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The last month has seen the difficulties continue but we have some light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately the NG23 postcode has seen two deaths from COVID-19 and a number of our community have experienced what an awful illness it is to catch.

As the restrictions continue to be relaxed it is worth remembering not to succumb to the temptation to stretch it further. Each set of restrictions is a maximum, not a minimum. The virus has not gone away. The Nightingales remain on standby.

The way the community has pulled together has been fantastic. So many people have put others before themselves and taken calculated risks to ensure that as a parish, we got through the hardest times together.

We have had people delivering medications, others befriending and helping neighbours, Collingham Village Care helping where transport and shopping was required, the pharmacy staff keeping the medicine supply intact, the Co-op and One Stop carrying on serving us whilst they waited for screens, the newsagents and post office keeping us going, the butchers keeping us fed and amazingly, everyone had to work out at such short notice how they could minimise risk yet keep our community going. We've had people behind the scenes making masks, using 3D printers to make face shields for hospital staff, delivering food through the support group, even people travelling afar to find flour for us to bake bread and cakes. There are undoubtedly many others too who we're just not aware of, all doing their bit and we thank you all. We will hopefully have a chance soon to thank everyone properly when this is all over and we look forward to it.

On a lighter note, I don't think I've ever contributed to a Parish Council article without mentioning dog poo, so it would feel odd not to. Please pick up your dog's poo, put it in a bag, put it in one of the many bins whilst maintaining poocial distancing and then use antiviral gel for good measure.

Enjoy the sun!

Gillian French and Rick Hatton

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting are currently being held via video conference with extraordinary meetings being held on the second Thursday of the month (if required). The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.