with our neighbouring school. Fun was had by all and a thanks to Hilton Hotel.

KS2 Pippins Choir sang Christmas songs at the Hilton just before the end of term. The children did well singing in front of family and friends as well as guests at the Hotel. Special thanks goes to Mrs Jones and Mrs Hennessey for organising the event.

To end the term, the whole school attended the Christmas Service at St Thomas's Church. It was a lovely way to end the term.

January has come and gone! We had Dick Whittington Pantomime visit Pippins, thanks to our PTFA for funding it. It was a great start to a Monday morning! We hope to get them back next year!

To end our news, I would like to take this opportunity to say a warm thank you to all our parents, children and the local community, for their continued support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd March. World Book Day
15th March Year 4 Hampton Court Palace
18th March Sport Relief
24th March. END OF TERM
11th – 12th April . . Year 4 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft
June Year 6 Residential to Longridge

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

Another 6 months has passed and like many people we ask the question “Where does time go?” We have spent the time building on existing relationships with SBC and the TVP and obviously continue to work with other village groups on matters of concern to our residents.

In terms of active members, we are a small group, although we have some 250 members plus over 1,000 friends on Facebook. We will shortly be launching a drive to recruit local people to volunteer to help the community in various ways. Some positions could involve a commitment of a few hours per month, whilst others are ad hoc as required from time to time.

Our website continues to grow in terms of visits averaging around 2,000 per month; whilst the Facebook pages reach some 3,500 / 4,000 per week with a hit rate of some 400 to 600 per week. We are now linked with groups in Wraysbury, Datchet, Iver, Richings Park and Iver Heath which enables us to share matters which are of common interest, with our neighbours.

The Facebook pages are fast becoming a reporting mechanism for road traffic incidents, burst water mains, lost and found pets and general local issues. We operate a Q&A facility when residents have queries about local issues. Local events figure quite highly, as do youth employment opportunities.

We continue to oppose a number of infrastructure projects that would threaten the quality of life in and around the village, although we can't deal with all proposals due to our limited resources. Heathrow expansion is still very active and you will find regular updates on our website.

Other regular matters that we continue to deal with include fly tipping; general litter; blocked drains; overgrown hedges; dangerous walls and fences, unsafe footpaths, and many other matters brought to our attention by members and friends.

We are currently working with members of St Thomas' Church, Youth Club, Scout's, and others to explore the idea of a Youth Centre specifically designed with the youth of our communities in mind.

The CCA is a member of the Colnbrook NAG, and we have a representative on the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust. We also run the Colnbrook Youth Club supported by YES and SBC.

How to join: Send your name, address and telephone number to colnbrookca@live.co.uk

Website: **www.colnbrookcommunityassociation.org.uk**

Facebook: **Colnbrook Community Association** (under Community)

Twitter: **@colnbrookca**



Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

Believe and Achieve

There have been plenty of things going on here in school since the last newsletter and I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about just a few of them.

We are very proud of our new in-house catering run by Slough and Eton School. The quality of the lunches provided has greatly improved and the number of pupils enjoying school dinners has increased. The menu will be revised on a regular basis after discussions with the pupils. We also offer a free breakfast to all pupils and staff which has proved very popular.

The Hilton Hotel Terminal 5 has continued to support us as a school. They brought Father Christmas to visit the younger children and this Easter they will bring the Easter Bunny. The class with the best attendance went along to decorate Halloween cookies in the kitchen and some of the school council decorated Yule logs. We are very grateful to the Hilton for all their support.

At Christmas there were lots of events as usual. The choir sang at the Slough Observatory and at the Hilton Hotel (who provided them with tea). Many people commented on how smart the children looked and how well behaved they were. The Early Years children performed their infant nativity for parents and carers, the rest of the school and for the older residents of Colnbrook. It was lovely to see the real meaning of Christmas being told to so many people. It was also lovely for our oldest children to be able to serve tea to the residents and talk to them. The Year 6 children gained a new respect for the older generation who had some very interesting stories to tell. We plan to invite them back for the end of year production by Year 6.

Our open mornings have continued and are always popular with parents and carers, as they have the opportunity to see what goes on in the classroom and how we teach maths and English. It helps us all to work



together to ensure the children make the most of their learning opportunities. We will continue with these throughout the year.

Trips this term have included a visit to a local Gudwara where the children were made very welcome and it helped them to understand the importance of everyone in the local community and to appreciate other people's beliefs. The children from the Learning Resource Unit had the opportunity to practice real life skills with a trip to the Heathrow Bowling Centre. They had to make their own way there on the bus with staff and then buy their own snacks while they were there. It was a very successful trip.

As a school we have a good relationship with St. Thomas' Church and we are very grateful that Reverend Wyard joins us on a regular basis for our assemblies. Each class also plans to visit the quiet garden at the church to spend time just thinking in peaceful surroundings. We have created a prayer/reflection space in school and plan to develop this further.

I would like to say thank you to our local Nisa (now Budgens) and Mr Pothugunta who nominated us for a charity donation and we received £1,000 from 'Making a Difference Locally Ltd.' which we put towards a playground adventure trail. It was very thoughtful and we are proud to be part of the Colnbrook community.

Susan Marsh

Headteacher

COLNBROOK WILDLIFE

All these birds can now be seen in and over Colnbrook. The Raptors, the Red Kite and the Buzzard soar over Colnbrook Recreation Ground and other areas looking for prey or carrion. The lovely pure white Little Egret can be seen among other places on the newly cleaned up Horton Brook. There are a host of other beautiful birds living in or visiting our Parish. Many residents are probably used to seeing Gold Finches, Blue Tits, and Long Tailed Tits and maybe Great Spotted Wood Peckers in their gardens and some have probably had noisy Parakeets devouring fruit in their trees.



Red kite



Buzzard



Little egret

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ANIMAL WATCH

Could you be the next **Bill Oddie**,
Chris Packham, **Terry Nutkins** or even
the great **Sir David Attenborough**?

Whether you are or not, the Parish Council would like
YOUR help in finding out where the wildlife is in our village.

If you see any beautiful or even rare breeds, please take a photo of them and email it to the Parish Council (clerk@colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk) with your details, the time, date and location of the photo. We will then happily upload these onto both our website and Facebook page for all to see.

