



Coleshill Town Council



Coronation Coach and "horse"



Coleshill Town Band played on the Croft

Report of the Town Council Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 17 April 2024



Red, white & blue Coronation Service



The Croft event ended with a bang (or two)

Above: Coronation Celebrations in May '23

Buildings

- The Community Centre has gone from strength to strength on bookings, and now has most weekdays in use, with broadband and WiFi available to hirers.
- All 3 buildings have been brought up to date with their Electrical Inspection Report testing and have been inspected for legionella procedures.
- The Old Market Hall is now the full rental responsibility of the Town Council with the lease transferred from the Civic Society. Toilet renovations are due in 2024.
- Councillors have agreed to make the Fifield Room at Town Hall more available



PAUL TONKINSON



Circuit legend and as seen on multiple TV shows including "Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow" BBC

JULIAN DEANE



Comedian and hit podcaster as seen on BBC, ITV, Comedy Central and Sky One

HANNAH SILVESTER



Midlands Comedy Awards Breakthrough Act

DAVE TWENTYMAN



One of the most in demand MC's in the country

Friday 1st September - 8.00pm

Ticket link

Earlybird £12

Any Q's? Call Harvey
07941 628247



Venue:

Coleshill Town Hall
B46 3BG

With licensed bar
& free parking
opposite



Coleshill
Drama
Group

Coleshill
on
Stage



Coleshill
Local
Vocals

for entertainment and performance, with more bookings planned for the Comedy Club, Coleshill Drama Drama Group, Coleshill on Stage and Local Vocals.

- A new Parent & Toddler Group has been established and proven to be a success.
- The Town Hall Warm Room (Tues to Thurs) continues to grow with the need to use the bigger room some days. The Community Centre one (Tuesdays) also grows with Healthy Heart sessions organised for the same day at the centre.

Outdoor Facilities

- The Coleshill Cricket Club completed an extension to the Pavilion and held an opening event.
- A number of trees have been cut back or reduced, in line with tree audits.

- The play equipment has been maintained, in keeping with annual RoSPA report recommendations.
- A new path has been provided in the Memorial Park, at the back of the Millennium Gardens (see below, left).
- There is a high demand for new ashes plots in the cemetery and a location for an additional row was found (see below, right).



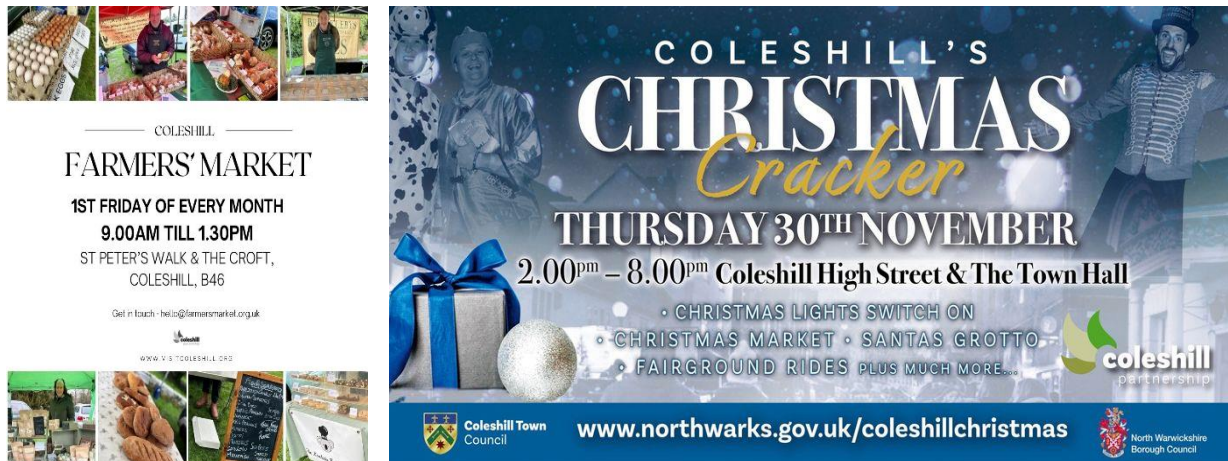
- There were helpers of all ages on a number of Autumn weekend planting trips to Station Road (below, left) to create the River of Bulbs in the Spring (below, right).



