

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

As the new chairman of Holybrook Parish Council, I and the other councillors would like to pay tribute to our outgoing chairman, Bernard Gilbert, who has served the community as chairman for 5 years. Amongst many council activities, he has overseen the annual Holybrook festival and the introduction of the Parish Plan. Thank you Bernard for all you have done for Holybrook parish and we are delighted that you are continuing as a parish councillor. Your knowledge of the area and memory for things that happened even before Holybrook parish council came into being is immensely valuable.

Looking to the future, our Parish Plan is now 5 years old and we are due to refresh this in the coming year. Questionnaires will be sent to each household, so please return them completed to have your say in shaping the future of Holybrook parish. We also plan to carry out a review of the current amenities offered in the parish and to seek your views.

Our 4th annual Holybrook festival held on 27 June was very popular in spite of the exceptionally hot weather and the football being televised. For more information, please see Councillor Claire Tull's report.

We are pleased that the youth club which is run fortnightly (**entirely by volunteers**) at the Holybrook Centre is going from strength to strength. However more community involvement would be welcome. If you can spare 2 hours once a month to help please come into the parish office or telephone **0118 945 4339** for details. More volunteers would ensure that we do not have to turn any children away.

I am very impressed with the work done in Linear Park by Friends of Linear Park—they are very active and deserve our thanks for keeping the park tidy and litter free and introducing a sensory garden.

Illegal motor cycles in the park continue to be a problem. I would urge everyone to report all bikes seen in the park to telephone the police on **08458 505 505**. They are keeping a very close record of these reports and hopefully with the monitoring they are engaging in, the message will get through that the park is for everyone to enjoy but not on illegal transport.

Finally, we the councillors of Holybrook have a very busy year to look forward to and hopefully we can continue to help the parish to remain a vibrant community and a pleasant place to live.

Mary Bedwell (Chairman)



Bernard's farewell presentation

Holybrook Festival

The sun shone, the sky was a perfect blue and we had the most glorious of days for Festival Number 4.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and participated. We can't do it without you. The dancing, artwork and performances were tremendous—there's a lot of talent in our parish.

It was truly wonderful seeing everyone have a good time—Furry Foot never lets us down!

As always we welcome anyone who would like to get involved in planning and staging next year's show. We will be meeting on 20th September at 7.30pm in the Beansheaf Centre so please come along and we are always happy to hear about what you liked best and what you would like included.

In the meantime, if you haven't already, visit our website and view the fabulous photos of the event and relive a wonderful afternoon.

Claire Tull, Chairman
of the Holybrook Festival



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Holybrook Neighbourhood Update from Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Matthew Allen

The neighbourhood priority is anti-social behaviour in Linear Park. On Saturday 15 May the Holybrook neighbourhood team went on foot patrol in Linear Park along with members of the Friends of Linear Park and a council employee to attempt to disrupt and deter riding of motorbikes in the park which is illegal. No motorbikes were seen in the park whilst we were there but the police do have powers to seize vehicles that are driven in an anti-social manner so please call us via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on **08458 505 505** if you witness any anti-social driving.

West Berkshire Council are also in the process of erecting signs in the park advising people to call the police if motorbikes are seen in the park and stating that the police have powers to seize bikes. They are also looking at restricting the number of access points into the park to deter motorbike riders.

Paul Tuttle from the neighbourhood policing team will be at the **Beansheaf Centre on Thursday 14th October** for a 'Have Your Say' meeting. Members of the public can pop in to discuss local issues. The session will run from **10am until 11am**.

Friends of Linear Park

Friends of Linear Park have spent several days in the park throughout the summer working on the sensory garden and picking up litter.

Additionally, volunteers have cleared out a glade in the woodland with plans to put in a bench and flowers in due course. Volunteers from the Prudential have worked on putting in the path for the sensory garden.

Once again the FOLP have participated in recording the water vole population in the park for the BBOWT.

The AGM for the Friends of Linear Park will be held in the **Beansheaf Community Centre on 13 September from 7.30pm until 9pm**.

The next FOLP activity day will be on **Saturday 2 October**. We will place posters on the notice boards to advertise this closer to the date.

Walk for Health

From 12th July, we will be meeting every other Monday at 10.30am (meet in the car park).

Please join us at the Beansheaf Centre, Linear Park, for a beautiful 45 minute walk and a cup of tea.

