

# Colnbrook with Poyle

PARISH COUNCIL

## Newsletter



**Fantastic events  
to look out for  
this summer!**



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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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## Chairperson's Say

**It's been a very interesting learning curve in our first year as Chair and Vice –Chair, which we both have enjoyed.**

We have been working to improve the communications with Thames Valley Police, which includes working closely with the PCSO team.

We have also been working on improving the communication with Slough Borough Council, one way was by increasing the Parish Forum meetings from 1 per year to quarterly, this has also helped us engage with both Wexham Datchet and Britwell Parish Councils.

- Attending the Wexham Parish Council grand opening of their new tennis courts
- Looking to learn from and work with Britwell Parish Council about the setup of their Youth centre
- The communication with SBC has improved and we have worked together on the following issues;
  - Improved communication with the Highways Team
  - Village walk with Highways Team and Highways Commissioner
  - Replacement of the speed bump outside the Ostrich Pub
  - Replacement islands along the Colnbrook by Pass
- Supported and Encouraged the replacement of the old street lamps to the new LED's (circa 80% completed)
- Communications with the Parks and Recreation Team
  - Damaged fence repair's in Pippins Park
  - Still working on a way forward to stop the short cut happening

We have also attended a number of events that the Mayor's has invited us to, which includes the Mayor's Dinner and the Harvest service.

We have also presented awards to the children at both Pippins and Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School's, which happens at the end of every term. It is great to see the children's faces when they receive these awards. There are three category's of awards, which is for Writing, Mathematics and Social Awards. Again we would like to congratulate the children for winnings these awards and wish them all the best in the future.

The Parish Council was also awarded recognition for the continuous support the Royal British Legion, which they have support for 20 years. We would like to thank the Royal British Legion of Cippenham for the recognition and we will continue to support them for their great work with the armed forces.

We both live in the village, we both work and we have young families, we will continue to serve our community and continue to work towards making our village a place to be proud of, with the great support we have received from our residences and other community groups we look forward to making our village a safer and cleaner place to live work and play.... The work is ongoing, there is always room for improvement and our aim is to work with and for you.

*Scott Bryant*

Councillor Scott Bryant  
Chair

*Puja Bedi*

Councillor Puja Bedi  
Vice-Chair



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## Councillors 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 below these figures



**Ray Angell**

Length of Service 22 – years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 60%
- Finance Committee – 60%



**Peter Hood**

Length of Service – 22 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 80%
- Services Committee – 80%
- Finance Committee – 80%



**Puja Bedi – Vice Chairperson**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 90%
- Finance Committee – 90%



**Raymond Jackson**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 100%
- Finance Committee – 100%



**Paul Brooks**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 70%
- Services Committee – 70%
- Finance Committee – 70%



**Mick Kinane**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 100%
- Finance Committee – 100%



**Scott Bryant – Chairperson**

Length of Service – 4 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 100%
- Finance Committee – 100%



**Kishore 'K' Laxman**

Length of Service – 18 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 80%
- Services Committee – 60%
- Finance Committee – 60%



**Eddy Elum-Smith**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 50%
- Services Committee – 50%
- Finance Committee – 70%



**Arnold Richardson**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 100%
- Finance Committee – 100%



**Jagjit Grewal**

Length of Service – 2 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 90%
- Services Committee – 90%
- Finance Committee – 90%



**Dexter Smith**

Length of Service – 22 years  
2016-2017 Attendance

- Full Parish Council – 100%
- Services Committee – 70%
- Finance Committee – 70%



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**This is the first time in 22 years that I have not been the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, it's been quite hard to adjust to but I feel the both Councillor Bryant and Councillor Puja Bedi will serve the community well.**

Since being one for the founders of the Colnbrook Recreation Ground, it was great to see other members of the Parish Council wanting to get more involved, Creating the Environmental Working Group (EWG), it has allowed more focus on the park and the surrounding area. Part of the hand-over to the EWG was;

- Responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the park up till May 2016, going forward continued to support by liaising with maintenance contractors, fencing team and inspections of fencing and equipment
- Co-ordinated and submitted application to the Green Flag Award for Colnbrook Recreation Ground (60 page 5-year management plan).

I have also been involved in a number of Community events such as the Apple Fair, Queens 90th Celebrations and Magna Carta and will continue with the 2017 events coming up.

Helping in assisting with re-locating the fire tender to safe keeping in Stanwell Moor, the Ostrich from the Ostrich Inn and the Coronation Clock

There have been a number of Planning matters that I have been heavily involved in, the construction of the new DHL site, the Poyle Road Bus Gate, Highways Walk around, the Langley Road Infrastructure (which included several meetings to force the re-opening of Chequers Bridge in Market Lane) and the Doctors Surgery.

Attended meetings at TWA and in Vicarage Way to assist with the eradication of the fly's

Non-stop support and co-ordinating the annual Carol singing outside the George Public house - which gets more popular each year.

*Ray Angell*



**Due to my dual position, as both a Parish and Ward councillor for Colnbrook with Poyle, I have concentrated on matters related to planning and transport, where I have some specialism, wider knowledge and experience. I have been monitoring the on-going efforts of the developers,**

- Goodmans, to overturn the Secretary of State's refusal of the proposed SIFE terminal north of the by-pass; similarly engaged in RBWM's Aviation Forum and had discussions with Heathrow Airport Ltd on mitigation measures for the latter's evolving plans for a Third Runway and airport expansion, including diversion of the A-roads around us; I have assisted with the Parish Council's response to SBC's Draft Local Plan.
- Langley Transport Infrastructure Forum
- Colne Valley Park Forum
- Colnbrook Doctors Surgery
- Parking – Toll House, Crown Meadow and Westfield Estates.

I have conducted a review of the information held on the 27 Listed Buildings in the Parish, and found some inaccuracies and oversights. I have taken these up with SBC and the need to update their Plan for protecting our Conservation Area, which is now well out of date.

I have researched how to establish and run a local "blue plaque" heritage site scheme.

With Cllr Kinane, I discovered a prisoner holding cell in Colnbrook, identical to one in Cranford, dated back to 1830 by Hillingdon Council; and I have uncovered details of Colnbrook's significant role in the early days of the English Civil War, including this being where Prince Rupert established a Headquarters for the Royalist Army, and Colnbrook being where King Charles I met the first Parliamentary delegation seeking a peace treaty to end the civil war – this happened in Colnbrook 375 years ago next November, and there is potential for commemoration

Public celebrations similar to those in Colnbrook for the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta and the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

*Dexter Smith*

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Looking back at the last year, I can't deny there have been some challenging times and some negative headlines. My two major projects within Colnbrook and Poyle are;

1. To look for a location to erect a Cenotaph in Colnbrook within Poyle parish to commemorate British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and other conflicts. A new war memorial will be a testament to all those who have fallen, then and since." Based on our questioner of location of location. Our dedicated structure devoted to its fallen, will be visible to everyone.
2. Finally it has been agreed to write to SBC requesting a Neighbourhood Plan policy, which us to set up a steering group. A Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities to influence the future planning of the area in which they live and work. The Plan must be an evidence-based assessment of the social, economic and environmental needs of a community. This Plan will give the local community an opportunity to have a greater say in the planning and development of the village over the next ten to fifteen years. Once adopted the Plan will have legal weight and will be used when making planning decisions in the Parish.

