

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We were truly fortunate to have such a wonderfully fine day for the Holybrook Festival on 2 June, and I wish to say a very big 'thank you' to all who made the event such a success, and in particular Cllr. Tony Ward who was the driving force behind it. There was a tremendous 'buzz' about the whole event and people of all ages enjoyed a happy afternoon. We plan to hold another Festival next



summer, subject to there being sufficient volunteers, and the lessons we learned from this year will stand us in good stead.

As I write the work has just started on the Holybrook playground,

which should be fully operational by the time this newsletter is delivered. We are very grateful to the Big Lottery Fund for their £50,000 contribution through the West Berkshire Council Play Scheme which has enabled us, with money from the council's own reserves, to provide a spanking new facility for the children of the parish.

With best wishes,
Bernard Gilbert

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HOLYBROOK FESTIVAL



Councillor Andrew Rowles, Chairman of West Berkshire Council and Councillor Bernard Gilbert, Chairman of Holybrook Parish Council

The Holybrook Festival on Saturday 2nd June was a great success. Numbers built up in the afternoon and children enjoyed the rides, parents enjoyed the beer, others had ice cream and candy floss and visited the many stalls. Several of them were on 'green' themes to coincide with the Festival which celebrated the 55th

(emerald) anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, and was held on the 54th anniversary of the coronation.

Inside the hall were exhibitions of 1950s memorabilia, with young boys looking in amazement at Meccano and heavy metal toys which boys of their age played with in the 1950s! No Nintendos or Play Stations then! There was also an exhibition of beautiful Japanese embroidery, a display of martial arts and children's disco.

Outside we were entertained by the Pangbourne Silver Band, Theale Green School dancers, Bollywood Dancers from Reading's Hindu temple, Uncle Charley's Punch and Judy and Mo's Dance

school. The police, neighbourhood wardens, mobile library (doing 1950s reminiscences), and community bus were all on the scene explaining what they did, and the fire brigade also turned up to give children the thrill of sitting in the cab and wearing a fireman's helmet!

The stalls varied from Southcote Gardening Society to Traidcraft, Encouraging Cycling to the Lions club selling soft toys, various charities, cakes, recycling and many others.



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FRIENDS OF LINEAR PARK

Many residents may have noticed some changes to the park this summer, for the first time two areas of meadow have been left unmown, returning them to their natural habitat of wildflower meadows. We hope these areas will in time become real havens for local wildlife.

It has also been good to see that the trees we all planted in December continue to grow, they must like the wet weather.

During the summer months

Many members have continued

their work monitoring the local water vole population, it has become a great reason for non dog walkers to walk the park on a regular basis myself included.

In recent months we have also had a number of contacts from members of our community regarding how we can all help make the park a better place. It is great to see the park bringing so many people together.

We are hoping that the park notice boards will soon be in place, and

we are planning a number of activities which we hope you will put in your diaries.

8th September Activity day in the park, paint and put in new benches.

20th October Activity day in the park, clear balancing ponds.

Come along to the Beansheaf Community Centre for a great family day from 9.30am onwards, lunch provided.

Bird boxes for sale at £7 each. Please telephone 01189 454339

MEMORIAL AND SENSORY GARDEN

Councillor Mary Bedwell received a request for a burial ground in the parish. It is understood that there is no obligation to have one as there is no parish church. Councillor Tull considered that a memorial garden in a dedicated area of the Linear Park with a book of

Remembrance might be suitable. The memorial area could be part of a sensory garden where people could plant a rose. If any parishioner is interested in this please email or write to the parish office.

On 11th September at 7.30pm in

the Keep at the Beansheaf Community Centre, Caroline Jenkins, Reading's Parks Development Manager will be talking about planting a sensory and wildlife garden. This garden will be located by the Beansheaf Centre in 2008.



CALCOT HOLIDAY CLUB

The Calcot Holiday Club is based at the Beansheaf Community Centre and provides a fun and safe environment for 4–12 year olds during West Berkshire school holidays. The Club offers: organised onsite activities, e.g. dance, arts & crafts; offsite trips—bowling, cinema, swimming to name but a few, direct access to the Beansheaf play area and fields, friends galore, qualified staff, half day or full day sessions available and we are registered with Ofsted and have been beating holiday boredom since 2004.

