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# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

## Message from the Chair

#### Dear Residents.

In May the Parish elections took place and all twelve of the candidates were duly elected. The Parish Council have now embarked on a new term. We have a mixture of experienced and new councillors who have all committed to serve our community to the best of their abilities.

I was elected as a Councillor in 2018 and I have been nominated as the Chairman of the Parish Council in 2019, which is a great honour for me. It's been a very interesting learning curve in first 6 months as the Chair, which I have enjoyed thoroughly. My primary objective is to make Colnbrook with Poyle a better place to live. Which I believe will be achieved by building better relationships between the Parish Council, Residents and Slough Borough Council. I also firmly believe that all Councillors in our parish, new or re-elected have all the necessary skills to deliver this.

Within the first 6 months we have already held 2 Q & A sessions with Slough Borough Council regarding the Park & Ride scheme. Both the sessions were very productive as the residents were able to directly ask questions to the leading SBC officers.

Me and my fellow councillors are currently working on a village Memorial Garden dedicated to our fallen servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for us. This will be delivered to the public on 10th November 2019. In addition, a fellow councillor and I are working on a social media project, we have also revamped the old Parish website and Facebook. This is to ensure we engage with residents as dynamically as we can, whilst the world changes around us.

As a Parish Council, we are also modernising the COLNBROOK RECREATION GROUND with the introduction of some new equipment.

I am very keen to engage and work with our community partners and really appreciate the work they do for the community.

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

### **Councillor Anup Babuta**

Chairman



### **Thames Valley Police**

www.police.uk/thames-valley/N460/

With the clocks going back and the evening's getter darker earlier our focus is on preventing burglaries across Slough. We encourage residents to not leave their homes in darkness and leave

a light on using a timer switch or similar. Always remember to lock your front doors at night and don't just turn the handle thinking it is locked.

PCSO Neil RUTLIDGE has now left the team to become a police constable with Thames Valley Police. Neil was a regularly on patrol in Foxborough, Colnbrook & Poyle and contributed to reducing the ASB issues in the area. New to our team is PCSO Jessica Dupree who is currently in training on area and will be part of the Foxborough, Colbrook & Poyle team.

If you need any crime prevention advice or need to make contact with the team please email us on ColnbrookPoyleFoxboroughNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn. police.uk or call 101, in an emergency call 999.

From the East Slough Neighborhood team we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards

Neil Misselbrook

Inspector Neil Misselbrook Slough East Neighbourhood Team

## Message from the Vice Chair

I was elected to the Parish Council in May this year and was also elected to Vice-Chair. During canvassing and in the initial weeks after the election I listened to residents and their concerns, specifically relating to the Heathrow expansion, the planned road widening on the A4, the proposed Park and Ride in Westfield and the closure of the Doctors' surgery with the resulting difficulties in getting into Langley due to limited public transport.

With members of the Parish Council I was able to plan two community meetings with officers from Slough Borough Council to speak about the expansion on the A4 and the Park and Ride proposal. I believe it is important that residents hear about plans directly to form their opinion based on credible information.

Also, with members of the Parish Council, I have been working on an electric bus trial which will help residents get to the Doctor's surgery on Common Road in Langley. This is planned to come into operation imminently and, while it is frustrating that at the time of writing a date has not been agreed, this is something that I will keep pushing for so that residents can see results rather than just hear promises.

I have also had two meetings with members of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for the area, including the Director of Strategy and Operations, as well as with the cabinet member for Health & Wellbeing from Slough Borough Council, to discuss and explore options to bring some Health Services back into Colnbrook.

I have been encouraged by the CCG's openness and the innovative solutions that are being discussed. Again, like you, I am not satisfied with just words and I am optimistic that progress is possible and I will continue to work towards this throughout my term as your Parish Councillor.

Collectively; we are improving communication with our vastly improved website including a better mobile interface, working to improve our recreation ground and taking care of our green spaces. I feel privileged to be a part of what the Parish Council is working towards, together, for the residents of Colnbrook with Poyle.

Finally, I have been able to get involved in some of the social activities, including Colnfest, a great event organised by the Colnbrook Residents Association, where myself and a band of musician friends entertained residents for an hour or so and also by attending 'Are you Being Served', a thoroughly entertaining show by CAST at the Colnbrook Village Hall; I cannot recommend their performances highly enough!

I'm looking forward to all of the activities this festive season will bring and, however you choose to celebrate, I would like to wish you all a wonderful, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

#### **Andrea Escott**

Vice- Chair: Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

## COLNBROOK FLOOD ACTION GROUP

Join our group of local residents to meet with National Flood Forum, SBC, and the Environment Agency to help prevent and protect our beautiful village.



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## Tolnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

## **Colnbrook Community Association**

### colnbrookcommunityassociation.org.uk

The CCA continues to work with members, residents, the Parish Council, SBC, TVP and various agencies to improve our communities, instigate projects based on matters bought to our attention, and report to the responsible.

