

June 2024



NEWS & EVENTS FROM COLLINGHAM, HAREWOOD & LINTON

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Collingham and Linton Remembers

EXTRAORDINARY STORIES OF RESIDENTS IN WORLD WAR 2.

An Illustrated Talk

with War Time Supper and
Display of Village History

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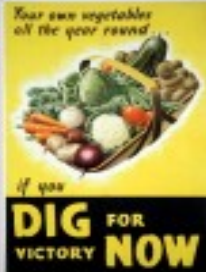
Commemorative Beacon

Find out about events that shaped the lives
of local residents and learn how you could
investigate the history of your own family

Friday 7th June at 7pm

Collingham Memorial Hall

Free Entry



Commemorating D Day
Details on Page 3

Welcoming our young people into church



It has been lovely to have already had half a dozen baptisms at St Oswald's this year and more waiting in the wings! First to enjoy a splash in the font this year was little Olivia Grace Isobel Kinsella who has been coming to join in our Sunday worship since she was just 4 weeks old. We celebrated her Baptism, with Mummy (Kate), Daddy (James), other members of her family and friends and the church family of St Oswald's, in February.



A recent 'All Age' Service when we were exploring Jesus saying **"I am the Vine; You are the Branches"** - with the church full of children and people of all ages.



From the Vicarage



Those of you who have not yet given Collingham Community Cinema a go – you are missing a treat. Back in January there was a showing of “The Great Escaper”, starring the two greats, Michael Caine and the late Glenda Jackson. It tells the story of the 89-year-old World War II Veteran, who having failed to secure an official place on a trip to mark the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in 2014 decided he would get there on his own! Based on the true exploits of Navy Veteran Bernard Jordan who absconded from the Care Home in which he lived with his wife, the film explores the themes of war and loss, love and memory, regret and hope.

The anniversary around which the story is based was now a decade ago and this month, June 2024, will mark the 80th Anniversary of the 1944 D-Day landings when around 150,000 men landed on five separate beaches in Normandy. Historians often refer to this significant and pivotal event as “**the Beginning of the End of the War**”. But on D-Day alone, as many as 4,400 were killed (*soldiers, sailors, airmen, coastguard men*) from the combined Allied forces and some 9,000 were wounded or missing.

In 2024, any gathering of Veterans will necessarily be few and far between. But in a year, and a time, when the world seems perhaps more fragile and volatile than ever, this anniversary serves to remind us of our longing for an end to War and our longing for a flourishing of Peace.

Towards the end of “The Great Escaper”, there is a tender moment between the Veteran, who has returned from his ‘escape’ as something of a local hero, and his wife. Seventy years on, he shares with his wife the pain he has carried for 70 years – his sense of grief surrounding the loss of a fellow comrade who died on the beaches, and his sense of guilt at returning to his own life. With love and wisdom his wife tells him,

*“It wasn’t your fault he was killed on the beach. It wasn’t then, and it isn’t now - and I tell you this, we have never wasted one second of our time together. All right, we’ve only done **normal, little, everyday things**. But, by God, we did them **well**.”*

On **Thursday 6th June** our Church Bells here in Collingham (newly refurbished thanks to the generous donations of people nearby and further afield) will be sharing in the nation’s, “**Ringing for Peace**” at 6.30pm.

On **Sunday 2nd June** our 10am Eucharist will focus upon “**Praying for Peace**”. Through Readings, Music, Silence & Sacrament we will add our **normal, little, everyday prayers** to the great tide of prayer which cries out for the **healing** and the **well-being** of our world, and we will ask for ourselves the **strength**, the **love** and the **wisdom** to use aright the gift of the life we have been given, and to **live well**.

Carolyn (Vicar)



Village Groups and Societies

Collingham Community Cinema

Our next presentation on Friday 14 June, of 'Wicked Little Letters' with Olivia Coleman, promises to be more light hearted but no less engaging. We look forward to seeing you in the Methodist Hall. Check the website for details www.collinghamcinema.org. **See Inside Back Page**

Collingham Retired Men's Forum

The Collingham retired men's forum has 'broken up' for the summer, to use a phrase more usual among school children. We don't meet again until early September when we will gather in the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesdays at around 10 am. I will remind everyone of this nearer the time of course. We have really enjoyed meeting up during the winter and early spring and have been delighted by a plethora (lovely word) a plethora of excellent speakers. As always we have been grateful for the support of the Methodist Church members.



