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April starts the celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. The whole programme through to June is available on www.royal.gov.uk. On April 21 it is hoped that beacons will be lit across the UK. Watch out for posters of the Collingham event. Information will be also be available on the website and 'What's on in Collingham' Facebook page.

Many people will celebrate June 12 with a street party; if you are planning to close your road information about this is available from Nottinghamshire County Council and on their website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk. Search terms for the website are 'The Queen's Birthday' or 'Event on or affecting a public road'. There is a form to fill in with details of your event. The County Council is advising everyone to do this as early as possible.

On the Newark and Sherwood District Council website, which is <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk> under the search term 'The Queen's birthday celebrations' there is a link to a government leaflet 'Your Guide to organising a Street Party', which has links to other sites and has lots of information about licences, publicity and insurance. It's all you need to know about organising a street party. Hard copies of this leaflet and the Nottinghamshire County Council forms are available, for reference, in Collingham Library.

Before you decide to have a street party would you look at the street name sign where you live, is it easy to read and in good condition? If it isn't would you please report it to me or the Parish Clerk. We would need to know its location, i.e. Lunn Lane at the junction with the High Street. It is important for many reasons that the names are legible whether you are walking or in a vehicle. It's not just for Best Kept Village judging, though that will probably be mentioned in future.

The Parish Council has many open access noticeboards throughout Collingham, and we are always complimented on them when Best Kept Village judging takes place. At some times of the year they get very full, so we would ask that if you put up a notice you take it down when your event has happened. If space is tight we give priority to notices for events in the parish and nearby villages, so please do not take down notices for events that haven't happened yet. 'Business' notices that are based in the parish or are linked to parish residents are allowed. All the Parish Councillors try to keep the noticeboards tidy and follow these guidelines. Event notices may be sent to the website and this is linked to the 'What's on in Collingham' Facebook page for wider circulation.

Rosie Scott

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, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough 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.