A Neighbourhood Plan allows us all to:-

- Have a say in where new homes, shops and offices and other developments should be built.
- Identify and protect or develop local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

Raising issues on Anti-social behaviour and fly tipping within Westfield, and inspecting our parks which involved litter picking as part of my duties being on the Environmental working Group.

*Eddy Ellum-Smith*



In my first year as not the Chair of the Parish Council, I have still been as active as I normally would. I have been involved in a number of meetings which include,

- Vicarage Way Fly infestation – SBC and Thames Water during 2016
- Bus gate consultations – Reduce traffic levels on Poyle Road / Bath Road
- Retention of a Colnbrook Doctors Surgery – Full report further in the Newsletter
- Continuous support with the Colnbrook Fire Tender & Clock and the relocation of the Ostrich
- Involved in the Poyle Business Forum
- How Heathrow impacts on community – 'Litter' – met with Heathrow and Keep Britain Tidy
- Involvement with how Cargo in the Community
- Collected and fixed replacement memorial plaque
- CPR training
- Green Flag status
- The Colnbrook Community Partnership
- Community Events – celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday, Apple Fair, Christmas Community Lunch, Race Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Commonwealth Day 13th March 2017 and the forthcoming Prince Rupert's 1642 event

*Peter Hood*

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I have been involved in co-ordinating and organising of The Queens 90th birthday, support the annual Christmas lunch at Marriott and planning the Prince Rupert event in November

*Kismore Laxman*



My main project was been to tackle the problems in the Brands Hill area, this has involved a number of meetings with S BC to discuss options on how to make the Brands Hill area better and in negotiations in the importance of having closer communication between Slough Borough Council Highways and Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council.

This has and will be a real challenge as there are no quick fix, this area will always be a congested area for many reasons, with Brands Hills being on a airport, school and industrial estate route, just a few reasons.

I'm also part the of the Environmental Working Group. been involved in The Queens 90th Birthday Celebration and other community events such as the Apple Fair.

*Paul Brookes*



- Dealing with the rights of way which otherwise could be lost by the public within Colnbrook and Poyle;
  - The Dis-Used Railway Land at Colnbrook: The land owner have changed and who own this and now also owns the adjacent site. The new land owner wants to move the unofficial trodden footpath to the western side of the site to improve scope for development of these two pieces of land.
  - Poyle New Cottages have a private right of access along the existing footpath running between the disused railway land and the adjacent land.
- Continue to liaison with the police who are responsible for policing in this area.
  - They have also confirmed with me that they will be keeping a close watch with those who are responsible and are involved in anti-social behaviour activities.

*Arnold Richardson*



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## New Colnbrook Medical Centre Update



Following the recent survey leaflet delivered throughout the Parish we provide below:

NOTES ON QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION  
HELD ON FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2016

REGARDING POSSIBLE NEW DOCTORS SURGERY  
IN COLNBROOK

Peter Hood (PH) opened the meeting by welcoming those attending and introducing Dr. Shwann Maroof (SM) who was interested in establishing a new medical centre in the village.

PH stated that he would make sure that everyone who wanted to speak was given an opportunity to do so.

He advised that to date 413 homes had responded to the questionnaire on the new centre and that this represented 1,111 possible patients for the surgery.

### QUESTION 1

**Would there be a COPD clinic in the surgery?**

**SM** – There are certain standards set for all surgeries and Dr. Maroof stated that patients suffering from COPD, asthma, diabetes etc., would be looked after.

### QUESTION 2

**It was common knowledge that Langley were running down our local surgery – reduced opening times, etc. I do not understand why the Parish Council have not come up with a suggestion like this in the past. Why not act before now?**

**PH** – The provision of a doctor's surgery is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. It is the

responsibility of Slough Borough Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group. Most of the members of the Parish Council are resident in the village and are as affected as everyone else by this closure. Throughout the time the surgery was under threat the Parish Council has been trying to find a solution. It is not possible to bring in anyone new whilst the current surgery is operating.

**The questioner then stated that there are many more doctors listed at the Langley centre now than there used to be.**

**PH** – There is a national shortage of GPs. Many of the doctors listed at Langley are not attached to the practice full-time and locums are used on a regular basis.

### QUESTION 3

**My question has already been answered but I would like to make a couple of observations. We certainly need a surgery in the village. We have many young families as well as older patients who find it very difficult to get to the Langley surgery.**

There was general agreement with this statement.

### QUESTION 4

This questioner stated that the question had already been answered.

### QUESTION 5

**If the funding for this surgery goes ahead what happens in ten years' time? Will we once again be facing the prospect of an empty surgery?**

**SM** – Obviously I cannot predict what the future holds. The current condition of the National Health Service is not good. My position at the moment is that I – and perhaps others – am prepared to invest in Colnbrook. This will be a long term project. We can only be as good as the backing we get from the National Health Service.

**Supplementary question – Who will own the surgery?**

**PH** – This is to be resolved between the Trustees of the Village Hall and the Doctors

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## QUESTION 6

**It seems that this will be a small practice – will there be the same facilities to refer patients to specialists?**

**SM** – Yes, of course. We are currently trying to estimate the approximate population size for a new surgery. Funding levels will be dependent on the number of patients registered at the surgery. If a Patient needs to be referred it will be done to a certain extent.

## QUESTION 7

**Will blood tests be done at the new surgery?**

**SM** – Yes, we would be looking to employ a phlebotomist.

## QUESTION 8

**Questioner has found it very useful that the Langley surgery currently provides appointments in the early morning and later in the evening and also at the weekend. Is it intended that the new surgery would work these extended hours?**

**SM** – Much depends on the views of the Clinical Commissioning Group. We would hope to operate the surgery between 8am and 6pm. We would perhaps offer extended hours in the early mornings and after working hours once or twice a week. Sometimes these extended services are offered between groups of local surgeries.

## QUESTION 9

**What is the timescale, one year – two years? Are there any plans for an interim practice in the timescale?**

**SM** – This depends on the level of interest of the local village. The next step would be to establish the level of staffing required to service the number of patients. As a guide a patient list of 5,000 needs 3/4 doctors to serve the needs of these people. We would need to have enough doctors involved. If things go well we are looking at a timetable of 16/18 months.

We are endeavouring to get backing from peers and colleagues.

There are no plans for an interim practice. It would not be practical to operate from a portacabin.

## QUESTION 10

**Looking at the figures, how many patients would you need to make the project viable?**

**SM** – I don't honestly know. I would have to look at the business plan in more detail. Funding always depends on the number of patients. Some surgeries operate with 3,000 patients and some have more than 20,000.

We need to have a good property and have good facilities. I would hope for about 6,000 patients.

## QUESTION 11

**Do you envisage having a practice nurse included?**

I wouldn't dream of having a practice without one. We would look at a minimum of one fulltime or two part time nurses to carry out a wide variety of tasks within the practice.