#### Milestone restoration

Colnbrook has two historic milestones, one on the High Street opposite the Ostrich Inn and the other on the triangular reservation of the roundabout exiting on the J5 of the M4.

Both are in a terrible state of disrepair and without specialist restoration attention will eventually rot away and be lost forever.



The CCA has highlighted this and actively been working to establish funding and assistance with a number of third parties to enable these historic artefacts to be restored to their former glory.

We are hopeful that with the combined efforts of Cllr Smith, the Parish Council, Heathrow "Better Neighbourhood" Group, the Colnbrook Community Partnership and Slough Borough Council the necessary funding can be met to carry out the work required.

#### **Historic buildings**

CCA members and many other residents have commented over the past years about the terrible state of

both the Red Lion and Star & Garter, and how they have been allowed to slip into a state of total disrepair.



We have suggested that the Star & Garter be properly

boarded off by the owner and a mural depicting local historical buildings / scenes be painted on the hoarding to discourage graffiti. Experts in this type of painting are available within the SBC Curve centre.

The Red Lion site has been redeveloped inside but not in accordance with the planning application, and the outside is not acceptable in our High Street. We are in ongoing



communication with SBC regarding these matters, and that includes the recent demolition and poor 'bodging' repair carried out by the freeholder.

It is clear from enquiries that we have carried out that owners of listed buildings such as these must give special regard to the desirability of preserving the building and its setting and any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possess, to ensure that the preservation does not harm the interest in the building or the local historic significance as well as its function and condition.

We have highlighted the situation to SBC Building/ Planning Control with regards to the obligations each party must meet to preserve and maintain such listed properties as both are situated in highly visible locations, and the Star & Garter also lies within the Conservation Area of the village. As both properties remain a complete eyesore blighting our historic village the CCA will continue to liaise with all agencies who may be in a position to assist in ensuring the current state of disrepair is addressed. Discussions with SBC are continuing as we

### Colnbrook village history page & meetings

Since 2016, the CCA had been posting 'Colnbrook History' posts on its Facebook page which expanded into a dedicated Colnbrook Village History page during 2017. In the spring of 2018, we were joined in this venture by

Dawn Tedder and Kevin Gorman, and also now work closely, and share all information, with the Colnbrook Historical Society.

The page now has some 104 albums of photographs with narrative

in many cases. If you feel you can add information or memories to any particular photograph, please feel free to do so as this will add to this history of our communities.

We hold regular meetings of the group, which are promoted on the CCA and Colnbrook Village History Group pages – please feel free to come along and bring your memories with you. We copy / scan any written material, so that you retain the originals.

#### **Heathrow expansion proposals**

Residents will be well aware of this 'bonkers' scheme and heartened by Zac Goldsmith MP, (Environment Secretary), recent comment that "Heathrow expansion is 'unlikely' to go ahead



and would not survive a proper review". This follows a review by Willie Walsh (IAG / BA Chair) that he won't pay for it and that the chances are 60/40 against the project being built.

The CCA responded to the Heathrow Consultation with a detailed thirteen-page document explaining why the proposal should not go ahead.

As we write this article the High Court is hearing an appeal against an earlier decision bought by several local authorities including neighbours Hillingdon and RBWM (not Slough of course!) together with the London Assembly and groups concerned with the air and noise pollution aspects of the proposal. A decision is expected in early December.

We are encouraged in our opposition that the government has declared a climate emergency and are determined to reduce all forms air and noise pollution.

#### M25 / J14 clean up

The CCA has been very proactive in seeking changes to the Highways England maintenance and litter picking regime at this junction close to Poyle.

It has been a very long process involving correspondence with Spelthorne Council and Highways England, but eventually we reached the 'right spot' despite prevarication in all directions and had a very meaningful meeting with the manager responsible for this section of the M25 which led to a planned programme of works. We are please to note that most of the promised work has been carried out as we write.

#### Flytipping & anti social behaviour

These two matters are our staple diet; without them we would have a clean and tidy community devoid of irresponsible individuals who think that rules don't apply to them or are simply not aware of the implications of their actions.

Needless to say, we continue to cooperate and engage with Slough BC, Thames Valley Police, Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council, our Borough Councillors and other agencies to resolve these and other issues.

The 'problem areas' have been by J14 (see separate section); the land opposite Saints yard within LBH, the

shops on Coleridge Crescent; private car parks in small developments; Drift Way verge towards the fields; Rayners Close garages area; Horton Road; Sutton Road and the bypass.

ASB also includes the illegal use of catapults in the village and the throwing of stones and eggs at homes, cars and cyclists. We are

aware of recent incidents where information has been reported to TVP and SBC together with CCTV images of the culprits. This is not acceptable, and we will continue to work with our members, residents and partners to stamp this out.

