



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm

April 2020



The main complaints received by the Parish Office are:

- 1) Inconsiderate parking;
- 2) Speeding;
- 3) Misuse of the bus sumps;
- 4) Dog foul abuse;
- 5) Litter;
- 6) Overgrown foliage.

All of these things are within your control to stop!

With this in mind, and with all of the coverage in the national press at the moment, the Parish Council ask residents to take a moment and reflect on the message **'Be Kind'**. Please think about your daily actions and how these might be changed to help improve our Parish for everyone. Let's work together to help eradicate the above listed issues. By taking simple steps and by thinking of how what we do impacts on the others around us we can make a real difference to each others lives.

Over the next few issues of Holybrook News we will be focussing on one of the cited Parish issues and giving tips on how to achieve a better Holybrook Parish!

Considerate Car Use

- Please do not drive or park on the pavement: Pedestrians are taught from a very early age that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half on, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk - think about those with buggies or in wheelchairs.;
- Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction - this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic (the police have the power to enforce this restriction). Do not be responsible for an accident;
- Please do not park so as to cause an inconvenience to anyone else - this includes double parking, blocking other residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window - you wouldn't like it if someone prevented you getting out of your driveway;
- Do not park where you are prevented from doing so - single yellow lines, double yellow lines, school 'keep clear' zig-zag lines, white lines etc;
- Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility restrictions to cross the road. By parking over a dropped kerb you are preventing someone from having a safe and accessible place to cross the road. This is a prosecutable offence;
- Do not park on or drive over verges; the damage caused is unsightly and costly to repair. In some places verges are deemed part of the highway and so any parking restrictions apply to the verge as well.

Issues of inconsiderate car use have been onward reported to the Neighbourhood Policing team via the Neighbourhood Action Group.

Parish Council Meetings: For an up-to-date list of all Parish meetings, including sub-committees, please visit: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk



Friends of Linear Park – Spring has arrived!

Over the last few weeks the park has been subject to much heavy rain! The balancing ponds became a lake and the footpaths lost to flood waters from the Holybrook which are now receding. Hopefully we are now past the worst of the wet weather and can look forward to spring.

We have said 'Goodbye' to our 3 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers; the three Joes, who have completed their 12-hours of volunteering during which time they were exposed to a wide variety of tasks which challenged them, provided variety and developed valuable skills for their future. Their work included the erecting of two new benches along the woodland pathway. Have you seen/used them yet?

Maintenance in the park continues, the latest being cutting back overhang and widening the footpaths.

With the generous sponsorship of Dobbies in Shinfield, the FoLP volunteers have planted in the region of 1000 daffodils along the fitness trail and new woodland paths, 1000 hyacinths at the back of the Beansheaf Centre and 1000 tulips in the borders surrounding the garden. This should produce a late show of colour in the park – just in time for Easter.

Take a walk into the park as 'Spring is Sprung', and enjoy!



Meet Your Local Thames Valley Police Team

The Neighbourhood Team are planning visits to Holybrook Parish during May and June; we will be attending the Holybrook Festival on 28th June and are planning a 'Have Your Say' event at Linear Park during the same month. Dates will be advertised on Parish noticeboards and internet.

You can keep up-to-date with all local Police visits on Facebook, just go to our page TVP West Berks. Alternatively, you can e-mail the team at: PangbourneNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Or, why not sign up to Thames Valley Alert, our community messaging system. This can be accessed via TVP website or Google search.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR BIKES

A lost or stolen bike needs to be reported with all details and serial numbers online to www.bikeregister.com. It is important for all bike owners to register their bikes on this website as, besides helping to get your bike back if stolen and found abandoned, it also helps with finding out your identity if you are involved in an accident on your bike. TVP have access to search this site so they can check if a stolen bike has been found providing the owner knows the serial number. The finder of a bike can go to this website to check if the bike has been reported stolen and, if it has, it needs to be reported to the Police. If the found bike has not been recorded on bikeregister as lost or stolen, the finder needs to make reasonable attempts to locate the true owner via social media pages such as Lost and Found in our area. Best practice for finders of bikes would be to hold on to them for a period of 4 weeks to give the owner chance to come forward but, after this period, the finder can decide how to dispose of the bike and it is suggested that it is donated to the Community Furniture Project.



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MONDAY 11TH MAY

19:00

For more information on these events please visit:
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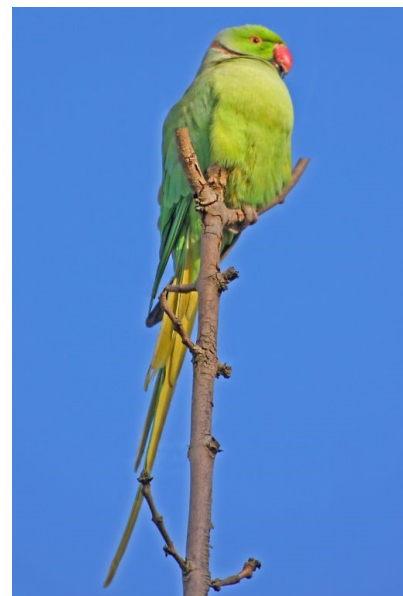
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Did you know?

That despite the Ring-Necked Parakeets' native range being a broad belt of arid tropical countryside stretching from west Africa across lowland India south of the Himalayas, where it is a common bird, some have been spotted right here in Holybrook? Perhaps you have spotted one at your bird table?

This small parakeet is the only UK naturalised parrot and it can be quite noisy!



Thank you to our Resident who captured this stunning picture.

Have you ever thought?

About the origin of your road's name?

Did you know, for example, that many of the roads in Fords Farm are of Scottish origin?

Holybrook has a resident who is investigating the meaning of Narromine Drive (which has links to New Zealand!) - can you help? Do you know where this originates from?

Please do contact the Parish Office if you can help or if you have any information on where the meaning of your road came from.

PLEASE REMEMBER! To drive or cycle around roundabouts and **NOT** cut across them. **It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that they are driving or cycling safely.**



The Council Budget for 2020/21 has now been set. Full details are on the WBC website:

£111M Capital Investment over 3-years predominantly going to Schools & Infrastructure such as roads, walking & cycling routes, green spaces and flood alleviation. The Revenue Budget reflects the positive financial settlement of £49.2 billion that Councils across England will see in this financial year. West Berkshire will see a core spending increase of £6.7M including an extra £1 billion for social care, which has given us an additional £2.63M in West Berkshire. This means that our net revenue budget is set to rise from £124.2M this year to £130.6M for 20/21.

Additional investment of £300k into support for Families through the Family Safeguarding Model. A model we know has already reduced the number of Children coming into our care by 41% and the number of children needing a child protection plan by 36%. Social Care Services continue to absorb large amounts of funding, with 55p for every £1 we spend going to it. We will utilise the 2% Adult Social Care Precept to bring an additional £2.1M to supplement existing funds in this area. This year will see an increase of £2.3M for Adult Social Care and £1.1M for Children's Services.

In order to address those areas identified within the Council Strategy for improvement, we do still need to put up Council Tax by 1.99% and delivering £3.24M in the form of savings derived from a mix of efficiencies, transformation and income generation. Band D Properties to pay an addition £1.15 per week, Investment of £120k for new targeted apprenticeships, Investment of £110k to assist delivery the Environment Strategy which compliments the Place Directorates Revenue Spend of £30.8M, and is in addition to the £5.5M of Capital Spend for the Environment.

CLLrs Richard Somner
& Peter Argyle

Coming Ward surgeries: 10:00 to 11:30 on 11th April – 9th May – 13th June. Beansheaf Centre