## QUESTION 12

**What are the minimum numbers you need to look at to meet funding requirements? 6,000 seems low. Do we have enough people in the village to justify a new medical centre? How big would the catchment area be?**

**SM** – It would need to be big enough to make a surgery viable. Most practices have cut off areas. We would like as many patients to register with us as possible. The Care Quality Commission would look at the figures and make sure that they add up. 6,000 is not unusually small.

## QUESTION 13

**Would you be running this practice?**

**SM** – Yes – not on my own – but with other doctors?

Supplementary question – **what kind of doctors would you get in the practice?**

**SM** – I would look to work with young doctors who share my long term vision to make this a successful surgery and successful business.

## QUESTION 14

**If the third runway comes will you stay?**

**SM** – Yes

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## QUESTION 15

***We already have premises in Colnbrook which has been shut down. Could you not start from there to “test the water”?***

**SW** – The previous premises are not fit for purpose and could not support the operation of the well run surgery I want to run. It was shut down because the rental was too high and was more than the Clinical Commissioning Group was prepared to pay.

**Supplementary comment – We don’t want to wait 18 months.**

**SM** – There is a lot of investment involved in order to establish a practice. It would not be possible to run two surgeries.

## QUESTION 16

***A couple of months ago I spoke to the Airport Authorities and they told me that all of Coleridge Crescent will be knocked down to accommodate a new roundabout when the third runway is built. What happens then?***

**PH** – None of this can be taken into consideration at the moment. We must deal with what we know.

## QUESTION 17

***We need a doctor who knows his patients. Can you provide this?***

**SM** – Lots of surgeries rely on locums to do their work. The job is hard and doctors find it hard to commit. I am planning to find people who are willing to commit themselves long term.

This was the end of the questions. PH thanked everyone for attending and for the interesting questions.

He stated that the questions and answers would be published.

*Peter Hood*

Councillor

## Poyle Road Scheme

Following the public consultation in Autumn 2016, Slough Borough Council have been reviewing responses to the consultation as well as considering further options for the scheme. It has been decided by senior officers and the Lead Member for Transport & Highways that the scheme should go to a second consultation period where three options for the scheme will be presented.

The second consultation will take place between 12 June – 7 July 2017.

On 12 June the website [www.slough.gov.uk/poyleroad](http://www.slough.gov.uk/poyleroad) will be updated with further information on options, designs, and information on how to have your say in the next round of consultation.

At the time of the last Parish Newsletter Slough Borough Council were consulting on the introduction of a bus gate with width restriction at north end of Poyle Road. The aim being to reduce HGV traffic travelling through predominately residential areas.



That consultation period was extended and then eventually completed. Many respondents including Heathrow Airport wrote in supporting the scheme.

The freight industry was less enthusiastic and some companies objected.

SBC have now decided to go out for further consultation with three design proposals.

## Colnbrook's Civil War History

Holding a copy of a letter, signed by King Charles (I) at his 'Court at Colnbrook', and dated 12th November 1642, where the King requires of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Reading that they send food and clothing to his Army, quartered here, it brings home the fact there was a moment when Colnbrook was right at the heart of the nation's affairs. This was during the early months of the English Civil War; not only had the Commander of the King's Army, Prince Rupert, headquartered himself in Colnbrook but the King was holding negotiations with a Parliamentary Committee here. His "Cavalier" Army, raised in Oxford, had swept through the Thames Valley, advancing on the rebel stronghold of London. Some battles, like Edgehill, were inconclusive; others, like Abingdon, were clear victories for the Royalists. From Eton, they had bombarded the rebel "Roundhead" forces at Windsor, which had sided with Parliament; the garrison and its defences there could not be overcome.

The Cavaliers came to the undefended coaching village of Colnbrook; they intended to stay, for a while – Prince Rupert set up his Headquarters, and the King set up his Court. Under a flag of truce, a Parliamentary Commission arrived on 10th November 1642. This was the first time since the start of the Civil War that Parliament had petitioned the King to negotiate peace terms. The King's thoughts were still fixed on Windsor, so he asked for Windsor Castle to be handed over to him to be the place where a final settlement could be negotiated. This was refused on 11th November, and the King rejected Parliament's peace petition;

Prince Rupert was ordered to attack the Roundhead's outer defences leading to London – he planned the Battle of Brentford that night, and he led a strike force out of Colnbrook early the following morning. Prince Rupert set off with his cavalry and dragoons, supported by a Welsh foot regiment bringing up the rear. Later that morning they engaged in battle with two Parliamentary foot regiments around the bridge that connected Old and New Brentford on the western approaches to London. By late afternoon on 12th November 1642, Brentford had been taken by Rupert; the Royalists captured 15 cannon, 11 colours and about 500 prisoners.

Under orders from the King, Prince Rupert then proceeded to brutally sack and burn down the town of Brentford as a deliberate shock and awe tactic to discourage London's property owning class from siding with the Parliamentarians. The King reinforced his Army encamped at Colnbrook with supplies from Reading. The following day, 13th November 1642, intelligence reaches the Cavaliers that the Earl of



Essex has reinforced the Parliamentary Army at Turnham Green; Prince Rupert is ordered to turn south to secure Hampton Court Palace, and King Charles arrives there the next day, on 14th November, leaving only a token force at Colnbrook to secure his lines of supply. By 19th November, Charles withdraws to his garrison at Reading – sensing that the fortunes of war had begun to change – and perhaps the King had begun to regret rebuffing the peace petition at Colnbrook.

Winter weather aids the Parliamentary Army's defence of London. Prince Rupert's attack on the Capital is indefinitely delayed, and the Cavaliers fall back to more easily defended city confines, principally around Reading and Oxford. Colnbrook resumes normal life, as best as possible with a Civil War raging; Windsor's influence increasingly dominates. There are supporters of the Roundheads all around – the poet and political pamphleteer John Milton, from Horton, was a friend of, and later secretary to, Oliver Cromwell, who was emerging as leader of the Parliamentarians; as a Roundhead General he mobilised what became known as the New Model Army, which ultimately went on to win the Civil War.

Under Cromwell, Lord Thomas Fairfax trained 4000 soldiers at Windsor, in the tactics and organisation of the New Model Army between 1643 and 1647; these soldiers were largely billeted in homes around Windsor and the surrounding villages, including Colnbrook.



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The burden of this billeting of troops – providing accommodation, food and drink – fell so heavily on local residents that in the latter stages of the Civil War they petitioned Parliament for compensation.

Tying these events to specific buildings in Colnbrook is not proving easy, so I am keen to be contacted by anyone with additional information about what was going on in Colnbrook during these times. When neighbouring

villages like Longford could completely disappear in the next few years (as a result of Airport expansion), Colnbrook's history needs to be properly recorded so it is clear what must be protected here. The Civil War period is just a part of this; the Parish Council is actively looking at ways to make visible the history of what makes Colnbrook such a special place, including putting it on plaques on our streets where possible.