Being old guys we are unfortunately used to illness among our members but we have been rocked to the core by the more or less sudden death of our friend, and speaker finder John. A really kind and gentle man. We deliberately avoid calling ourselves retired gentlemen because we are just chaps really. However if we had called ourselves gentlemen, John would certainly have qualified.

The term, to use another schoolboy word, ended with our spring lunch when fifty odd of us met for lunch at the Bridge. The Bridge Inn did us proud and it was very successful. We will be having an excursion in June to lunch (again !) on the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway. We are fortunate in having a plethora (that word again) of preserved steam railways in our locality and in having one of our members who is well versed in their organisation. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a pleasant summer.

Patrick Dawson



90 year old Keith's fundraiser for Wetherby in Support of the Elderly

A Sponsored Walk of Hadrian's Wall

Keith Wilkinson will be walking the length of Hadrian's Wall starting on 28th May to raise money for Wetherby in Support of the Elderly.



This organisation aims to improve the quality of life for the over 60s by providing community based activities, information, help, advice and support. Their mission is to reduce loneliness, social and isolation and improve well-being for the older generation in the Wetherby area.

To support this good cause please go to Just Giving:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-wilkinson-hadrians-wall>



Commemorating D Day at Collingham Memorial Hall Friday 7th June

Please see the Poster on the front cover

7pm: Alan's Illustrated Talk will start in the Green Room

8pm: War Time Supper, with recipes from the era. This will be a simple pie and peas type meal with vegetarian option.

There will be a **Display of Maps and Pictures** showing what was going on in the villages during and after WW2.

8.45pm: Parish Council Beacon will be lit as part of the National Commemorations of D Day, with music by Collingham Band

This event is open to everyone and entry is free. You can come for all or any part of the evening. However if you would like supper it would be very helpful to the caterers if you could let them know whether they are catering for 5 or 500!!

Please send an email to Diana: diana.r.lee1@gmail.com
or Alan: berry4hollybush@outlook.com



Linton News

With Shirley Lawrenson

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Kevin Frisby after a long and devastating illness. His devotion to the village was acknowledged by the flying at half mast of the flag on the Memorial Hall. His ready smile and the fortitude with which he and Jules managed to cope through the truly difficult times will be remembered by us all.

No Mow May is hopefully having an impact on the insect population; this has been particularly noticeable this spring. They should have been helped by the spectacular dandelions on the roadside verges and the resplendent hawthorn trees which really thrive in our village.



The tennis courts have been spruced up ready for the new season. Be quick though because the longest day will soon be upon us.



The bluebells in Middleton Woods were absolutely at their best for our April walk. We will be continuing our walks throughout the summer with the aim to alternate a local walk with one that goes a bit further afield. The coffee mornings will likewise continue, too.

The Antique Society revived the annual coach outing and a coachful of members and friends enjoyed a really memorable visit to Wentworth Woodhouse. Another trip the following week was made to Hardwick Hall. A lot of hard work goes into the organising of these events and we were all truly grateful to Alison for all the hard work involved to make such a lovely experience for us all. We have really missed these informative and happy occasions.

Charity fundraiser – jigsaws and help required!

We are holding a jigsaw sale to raise funds for Candlelighters, a Yorkshire charity that supports the families of children with cancer. Do you or your family or friends have any jigsaws you are able to donate to this great cause?

The jigsaws need to be either new or in a very good condition (no broken boxes please!) and need to have no pieces missing. Jigsaws for all ages are welcome! Please contact scalane1949@gmail.com or corinnedicker@yahoo.co.uk to arrange a collection or drop off point or to ask any questions.



The sale will be on 5th October in Bardsey Village Hall from 9.30am – 4.30pm. We will be selling hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits, so if you would be happy to make cakes or biscuits for the event, or if you could spare some time to volunteer to help make the event a success on the day, please do get in contact!

Many thanks, *Sarah and Corinne.*



**from
Collingham and District Royal British Legion**

In addition to the marvellous donations made by everyone to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, the Collingham and District Branch of the Legion have held various fund-raising events over the past few years. Everyone's generosity at these events has meant that in the last five years we have been able to make donations of £8,000 to the Royal British Legion Lister House - a care home in Ripon for ex-service personnel and their spouses. After this year's contribution from the branch of £2,500, the chairman of the Lister House Amenities Team has written to the Branch asking us to pass on his message:

"I am delighted, yet again to write to thank the Committee and members of the Collingham and District Branch for another most generous donation, for which we are so grateful. Our work continues unabated as our beneficiaries' needs expand and become more complicated. In addition, we have several major projects in the pipeline. At every turn we seek to find ways of improving our beneficiaries' lives at Lister House.

