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We begin this article with a huge thank you to our volunteer Flood Wardens and everyone involved in keeping our village and residents protected from the recent floods and note that as we go to print the flood signage has been removed and a clean-up team from NSDC and NCC is working on Carlton Ferry Lane.

Maureen Dobson, our District and County Councillor is leading a campaign to get all the Villages along the Trent valley to share information and best practice on flood protection. Additional flood warden volunteers are being sought to join the existing teams. An initial meeting is to be held at South Clifton Village Hall on Wednesday 8 April at 7.30pm. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Parish Council or go along to the meeting to hear first-hand what the role entails.

This year we are going to register via Keep Britain Tidy for the National Great British Spring Clean running between 20 March and 13 April. This couldn't be more timely as we clear up after the waters have receded. We would love to see involvement from as many residents as can attend to get our village looking clean, tidy and cared for once more. Events have been arranged for Saturday 28th March (Meet outside North Collingham Church on Low Street) and Saturday 11th April (Meet at Stockhill, junction of The Green/Low Street/Church Street). Both events will start at 10 am and it is anticipated will finish around noon. Please see notice boards and the website for more details of how you can get involved with this event and for the Best Kept Village competition to be held later in the year.

The Parish Council has been approached by the MOD to ask if they would like to sign up to an Armed Forces Covenant if this was to be adopted then we would need to adopt an Ambassador, If this sounds like something you would like to volunteer for please contact the Parish Clerk.

An appeal from the Parish Council to all Collingham dog owners.

The recent floods have meant that more dogs have been walked around the village. Not a week goes by without the Parish Council receiving a complaint about the amount of mess left behind by dog owners failing to clear up after their dogs. Getting it on your shoe or the wheels of your pushchair is not a pleasant experience but more importantly if children come into contact with it, it can cause severe illness or even blindness.

PLEASE BAG IT AND BIN IT. SHOW PRIDE IN YOUR VILLAGE

Any bin will do it does not have to be a dedicated dog waste bin.

And finally, an important date for your diary. The official opening of the Trent Vale Trail (TVT) is set for Saturday 4 April at 10:30am. This fabulous trail is suitable for all age groups of walkers and cyclists and is pushchair and wheelchair friendly. Check the notice boards for full details.

Rosemary Fabian and Mike Lloyd

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:15pm. 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.