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This month the Parish Council article is being written by Val Wright and Rosie Scott:

Val Wright here: as Chair of the Association I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Tenants and Residents' meetings at William Bailey House. The meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. on the second Monday in every month. Everyone is welcome.

Inspire (previously Notts CC Library Service) would like Collingham Library to become a Community Partnership Library staffed by volunteers, with support from a Library Manager. There is an article about this in this month's Fleet, if you wish to volunteer. In fact, since 2010, Collingham has had a branch Library at William Bailey House every Tuesday morning, staffed by a volunteer, me. Opening times are 9.00 to 10.30. You can socialise, borrow books and get refreshments at our 'Not-so-Mobile Library'. This service became available when the mobile library stops were cancelled in Collingham and some residents couldn't carry their books backwards and forwards to the Library. A wide range of stock is provided by Inspire and changed regularly. I can only accept returned books which have been borrowed from the Not-so-Mobile Library. Please call in, it would be a pleasure to see you.

Rosie Scott takes over: preparations for the Armistice commemoration continue apace; the noticeboard at the Village Centre is now being used for posters and information - look for the poppies. Information is also available on the Parish Council website with links to Facebook. There is a list of events in another part of the Fleet, with new events added to the programme.

Following the Armistice Service you are invited to join the Parish Council at the Memorial Hall for refreshments. From 6.45 p.m., at Collingham Fire Station, we hope you will join the 'Battle's Over' a national tribute, to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice. You are invited to the U3A Music Appreciation Group's playing of WW1 music at 2 p.m. in the Mayfield Room.

The Remembrance Postcard Tree is now available at the Methodist Church. Specially designed postcards will be available for anyone who wishes to remember a family member lost in the war or simply to pen a few words. The postcards will then be displayed on a Remembrance Tree in the foyer of the Church. The 'Welcome to All' café is open on weekday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

You will notice that around the Parish 44 large poppies have been placed to remember those who died in WW1. Forty three men and one woman who lived in, or had connections to, the Parishes of North and South Collingham; in these two small communities these deaths would have affected everyone. It would have been the same in so many communities in the United Kingdom, the British Empire and in so many countries throughout the world. Many of those who served were told, and believed, this was the 'war to end all wars' and there would be 'homes fit for heroes'.

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.