#### Park and ride scheme - Brands Hill

Unfortunately, we were unable to respond to the SBC consultation on this ill-conceived project due to time issues, however we would have objected to it. This is said to be a park and ride for visitors / shoppers to Slough Town Centre; its on the wrong side of the road for that, too far away, and taken up prime green belt land.

Our conclusion having talked to residents and councillors is that this is actually a park and ride scheme for Slough residents and others living to the west of the airport that work at Heathrow. This would allow Heathrow to claim that they are reducing staff travel into the airport as they are required to do; but in fact, are pushing the problem into local communities and therefore not accountable for that traffic. Time will tell!

#### **Cca community engagement**

The CCA's engagement facilities are via email (**colnbrookca.live.co.uk**) and our Facebook and Twitter accounts. We are hoping that our new website will be up and running in the new year.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ColnbrookCommunityAssociation/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/colnbrookca

As we are approaching the festive season, Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Vicki

Vicki Brenner Chair Charles

Charles Burke Secretary We offer a variety of breakfasts, hot meals, sandwiches, rolls and baguettes available to eat in or take away.



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## SLOUGH & DISTRICT AGAINST RUNWAY 3

Slough & District Against Runway 3 is a Colnbrook based member of a number of groups opposed to Heathrow expansion (see graphic) on the grounds of the additional air and noise pollution that will be imposed on residents around the perimeter should this project ever be given the go ahead.



Air and noise pollution are well documented to be very detrimental to the general health of resident, and particularly children. Colnbrook has a very high incidence of asthma in young children.

This is obviously very important to residents of Slough and the surrounding communities including Colnbrook, Brands Hill and Poyle.

It is with this in mind that we have been active in sharing news and facts about the proposed expansion in order to highlight the folly of this proposed extension and the addition of a third runway.

The history of this project goes back to 1947 when the first application for a 3<sup>rd</sup> east / west runway was made. That was rejected, as has every other application since.

Without going over old ground, the current position is; -

- Willie Walsh has reversed his view and now says it's 60 / 40 AGAINST expansion; and in any case his airlines (the IAG clan) will not pay increased landing fees to allow it to go ahead.
- Zac Goldsmith MP (Environment Secretary,) has stated this week that "the bonkers Heathrow expansion was unlikely to go ahead, and would not survive a proper review"
- The government is in court as we write, to answer an appeal by Hillingdon and RBWM, other local authorities, the London Assembly and others, against a very quick decision to the case in May when the decision was announced the day before the Climate Emergency was declared by parliament and introduced the Paris Agreement into UK law.
- A number of London local authorities have joined the campaign to stop expansion at Heathrow, Gatwick and City airports in addition to resident led campaigns against expansions at other UK airports.
- Passenger and cargo levels at many UK airports are decreasing by untold degrees due to changes in travel modes chosen by business, holiday and family travellers; down by 5% in some European nations; and spreading rapidly.

Overall, we are in a situation where air and noise pollution are affecting us all; sleep deprivation due mainly to aviation activities is affecting our health, family life and productivity at our workplace.

Charles

Charles Burke Acting Chair, SADAR3

### **HEATHROW EXPANSION MUST NEVER BE ALLOWED!**

## Tolnbrook with Doyle Parish Council

### **CAST** and The Academy @ CAST

Our local Theatre Company CAST have enjoyed another busy year, staging shows at the Village Hall in the heart of the village.

In March, their youth section, The Academy @ CAST, performed the coming-of-age musical '13'. Featuring almost 30 local youngsters, the show gained great feedback from the packed audiences.

In June, the group were proud to collect the Regional 'Constance Power Trophy' award from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for ongoing production improvement, and commitment to promoting young people.

Performers Ian Ward and Dan McMurray also picked up the Regional 'Nigel Gravette Award' for Best Performance in Panto for their roles as Jethro and Jasper in last year's village panto Puss in Boots.

In July, vintage comedy hit the stage in the form of the 70s TV classic 'Are You Being Served'. Audience members were treated to memories of Mrs Slocombe's pussy as the familiar staff from Grace Brothers headed off to Spain for a works holiday and found themselves in the midst of local revolutionaries!

The Academy @ CAST are already working on their next production to be staged in March 2020. Auditions and casting for 'Back to the 80s' have been completed and rehearsals are well underway. If you have a youngster aged 10-18 years, there are still a couple of places

available in the ensemble, so give Steve a call today on 07824 338367 to find out more. Alternatively register your interest now for April 2020 enrollment and the Academy's 2021 production which will be announced in December.

Next up however is this year's annual Colnbrook Community Pantomime 'Treasure Island'. This is the 20th year that CAST have been bringing seasonal entertainment to the village, and it makes for a great family outing to get into the Christmas spirit (and to take your minds of Brexit and General Elections)!

