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HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

June 2026



It's certainly becoming a significant year and one of change for the council.

In April we bid a fond farewell to Cllr Clive Littlewood who served the community for over 15 years, pioneering community initiatives and supporting the council in many ways. We wish Clive and his family all the very best for their new life in the West Country.

We also said farewell to Mrs. Pamela Kirkpatrick who had been with the council for 12 years, 10 of which as Clerk. We wish her every success for the next stage in her career. As we go to print, recruitment is in progress for Pam's replacement. In the meantime, I and Cllr Harish Mistry have been delegated to cover the Proper Officer's and Responsible Finance Officer's roles respectively — and no, we are not paid for this work!



In May we celebrated the council's 25th anniversary with a fantastic family fun afternoon in The Linear Park. Heartfelt thanks to Cllr Karen Albanese for organising the event, and to all the vendors, entertainers, musicians, broadcasters and volunteers who helped make the day so special. The winners of the first Blooming Beauties photography competition were also announced alongside a popular History of Holybrook display. Full details and photos are available on our website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk.

This edition includes a special aerial map spread of Holybrook Parish, offering a unique view of the green spaces, neighbourhood and routes that connect our community, including sections of the much-loved Linear Park and the Fairfields area, where new outdoor gym equipment has recently been installed.

At the Annual Meeting I was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Karen Albanese as Vice-Chairman. I would also like to thank Cllr Mary Bedwell personally and professionally for her endless support, wisdom and kindness since we joined the council together in 2003.

Coming up in June, congratulations to Caroline Lenaghan for 10 years' service with the council. Caroline manages all bookings and helps ensure the Beansheaf Centre remains a valued community resource hosting a wide range of activities.

With warmest wishes for a fine summer.

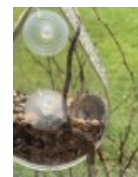
Claire Tull, Chairman

Blooming Beauties Garden Photography Competition

Congratulations once again to the winners of the Blooming Beauties Photography Competition. Second and third prize winners are kindly asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange their voucher collection.



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Beansheaf Pre-School

Beansheaf Community Centre
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Calcot, Reading RG31 7AW



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Beansheaf Pre-School has spaces for September 2026 for children aged 2-4. We offer 15-30 hours funded childcare, with term-time sessions Monday to Friday, including full-day options and a popular breakfast club. We provide a caring, safe and stimulating environment where every child can learn and thrive.



Website: beansheafpreschool.co.uk

News from Kennet Valley Primary School

Pupils at Kennet Valley have enjoyed a host of exciting educational opportunities recently including trips to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford for Year 3 & 4, Circus Skills at the Resource Base and our own Early Years Holi festival. There are many more science and geography-linked trips planned for this term too.



The school was filled with curious minds and thoughtful questions during Science Week, which is always a much-anticipated event in the school calendar. Mr Owen ensured it was a huge success across the whole school with daily science experiments where children could explore, investigate and discover!

Other events happening soon include the PTA Colour Run and the Summer Fair. Our PTA would like to thank everyone who has supported our events so far this year. Last term's events raised funds to support and enhance the forthcoming end of year play and we are now working towards raising funds for tablets and gazebos.

The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 4th July and is open to all the local community, so we look forward to welcoming you. Keep an eye out on social media for details.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Brook, from which Holybrook Parish takes its name, runs for around **six miles** from Theale into Reading town centre and has shaped the local landscape long before the parish itself was created 25 years ago.

Friends of Linear Park - Summer's on its Way

From deluge to drought, the park is looking forward to summer.

Much of our work recently has been concentrated around the garden area and the Community centre, cutting the hedges, tidying borders and trying out our newly acquired lawn mower.

The hopscotch area along the Wigley path has been refurbished, and 3 bug hotels have been built nearby.



A newly created dog memorial has been made from the trunk of the fallen tree by the car park.

You will have probably seen one or two trees in the park covered in cobwebs and the leaves eaten away. This is nothing to be worried about - it is the Bird cherry ermine moth. Once the caterpillars have matured, the tree will recover.



If you would like to join our group, we will meet next to the garage kiosk on a Tuesday at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome.