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It passes too quickly dear resident; summer that is! Many families will no doubt be re-adjusting to the new school year; grandchildren will reluctantly return home to doting parents with the general melee that early September brings settling into a norm.

September brings new life to village with the Collingham Show taking pride of place and let's hope we get great weather for this fine event. Please keep a keen eye out for ways in which one can take part in the show. Gentlemen, you could get your aprons to the ready and put your treacle tart baking skills to the test by entering the "Man in the Kitchen" competition; good luck to all competitors at the show!

Please also take time to note that The Tour of Britain is passing through the village on Wednesday the 6th September 2017; entering the village via Besthorpe on its route to the Sconce Park in Newark. We would again ask the village to support the Tour as it passes and if you could, please keep the High Street as clear of vehicles as much as possible on the day. For more info please see <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/tob/>

Congratulations to our village for coming in a very respectable second place in The Best Kept Village competition. A most remarkable achievement no less, especially from a standing start against some very stiff competition. We do however need to build upon this success if we are to become Best Kept Village and we would encourage all to keep up the goodwork in readiness for next year's participation in the competition. Our local garden centre would no doubt be pleased to see anyone wishing to update a border or re-invigorate their garden.

A great big thank you must go out the Collingham Scout Group for their help and support in this year's BKV competition. We hope their support will be available next year.

We are keen then as a Parish Council to promote a neighbourhood plan, but it is a considerable undertaking to put in place. We are keen for residents to become engaged in the development of a neighbourhood plan for our village and would ask any person interested to get in touch to find out how to help. For more info please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

The inaugural Friends of John Blow summer fund raiser was by all accounts very successful. We do hope that it is the first of many and becomes a regular feature on the Collingham social diary! Please now look out for Collingham's "October Fest" taking place on Saturday 14th October. Tickets, I understand, are in limited supply for this well attended lederhosen event!

As ever please do keep a keen eye out for the many events occurring over the next few months in the village, all from the wide and varied selection of fantastic local groups we have that work so hard to make Collingham the great village that it is! Finally, thank you for taking time to read this article and we look forward to updating you with more great news next month!

Have a great September, Best, *Lee Marshall*

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.