



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm

August 2021

On Saturday 10 July West Berkshire Council and Urban Limits held its first **Cycling and Wellbeing Festival** at Linear Park in Calcot.

Despite the rain, visitors still managed to enjoy themselves with a mix of activities including a BMX display, cycle challenges, competitions, guided rides, Dr Bike who provided free health checks and basic maintenance on visitors bikes, bike security markings and road safety by Thames Valley Police, Yoga and Chiropractic care, plus collections for the Calcot Food Bank.

Chairman of West Berkshire Council, Cllr Clive Hooker, took the time to speak to all the stall holders and partake in the activities as can be seen in the photos on the West Berkshire Council's Instagram page.



Holybrook Parish Council is proud to have supported the NHS Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day on Monday 5th July 2021. A flag was raised, on the day, at 10:00am in the Linear Park, to honour the amazing frontline heroes.



Avanti Freewheelers Holiday Programme

At the Cycle Hub (Beansheaf Centre Garage). Please see the following events:

11th & 18th August

Got what it takes?

- Try out our obstacle course and gain some cool mountain bike skills
- No matter what bike you have or how long you've been riding, you can tackle the ramps, seesaws and balance beams
- Start on an easy level and work your way up
- Plus - Patch that Puncture - 101 or bike maintenance

25th August

Trail ride

- Come for an adventure along the Kennet and Avon Canal. This ride is suitable for any bike and is along a leisurely route

Wednesdays 4-7pm

£5 per session

Ages 10 - 14

Run by DBS-checked, qualified cycling instructors

For further details please go to <https://westberkshire.avantifreewheelers.cc/>

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Parish Council Meetings:

September: Full Council, Monday 6th September 2021 at 19:30

October: Full Council, Monday 4th October 2021 at 19:30

Finance Committee, Monday 18th October 2021 at 19.30

Meeting dates are subject to change and a full list of Parish meetings, including any date changes, can be found on our website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk. Alternatively, please contact: admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk for more information. You can also find the Council's agendas and minutes on our website.

Water Pump

Many of you may recognise, from the photo, the 19th century water pump which was rehoused to the Sensory Garden in Linear Park when the A4 was widened in 2014. What you may not know, is that Holybrook Parish Council is working closely with the Heritage Forum to get our pump listed locally as a heritage asset. Our pump has several interesting elements including its original (now not working) internal mechanisms, signs of the amount of usage in the worn area behind the partial handle and an original pin holding the handle in place. Unfortunately, the original cap is missing but, all in all, our pump is considered to be in good condition.



Friends of Linear Park

We're all going on a staycation to add a modern twist to Cliff Richard's well known song.

The summer holidays are here and the youngsters have broken up from school. What's better than a walk in the park, along with a picnic, enjoying the peace and tranquillity on a sunny day? Whilst walking, why not look out for the wildlife and birds, especially along the banks of the Holybrook. Have you seen a water vole or the ducks and moorhens on the water?

There is also a 'dog free' picnic area with benches attached to the play area by the Beansheaf Centre – it even has its own hungry bear – who's going to feed him? The volunteers continue with their weekly tasks keeping the paths clear and the garden tidy. Where most of us have a handkerchief in their pocket, the volunteers keep a pair of secateurs!



Thank you for reading our newsletters in the noticeboards; we now have someone to help us with our Health and Safety. However, we still need someone with website skills, as it is not only manual work we need help with. If you can help us with this please contact us at folpcalcot@gmail.com or if you have any other comments.

VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS



Holybrook Parish currently has **SIX vacancies**

Your Parish needs local people, from the age of 18 up, to conduct its business. Holybrook Parish Council, due to its current vacancies, is seeking to co-opt new members from all backgrounds.

Are you:

- Community minded?;
- Interested in influencing the provision of amenities and the way the whole of the Holybrook Parish is run?;
- Committed to giving some time and attend Council meetings approximately once a month on a **Monday** evening?;

If so, please contact the Parish Office (**0118 945 4339**) for further information.

Alternatively, why not attend a council meeting to see what is involved (visit our website for a list of meeting dates: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk).

Applications are invited by anyone who is a British subject, over 18 years old and an elector; you must reside within Holybrook, or within three miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have your principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.



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A FIRST FOR LINEAR PARK



During April, some of you would have noticed a number of people walking around the park with large photographic lenses. In a first for the park, a European Redstart was seen regularly in the ponds near to the Holybrook bridge.

Redstart crop.jpg copyright: Carl Feltham



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Catalytic Converter Theft

Did you know a thief can take the catalytic converter from your car in a matter of minutes and leave you to foot the bill?

A catalytic converter is a device that helps to cut harmful emissions produced by your car. The device is made of precious metals that thieves often target in exchange for money at a scrap yard.

You can protect your vehicle by:

- Where possible, parking in a protected garage, or park in a location that restricts access to underneath your vehicle
- Consider security lighting and the installation of CCTV
- Mark your catalytic converter with a forensic marker and register your converter to make it harder for thieves to dispose of
- Speak to a mechanic to find out other ways you can protect your vehicle

Report any suspicious behaviour to the Police online or by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

See more crime prevention advice at:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/



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This September we are running a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) money course. COVID has impacted all of us and our bank balances. This course will help you budget and feel more in control of your money. The course is free and anyone is welcome. Email tom-kvfc@hotmail.com for more details.