## Historic Pictures

The Parish Council has recently been compiling a library of historical pictures of Colnbrook through the years. These are some of our favourites:



Circa 1936 – Colnbrook Church of England School



Circa 1949 – Platt's Store



Circa 1963 – Market Square



Circa 1973 – The Ostrich Inn



Colnbrook Station



The Plough

Please send any contributions you may have to [clerk@colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@colnbrookwithpoyle-pc.gov.uk)



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## Ward Councillor's Say

### Planning Issues:

Aside from casework taken up with SBC for residents and for the Parish Council due to my dual position, being also a ward councillor for Colnbrook with Poyle on Slough Council, I have concentrated on matters related to planning and transport, where I have some expertise. I have been monitoring the on-going efforts of the developers, Goodmans, to overturn the Secretary of State's refusal of the proposed SIFE terminal north of the by-pass; similarly engaged in Windsor & Maidenhead's Aviation Forum and had discussions with Heathrow Airport Ltd on mitigation measures for the latter's evolving plans for a Third Runway and airport expansion, including diversion of the A-roads around us; I have assisted with the Parish Council's response to SBC's Draft Local Plan. Likewise, I have participated in meetings of the Langley Transport Infrastructure Forum and the Colne Valley Park Forum to influence the response to plans that will effect Colnbrook arising from development related to Heathrow expansion, Crossrail, HS2 and the proposed Langley Depot of the Heathrow Express, successful pressuring SBC to re-open to road traffic the rail bridge at Market Lane earlier than they were intending. Also, related to parking, I have taken up a number of issues with SBC's Highways Department and Parking Enforcement concerned with problems on the Toll House, Crown Meadow and Westfield Estates.

### 305 Bus Saved:

I lobbied both Slough Council and the Royal Borough when the 305 bus service between Colnbrook and Staines was under threat – this service is widely used by Colnbrook children attending the Magna Carta and Matthew Arnold Schools in Staines. SBC said they had no money to subsidise the service, but Windsor's Council stepped in to fill the funding gap, (even though we are not in the Royal Borough, where most of the route runs), funding is guaranteed for the next four years – a benefit of being in the Windsor parliamentary constituency!

### Colnbrook Surgery:

I support efforts to bring a new doctors surgery, solely focused on Colnbrook, to the Village. I was involved in the many – ultimately unsuccessful – discussions to avoid Langley Health Centre's closure of the Colnbrook Doctors Surgery; subsequent to that closure I have continued to identify and put forward proposals for possible sites for a new surgery in Colnbrook to SBC and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and I have talked with Slough Community Transport and lobbied SBC to do more to provide improved subsidised transport between Colnbrook and the Langley Health Centre, including being party to SBC's Health Scrutiny recommendation to the Council's Cabinet to put specific resources into subsidising transport to the Langley Health Centre. I have not given up with either approach.

### Past & Future:

I have conducted a review of the information held on the 27 Listed Buildings in the Parish, and found some inaccuracies and oversights. I have taken these up with SBC and the need to update their Plan for protecting our Conservation Area, which is now well out of date. I have researched how to establish and run a local "blue plaque" heritage site scheme. With Cllr Kinane, I discovered a prisoner holding cell in Colnbrook, identical to one in Cranford, dated back to 1830 by Hillingdon Council; and I have uncovered details of Colnbrook's significant role in the early days of the English Civil War, including this being where Prince Rupert established a Headquarters for the Royalist Army, and Colnbrook being where King Charles I met the first Parliamentary delegation seeking a peace treaty to end the civil war. This happened in Colnbrook 375 years ago next November, and there is potential for commemoration and public celebrations similar to those in Colnbrook for the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta and the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration; I am working with the same group that organised these successful local events.

*Dexter Smith*

Ward Councillor Dexter Smith  
Conservative Party



# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

## CAST

It has been another busy 6 months for Colnbrook's resident theatre company CAST. Having closed 2016 entertaining the community with the pantomime *Mother Goose*, the spring saw the company bringing Ray Cooney's farce *'Move Over Mrs Markham'* to life on the Village Hall stage.

The group are currently rehearsing their summer show which will be *'The Bacharach & David Songbook'*, an evening of songs written by the famous song writing partnership of Burt Bacharach and Hal David such as . What's more, CAST want as many of the residents of the village as possible to experience one their shows.

As such they have announced that all advance tickets for this production will be offered at the special price of £5! Where else can you enjoy a fantastic evening's entertainment on your own doorstep? Tickets are sure to sell quickly, so book quickly to avoid disappointment. Why not get a group of friends and neighbours together for an evening of musical nostalgia? Full licensed bar with table service will be available. The special ticket price will hold until midnight on Sunday 9th July, after which time any remaining tickets will be £8.

**Box Office: 07894 579177 or**  
**[www.cast-online.org.uk/box-office](http://www.cast-online.org.uk/box-office)**

The summer will also see the group actively engaged around the local community, with appearances scheduled at both Wraysbury Fair and Langley Carnival. As well as planning to perform a few songs at these events, those of you that saw their unique Animalympics at last years Apple Fair will be pleased to hear they have a new arena performance *'The Red Barrows'* planned for Langley Carnival on July 8th. Don't miss it!

This Christmas, the group will once again stage the annual Village Panto, which this year will be *'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves'*. It would be great to see all the village schools and organisations at what is one of Colnbrook's most popular annual family events, so contact Steve today on 07824 338367 to discuss group booking rates and possible exclusive performances.

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



# Summer 2017 Newsletter

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Most recently the senior members of the group performed the play 'Lockdown' at the local Maidenhead Drama Festival. Whilst they did not pick up any silverware on this occasion, it was a great experience for those performing, and they got some really beneficial feedback from the professional adjudicator.

The group is currently preparing for a musical revue show entitled 'Wonder' to be staged at the Village Hall in late July. The show will feature a mix of songs, dances and sketches to showcase the material they have been working on during the summer term.

From September The Academy will start work on an exciting 2-term project culminating in a full scale production of 'Peter Pan the Musical' just before Easter 2018. With this exciting production on the horizon, now is the time for youngsters to get involved.



If you have (or are yourself) a youngster with existing singing/acting/dancing talent, or untapped performance potential that you want to uncover and develop, then The Academy @ CAST want to hear from you. Sessions run every Monday from **6.30-8.30pm** at **Colnbrook Village Hall**.

The group currently have a few places available for immediate entry, particularly in the senior 13 to 18 age group. Why not give them a call today, and arrange to pop along for a free trial/taster session where you can 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, Colnbrook, SL3 0RF

A purple promotional banner for 'The Academy @ CAST Youth Theatre Company'. It features the company's logo at the top left, a stylized orange and white star logo in the center, and the text 'Youth Theatre Company' on the right. Below the logo, it says 'Engaging young people in the performing arts' in a cursive font, followed by 'Through weekly Monday evening sessions, culminating in stage performance opportunities.' in a smaller font. The main headline is 'Join us now for a FREE taster/trial session' in a large, bold, white font. Below this, it lists 'Weekly sessions every Monday - 6.30 to 8.30pm' and 'Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook, SL3 0RF'. It also states 'Open to ages 10-18yrs' and provides contact information: 'Call Steve on 07824 338367 or e-mail: academy@cast-online.org.uk for further info and to book your taster session place.' At the bottom, there is a white box with the text 'ACT DANCE SING PERFORM DEVELOP' and several small, tilted photographs of young people in various theatrical costumes and settings.

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**ACT DANCE SING PERFORM DEVELOP**

## Musings from Colne Valley Regional Park



**The Colne Valley Regional Park has been in existence since 1965. It boasts some of the most remarkable countryside that adjoins to the west of the metropolis of Greater London. Colnbrook is contained within the boundary of the Colne Valley Regional Park,**

I wonder just how many of our residents are aware that they live within a Regional Park?