CAST celebrate their 30th Anniversary in 2020, and their long-term presence in the village is very much dependent on the support received from the local community. Not every village is lucky enough to be able to enjoy such entertainment on their own doorstep, so we encourage you to take full advantage. If you have never been to a CAST show, then where have you been hiding?! Book some tickets for their Treasure Island pantomime today, and experience what their productions are all about. There is even a special 10% discount on advanced tickets for Colnbrook Residents using the code: COLNRES19

We look forward to welcoming you to a CAST or Academy show in the very near future!

Steve Oakes

Chairman



### **News from St. Thomas Church**

Most of you will by now have met our not so new vicar, Darcy Chesterfield- Terry who arrived in March. He is already having a very positive impact in our local schools, our village and church. He is very keen for us to continue to be involved with community activities and was very happy that the glebe land was used for the Coln Fest.

The annual 'Blessing of the Baskets Service', held on Easter Saturday, has become a well established tradition now for St. Thomas'. Our friends from the Polish Community come to have baskets of food blessed. When all the baskets have been laid on the altar prayers are said and then all the baskets are sprinkled with water and blessed. This is a very special service - not to be missed. Please come next year Saturday 18th April.

Over 40 people spent a very pleasant and sunny September Sunday afternoon, in the church grounds, enjoying Pimms, hymns and songs.

The lubrication of the Pimms certainly helped the singing along and hidden talent was discovered from our soloist, Gillian Cane who sang Sumertime. All the singing was very uplifting and the refreshments and fellowship afterwards only added to the enjoyment. Some Americans in transit, who were staying at the Ostrich, joined us too. They had never heard of Pimms!!

Darcy was chosen by Councillor Cheema, the mayor of Slough and a Colnbrook resident, to be her chaplain. We were delighted to hold the Civic Service and celebrate



harvest in St. Thomas' on 6th October. The service was very well attended by civic dignitaries, Slough and Colnbrook councillors and local residents. It was very heartening to see people from different faiths and none attending our church. People brought an abundance of harvest gifts which were taken afterwards to the Slough Food Bank. This was very much appreciated by their team.





### 13th December

Carol singing round the clock followed by mulled wine and mince pies in church.

#### 15th December 3.30pm

The annual Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society. A candle lit service for everyone.

#### 22nd December

Holy Communion

#### 24th December Christmas Eve

4pm: Crib Service come and enjoy a fun and meaningful depiction of the Christmas story followed by mulled wine and mince pies

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

#### 25th December I I am

Christmas Eucharist

We wish everyone a Happy and Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful 2020

# Tolnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



## COLNBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

Join our group of local residents to meet with SBC, TVP and other agencies to work towards making our village a great place to live, work and play.



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## **Colnbrook Village Hall Trust**

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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 been to a play or musical production by Colnbrook's own theatre company C.A.S.T. or the events organised by the Colnbrook Residents Association? 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



CVHT is a Registered Charity Number 1003725

Colnbrook Village Hall is available for hire for;

- Weddings, Christenings, Anniversary and Birthday parties
- Please note that we do NOT accept bookings for either 18th or 21st Birthday parties
- Commercial use for training and seminars
- We can also organisations hiring the hall that cater for concerts, exercise classes, bazaars and other fundraising activities

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

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Ray Angell

Chair to the Colnbrook Village Hall Trust (CVHT)



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# Colnbrook with Doyle Parish Council



### www.pippins.slough.sch.uk

Pippins School had a fantastic start to the academic year, with a whole school trip to West Wittering. It was a successful visit. The sun was shining down on us. For some of our children it was their very first time on



a beach. It was lovely watching their faces light up, their feet touching the silky sand for the first time and toes dipping into the sea. It was well

worth watching their smiles and hearing their laughter across the beach. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Towards the end of the summer holidays, a large group of Heathrow Volunteers spent a day at Pippins School

and miraculously transformed our Early Years area into an area where trees and shrubs were tamed and contained, areas painted and our gardening area



looking more respectable. We were very thankful for their support and the day made a difference for us as a school.

Classroom and Playground Charters are up and running across the school, promoting a common understanding and use of language among our children focusing on the rights respecting schools ethos. The School Council lead the school, developing our work and taking on our UN Convention
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next journey, our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award, which is linked in with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Our School Harvest Assembly was joyful thankful. Thank you to all our children and Parents for their very kind donations. Our donations went to the Salvation Food Army. Our lovely flowers were given to all our helpful volunteers in the local community.

We've also been very lucky and Jason Robinson visited us in our assembly and came and talked to us about

his career and about staying healthy. Following on from this, the Year 5 and 6 children have fortnightly sport sessions run by Heathrow,



which the children thoroughly engage and enjoy.

Our children across the school have been very creative this Halloween. The children have been taking part in an inter house competition and earning house points for their Houses.



parents this term, who kindly gave up their time and put on a Halloween Disco for the Children. It was very successful and the children across the school had an amazing time.





