



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

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June 2024



Dear All,

There is a lot of caring and community action going on in Holybrook as evidenced by the number of nominations received for the Spirit of Holybrook Awards. It was a real pleasure and honour to present them at the Annual Assembly held in March. Thank you to everyone who took the time to make a nomination, and to everyone who came to the Assembly, especially June Scott's son who did us the greatest honour of handing over the June Scott Award to its worthy winner. We all had a smashing time!

Our winners:

- 1) **Service with a Smile:** KC Hair Studio (Kelly Cox)
- 2) **Good Neighbour:** Bob Mathews
- 3) **June Scott Award—Best Environment Champion:** Vyv James
- 4) **Unsung Hero:** Dave Smith

We are now into a new financial and busy council year. At the Annual Meeting, held on Monday 13th May, I humbly accepted the nomination to remain as chairman of the council for the next year. I am delighted that I will be supported, once again, by my elected vice-chairman, Mary Bedwell. We also welcomed Karen Albanese back to council through co-option and all councillors have volunteered more of their time for our dedicated committees and representing Holybrook:

Our committees: Planning, Finance, Community & Environment, and Human Resources.

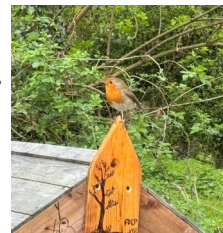
Holybrook PC is also represented at meetings of The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), Dr Ellerton's Trust and AWE. For more information on the make-up and function of the Council, please visit our website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk.

A special thank you to Cllr Andrew Lenaghan for his tenacity and patience working through all the requirements and red tape involved in anything to do with speed monitoring on our streets. Reading—Holybrook Community Speed Watch is almost ready to launch but we cannot run the watch without volunteers! Therefore, please do contact either the Parish Clerk: clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk (0118 9454 339) or Cllr Lenaghan (andrew.lenaghan@holybrook-pc.gov.uk) for more information on how you can get involved.



Friends of Linear Park – Summer is a Coming In

During the recent storms, many of the footpaths were blocked by trees and debris. The 'Friends' were out clearing where they could, making access possible until the council's contractors were able clear the paths completely and make the trees safe. Some of the debris has gone into making more 'Bug Hotels'. How many can you find around the Park and in the woods?



The cycle shelter is now up and running. It is situated at the rear of the car park, near to the entrance to the Beansheaf Community Centre. The shelter is constructed from a simple metal frame, painted up by Friends of Linear Park, plastic sides and arching to provide protection from the weather. There's a toast rack to secure your bikes. Why not cycle and try the racks out the next time you visit the Park?

For the sporty among you, there is a permanent durable cricket strip on the main football field consisting of an all-weather surface that can be used all year round; just right for a match with plenty of space to hit a 6.

The latest benches have now been installed in both East and West Linear Park, providing the opportunity to sit and enjoy the Park and take in all the nature and beauty the Park has to offer.

If you have a query or would like to make contact with us, or lend a hand, our email is hello@folp.uk or check out

Community Litter Pick

Thank you to the 12 volunteers and councillors who came to our Beansheaf litter pick on Saturday 11th May where 6 black sacks worth of litter was collected; your support is highly valued.

July 2024, meeting at the Kennet Valley Free Church at 10:00am. We finish up around 12:00 mid-day and are lucky enough to be provided with refreshments from the Church. We hope to see many of you there.

Our next litter pick is taking place on **Saturday 6th**

For more information please contact Cllr Charles Croal: charles.croal@hollybrook-pc.gov.uk

News from Calcot School

This term at Calcot schools, we have been busy planning for sports week, creative arts week, SATs exams, school trips and end-of-year productions. We will share some of this with you in the next newsletter.

The children in Year 4 spent a day being transported back to the Roman Era as they took part in a Roman workshop. During the Romans Day, the children had a brilliant morning from visiting a Roman bath house to making clay pots, ink, clothes pins, mosaics and wax tablets, to testing our finger guards on the archery field and looking for Celtic Rebels as part of the Roman Army. In the afternoon, they came back to the modern day and dusted off their archaeology brushes to discover Roman artefacts. They then used these artefacts to identify which part of a Roman fort they had been excavating. The children (and teaching staff) had a wonderful time.