The Park is made up from a mosaic of landscape classifications, a tenth of the Colne Valley has been recognised as significant for nature conservation or geological interest by designation as Natural Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Local Nature Reserve (LNR) or Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS). These sites include ancient woodland, chalk grassland, marsh and open water.

From 1965 until 2012 the Regional Park was managed by a Partnership Trust, principally formed from the local authorities into whose boundary the Park fell. However as the 'squeeze' on Local Government finances began to take effect a new management model for the Park's administration was sought. Following a Consultation event in 2009, which if my memory serves me correct, was entitled "Colne Valley Park is at a Crossroad". Many from local communities being invited to take part, resulting in the Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company (CVP-CIC) being incorporated at Companies House on 5th July 2012. The benefit of this approach was that the Regional Park was now represented by a single entity, instead of regional bodies of either County or District Council who were finding the available funding more difficult to commit.

Since its formation the CVP-CIC has taken on 3 ancient woodlands within the Regional Park, from Buckinghamshire County Council on a 99 year lease, with an endowment to manage and maintain the status. We have been proactive in the representation against the many Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) that are occurring throughout the boundary of the Regional Park. The learning curve has been steep for the 3 of us who make up the Spatial Planning Group, along with our Managing Agent.

I have been a director of the company since it was incorporated until the current period, with the exception of a break from 2013 until July 2014. I have served on the Spatial Planning Group with 2 other directors and also on the Appointments Committee. During that period I have worked with some remarkable people, the journey has taken me to places that I never imagined I would visit. From the meagre beginning of representing the Friends of the Colne Valley Park at the Planning Inquiry for Pinewood Studios expansion and presenting the case for the CVP-CIC at the SIFE Inquiry. Then with the advent of HS2, taking me on to appear before 2 House of Commons Select Committee hearings, and to present the case for the CVP-CIC at the House of Lords Select Committee.

There are still the other major infrastructure projects, which in time will result in Development Consent Orders (DCO) being submitted and requiring consultation response efforts to be applied, taking up many man-hours of case building, and hopefully working with local community, in order to bring equitable mitigation back to the affected communities.

However, now is the time for me to stand down from the role, the directors are appointed on a three year period, and my period of service finishes on July 17th of this year. I have decided that I shall now 'properly' retire from public life. I shall miss working with my fellow directors and the amazing team of Groundwork South – I shall not miss the workload though. I have made many friends, which I hope can be maintained when I move away.

I hope that the Colnbrook community will continue to support the Colne Valley Park and the work which Groundwork accomplishes on our 'patch'.

*Mike Nye*

Director CVP-CIC & Resident of Colnbrook





**Call us now to  
arrange a taster  
before September**

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# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



## Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

**Believe and Achieve**

I would like to share with you some of the things the pupils and staff have been involved in during the last six months and some of our plans for the coming year

This year pupil and staff well-being has been an important goal for our school. We are very excited that our Nursery and Reception classes are starting their sessions each day by running round the school field. This gives them the opportunity to develop fitness and gets them ready to learn. We hope to expand this across the school in the coming year.

Young people's mental health has been a regular topic in the news and we work very hard to support our pupils who need some extra help. We are proud of our Nurture team and School Counsellor who provide those children with support on a short term basis.

We also provide our children with opportunities to try new experiences. This May some of our Years 5 and 6 children have enjoyed a week at an outdoor education centre in Rhos y Gwaliau in North Wales. They have had the opportunity to trek through old slate mines, gorge walk and kayak on a lake, amongst other activities. The memories from this trip will last a lifetime and for many it will be the highlight of their experience in primary school. Other trips have included visits to the British Museum, Woolley Firs Environmental Centre and Eton College.

The Hilton Hotel, Terminal 5 continues to support us in a wide variety of ways. Caroline Lowe, Director of Human Resources, has been one of our governors now for a few years and works closely with me in her safeguarding role. The Hotel also provides fun activities for the class with the best attendance each term, also arranges for Father Christmas to deliver presents to our EYFS children and for the Easter Bunny comes along to judge our annual Easter bonnet parade

We continue to develop our links with the local community. One way we do this is with our choir. At Christmas, they sang at the Toby Carvery in Langley, the Hilton Hotel, Terminal 5 and the Slough Observatory, as well as performing in school for the older residents in the village. They always sing at our Church services as well.



This year we have started our school Twitter account (@ColnbrookCofE), so that we can spread the word about the great things the children are involved in.

As a school we want to encourage parents and carers to work with us to support their children. To do this, we have continued with our very popular open mornings; when parents get to see what 'real' lessons look like in English and maths. More and more parents and carers are also joining us for our 'Stories at Breakfast' sessions, where they read stories to their children whilst sharing breakfast together.

*Susan Marsh*

Head Teacher

**SEBMAT**

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





During the past six months, the Colnbrook Community Association has continued to work towards a better community by communicating with residents via our Facebook and Twitter pages. We have continued to have meetings with Parish and Borough Councillors, and have regular meetings with Slough Borough Council to discuss confidential resident concerns on matters such as ASB, refuse collection, fly tipping, potholes, road signage etc.

In addition, we have been very active in the following major areas;

## Opposing Heathrow's 3rd Runway

### The CCA, SHE and others at the Tory conference last year

We have been members of the Stop Heathrow Expansion group for a couple of years now and help on their campaigns as and when time allows, and use our media pages to keep residents updated daily with news from renowned publications, specialist groups and scientific reports. Recently we became founding members of the No3rdCoalition, a collective of 20+ groups opposed to any expansion at Heathrow. We also contribute to many consultations relating to this matter.

Heathrow depends on matters related to the economy and jobs for its case, and both have been pulled to pieces by independent experts. We depend on arguments related to compensation, air and noise pollution, need, and costs for our case; all of which have been upheld by independent experts in the various fields of knowledge. We will continue to fight on your behalf!



## Fighting for the retention of the 305 bus service

### The 305 in Staines

The CCA have joined with a group of Wraysbury residents to oppose the planned closure of this popular bus route from Colnbrook via Horton and Wraysbury to Staines. This is a popular service with some 30 children from the villages using the bus to get to Magna Carta School; in addition to workers and shoppers. Our current understanding (26th May) is that the service will continue



with the same buses used, although we are awaiting the formal outcome of the recent tendering process initiated by a CCA email to every RBWM Councillor, and selected SBC and Spelthorne Councillors.

## Slough Air Quality plan

### Colnbrook High Street on most week day evenings

The Slough plan is now some 2 years overdue, although we have received assurances from the Leader of SBC, Cllr Sohail Munawar, that the plan will be ready for consultation over the summer months. We have asked that this process be widely promoted as it very much affects Colnbrook, Poyle and Brands Hill residents. Air Quality is a major issue for our communities as it affects our health and is particularly bad for the younger members and school children. Our pollution comes largely from road traffic but a growing proportion will be Heathrow related if Heathrow expands. Levels are already illegal around the Pippins School and Brands Hill areas, and we expect the Slough plan to ensure legal levels are met by a good margin before any further major development projects are given the green light.

