



# HOLYBROOK

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

### Festival Book Stall



Have you any books you no longer want—hardbacks, paperbacks, biographies etc? Holybrook Parish Council are running a book stall at the festival on 27th June and would welcome your donation. Please bring them to the Parish Office between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday or call Cllr. Mary Bedwell on **0118 942 0196** who can collect them.

Cllr. Mary Bedwell and Mrs Argyle at a previous festival.



### Welcome to this summer edition of the Holybrook Parish Council newsletter

We are now only a few weeks away from the fourth Holybrook Festival which will be on Sunday 27th June from 12 noon until 4pm. As before this will be held on Linear Park and in the Beansheaf Centre off Charrington Road. The festival is the parish event of the year and not to be missed. Provided the weather is kind to us, it promises to be another great afternoon for all the family with plenty to see and do. For information about what will be on offer, take a look at the council's website [www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk)

A huge amount of work has again gone into the organisation and arrangements for the festival over many months by a relatively small number of volunteers and my sincere thanks go to them for all their hard work. Thanks are also due to the Greenham Common Trust, the West Berkshire Partnership and Community Plus Funds to whom we are enormously grateful for their financial support which enables the festival committee to develop the event in a way that would otherwise not be possible.

Cllr Claire Tull, Vice Chairman of Holybrook Parish Council, busy at last year's festival.



As ever, we really need as much help on the day as possible and if you are willing and able to get involved, please contact the Parish Office on **0118 945 4339** or email [holybrookcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:holybrookcouncil@btconnect.com) Any offers of help will be very welcome.

With Linear Park continuing the theme, I am sorry to say that it still occasionally attracts people who seem to think that they can use it for riding motorbikes and quad bikes. There is no area of the park in which this can be done legally and it is understandable that this activity destroys the enjoyment of other users of the park, quite apart from the real dangers it poses. Since the park cannot be patrolled constantly, we need to rely on these activities being reported as they happen. If you do see a motorbike in the park, please telephone the police non-emergency number **08458 505 505**.

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### *PACT Parents and Children Together*

[www.pactcharity.org](http://www.pactcharity.org)

### *Have YOU ever thought about FOSTERING?*

There is a recognised shortage of 10,000 Foster Carers in the UK. PACT, founded in 1911, is also known as the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work inc. We are a registered charity working to improve life chances for children. The focus of our work is within Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and aims to build and strengthen families.

We are an approved Adoption and Fostering Agency. We have a history of finding safe, loving families for children in care. Here are a few facts about fostering:

1. Did you know you don't have to be married to become a Foster Carer?
2. You don't have to have children already although you do need to have experience of caring for children.
3. Did you know you get paid a Fostering Allowance of £335.70 a week to be a Foster Carer which is tax free and won't affect any other benefits?
4. Most of the children who need fostering are known as 'hard to place' children, they will usually be 8+ years of age.

Fostering is a hard but rewarding job. If you think you might have what it takes to become a Permanent Foster Carer or want to find out more then contact PACT now on **0800 731 1845** email [fostering@pactcharity.org](mailto:fostering@pactcharity.org)

### *Friends of Linear Park*

The Friends of Linear Park are planning on setting up a gardening group to work on the sensory garden. The garden will be located by the Beansheaf Centre. The garden is in the initial stages and we need volunteers to plant, weed and cut the grass. If you are interested please contact Alison Harwood at [alison.harwood@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.harwood@btinternet.com) We are hoping to work on the garden on the first Tuesday of every month between 2pm and 4pm.

Just to let you know that many areas of the park will be left uncut this year to provide natural wild flower meadows which will aid the wildlife in the park.

The Friends of Linear Park visited the Houses of Parliament in March. The trip was such a success that we are hoping it will be the first of many.

We would like to thank those people who came, including the Reading Volunteers, for help on the two activity days that have been held—one in February and the other in April. The date of the next activity day will be posted on the notice boards in the park.

### *West Berkshire Neighbourhood Wardens report from Alan McIntyre, senior warden*

The neighbourhood wardens will be carrying out a dog foul campaign between June and October with early morning and evening patrols to catch offending dog owners. A source of irritation is the continuing menace of dog fouling in the parish.

Year 6 children of Kennet Valley School certainly have their own views on this subject and with great credit to them decided that they would design their own posters to highlight the problem. The posters are displayed in the Beansheaf and Holybrook Centres. The posters were judged and we are delighted to enclose a copy of the winning entry with this newsletter.

