



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

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Dear Holybrook Residents

Welcome to spring and, hopefully, the promise of better weather after, what seems to have been, a long winter. Spring is the perfect time to capture the full majesty of Linear Park for which we have to thank the Friends of Linear Park (FoLP) for their excellent work.

FoLP was established in 2003, by a dedicated group of residents which included June Scott who sadly passed away recently. June's work and vision has left us a great legacy with many donations to the park including the swan seat in the Sensory Garden and the bench adjacent to Beansheaf Centre footpath.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the CIL Monies survey; your feedback is invaluable in enabling the Parish Council to take the right projects forward. The results will be published soon.

We very much hope that you will join us for The Big Picnic in the Linear Park (near the Beansheaf Centre) on Sunday 7th May 2023 between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm to celebrate the King's Coronation. The Coronation is the perfect excuse to come together with your friends, family, neighbours and, importantly, as a community for a fun afternoon in the Park.

Claire Tull, Chairman

1st Reading YMCA Beavers & Cubs had a joint meeting at which Sarah, from Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre brought some of her British birds of prey.

The Beavers and Cubs learnt the importance of wearing a leather glove before handling the birds and were shown how to stand to hold them. The children met a barn owl and a kestrel which they were allowed to handle.



Sarah then allowed the leaders and helpers to handle a European eagle owl and harris hawk which were much bigger and heavier than the barn owl and kestrel. The meeting ended with the finale; the Harris Hawk flew low and fast right over the Beavers and Cubs, who had been asked to lie in a row the length of the Linear Hall, landing on my glove. A spectacular end to the evening!

Kit, Beaver Scout Leader



Picnic in the Park

Sunday 7th May 2023 — 12:00 noon until 3.00pm



Don your crowns and capes, wave your flags and join us, with your friends, family and neighbours in the Linear Park (near the Beansheaf Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot), to celebrate this momentous occasion for our country with fun, games and music:

- Bring your own blanket/seat (gazebos also welcome)
 - Bring your own picnic
- Parking available (everyone is encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport where possible)
 - Try your hand at cricket thanks to the newly formed Calcot Cricket Club
 - Have a go at some Arts and Crafts for all ages with thanks to Queens of Craft
- Follow a spotters trail (with the chance to win a small gift) thanks to the Friends of Linear Park
 - Grab yourself a drink or light refreshments with thanks to the Beansheaf Pre-school *

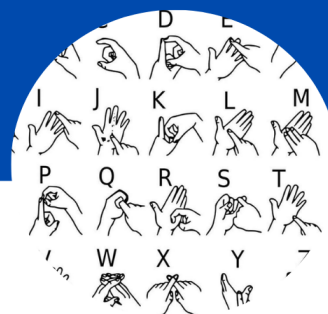
*charges apply

DEAFNESS AWARENESS SESSION

Thursday 1st June 2023 Beansheaf Centre 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Please come and join us for a **FREE**, fun and engaging session to learn:

Appropriate terminology, types of deafness, tips for effective communication, how to get a deaf person's attention, deaf history and culture, deaf experience in a hearing world, the impact of the pandemic/mental health, lipreading and an introduction to British Sign Language.



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Beansheaf Community Centre, Linear Park,
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For more information please visit:
www.beansheafpreschool.co.uk or, to arrange a visit, please call: 0750 495 818 or 0118 9454 312

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District and Parish Council Elections

Elections will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023. The local Polling Stations will be at the Beansheaf Community Centre and the Holybrook Centre. Please remember that new rules came into place on the 17th January 2023, whereby a person must have photo identification in order to vote.

For further information, please go to: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/41445/Voter-ID-required-for-May-2023-elections>

Friends of Linear Park – Spring is Springing

This year, the Friends of Linear Park (FoLP) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary since its formation in 2003. Sadly, one of its founding members, June Scott, passed away in February. Without June's inspiration the Park would not be what it is today; her vision inspired the Community Garden, where she spent many happy hours, and the donation of the swan seat both of which will be a living memory of her. She also commissioned her son, Andrew, to make a bench for her 80th birthday, which is situated near to the Garden; a restful place to sit after a walk round the Park.



FoLP started with June's idea of planting the cobnut trees which now form Cobnut Walk. As a tribute to June and to celebrate St Filberts Day (the Patron Saint of Cobnuts) we are planning a Party in the Park, on Sunday 20th August 2023. Watch this space!

The Friends' website is now up and running – www.folp.uk. Our thanks to local resident Neil for his technical knowledge and support with this.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 27 April 2023 at the Beansheaf Community Centre. All welcome.

A very Happy Easter to all park users. How many 'real' Easter bunnies have you seen when you are out and about?

If you have any ideas, queries or would like to lend a hand, the Friends of Linear Park can be contacted at hello@folp.uk or through our new website.

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Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. Please come to the Beansheaf Centre on the following dates and see how the Council conducts its business (all meetings commence at 19:30 unless otherwise stated):

- Monday 17th April: Community & Environment Committee
- Monday 24th April: Full Council
- Monday 15th May: Annual Meeting (7.00pm)
- Monday 22nd May: Full Council

Agendas and minutes can be found on the Council's website

Website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk

Clerk: clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk.

Beansheaf bookings: bookings@holybrook-pc.gov.uk

Or, call the Parish office on 0118 945 4339 or 07704 663397