The CCA will continue to petition for improvements to our communities and by working with Slough Borough Council, the Parish Council, other village groups, and neighbouring village groups we have and will continue to achieve positive results for our three communities

## Contact details

Please feel free to message us with any concerns you may have via these three options. We appreciate that some residents do not want to be identified and can assure you of absolute confidentiality. Email; Secretary [charlesburke\\_cca@live.co.uk](mailto:charlesburke_cca@live.co.uk)

Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/ColnbrookCommunityAssociation/>  
Twitter; <https://twitter.com/colnbrookca>

*Vicki Brenner*

Chair – Colnbrook Community Association

# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



The Partnership has been quite active throughout the last year. We secured funding for a make-over to Albany Park which has now been completed. Some new sapling Cox's Orange Pippins trees have been planted, a new post and rail fence around the flood relief ditch at the southern end, along with a new 'natural' path laid from the entrance at Bath Road. New name boards have been installed, at the entrance from Bath Road and along the open side along Albany Park, and wild meadow flower seeds have been sown to add some colour for the Spring season. Much of this work hopefully will be appreciated by both our residents and those who work within Colnbrook. Certainly the apples produced should provide a bountiful degree of healthy snacks for those who visit the park.

We have also provided two local community groups with a funding stream, Pippins Park Herb Garden, and the newly formed Colnbrook History Group have been awarded funding for their projects throughout this year.

The Colnbrook Community Partnership is made up from a group of locally based organisations, namely:-

- Slough Borough Council
- Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council
- Grundons
- Groundwork South

The work at Albany Park was carried by the hard working team members, Dhush Selvarajah and Laura Howles, from the Groundwork Green Team. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication to bring to completion the upgrade to this particular part of Colnbrook's heritage.

In this form of collaboration we have, since 2006, been instrumental for sourcing funding to provide improvements to green spaces in Colnbrook for both our residents and for local wildlife. We have provided funds to install sport and recreational equipment for both our own Recreation Ground and Pippins Park, an asset of SBC. We have also upgraded Westfield Hall and provided a funding stream to assist with the upgrade to Colnbrook Village Hall.



**Signage defining the park.**



**The new path from Bath Road**

Our Trustees have been long term in service during the life of the Partnership, however during 2016 we have made several changes in that we have bestowed upon our long-term Chairman, Laurie Tucker, the status of Life President and appointed a new Chair, Katy Wallis, Laurie remains a Trustee of the Charity.

*Mike Nye*

Treasurer & Trustee

## Colnbrook Flood Action Group

Dear Residents

We hope you have been enjoying the glorious weather of recent and looking forward to a great year ahead...

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 have attending seminars that we have invited to, and continue to work with both the Environment Agency and Slough Borough Council.

To help us ensure we are ever ready please contact us at **[cfag@gmail.com](mailto: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



*Puja*

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 with Poyle Parish Council

## 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, Ant 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 currently being held every first Tuesday of the month just before the Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm at The Village Hall Vicarage Way Colnbrook.



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

*Puja*

Cllr Puja Bedi  
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.



**Colnbrook Residents' Association**  
Serving Residents and Community since 1947,  
**70 Years ago.**

Email: [coreas1947@gmail.com](mailto:coreas1947@gmail.com)

## Barn Dance and Supper

"It's only £5  
including food"

" Yee Haa!  
Only £5 for food,  
music and a dance"



**Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way**  
**7.00 pm Saturday 8th July**

**Tickets including a choice of food are available now  
in The Colnbrook Pharmacy. Places are limited so hurry.**

# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



**Colnbrook  
Residents'  
Association**



**Serving Residents and Community since 1947**

The publication of the last Parish newsletter saw us basking in the success of the Apple Fair which raised around £7,000 for local groups. In that report we advised that unless we were able to recruit a considerable number of volunteers to help with the running of this event we would not be holding an Apple Fair in 2017. Sadly we have not had enough volunteers come forward to enable us to organise the event this year.

However, all is not lost as we are now working with several groups within the village to organise THE COLNBROOK RESIDENTS' FUN DAY. This will be a day packed with activities which we hope will appeal to all.

In the morning of Saturday 8th July we are kicking off with as many individual coffee mornings as we can manage. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to invite their immediate neighbours to come and have coffee and a chat, and maybe a biscuit or cake, in order to promote community spirit throughout the village.

Coffee mornings can be as big or small as you wish – you might like to raise some funds for your favourite charity. We will be publishing full details on our Facebook Page (Colnbrook Residents Association) and hope that this new initiative will catch the imagination of residents. The United Reform Church have already agreed to hold a coffee morning in the Church which will also feature an exhibition of historical photographs and artefacts from Colnbrook's past.



The day will continue with a host of different activities supported by Ye Olde George, St. Thomas's Church, The Village Hall, the Scouts, and of course The Residents' Association.



We will have a garden party at St. Thomas's Church with games and a treasure hunt for the children; professional wrestling at Ye Olde George; a bouncy castle and children's entertainer; horse drawn carriage rides round the village; and in the evening there will be a barn dance in the Village Hall and a Rock and Roll night at Ye Olde George.

Once again we will be publicising these events on our Facebook Page and with posters and banners throughout the village.

Recapping on the CRA events at the back end of 2016. We started off with our very popular Christmas Lunch at the Marriott Hotel in Langley which was, as usual, a big hit with all who attended. The following weekend we had the Community Carol Singing round the Village Clock with the largest attendance we have ever had.

I am pleased to report that both of these events were very successful and once again we thank all those involved for their support. Particular thanks go to the Colnbrook Community.



**Over 100 children and their families attended this year's Easter Egg Hunt.**

# Summer 2017 Newsletter

Partnership for their sponsorship and the ladies of St. Thomas' Church who, once again, provided the mulled wine and mince pies following the Carol singing.

In February we tried out a new activity, a race night with a fish and chip supper. This proved to be very popular and it was good to see new faces joining in a community activity.

Easter saw our most popular event of the year so far – the Easter Egg Hunt. It is wonderful to see the Quiet Garden of the parish Church teeming with children all eager to solve the clues or trying to match their decorated egg with the appropriate pair.

Their reward was an Easter Egg and a drink. This year we saw well over a hundred youngsters take part in the activity and a big thank-you goes to the parents whose help proved invaluable.

We always try to provide variety in the events we organise throughout the year, and would welcome any suggestions for new activities that we might include in our future programme.

We are very excited with the progress of our plans for the Fun Day on 8th July. We hope that you will all support us in our efforts to provide the village with a day to remember and at the same time help us to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Resident's Association.

Remember to follow us on Facebook and you can also contact us on our email which is:

**coreas1947@gmail.com.**

*Sean Kelly*

Chairman  
Colnbrook Residents' Association  
**07986 850052**

## Colnbrook Village Hall at the Heart of the Community



**The Village Hall is already near to the centre of the village in Vicarage way, our vision is to be the Heart of the Community and we believe that we are steadily achieving this goal.**

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

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

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.

The hall is hired by local residents for many different activities by local groups for social and by individuals for family oriented gatherings from weddings to birthday and other family gatherings parties.

If you would like to book the hall and have a look around before doing so please contact our booking Secretary as below.