Partnership Working

- The main partnership event of the year has event was the celerations of King Charles III's Coronation (see front page).
- Continued great successes from Hub Volunteers (up to 16 now), continuing to signpost and assist local residents.
- The Hub supported a Warwickshire County Council Family History Group event.

- The council worked with Coleshill Community Partnership on some projects. The Partnership, in turn, helped publicise other groups like and Farmers' Market (left) and the Late Night Shop and Lights Switch On (right).



- There were donations of 2 defibrillators (PM Group) and a Bleed Kit (Anonymous).

Personnel

- The Mayor was Cllr. Tony Battle with Cllr. Sue Wallace as Deputy Mayor.
- Mr. Simon Toon returned in the position of Sergeant at Arms.
- Three people did not restand as councillors in May 2023: Messrs. Derek Axe, George Clayton and Malcolm Sparkes. Their places were taken by new Councillors Alistair Brett, Michael Ford-Terry and Ian Tomkinson.
- Dr. Megan Davies left the role as Projects Coordinator, having previously worked for the Community Hub Trust and then the Council, as Hub Coordinator. Ms. Gail Baker-Jones joined as a part-time Receptionist (4 mornings).

Civic Matters

- The Remembrance Service saw Reverend Sarah Tillett leading her first service, and a strong civic and dignitary attendance. Road closure and new shorter route organising (from Chantry House) was handled by Zoe Hillcox, Deputy Town Clerk.
- New Coleshill bespoke bench installations were funded through the Warwickshire Towns Network and went into Station Road, The Croft and Ennersdale Green.
- The Christmas Fair was a success - donations of Selection boxes and "Bluey Toys".



- Key traditional events took place as usual, such as the Ale Taster visits (below left) and Late Night Shop and Lights switch on (below right).



- The Mayor's Barn Dance (below) was a major event for charity fund raising.



Planning

- The Council has incorporated planning consultation discussion as part of its regular Town Council agenda, greatly assisted by Cllr. Richardson's previewing applications.
- Despite the HS2 Phase 2a being cancelled, work continues in the Coleshill and Water Orton area and the flyover towers are in place (below left).
- There were a number of Special Management Zone meetings (assisted by the Council's representatives Barry Moore, Derek Axe and Peter Rafferty) and BBV Ltd continued to run drop in events at their Town Hall and Community Centre.
- The Green Man Crossing proposals for lights and No Right Turn junction with traffic lights were put into place. The Town Council is liaising with the County Councillors.



- Although ownership of the planters in Chamberlain Walk is uncertain, the Town Council arranged for the large brick ones to be cleared.
- Work continues on the former leisure centre site where the developer has nearly finished the housing. The Council will monitor that planning conditions are followed.

Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Yr ended 31 Mar '23		Yr ended 31 Mar '24
	<u>Income</u>	
12,139.41	Office Rents	14,915.00
13,633.16	Community Centre	15,722.74
31,584.05	Town Hall	31,400.75
3,848.00	Allotments	3,555.00
82,825.70	General	94,649.24
3,234.37	Staff Costs	2,440.44
252,974.85	Precept	267,403.18
32,688.81	Investment Interest	8,491.00
25,025.35	VAT Refunds	27,166.17
9,077.68	Old Market Hall	7,905.27
80.00	Community & Events	
8,967.01	Caretaker's House Costs	12,270.38
195.00	Capital Projects	6,521.00
	General Administration	117.27
£476,273.39		£492,557.44
	<u>Expense</u>	
226,259.42	Staff Costs	260,641.19
37,256.68	Capital Projects	25,624.24
22,423.86	General Administration	36,723.97
5,879.20	Caretaker's House Costs	3,539.95
10,902.47	Community Centre	10,766.83
36,931.92	Town Hall	41,199.82
19,406.00	Community & Events	21,359.55
583.46	Allotments	685.46
73,317.10	General	78,645.65
5,918.59	Old Market Hall	9,401.51
	Community Hub	46.78
£438,878.70		£488,634.95
	<u>General Fund</u>	
49,974.31	Balance at 01 Apr 2023	87,369.00
476,273.39	ADD Total Income	492,557.44
526,247.70		579,926.44
438,878.70	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	488,634.95
87,369.00		91,291.49
£87,369.00	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	
	Balance at 31 Mar 2024	£91,291.49

All figures above are pre-audit ones. The 23/24 Investment Interest includes r of long-term investment in the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund (valued at £165,810.78 as at 31 December 2023).