Our year 6 children completed their SATs exams; we are very proud of the children and they deserve to do so well. Throughout the week they took part in lots of fun activities and ended the week with the SATs water fight! Some of the teachers also joined in!

The school, and our PTFA, are planning for our school carnival on 12th July. If you have a food business, and would like to attend our event then, please contact our Co-chairs by email: chairman@calcotschoolptfa.co.uk.



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Kennet Valley Club

Holybrook Centre, Carters Rise, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7YT

Opening Hours:



Mon: 7pm-10pm Tues/Thurs: 7pm-11pm
Fri: 4pm-12am
Sat: 12pm-12am Sun: 12pm-8pm



We would love to welcome new families from around the community, please pop in if interested in joining!
We offer Single/Family annual memberships (£22-£37)

Events coming up:

Saturday 15th June: Play Your Cards Right
Saturday 3rd August: Quiz
Saturday 5th October: Quiz
(Dates are subject to change or new dates added)

Our 2024-2025 diary is also open for party booking within the hall and lounge bar. (Size dependant)
All enquiries 01189428771
/kvca.uk@hotmail.com

As the weather starts to warm up why not join us for a cold beverage?
Membership drink prices: draught beers from £3.70-£4.65/bottles from £3.50 as well as wines and spirits from £2.00, and soft drinks and snack.

We offer two sides of the bar both with dart board, juke box and 1 with pool table. We show all mainstream sports on TV and have a lovely family friendly pub garden to enjoy as well.

Euro's 2024

First game for England: Sunday 16th June 8pm
20th June 5pm
25th June 8pm

Hours will be different for the fixtures England are playing, please check our Facebook page for opening times.
All guest welcome



Grandparents: we are here for you too!

Are you a grandparent looking after your grandchildren during the week?

We run several groups at the Hub where you and your grandchildren would be very welcome. You may also be interested in bringing your grandchildren to some of our courses and make the most of the time you spend together.

Stay and Play at the Calcot Hub
Wednesday 10-11:30

Stay and Play at Theale Village Hall
Thursday 10-11:30

All our groups and courses can be booked on line: [Family Hubs Events](https://www.familyhubs.co.uk/events)
([westberks.gov.uk](https://www.familyhubs.co.uk/events))

Or call: 01189456157

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All Parish Council meetings are on Monday evenings in the Beansheaf Centre, and are open to public viewing.

Upcoming Meetings:

17th June:
Planning Committee (19:00)
Community & Environment Committee (19:30)

24th June:
Full Council (19:30)

1st July:
Finance Committee (19:30)

29th July:
Full Council (19:30)

Meetings maybe cancelled or altered so please check our website or call the office for the most up-to-date information.



Holybrook Parish Council

The Parish Office, Beansheaf Community Centre
Charrington Road, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7AW

Job Vacancy - Office Support (Part-time)

Due to staff retirement, applications are invited for the in-office, part-time position of 'Office Support' working a minimum of 12-hours per week.

The successful candidate will:

- Have sound knowledge of Office 365, particularly Word and Excel, and in the use of social media.
- Possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, and enjoy dealing with members of the public.
- Be able to work as part of a small team and individually.
- Be of a 'can do' mind-set and be willing to undertake a variety of tasks as required (see full job description for more details: available on our website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk and from the Parish Office)
- Have the ability to travel to the parish assets.

Benefits:

- Local government salary scales apply (Range £12.00 - £12.21)
- Flexible working hours considered
- Good holiday entitlement

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th June 2024

Written applications, enclosing a copy of a curriculum vitae, to be sent to: Mrs Pam Kirkpatrick, Clerk to the Council, at clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can post to: The Parish Office, Beansheaf Community Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot, Reading RG31 7AW.

*For more information, please call the Clerk on 0118 9454 339 during office open hours (Monday to Friday 10:00 – 13:00)
or visit our website: <http://www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk>*

We will require evidence that you have the right to work in the UK and references will be applied for if you are offered the position.

Website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk

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

General Enquiries: admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk

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

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

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