Dog owners who do not clean up after their pooch take note!

**Tel: 0118 945 5286** or email: [westberks.wardens@sovereign.org.uk](mailto:westberks.wardens@sovereign.org.uk)

***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.

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

***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

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:20am-11:50am and 12.00pm-14.30pm

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

**For more information please call Karen Albanese on**

**0118 945 4312 or 07813 875567**

***Kennet Valley Free Church***

Bible By The Beach at Kennet Valley Free Church. Our annual Holiday Bible Club will be held from Monday 26th—Friday 31st July for children aged 4-11. For more information please contact Andy Turnbull on **0118 954 0544** or email [andyturnbull@kvfc.org.uk](mailto:andyturnbull@kvfc.org.uk)

Rebellion 2010. A fun action packed event for teenagers aged 11-14, Wednesday 28th July at Kennet Valley Free Church. For more information and to get a ticket please contact Andy Turnbull on **0118 954 0544** or email [andyturnbull@kvfc.org.uk](mailto:andyturnbull@kvfc.org.uk)

***Quran & Urdu Class***

Quran and Urdu Classes are held at the Beansheaf Community Centre for ages 5-10 years.

For further details please call Mrs Ahmed on **07854 028884**.

***Foot Care Service***

West Berkshire Home Care Service has teamed up with Berkshire West Podiatry Service to provide a new foot care service for West Berkshire residents. This is available at a cost of £14.45 per visit with an additional £10.50 prior to the first visit for a foot care kit. Residents can be referred by anyone or can refer themselves by calling the Home Care Service on **01635 503503**.



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## *A View from West Berkshire Council*

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

The bad weather in December and January is gradually being forgotten now that summer is here. However, the Scrutiny Committee will have been conducting an in depth investigation into what happened over the period including how roads and schools were affected. This will be followed by recommendations which you will be informed about—meanwhile if pot holes are still occurring, please report them to **STREETCARE** at **01635 519080**.

### **UNDERWOOD ROAD SHOPPING PRECINCT**

**STOP PRESS: On 30th April we were advised that Bellway Homes had completed the purchase of the site from the owners in London and it is expected that a planning application will be made in 2 months time. The vandalised pub has been boarded up and made safe and hopefully it will be demolished shortly.**

### **LINEAR PARK**

What a joy it was in the Spring, thanks to Friends of Linear Park. The Council is continuing to replace the many entrance gates with gates which will deter motor cyclists. The police have recently caught illegal motor cyclists and bikes have been confiscated—they will continue to monitor the park.

### **CAR SECURITY**

At a recent Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting, we were informed that there has been a spate of unlocked cars on drives being broken into and items stolen. Please make sure all cars parked on the road or drive are securely locked when they are vacated. The police will be doing checks and informing residents of any found unlocked.

### **COUNCILLORS SURGERIES**

These will be held on **Saturday May 8, June 12, July 10 and September 11** at West Berkshire Council offices in Sainsbury's from **10am—11.30am**. If you have a problem with the Council, please come and see us.

**Brian Bedwell, Peter Argyle and Manohar Gopal**

## *The Holybrook Neighbourhood Action Group*



### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Neighbourhood Action Groups ascertain the concerns of local communities relating to policing and related matters, to establish procedures and agree actions to solve them.

Members of the group are representatives from local government, schools, government agencies, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators and persons with particular interests or skills.

The group meets approximately every 4 - 6 weeks at Pangbourne Police Station on a Thursday morning at 10.30 a.m. for about 1½ hours. We need a Minutes Secretary who can come to the meetings, take the minutes and email out to members of the group, liaising with the Neighbourhood Police Officer. This is a voluntary post – but transport to the meetings and back home can be arranged. If there is someone in our area who would be prepared to help, the meetings for the rest of the year are:

Thursday June 17, Thursday July 15, Thursday September 2, Thursday October 21 and Thursday December 2. If you are interested, please contact The Parish Office, Beansheaf Community Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot, Reading or Tel **0118 945 4339**.

## *Would you like to advertise your local business?*

Would you are interested in advertising in the Holybrook newsletter? Our newsletter is published quarterly to over 3,500 households in the Beansheaf area and Fords Farm. It could provide an ideal publication for anyone running a local business to advertise their services. If you might be interested please contact the parish office on **0118 945 4339**

