



# HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

*Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm*

October 2019



Dear Residents,

Please be aware that the bus sump at Pollards Way has been re-instated following the recent gas works on Mill Lane/A4 Bath Road. The Parish Council, supported by the Neighbourhood Action Group, has requested that the Police increase surveillance of the sump for misuse. Anyone caught misusing the bus sump could be fined. This also applies to the bus sump from Carters Rise to Underwood Road.



In early October your Parish Clerk is meeting with West Berkshire Council to discuss the possibility of Devolved Services and their associated powers. Whilst this is only an initial step in a long process, the Parish Council are very interested to hear which, if any, services you would like considered for devolution from the District Council? This could include, but is not limited to, items such as grass cutting, sign washing, street lighting... The power to fine for overgrown foliage and dog foul abuse are some of the ideas currently being considered. To give your opinion on this matter please e-mail the clerk: [clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk).

## Watch out SID's about!

In the coming weeks you will, once again, notice that the Speed Indicator Device is out in the Parish. Please watch your speed and keep our community safe.

## Come and join your Councillors for the last Community Litter Pick of 2019

This event will be lead by Councillor Charles Croal. These events are also an excellent opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors and, potentially, discuss any issues you may have.



**Saturday 12th October**

**10.00am—12.00pm**

**Meet:** Holybrook Centre car park

**FREE** refreshments after.

## HOLYBROOK PARISH COUNCIL HAS NEW CONTACT DETAILS:

**Website:** [www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk](http://www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk)

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**Beansheaf Centre Bookings:** [bookings@holybrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@holybrook-pc.gov.uk)

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## Update on the 75th VE Day Anniversary Come and Celebrate with us



As you know, Friday 8th May 2020 will be a Bank Holiday so that everyone can share in a moment of celebration as we see 75 years since VE Day.

The Parish Council are currently arranging a community celebration with Forties Themed Singers and a Bugler to play The Last Post. Along with this, a picnic/afternoon tea, and maybe disco. A memorabilia display or the community creating a large celebratory bunting.

However, we do need your help! If anyone would like to help with organising the event or setting-up on the day please contact the Parish Office.

**Perhaps you are a bugler who can play The Last Post, or maybe you are in a swing band or a budding DJ, maybe you have a large gazebo/tent - please get in contact: [admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk). All help gratefully received.**

## Kennet Valley Community Association

The refurbishment of the Community Hall, to meet with Ofsted requirements for Pre-School (boxed in heating, table store), is complete. As well as more colourful and modern painted décor and full LED lighting. With the help of a Council grant we hope to refurbish the toilet facilities before Easter 2020.

Hire rates are still very competitive: £100 members and £120 private hire for an evening booking on Fri/Sat/Sunday. Contact 01189 428 761 and leave a message and number and we will contact you.

A couple of years ago the KVCA helped sponsor Josh O'Donnel when he represented GB in the European Championships for Tae Kwon Do and he subsequently won Reading Male Young Sports Personality of the Year. This year we sponsored his young brother Jack in a similar fashion. He also went on to win the same prestigious award - congratulations Jack! I hoped we helped in a small way.



**Jim Tull, KVCA Chairman**

**Friends of Linear Park – Autumn is Coming:** After a slightly mixed summer weather wise, there were quite a few opportunities to enjoy the park which many of you took advantage of.

The Parish Council has upgraded their website: [www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk](http://www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk) on which we now have a **Friends of Linear Park** heading on the front page. Have a look to see what we are doing and what there is to enjoy in the park.

Our AGM is on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.00pm in the Beansheaf Centre. There will be a talk on Nordic Walking – something everyone can enjoy doing in the park. You are all very welcome.