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

We will be having our AGM in September 2017 as usual and we will be announcing the date nearer the time on our notice boards and in the press so please come along and support your hall. If you feel that you can make a contribution to the running of the hall please come along and put your name forward for election to join this hard working group of people.

*Ray Angell*

Chair to the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust (CVHT)



# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



## Colnbrook Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Summer 2017

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 –

*Theresa Head*

Beaver Scout Leader  
Tel **07979 018607**

*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

Beavers have had a busy few months working on and gaining numerous badges. They attended a District Activity Day at Earlywood campsite along with 77 other beavers at which they earned their Outdoor Activity Badge. They also took part in a sleepover and hike held at the church in conjunction with the Scout troop.

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



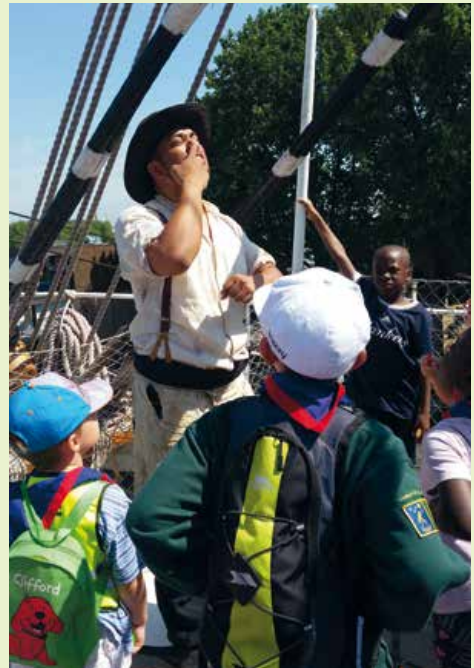


## cubs

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.

Amongst the many things Cubs have been up to are visiting Langley fire station as part of their Fire Safety Badge, been on a cycle ride as part of their Cyclist Badge and spent a cool evening at Jump Giants.

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



## SCOUTS

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

Colnbrook Scouts have been forging links with Wraysbury Scouts and have taken part in a joint caving weekend in the Mendips and are planning a combined PGL weekend in September. They have also built and slept in their own shelters at the church in conjunction with the Beaver sleepover. One of our Scouts has achieved the Chief Scouts Gold Award, the highest honour a Scout can earn. well done Emma!

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



# Colnbrook with Doyle Parish Council

## Pippins Herb Garden



**L-R Chives, Celery, Tarragon and Sage, Lupin**



In it's first year since its renovation has been a wonderful success! Pippins School students have enjoyed classes in the garden and were very surprised to see how garlic grows! The beautiful daffodils gave us a lovely wave as we entered the park this spring and the chive flowers popped out in the raised

bed with their bright purple heads. The pineapple mint has taken very well and the Russian tarragon has unexpectedly sprung back to glorious life! The celery in the corner is thriving and will certainly be enjoyed during a summer picnic in the park with some hummus!

With thanks to a cash input from the Colnbrook Community Partnership, the garden can be maintained to a high standard this year. In preparation of the season, the fencing has been painted and the lawn maintained, as I write this article the planting season has yet to begin but by the time you read this page there will be a beautiful range of flowers and colour to enjoy. So, please join me in thanking the CCP for their kind generosity and support in the community.



The kids at Gardening Club have been busy growing tomatoes from seed in the school green house, which will be planted out for everyone to enjoy. I have also grown some super-hot chilli's which will be a wonderful addition to the garden this year and I hope you will all make the most of this harvest! The strawberries have established very well, typically they don't provide much in their first year so I am hoping that as the runners grow, we can set them along the planter to create a giant ball of luscious fruit!

Pat and Jim, our hardworking dynamic duo will be out once a week keeping the garden tip-top, Pat has grown sunflowers and sweet peas from seed, which will be transferred and make a dramatic impact in the garden! We also now have a tool shed which is off-site under CCTV at Pippins School.

If you would like to come and do some gardening and don't have your own tools, PPHG will loan tools – just email me at [pippinsherbs@gmail.com](mailto:pippinsherbs@gmail.com) or message me on Facebook:

**[www.facebook.com/pippinspark.herb garden](https://www.facebook.com/pippinspark.herb garden).**

It takes a while for a garden to establish and over the years we will see it fill more and more. Please, come and pick some herbs for your evening dinner, snatch some tomatoes for a snack or a salad and share the strawberries kids! The more produce is picked, the more it will grow!

Enjoy the sunshine and hope to see you at PPHG soon!

*Jo Doyle*

Pippins Herb Garden Founder



## Together we grow, Together we achieve.

In January, to start off the year, we received the long awaited call to tell us that OFSTED would be visiting our school. The staff and governors were pleased to finally have the opportunity to show and talk about all the wonderful things that are happening at Pippins School. The school was judged to be 'good' and the Pippins community will be celebrating this outcome together at a family event in July.

Pippins Eco Warriors and the School Council visited Albany Park to work alongside Project Groundwork to plant wildflowers and Cox's Orange Pippins apple trees.

Jazz and Waltz classes (year 5 and 6) visited The Warner Bros Studio Tour, Leavesden in February where they had the opportunity to see many of the sets that were used in the Harry Potter films and to discover some of the tricks that the film makers used to create the magical world. The children had some fun producing some imaginative work as a result of the visit.

Crispin Class (year 4) went on a residential trip to Sayers Croft for two nights in March. During that time they took part in rope work, orienteering, shelter building, a river study, a blindfold trail, a night walk and many other team building challenges. The parents were invited to a special presentation where the children took the opportunity to share their experiences and the lovely work that they have produced about the visit after they returned to school.

Crispin and Pixie (Reception) Classes will have a full day together, of science activities based around insects in June, at the Iver Environment Centre.

Bramley Class (year 3) and Honeygold Class (Year 2) headed to London Zoo in May. They experienced a fabulous talk and interactive session based on their science and topic work.

Elstar (Year 1) visited Windsor Castle and were able to watch the changing of the guards and explored St. George's Chapel, within the castle grounds.

Pixie Class (Reception) and Honeygold (Year 2) visited the Natural History Museum to see the dinosaurs and an enormous, blue-whale which filled the whole room.

Waltz Class (year 5) will be visiting the Science Museum in London in June. They will see a show with live science experiments and visit the IMAX to discover the 'Hidden Universe' in 3D.

Pips Class (Nursery) entertained the whole school with an Easter Bonnet parade which was very colourful and creative. They visited St. Thomas' Church in Colnbrook to look at the different parts of the church and participated in some Easter crafts. The children have learnt about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and made a delicious curry and shared Sikh food with each other. They all thoroughly enjoyed their annual visit to LEGOLAND.

Year 6 are now preparing to leave Pippins School and move on to secondary School. As every year, the pupils will be moving to many different schools. Staff and pupils from the schools that they are going to attend are coming to Pippins to meet them throughout May and June. In July, they will all go to their new school for a whole day to experience what it will be like when they move. As part of their transition work, a drama group is due to visit who will provide a workshop for the children in Year 6 which will encourage them to think about the challenges ahead and ask questions. In June, Year 6 will celebrate their time at Pippins by staying at Longridge, an activity centre for a week where they will participate in lots of water sports and adventurous activities. They will all have an amazing time and fond memories of Pippins when they leave.

