

COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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We now have four public access defibrillators in Collingham, with the fourth one being sited at William Bailey House and linked to the EMAS (East Midland Ambulance Service) system. This means that if there is a 999 call from anywhere in the village EMAS will tell you the location of the nearest defibrillator and the code to open the box. The defibrillators are at the Cricket Club, the Fire Station, the Youth and Community Centre and William Bailey House (north, south, east and west of the village). Inside each case the defibrillator is contained in a small backpack and the machine guides you through everything you have to do, it won't work if the collapsed person doesn't need it. Also, the EMAS operator will stay on the phone talking you through everything until an ambulance or paramedic arrives.

Although the defibrillators may be used by anyone, we have been organising defibrillator information courses for anyone who is interested. If you would like to find out about defibrillators in a non-emergency situation please contact the Parish Clerk and we will organise more courses in the 2016.

The defibrillators were all bought with the donations given to the Parish Council by charities and residents and our thanks go to everyone who contributed. We would also like to thank Stella Herbert who volunteered to lead the first aid courses for residents from which the first donations came. Stella also organises the defibrillator courses for residents. Most courses are held at Collingham Fire Station and we thank them for their support in this, as in so many village ventures.

December seems to come round faster each year, and we shall soon be celebrating ADVENT LIGHTS AND CAROLS in the Village Centre on Sunday, December 6, starting at 5 pm. Mulled wine, mince pies, hot dogs, brass bands and singing and listening to carols, to get that real Christmassy feeling started.

Our thanks to all our residents, groups, clubs and charities who do so much to enhance the life of this Parish, thank you for all you do. With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Rosie Scott

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, second Thursday in December and as required in August. 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 7:30pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except for the 15 minutes prior to 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.