It has already been a busy half term and Christmas is fast approaching.

We would like to wish everyone all the best, from all the staff and children at Pippins School.



Headteacher.



The Partnership has been quite active throughout the last year. We secured funding for landscaping Crown Meadow. A volunteer work group has been established to help keep the meadow as we would expect a wild nature reserve to be. Slough Borough Council along with Groundwork South have worked closely with the CCP on this project. A new notice board has been installed, at the entrance from Horton Road and along with the existing notice board further into the Meadow are information portals for the further works to be carried. The Environment Agency along with the CCP has also made a contribution to help with Maintenance cost up and until March 2020. After which the CCP has committed further funds to help with the maintenance for a further year. Much of this work hopefully will be appreciated by both our residents and those who work within Colnbrook.

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 and a contribution towards the new archive store to be situated at the Village Hall.

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

- Slough Borough Council
- Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council
- Grundon Waste Management Groundwork South Heathrow Airport.

In this form we have, since been working since 2006, and 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 Crown Meadowboth are assets of SBC but enjoyed by local residents. We have also had new LED Floodlights put in at Pippins Park to illuminate the tennis court and the MUGA

Our Chair Katy Wallis has worked extremely hard in reading the Heathrow Consultation Document and putting together the reply from the Colnbrook Community Partnership on the document to Heathrow and getting it returned on time to Heathrow.

Most of our Trustees have been long term in service during the life of the Partnership, and we welcomed Katy Wallis last year as our Chair and Katy has brought a new perspective and dynamism to the group and we thank her for that.

Ray Angell

Hon. Secretary & Trustee

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## It's been another very busy year for the association.

### December 2018

The **Community Christmas Lunch** was once again held at the Marriott Hotel. There was a very good attendance and the event lived up to expectations. This is a smashing family event with everybody joining in with the singing after the meal. Father Christmas handed out presents and the children had a great time.



Our Chairman Sean Kelly entertaining the kids

The **Christmas Carols Sing Along** held next to the Jubilee Clock was another event where we worked together with The Colnbrook Community Partnership and St Thomas' Church. As ever there was singing, Father Christmas with mince pies and mulled wine in the church afterwards.

#### **February**

This month we held our first **Community Breakfast** with **Comedy Films** on the big screen in the Village Hall.

Lovely food, funny films and friendly conversation within our community made it a great morning for all those that attended.

#### March

It's always one of our best events when on the Saturday before Easter hundreds queue for the start of the **Easter Egg Hunt** in St Thomas' Quiet Garden.



This year the queue went a long way around the corner. About one hundred and thirty children plus their parents attended.



All the children enjoyed a run around and games.



They were all given a large chocolate egg and a soft drink as reward for cracking the hunt clues.

### **April**

It was back in 1994/5 that we were the primary organisation to press for a Parish Council to be formed in order to represent Colnbrook at a very local level when it was all due to move into Slough.

A **Meet The Candidates** event was something we have arranged before in order to let residents meet and question Candidates for the **Parish Council elections**. Whilst this time the public attendance was not very large we heard that every candidate was committed to serve and represent the people of Colnbrook. Although many were not residents in the Parish but qualified by living in parts of Slough within 3 miles of the Parish border they all undertook that they would become active members working for and with our community. In the event the elected council now has six such members. We should all help to encourage them to live up to their commitments.



#### May

A **Race Night** was arranged in the Village Hall with a near capacity attendance. Everybody enjoyed a flutter and a fish or burger and chips supper for just £6. The big winner of the evening walked away with £170.

#### July

**COLNFEST 19** saw hundreds and hundreds of people pour into the Glebe Lands behind St Thomas' Church who had once again partnered with the association to put on the event.



If you weren't there you certainly missed out. If you did attend you'll know what a great day it was.



With a full entertainment programme made up of mainly local acts and plenty to eat and drink it was a wonderful way to spend a summer's afternoon.

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Colnfest Donkey rides



The Scouts join in with the Bands



Performing Bees & Beekeeepers

#### **October**

This month we held our second **Community Breakfast** which once again was very well attended.



The Master Chef

Residents were treated to a lavish spread of cereals, porridge, fresh fruit, yogurts, pastries, croissants, toast, fruit juices, tea, coffee and a large cooked breakfast. This was all for the princely sum of only £5 **each**.

### **Future Events:**

By the time you read this newsletter we will have held our Skittles and Supper event in The Village Hall.

- Skittles & Supper 9th November
- History Event 23rd November
- Community Christmas Lunch at the Marriott Hotel Sunday 8th December.
- Christmas Carols Sing Along outside Ye Olde George 13th December.

The Colnbrook Residents Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Colnbrook Village Hall. Please come along, support us and make your suggestions. Volunteers are always welcomed and you will be working alongside a fun group of individuals with common aims.