Swishing—children's clothes. Tuesday 5 October, 10.30am-12pm

What? Swishing is swapping items of children's clothing with friends. Bring your unwanted children's clothes (any age) and take someone else's home! Please bring a minimum of three items of clothing to swap.

What else? The morning will also include light refreshments and a short Christian talk. A crèche will be available throughout the morning.

Where? Kennet Valley Free Church, Carters Rise, Fords Farm, Calcot, Reading RG31 7YT. Also coming up: **Family Fun Day** (Saturday 18th September), and a **Musical evening** (Saturday November 13th) - more details to follow.

For more information regarding any of these contact Richard on **0118 942 1591**.

The Holybrook Community Youth Club

The Holybrook Community Youth Club is run on a fortnightly basis by volunteers all of whom are CRB checked and experienced. We accept ages from 6-15 years and have many activities available such as karaoke, pool, air hockey and Wii. We regularly arrange extra activities such as cooking, competitions and outdoor sports. The club is a member of BACYP.

Opening hours **18:30-20:30** fortnightly on Fridays at the Holybrook Centre

Please come along—we'd love to see you there in September.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or for any other information, please contact Karen Albanese on **07504 956168**.



Calcot Infant School and Nursery

Calcot Infant School and Nursery have recently achieved Artsmark Gold for the second time. This Arts Council Award recognises the arts provision in art and design, drama, dance and music. An Awards for All grant of £9,860 has funded after school arts clubs throughout the year. Professional artists have led after school and week-end workshops for children and their families culminating in the creation of a sensory trail around the school.

Angela Searle (Arts Coordinator)



The Beansheaf Pre-School

The Beansheaf Community Pre-School runs a fun and stimulating environment for the under 5's working alongside the Early Years foundation stage. We offer a team of qualified staff who promote learning through play in a caring and supportive setting. We are now open at the following times: Monday and Wednesday 9:20am-11:50am and

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(Full day care is also available on these days as well as a very popular lunch club).

Please call Karen Albanese on **0118 945 4312 or 07813 875567**



Kennet Valley Pre-school

Kennet Valley Preschool—we are a preschool for 3 & 4 year old children who live in the Holybrook Parish. We are situated in the Holybrook Centre, Fords Farm. We have fully qualified and friendly staff and are able to offer free places of up to 15 hours per week during term times. The preschool has a large spacious indoor hall and as well as the use of an adjacent play park, has just received planning permission to go ahead with an extension and refurbishment of its own outside area.

Please call in to see us: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.15—3.15, Wednesday 12.30—3.15 and Friday 9.15—1.15 or call during these times **07884 028715**.

Come along to our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 28th November, 2-4pm and meet the staff, parents and children.



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A View from West Berkshire Council

Underwood Road Shopping Precinct

At the time of writing this report at the end of July, the developers are close to submitting their planning application. This application is not expected to vary much from that which was approved on 5th December 2007.

Your councillors will be requesting a public meeting where your views can be heard, as happened at the last application.

There is one very important item about this development that you should be aware of, that is that the Primary Care Trust (PCT) are NOT supporting the Doctor's Surgery. The developers will be including a surgery in their plans, but if the PCT finally decide against it, there will not be one. Your councillors will vigorously support the surgery but you must make your views known.

There are 3 drop in sessions, the final one is on Thursday 21 September at 11am—2pm at Kennet Valley Free Church or phone 0118 982 2926 or email ppi.team@berkshire.nhs.uk

Even if you do not use the present surgery but will support a new one, please say so.

Brian Bedwell, Peter Argyle and Manohar Gopal



West Berkshire Neighbourhood Wardens

We would like to raise people's awareness to a project called Virtually Stolen, this is a scheme designed to raise people's awareness to leaving valuables in cars while unattended. For example handbags, CDs and anything of value. **Keep them Safe!**

The Neighbourhood Wardens can be contacted on **0118 945 5286** or please email: **westberks.wardens@sovereign.org.uk**

What can Neighbourhood Wardens do to help you?

We are there for you, so feel free to call us, or stop us in the street about any issues or problems in your community. We are able to offer help for a wide range of problems and, if we are not able to deal with the issue directly, we will work with you and our partners to help find a solution.

Our aim is to provide a visible presence and to act as a focal point for our communities. We deal with issues that affect your quality of life.

To find out what these issues are we regularly consult with groups in our area and hold joint public consultation meetings with our partners. We also rely on calls and reports from the public about what is going on in their community.

West Berkshire Neighbourhood Wardens
Working with you to build a safer community.