Raising £2,500 is a tremendous achievement. Accordingly, I should be most grateful if you would pass on our thanks to all your members for everything they did to fund this exceptional donation. As always, you may also reassure them that as our Amenities Team has no overheads, every penny will be applied directly to the benefit of our residents."

LINTON MEMORIAL HALL – Weekly Activities

All bookings and enquiries – Adele – 07899 841963 or
bookings@lintonmemorialhall.org

Cherry Tree Montessori Nursery	Denise Naylor Julie Curtis	Mon, Wed & Fri 09:00 - 13:00 Tues & Thurs 09:00 – 15:00	01937 586227
Yoga	Shirley Wood	Monday 19.30-21.00	07787842150
Pilates	Lindsey Jackson	Wed 09:00 – 12 noon	01937 520174
Antique Society	Judy Cooper	2 nd Thursday in every month	0113 3451815
Tennis Club	Chris Wood	By arrangement	01937 586318
Linton Village Society	Tony Riall	By arrangement	tonyriall83@gmail.com
Creative Re-enactment Society	Lesley McNee	Wednesday 18:30- 21:30	Private Booking
Baby Ballet	Doreen Ladley	Monday 15:00 – 17:00	07970 218941
Speaking Group	Chris Clisseett	Alternate Thursdays	07976359129
Tango Dance Class	Antony Tabor	1 st Friday in month	07747258800

From the Methodist Church



Prayers are answered.

Recently I came across the following article which I had written for a church magazine around 20 years ago.

“Publicised today there are many daily Bible readings and prayer guides for us to use and enhance our daily walk with the Lord. Just as we need food for our physical bodies, so we need food i.e. daily prayer and Bible reading for our spiritual growth and nourishment. Maybe you have heard of some of these, maybe you use one regularly; Every Day with Jesus, Daily Bread, UCB Word for today to name a few. Another one is The Upper Room and the following article, based on John Chapter 20 was written for this booklet for Saturday 23rd October 2004:

After a church service, a woman asked to speak to me. We found an empty bench outside the church building, in the graveyard. It wasn't exactly the comfortable setting of a counselling room, but it reinforced the problems she talked about. Her marriage was dead, and she was trying to make sense of her situation and to grieve her loss. Hearing her story was difficult; she couldn't see a future, and she had lost her past. Darkness was beginning to take hold of her.

Then I noticed again where we were sitting, and I mentioned the Easter story; and her face began to shine with understanding. In the bible story Mary came near the tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ. He had meant much to her. He had become her friend and had given her purpose and hope for the future. Now all that seemed to be lost. Mary was confused, angry, heartbroken. She might have felt betrayed. But then Jesus gently, called her name and brought her to life and renewed hope. Suddenly in that graveyard life became worth living again because Christ still cared for her.

Together my friend and I sat on a bench in the graveyard. I offered her the comfort of Christ's resurrection. Mary's story calls us through our grief, into living again.

Prayer: Christ Jesus, come to those who know the anguish of grief and need to know your resurrection. Call their names and restore their faith so that they can live anew. Amen". F. Ballentine.

A friend of mine wrote that article and I am the woman concerned. I remember the afternoon well. At that time, I felt my whole world had collapsed. Further along in the article I had written. “A few years later, I visited a close friend of many years. As we talked she went to fetch her Bible and produced a small piece of paper and began to read out a list of prayer requests she had written down at the beginning of the year. As she proceeded to go down the list she said, “Yes I can tick that, yes and that one, still waiting for that”. Then she read, “For the healing of Eileen's broken heart, and that she might find joy and love again”.



She had tears in her eyes, as she looked at me, and then added, "I can now tick that one!"

We hugged each other, and I thought how lovely that my friend had been praying for me. Yes, I had met someone who had come into my life, and now, here in 2024, this last month my husband and I celebrated our wedding anniversary. Isn't God good, if only we can continue to trust Him even in the valleys of the darkness? Let's remember God hears all our prayers and answers each one. Admittedly sometimes we

have to wait a long time for our prayers to be answered, and we may not always receive the answers we want, but again let's remember God sees the bigger picture and knows what is best for us.

At times it is good to look back and remember where we used to be, then give thanks for where we are today, and trust God for the future.

God bless

Eileen

Social Events at Collingham Methodist Church:

Friends and Flowers on 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm.

Bacon Brunches on the 2nd Monday of the month, 10.30am.