You can contact me on: 07986 850052

On behalf of the committee made up of Jill Hood, Brenda Petit and myself we send our early but best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Chairman.



## Message from the Mayor

As you all know, I am elected as the Worshipful Mayor Of Slough in May 2019. Last year I planted 5 trees in Colnbrook from my CIF money (in Albany park).

In celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th birthday there will be 15 mature trees planted in the whole borough of Slough( one tree in each ward).

As the Mayor I have attended many events in Slough Borough and Berkshire area. I met so many people who work as volunteers for charities and organisations. I also visited many schools.

I have chosen Thames Valley Basics for the Mayors charity 2019-2020 please support the mayors charity if you can it will be appreciated.

Vicar Father-Darcy Chatterfield has been appointed as the Mayors Chaplin. Father Darcy is the vicar at St Thomas Church in Colnbrook as well. I am honoured to be the Mayor of Slough from Colnbrook with Poyle. Mayors Harvest Civic Service was held for the first time at St Thomas Church Vicrageway Colnbrook I am very privileged to have this opportunity.

As a councillor of Colnbrook with Poyle ward, I have received and done many caseworks till now.

I requested the council to put a Green Gym in Pippins Park which has now been installed. I am using my cif money for the project of Zebra crossing on Old Bath Road and Rodney way junction this is to ensure safety for pedestrians especially parents and children walking to school. I have also requested for extra car park spaces in Crown Meadow and for extra car park spaces in Rayners Close.

I dealt with many caseworks for example bus service to Heathrow airport this has been an ongoing casework which has finally been resolved we now have a bus service running to Common Road in order to get to the doctors surgery. It's an electric bus and is environmentally friendly. I have also dealt with other caseworks such as problems with school places, road works and implementing yellow lines for road and pedestrian safety on the corners of the side roads etc.

I hope you had a good Diwali & Bandi Chhor Divas and Bonfire night.

Congratulations to those who are celebrating Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th Birthday. I wish you all a Happy Gurpuab.

I also wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and for other events coming in weeks and months ahead.

Cllr Avtar Kaur Cheema

Mayor of Slough 07533060322













## **Breakfast with Santa!**

Have a Holly Jolly Breakfast and meet Santa in his grotto!

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## A Colnbrook History Event and Buffet Supper, with wine & soft drinks

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# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

### **Councillor Dexter Smith**

The best thing about being a councillor is that it presents opportunities where you find yourself in a position to give a little push to make something positive happen. I have used my dual-role as both a Borough and Parish Councillor to negotiate SBC renting out a permanent office for the Parish Council at Westfield Hall, and to gain permission for establishing a memorial peace garden on a Highways' grass verge at Dickens Place, by the Punchbowl in Poyle, where the Parish Council located one of its two Armistice Centenary "Tommies" last year.

The office will make the Parish Council more accessible to residents, and will over time – I am sure – lead to a number of enhancements of that Brands Hill facility. At the "peace garden", the Heathrow Rangers installed one of the two special Remembrance Benches we purchased last year, stored courtesy of former Councillor Mick Kinane at his Speedway Farm; Mr Vijay Prashar, owner of the Heathrow Yard, kindly donated flagstones for the seating area and a pathway to it. The Rangers put in flower beds and a picket fence donated by HAL.

Heathrow Airport Ltd (HAL) and Keep Britain Tidy recently finished off their installation of gateway features at either end of the Village with flower boxes that are an attractive compliment to them – "big brothers" to the flower boxes they have put out across our Village – I have been pleased to work with them on these beautification projects.

Another of my priorities is road safety — I have supported the Westfield Residents Association in requesting the removal of three parking bays on Trent Road which obstruct visibility and form an unnecessary obstacle around which traffic entering and leaving the Westfield Estate must manoeuvre. Likewise, both I and Borough Cllr Avtar Cheema are using some of our SBC "councillor budgets" to fund a zebra crossing on the Old Bath Road by Rodney Way particularly to help those on the south side to safely get to and from Pippins School and Pippins Park; I would like to thank UCH Logistics for very kindly contributing £3000 towards this project, which I hope will be underway shortly.

### **Councillor Kashan W Bennett**

My name is Kashan W Bennett, I'm the first Pakistani Christian who is elected as a Councillor in Berkshire and overall the 4th in the UK. It's my first year and already I'm involved in lots of projects. I'm also elected Chair of the services committee.

Although I live out of village but I feel myself a part of this community who has given their votes to me. God willingly I will do my best as a Councillor. Keep me in your prayers. God bless.

### **Councillor Oakley**

I have thoroughly enjoyed and learnt from my time so far as a parish councillor, and indeed my first time as an elected representative of local government. I've since become the vice chair of the services committee, and used this significant platform to explore the environmental/communal impact of the Heathrow expansion as well as the general harm that's being done to the precious piece of Colne Valley Regional Park our parish occupies.