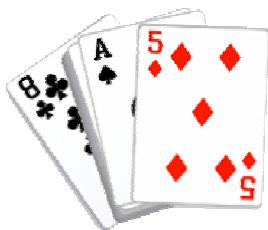
For more information call Lyn Williams on **07963 817615** or email liz@hartney.me.uk to be sent a booking form for October half term.

BEANSHEAF COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

We are a friendly pre-school located at Linear Park providing an enjoyable and stimulating environment for children aged between 2-5 years. Open week-day mornings 9.30am-12pm term time. Please drop in for a registration form or call **01189 454312** or **07813 875567**.

We held a Ladies Night Shopping Event on 11th July which raised £292.40 towards pre-school funds and are now planning our next event. The children enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic during the last week of term and took home a balloon afterwards. There will be a new Manager for the pre-school for the Autumn term, a waiting list is currently in operation so please get your child's name down as soon as possible.

Anybody interested in playing cribbage or whist once a month at the Beansheaf Centre, please contact Councillor Mary Bedwell at the Parish Office.



CALCOT INFANT SCHOOL

There will be a Children's Centre built at the school during the Autumn term. It will provide services for children from 0—5 years. A family support worker has been appointed and there will be a Children's Centre Manager from September.



PARTIES AND CLASSES AT THE BEANSHEAF CENTRE

There are various evening and day times available at the Beansheaf Centre.

Please phone or email for details.

KENNET VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

has places available for 3 & 4 year olds. Our sessions are 9.30-12.00 & 12.45—3.15 on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays for 3 & 4 year olds, and from 12.45—3.15 on Wednesdays & 9.30—12.00 on Fridays for 4 year olds only.

Please contact Laura on **01189 585 501** for an enrolment form or further details.



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

There is a Breast Cancer Support Group at the Beansheaf Centre. This is held every third Thursday of the month in the Beansheaf room from 1.30-4.30pm.

Please telephone Mrs June Farrell on **01189 511799**.

HEARTBEATS—WALKING FOR HEALTH

A programme exists for residents of the Holybrook, Calcot, Tilehurst, Purley and Pangbourne areas through Heartbeats—West Berkshire Heart Support Group affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and the Cardiac Department of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust Hospital. The walks take place every Thursday in Prospect Park, Reading and are supervised by trained leaders. 3 walks are available ranging from 1 mile to 2.5 miles. The walks commence at 10am.

Heartbeats have branches in Newbury, Reading, Wokingham, Woodley and Earley. Residents interested should ring **01189 426105** or **01189 586915**.

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WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

The West Berkshire office which opened on the first floor in Sainsbury's at Calcot in March is proving to be a real success. Recently over 1,500 residents in the area who are in receipt of bus passes had their photograph taken at the office for putting on the new National Bus Pass when it becomes available in 2008. Registration of births and deaths can also be arranged there.

Whilst talking about Sainsbury's, the Council has doubled the size of cardboard collection facilities—2 large containers are on site and are emptied regularly. However, the facility is being abused by commercial businesses using it illegally to avoid paying refuse tax. Please contact the office at Sainsbury's if you spot this being done.

Our surgeries are now held in the new office at Sainsbury's on the second Saturday in the month from 10.00am—11.30am.

Peter Argyle

Brian Bedwell

Manohar Gopal



ARTICLES FOR THE HOLYBROOK NEWSLETTER

If anyone would like to put anything of interest to the community into the next Newsletter please email or write to the Parish Office by the end of October.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

There has been an increase in criminal activity in the community recently. The windows at the Holybrook Centre in Fords Farm have been broken during the day. There has been a lot of graffiti and vandalised bus

shelters at the moment as well as playgrounds. Please contact the Neighbourhood Wardens Tel: **0118 945 5286** or PCSOs if you see any unacceptable behaviour.

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS:

Marie: **07800 702406** Viv: **07966 179382** Theresa: **07966 065989**
Ian: **07980 236225** Steve: **07800 703685** Sue: **07800 702517**

Dog mess is becoming an increasing problem in Linear Park despite the provision of extra bins. Please be considerate and use them or take the mess home.



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