Coffee and Chat on the 4th Monday each month at 10.30am.

From St Oswald's Registers:-



Baptisms:

Sunday 21st April 2024

**Dawid Johannes Malan
Mathilda Lena Lawrence-Lindgren**

Sunday 5th May 2024

Arthur James Charles Bateman

Funerals:

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 **Eva Ellison**



JUNE SERVICES & ACTIVITIES @ ST OSWALD'S

All are most welcome to the church's regular or occasional events

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 2nd JUNE <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) "Praying for Peace" <i>Eucharist</i>
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	<i>Eucharist (said)</i>
Thursday 6th	6.30pm	"Ringing for Peace" <i>Bell-Ringers</i>
Friday 7th	10am 11.30am	'Teddy Praise' <i>Methodist Church Hall</i> <i>Story, Activity, Song & Fun for</i> <i>pre-schoolers and car-</i> <i>ers</i>
Sunday 9th <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.00am	<i>Said Eucharist</i> <i>Sung Eucharist</i>
Wednesday 12th	9.30am	<i>Eucharist (said)</i>
Sunday 16th <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.00am	<i>Said Eucharist</i> <i>Sung Eucharist</i>
Wednesday 19th	9.30am	<i>Eucharist (said)</i>
Friday 21st	9.30am	LEH School Class Worship (<i>Reception</i>)
Sunday 23rd <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.00am	<i>Said Eucharist</i> ALL AGE WORSHIP
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	<i>Eucharist (said)</i>
Sunday 30th <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.00am	<i>Said Eucharist</i> ALL AGE EUCHARIST
Wednesday 3rd JULY	9.30am	<i>Eucharist (said)</i>

News from the Churches

Headstones in St Oswald's Churchyard

It is the responsibility of the churchwardens to ensure the Health and Safety of those entering the Church and churchyard. We ensure that all Health and Safety issues are dealt with and as part of that we undertake a regular check of the safety of headstones in the churchyard. As the result of a recent check it has sadly been necessary to lay down stones where we can, marking others with hazard tape in preparation for further work.

We would request that if a family should find their stone to be one of these, that they seek the advice of a local monumental mason to make them secure.



Please take care when walking around the churchyard. If you need further information please contact by email;

st.oswalds.churchwarden@gmail.com

Tim Wood/John Newby



Teddy Praise

Friday 7th June
10am

Collingham Methodist Church Hall

For Pre-School age children
and their carers

Amy Lowe: amylowe50@gmail.com

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The Methodist Church

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Eileen Clarkson, Lay Pastor. Email: eileencoombe@hotmail.com
Please contact Eileen if you would like to book the Methodist Hall



June News Update

We would like to welcome new Councillor Scott Bascombe to the Parish Council. Scott lives in Collingham with his wife and young family and is looking forward to his new role. He has a particular interest in air quality in the villages and is already in the process of organising pollution and air quality assessments in specific areas. We will be reporting back on this once we have detailed information. Scott explains why he thinks joining the Parish Council is a valuable thing to do:

'I have decided to join the Parish Council as I am passionate about our villages and hope to make a difference for the better. I do really love where we live and am keen to help out with some of the issues we are currently being challenged with. I have a background in Construction Project Management and hope that my experience can assist the team with delivering projects in the years to come. I am keen to get involved with the Highways issues and the interface with the school to support our community.'



Beck Wood Car Park: The Parish Council have decided to trial closing the car park at Beck Wood for a weekend when the weather is fine, which we hope will deter those who may be inclined to anti-social behaviour. We have tried many other strategies over the years, including double yellow lining outside the woodland to deter illegal parking. We have asked the police on many occasions to patrol the area, but the issues are tied to fine weather and the police are not always available. We will review the trial taking into account all comments from residents. Please do let us have your views.

Speeding Vehicles: The Parish Council continue to be concerned about the number of vehicles speeding through our villages. As many of you will be aware, we have a number of Speed Indication Devices (SIDs), which effectively monitor the problem.

Our objective with the SIDs is to remind and inform drivers when they have exceeded the speed limit, as well as collect data about the volume and speed of vehicles entering and exiting the village. This data will then help us demonstrate the severity of the situation to the Police and local authorities.