Just as the engagement of the community is critical in saving our environment, I've sought to boost the community's involvement with our activities for its own sake by helping design the new social media strategy and bringing this strategy in to the parish website developed by some of my colleagues.

I look forward to bringing this vision and hopefully my specific expertise to the residents of Colnbrook with Poyle in 2020.

### **Councillor Joycelyn John**

Firstly I would like to thank all the residents, CRA, CCA, 50's club, Wives group and all current Councillors, the former Chairs, community groups, local and neighbouring residents for their support and encouragement during and throughout the local campaign and to be re- elected as one of our local Parish Councillors within Colnbrook and Poyle.

As a Parish Councillor I respect and implemented the Nolan principles of public life, as follows Selflessness, integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership skill sets.

Since my official engagement I have help and work with local residents with the following caseloads consisting of residency, migration related issues, local businesses engagement, aggressive and abusive ABS with a satisfactory closure of which the residents were relieved, along with implementation of health and wellbeing advice on the processes on how to access and use the choose and book and referrals services of which they were grateful and fully receptive for my input and guidance due to time sensitivity in some cases.

I consider myself a true village community connector and since being adopted over 30 years, I will endeavour to engage and connect in the correct areas, or systems within my area of expertise continuing to add constructive and strategic value where necessary.

We have assets, in organisations, businesses, people, institutions and skills which is rather rare for many other Parishes or surrounding areas which needs to be recognised and signposted for all to see and read.

The Museum project which I am lead to comprehend is in work progress, will be the Crown for the village as it can be in added value, residual income and become a tourist attraction for guest staying within the local area and a selling point for the hotels and Inns.

I have become more involved and familiar with the processes of the SBC (Slough Borough Council). I am working as part of the Co-Production on the Adult Social Care and the Health & Social Care Partnership Board, which I consider a privilege to be involve within as it is another added informative valued asset for the community, as I can deliver updated and relevant information to our residents and outreach throughout...

Conclusion: I consider myself as an everyday evolving Councillor, and will endeavour to continue to engage as I do on a daily basis and remain vigilant to any related community issues and concerns within and around the outreach areas.

## **Meet the Councillors**

# Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

## **Meet the Councillors**

### Councillor Puja Bedi

Its been another amazing year, with challenges which I am enjoying and I also have a great team to work with.

I continue to meet with Heathrow, Network Rail, SBC, TVP, the EA, our Ward Councillors and our Mayor.

I remain committed to continuing to work with the community groups across our parish to ensure the parish council remain connected to all groups and their concerns.

I continue to support both schools and the scouts group, as I am passionate about our youth and believe that supporting these causes is a positive action towards helping our children, enjoy whilst learning.

Having supported and organised the keep Colnbrook Tidy scheme in September this year, I intend to continue our remit to keeping where we live a better place to live, work and play.

I have represented our Parish by attending the Mayors Harvest Festival Church Service and presented awards to children at both Pippins School and the Church of England School, and through invitations from SBC, TVP, and our MP Adam Afriyie.

Going forward I am starting to plan for our VE day celebrations for May next year, especially after the success of the WWI event of last year.

Once again this year I have co-ordinated our festive lighting and Christmas trees. Going forward the Parish Council have secured 2 more sites for festive Christmas trees, and I hope to have one over in the Westfield Estate and the other outside the entrance to Sovereign Heights. Exciting for 2020! I will However try for 2019.

In 2020 I look forward to working on a project to modernise our recreation ground, with your input.

A flag will be raised this month to mark our commemoration of Remembrance in our grounds.

You will see poppies on our lamp posts across the Village, Westfield Estate, Brands Hill and Sovereign Heights, to remember those that fell to protect us and for those that continue to protect us.

On Sunday 10th November 2019 we launched our Memorial Garden at Dickens Place, something that I have helped to support in conjunction with Heathrow, it was followed by a Parade through our village to St Thomas' Church where a service was held in remembrance of our Heroes, followed by cake and tea!, it was lovely to see the Scouts group support the event and so many residents too.

I am working with both schools to plant saplings with our memorial bench in the New Year, details of which will follow in Spring next year, please join us, updates will be available on both our Facebook and web pages once dates have been confirmed.

I will continue to engage with our community groups, the multi agencies and stakeholders and report back at our meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of every month (except August & December when the PC is in recess) in our public session. Everyone is welcome.

I welcome suggestions and love talking to you when you stop me for a chat or a phone call, please continue to do that as with your input I can achieve more, more for us.

Thank you for having the confidence and faith in me to reelect me, its an honor and a pleasure, I remain committed to serving our village.

Wishing you and your loved ones, peace this Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2020

## Mike Nye

It is was with great sadness that we learnt that our friend, former councillor and 2017 Community Cup Winner Mike Nye passed away on 6th November 2019.