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| All types of fencing erected                | Guttering and fascia cleaning and fitting                     |
| Garden decking                              | Patios, paths and walls pressure cleaned – no harsh chemicals |
| Kitchens fitted                             | Patios laid   |
| Bathrooms fitted                            | Shed erection   |
| Loft ladders and loft boards fitted         | Fences treated  |
| Electrics                                   | Outdoor tap installed   |
| Lights changed                              | Extra radiators   |
| Switches changed                            | Leaking taps  |
| Wireless burglar alarms                     | Blocked drains  |
| Professional car valeting service available | Most plumbing   |
| Painting and decorating                     | 24hr call out for burst pipes                                 |
| Stud work                                   |   |

**For all those jobs you never have time to do – just ring and ask**



**FREE - Dementia Awareness Session**

All residents are invited to attend a FREE dementia awareness session which is being provide by Home Instead, in conjunction with Holybrook Parish Council, on Saturday 5th October 2019 from 10.30am - 11.30am at the Beansheaf Centre, RG31 7AW.

To register your interest please contact the Parish Council:  
[clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holybrook-pc.gov.uk) or call 0118 9454 339

**Did you know:**

- There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1 million by 2025.
  - 225,000 will develop dementia this year, that's one every three minutes.
  - 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 have dementia.
- 70 per cent of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems.
  - There are over 42,000 people under 65 with dementia in the UK.
- More than 25,000 people from black, Asian and minority ethnic groups in the UK are affected.

(source '<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/about-us/news-and-media/facts-media>')

## Climate Conference

West Berkshire Council will be holding a Climate Conference to explore different ways residents, businesses, local organisations and the Council in West Berkshire can help tackle the climate crisis.

The free conference will be held on Monday 28 October at Newbury College. Ticket releases from 16 September via the Council's website. More information about the conference will be published in the coming weeks on our website, on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

The target date of 2030 for net zero carbon will be a tough task that will need everyone to come together, whether recycling, cutting down on car use in favour of other means or any of the many ideas that are coming forward. Please help us on the mission to achieve everything we can. Keep a look out for news in the press and social media.

## Grass Cutting and Boundaries

We have written previously regarding the issues that we were all experiencing with delays in the cutting of grass verges and of the Linear Park earlier in the year. Whilst the park was kept tidy we were extremely disappointed with the lack of attention to verges and have been engaging with Senior Officers and the Contractor in order to address the problem. This remains high on our agenda so that we can keep our Parish tidy and stay proud of it. Thanks again to everyone that contacted us regarding this matter.

## Padworth Recycling Centre

Please remember that Padworth is currently on a trial of extended opening hours – its success is measured on its use. Please use the WBC website for details on what can be taken and when, and please remember your permits – you can request a replacement on the WBC website if you have lost the one originally supplied. Initial reports are positive and we hope to be able to provide positive news in the near future.

## Number 1 Bath Road and Murdoch's

Both of the above continue to be discussed at the time of writing. We are keen to get both resolved and will continue to provide updates where we can on progress.

A new application has been raised for Murdoch's in particular (19/01803/FUL). We have asked for this to be brought to committee for visibility of the issue and to hopefully move the matter forward.

## New Train Timetable

West Berkshire Council welcomes the announcement by Great Western Railway (GWR) that there will be a new timetable serving the Thames Valley from December 2019.

On the popular Reading to Newbury route, passengers will benefit from an increase to three trains an hour, journey time improvements of around five minutes, and a more consistent service throughout the day with up to two fast services an hour running through to London Paddington. There will also be a third train each hour during peak periods on the Reading to Basingstoke line improving links to Mortimer Station.

With improved links, more seats and faster and more frequent journeys from West Berkshire stations to popular destinations like Reading and London, residents and businesses can celebrate these upcoming changes.

## On-road Parking

We understand that parking these days is at a premium across the Ward (and beyond), please be considerate when parking – remember the need for access for the less abled and the vulnerable, the need for Waste service vehicles and for Emergency vehicles.

## Ward Surgeries

A reminder that we continue to hold open surgery on the second Saturday of each month at the Beansheaf Community Centre – next dates are 12th October, 9th November, 14th December between 10:00 and 11:30. Please come for a coffee and a chat – no appointment required.

*Clhrs Peter Argyle and Richard Somner*