Our latest data for April continues to reveal concerning trends. On Linton Lane the number of vehicles remains similar to March. The numbers exceeding the speed limit in is recorded at 36%. The top speed recorded was 68mph which is very consistent with other months. Leeds Road vehicle numbers are still higher than December to February and only slightly less than in March. The percentage exceeding 30mph is lower than previous months but is still at 35%. The top speed was 77mph which is a record but may have been an emergency vehicle. The SID outside of Piccolinos recorded car numbers as similar to other months. Speeding is consistent with the percentage exceeding 30mph just over 24%. The top speed was 74mph which is up from last month. 31% of drivers broke the speed limit going up Harewood Road which is slightly up on last month with a top speed of 67mph which is similar to previous months. Just over 14% broke the speed limit coming down Harewood Road, which is up slightly on last month with the top speed at 71mph, which is slightly less than last month.

Councillor Vacancies: Ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? Please join us and help make a difference in your community! Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month from 7.00-9.00 at either Collingham Memorial Hall or Linton Memorial Hall. Come along and observe a meeting or chat with an existing Councillor.

Please contact the Clerk for more information at tinaw@collinghamlintonparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 0113 2893624. www.clpc.info

Bridgewood Green : Miller Homes has provided the following contact details. We are aware that these numbers are not always answered but Miller Homes have assured us they will put measures in place to improve their availability:

Senior Site Manager – John Rowan 07743 976 066
Head Office – Emma Wigham on 0870 3364600
Assistant Site Manager – Martyn Wilson on 07742405556
Miller Respect Help Line 08000836867 (Out of Hours)

Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson remains the main point of contact should your query not be resolved: ryan.stephenson@leeds.gov.uk

Crime statistics for March: Five crimes recorded in Collingham. One crime recorded in Linton. Please look out for your neighbours when they are away. Empty homes can be targeted. Report anything suspicious as you see it.

Please see police website for tips on crime prevention:
[Advice and information | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)



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Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council has its own Facebook page: **Collingham with Linton Parish Council**. We post information regularly about the work we undertake and publish information about issues affecting Collingham and Linton. Please do visit the site and check posted information regularly.



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Website

For further details and information about the work of the Parish Council, please go to www.clpc.info



Collingham School News

I was fortunate to attend Collective Worship recently where three professional rugby league players who run a foundation called 'Talk Your Walk', came to talk to the children and hold some workshops with Year 5 and 6. Jesse Sene-Lefao, Quentin Laulu-Togaga'e and Suaia Matagi have all played in the NRL in Australia as well as in England for Castleford Tigers in the Super League and now run the foundation to try and make positive changes to mindset and mental health.

They have a clear passion for supporting positive mental health and they are visiting schools to tell children about their life journeys, their professional challenges and to deliver some important messages about resilience and positivity. They also use the same language as the school's RESPECT Code: respect, family, togetherness, positivity, and empathy.

It was amazing for the children to hear stories and messages from successful sports stars who are open to talking about mental health, cultural differences and faith. The players spoke about their Samoan heritage, living in Australia/New Zealand and subsequently moving to the UK to

continue in their rugby careers. They said that this was hugely challenging for them to adapt to the cultural differences faced, but through displaying many important attributes, they were able to settle down and make this country their home.

The players led the whole school assembly, they taught the children a version of the Haka which ensured they were positive about themselves and ready to take on any challenge. Jesse, Quentin and Suaia had some lovely things to say about the school and the children. They loved the vision and values and felt that they were being lived out through the children's fantastic behaviour and attitudes. Well done boys and girls!

These important messages will help the children as next week Year 6 children begin their SAT's tests. The staff work very hard to make sure the children are not stressed by these tests and remind them that they can only do their best. Each day starts with breakfast at school and an opportunity to relax and overcome any anxiety they may be feeling. These tests are important to them as they transition to High School.

I would like to mention that the school requires some new Governors as existing Governors step down after many years of service. The role of the school Governor is very rewarding. You do not need to be a parent of a child to be a school governor, just a willingness to support the school and have a strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children.

For more information please contact:

Mary Wood (Chair of Governors) via the School Office



SAVE THE DATE

ST. OSWALD'S COMMUNITY SHOW

on

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2024

More information next month.....

The poster features several decorative elements: a stone castle illustration in the top left, a blue and red castle icon in the top right, a ribbon award icon with the number 1 in the middle right, and a BBQ icon with flames in the bottom right. On the left side, there are three small images: a bunch of carrots, a plate of tomatoes, and a plate of food.

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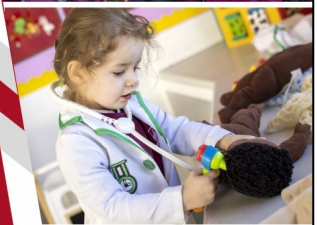
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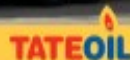
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