Mike had been suffering from cancer and after a short illness he very sadly passed away. He was brave to the end and will be sorely missed in our village and beyond. Below is a paraphrase from the text from the nomination made by about Mike when out of nine worthy candidates he won the Colnbrook Community Cup.

Colnbrook with Poyle are lucky to have someone like Mike Nye looking out for residents. In giving up so much time for the community, he is always a consummate professional, passionate and service driven. He Inspires change, helps develop residents' ideas and their solutions. He is ambitious, dynamic and resourceful; this innovative approach produces winning results.

Mike Nye has been a resident for almost four decades and has been involved in a lot of projects in Colnbrook with Poyle and is an ex councillor.

The Colne Valley's "hidden but vulnerable treasures" is what inspired Mike to get involved with the pressures on the park as he saw it summed up by Colnbrook's own "traffic mayhem" – " with queues of huge lorries causing chaos trying to get into a small petrol station", the BP opposite his home in Willow Close.

Mike campaigned against the proposals for a Slough International Freight Exchange, SIFE, which would have had a great impact on our community and the Green Belt. He also addressed the HS2 Select Committee at Westminster, making the case for mitigation of the impact of the Heathrow Express depot at Langley.

While Mike was a councillor he won the argument for Colnbrook with Poyle to stay unchanged, forcing the Boundaries Commission into a rethink on their recommendations to merge the village into a combined Colnbrook & East Langley ward.

His funeral will take place at St Thomas' Church, Colnbrook at 11.00 am Monday 25th November.

All his friends in the community send their condolences to his wife Maggie.

### Peter Hood

Former Chairman of Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council



#### Mid September 2019

Mike with the Commemorative, Colnbrook, Wilkinson Sword. Mike was the first person to hold the sword in Colnbrook after it was collected from the current owner.

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### **Believe and Achieve**

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new acting Head Teacher at Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School. Having worked at Lynch Hill School in various roles for 17 years, I was excited but a little nervous. We have a new Deputy Head as well, Louise Clarke.

I have had a fantastic start to the term. The pupils, staff, parents and community have been incredibly welcoming and supportive. I am struck by how proud they are of the school and the village and it is a pleasure to be a part of it.

It has been a busy start back to school this academic year and we have, as always, plans in place to make Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School the best it can be.

As always, we have great support from the Hilton Hotel Terminal Five, who provide attendance rewards for classes, buy the hoodies for our residential trips, provide rewards for our School Council and Prefects and bring the Easter Bunny and Father Christmas to visit us each year. We are very grateful to them and, in particular, to Caroline Lowe, who is also one of our governors. We are also supported by the Parish Council, as are Pippins School. They kindly provide awards for the children at the end of each term and give us a generous donation each year to benefit pupils.

Our Year 5 pupils at the recent community 'litter

pick.'

Our Year 5 pupils recently supported the local area by helping with a community litter pick. Year 3 and 4 loved the trip to the Roald Dahl Museum. The staff at the venue commented on such good levels of behaviour and intelligent questioning.

We have lots of upcoming and exciting trips planned with the pupils. Year 2 are off to Wellington College to learn and celebrate the

Roald Dahl's writing chair at the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden.

Harvest festival. Year I and Year 5 will be heading over to Eton College for various workshops that they offer.

One of our aims for this year is to continue to build on and develop the curriculum we offer to our pupils. We aim to provide a wide range of enriching opportunities that utilize the local resources and environment that inspire and engage pupils and stretch beyond the academic, enabling children to access greater opportunities. To achieve this, we work closely with our neighbours at Heathrow Airport to offer our pupils unique learning experiences.

We also have some fabulous facilities and space at Colnbrook Primary School. We will be turning a patch of unutilised field into an outdoor learning space, rich with opportunities for our pupils to explore, grow and develop curiosity for the natural environment.

We welcome visitors to the school and we hope to hold a few events this year that will promote and show off our lovely little school. The first event is the Christmas Santa Dash around the village on 17th December - we hope to see you all there.

Hannah Gates



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### **Colnbrook Scout Group**

Would you be willing to give a couple of hours a week to help young people in our village enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential? It's not just young people who can get in on the action. Working alongside our youth members are a dedicated team of adult volunteers, with a variety of roles and opportunities available. No previous experience is required and all applicable training will be provided

Colnbrook Scout Group has three sections and we are looking for adults to work within all 3 sections:

- Beavers Scouts 6-8 years, Friday 6-7.15pm
- Cubs 8-10 years, Monday 6.30-8pm
- Scouts 10-14 years, Friday 7.30-9.30pm

### **INTERESTED?**

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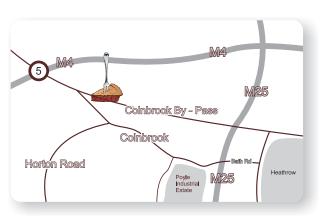


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