The whole school has had fun, dressing up on many occasions to support many and varied charities. Our final charity appeal for the year was 'Wig Wednesday' (May 24th) to support children and families with cancer. In June we are all taking part in a 'Spell-a-thon'; a Phonic-a-thon for our Early Years classes, with monies raised, building up our supply of home reading books.

Pippins School plans to have an open morning early July. Please help to spread the word.

*Tracy Ball*

Head Teacher





## **Everyone is welcome to Pippins School Summer Fete**

**Crazy golf, bouncy slide, prize raffle, football games, BBQ, cakes, tombolas, reptile display, hook the duck, toy pig racing, coconut shy, face painting, gardening stall, bric a brac, Judo and Zumba display and much more!**



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## St. Thomas' Church



Did you know that we have recently started Sunday School at St. Thomas'? It takes place during every normal 11.00 am service at St. Thomas', and is aimed at children aged 3-9. The children spend most of the service doing fun activities and learning about God, while their parents can get some peace in church! The children then re-join their parents for Communion at the end of the service.

If you've been thinking that you couldn't cope with bringing small children to church, this could make all the difference. Our co-ordinator is Julie Shields – please contact her on Facebook or [jmace1@btinternet.com](mailto:jmace1@btinternet.com) with any queries.

Please check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stthomascolnbrook](https://www.facebook.com/stthomascolnbrook) or our website <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas> for information about Sunday School, and for service timings and dates. We are hoping to hold our service at the same time and place very Sunday, but for the time being, please check carefully when the service is on.

## Church funerals

You are probably aware that a parish priest has a large number of roles, responsibilities and duties to perform during the week, as well as preparing for and leading Sunday Worship. A very important aspect of my work is conducting baptism, wedding and funeral services.

You may not know that everyone is entitled to either a funeral service, or to have their ashes buried in their local parish churchyard by their local parish priest regardless of whether they attended church or not. You do not need to be a Christian.

For many years, the western world has been somewhat reluctant to talk about death, even though it is the one thing we can be absolutely certain about. Many people nowadays want the funeral to be a celebration of the person's life; an occasion for happy memories to be shared. I can reassure you that if you decided to hold the funeral service in St. Thomas's it would be tailored to your needs and requirements. The service would be personal, within a Christian framework but not necessarily 'churchy.'

I would arrange to visit you so as to get to know you and understand what you would like in the service, including songs, music, and tributes. I would also talk with you about the person who has died. You would also be visited a few weeks after the funeral to find out how you are, with offers of on-going support from our church members. Also remember that as your parish priest I am happy to lead the funeral service in the crematorium, if you would prefer that to a service in church.

So, when you have the sad task of arranging the funeral of a loved one, do consider a service conducted by myself, as your parish priest. All you have to do is let the funeral director know your wishes when you first go to see them, or contact me on **01753 580467**.

We do hope that you will give St. Thomas' Church a try. We are a friendly local church, where you will receive a very warm welcome.

*Peter Wyard*

Vicar

# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

We are very pleased that over the last few years we have been able to take part in many community events. Some of which have taken place in the church giving non church goers an opportunity to see what a beautiful church we have in Colnbrook.

On July 8th we will be taking part in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the C.R.A. There will be lots of mainly free fun activities and games for children and adults to take part in. these will include,

- Welly throwing competition
- Hoola hoop competition
- Bric a brac stall
- Parachute games
- Largest number of skippers in one rope
- Free refreshments and lots lots more.

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. The service times do vary and also the venues. We also hold baptism, marriage and funeral services.

**[www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/colnbrook-st-thomas/)**

The church is often open during the week and people are always welcome to come for a quiet time of reflection or prayer or to light a candle. If the church is not open please contact:

**David Shields**

Tel: **01753 681079** to arrange a convenient time.

## Thames Valley Police

Thames Valley Police and more specifically the Slough Local Police Area serve your community. This comes in a few forms (Patrol Teams, Investigation Teams and Neighbourhood Teams) and at the current time some changes. These changes are internal and not something that you as the community will necessarily see on the outside. They come about because of the ever changing demands on police and services, in new forms and this positions us best to be able to respond. Resources are being prioritised so that we can respond to peaks in demand. The neighbourhood team itself continues to have a visible presence with a geographical team, but also we have a small team who will specifically deal with Problem Solving, the aim of which is to reduce demand on Police and Services, this latter role is one which specifically sees a high level of partnership working (with housing, wardens, council etc.) to provide a holistic view and ideally, solution.

In developing our response at a Neighbourhood Level we need to be able to identify the communities' priorities and work towards solving them for the Colnbrook, Poyle and Foxborough areas. This will be completed on a quarterly review/setting exercise.

With regards to offences that have occurred in the last year there has been, most significantly in the Colnbrook, Poyle and Foxborough neighbourhood a 5% decrease in violence against the person and an 8% reduction in violent offences resulting in injury. Burglary is perhaps the most impactful area on the community, specifically when it comes to Residential Burglaries and the area has seen a 42% rise (an increase of 60 to 85 offences) in the last 12 months from the previous 12 months. As with many offences there are seasonal trends

and with the summer months upon us we would pass the advice of ensuring your property is left secure (windows and doors locked), that you do not leave your valuables on display and that you register your valuables and where possible mark them to prevent offences. For more advice on this visit the Thames Valley Police website which has crime prevention pages specific to issues.

The area of Colnbrook and Poyle has its own unique challenges ahead, including the expansion of Heathrow Airport with its third runway. Your local neighbourhood team consists of Inspector Neil Misselbrook, Sergeant Tom O'Brien, Constable Rob Ashcroft and Police Community Support Officers Kurt Henney, Terrie Parker-James, Reece Sylvester and Mansel Jackson. Policing works effectively when we are intelligence-led and to achieve this we need the community (from across the spectrum of residential, business, youth, religious etc.) to contact us and feedback any information from within the community. The team are approachable and there for you to contact. As a team they can also be contacted by email on **[ColnbrookPoyleFoxboroughNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ColnbrookPoyleFoxboroughNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)**

**Neil Misselbrook**

Inspector Neil Misselbrook  
Slough East Neighbourhood Team

**Thomas O'Brien**

PS Thomas O'Brien  
Neighbourhood East, Slough, Thames Valley Police



**Colnbrook Residents' Association**  
Serving Residents and Community since 1947,  
**70 Years ago.**

Email: [coreas1947@gmail.com](mailto:coreas1947@gmail.com)

## Colnbrook Residents' Fun Day

Saturday 8th July.

Bringing the Community together.

- Have your own **Coffee Morning** for friends and neighbours (maybe raise funds for your favourite charity).



- Visit the **History of Colnbrook in Photos Exhibition** in the Methodist Church.

- Join everybody in the Village for **Afternoon Tea** in the grounds of St Thomas' Church.



- The children can use the **Bouncy Castle** in the George.

- Enjoy **Horse drawn carriage rides** in the Village.



- Come to a **Barn Dance and Supper** in the Village Hall in the evening.

- Or for something different watch **Professional Wrestling** in the George.



- There will be **Rock and Roll** dancing after the wrestling.

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