



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

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Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm



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Dear Residents



I write as we are entering **Winter**; when the **Linear Park** is still a pleasant place to walk (providing there has not been too much rain). We are very fortunate to have such a lovely park in our Parish.

This year we installed a new CCTV system at the **Beansheaf Centre**, with cameras covering the car park and areas at the rear. We hope this will help to combat anti-social behaviour and assist the police in their detection work. Last year, an updated system was installed at the **Holybrook Centre** with the same aims.

Although our powers are limited, we do try to keep Holybrook Parish a pleasant place to live and seek, where possible to improve this area. Owing to the building of **Lidl's** and **Hawkswood Estate** at **Mill Lane**, we have been given some **CIL** (Community Infrastructure Levy) money, which is a new way in which **Councils** collect financial contributions from developers. This payment is designed to give the **Parish** an opportunity to enhance the area. There are very strict rules as to how this money can be spent and we will be **consulting** with **residents** later in **2018** on suggested projects which will satisfy the criteria. The survey will appear in the **Newsletter** and **on-line**, which will give you **all** an **opportunity** to **respond**.

Our Book Exchange at the Beansheaf Centre takes place each **Friday afternoon** from **2.00– 4.00pm** when a **selection of books** is available and a **free** cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. This **project** commenced at the beginning of **October**, and has made a slow start. We will **continue** to offer this service for a few more months to see if support increases enough to ensure the **viability**.

Finally, **The Parish Councillors** send **Good Wishes** for a very **Happy Festive Season** to you and your families.

Mary Bedwell, **Chairman, Holybrook Parish Council**



APPLICATION OF INTEREST

We are in receipt of a new planning application for a **RESTAURANT/PUB** and outline permission for **28 residential units**: land adjacent to the Bath Road, Dorking Way, Calcot (application number 17/02904/OUTMAJ).

This is considered a large planning application and, therefore, the Parish Council need your views. A public meeting will be held:

Beansheaf Community Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot
Monday 8th January 2018
7.30pm

Plans will be available to view from one hour prior to the meeting start time above with a section for residents' comments at the beginning of the meeting. Alternatively, you can make an appointment via the Parish Office to view the plans and e-mail us your comments. Plans are also available on the West Berkshire Council Website.

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MESSAGE FROM ALOK SHARMA, MP

With excellent support from Holybrook Parish Council and your district councillors, I recently held a public meeting for local residents to discuss policing issues. Officers from Thames Valley Police and West Berkshire Council also attended and issues relating to anti-social behaviour, drug-dealing, graffiti and wrongful use of the bus lane were discussed. I am following up on behalf of residents on these matters with the Police.

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and if there is anything I can ever do to assist, please do contact me. My office can also organise a tour of the Houses of Parliament for you and your family or community group, so get in touch if this is of interest!



At the public meeting in the Kennet Valley Free Church on 21st September, concerns were voiced about the prevalence of open drug dealing across Calcot and the anti-social use of motorcycles both on and off road. The Neighbourhood Policing Team is looking to increase our visible presence in Calcot both to deter these activities but also to seek some longer term solutions. In respect of drugs, we are keen to identify those supplying rather than just the users. In reporting such incidents to the police it will help us if as much descriptive detail as possible can be obtained of those involved including vehicle details. If images are captured, these are helpful but we are not

asking anyone to put themselves at risk in order to achieve this. In respect of motorcycle usage, it will again help us if as much descriptive detail as possible can be obtained of riders and vehicles to help us trace them. It is seldom safe for us to pursue motorcyclists who are already posing a risk to others through their anti-social driving and so we aim to deal with them once we have identified them using our powers under S59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to warn the riders and then confiscate their machines.

In January we plan to host a World Café in Calcot to discuss these issues further by bringing together the community, police

and local partners to share information and ideas about how we can work together to deal with these matters.

I know that contacting the police via 101 was also a problem for some people. As an alternative, if your call is not an emergency (999), anonymous information can be passed to the police via the Crimestoppers line 0800555111. You can also contact the neighbourhood team via email PangbourneNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Insp Chris Ward,
Pangbourne, Hungerford and Downlands Neighbourhood Policing Team



Meetings: For an up-to-date list of all Parish meetings, including sub-committees, please visit: www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk.

All meetings are held in the Beansheaf Centre.



Neighbourhood Action Group Meetings (NAG): on **Thursdays, 11th January & 22nd February 2018** at 10.15am in the Beansheaf Centre **All residents welcome**



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Beansheaf Centre, Calcot

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Building Communities Together



The Building Communities Together (BCT) Team is a combined team of officers from West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police which was created in June 2017. It builds on previous successful partnership work in respect of community safety and is unique in Thames Valley.

The West Berkshire Council officers in the BCT Team have responsibilities for Community Planning, Community Safety, Devolution and Civil Contingencies. They also have responsibility for new approaches to community engagement to build community resilience.

The Thames Valley Police officers in the BCT Team are Problem Solving Officers who work with Neighbourhood Police Teams and they have responsibility for focusing on the most challenging priority issues in West Berkshire.

Together the BCT Team are working to support communities to identify issues of concern and to help them develop ideas on how to resolve local problems through 'Community Conversations'.

Community Conversations are already up and running across West Berkshire and the simple action of getting people together is starting to create great results. Often, when everyone gets together, it is found that communities already have great things in place that can be built upon to maximise their potential and success.

The BCT Team, in partnership with communities, is hoping to harness the power of the collective to get things done. They will be taking a proactive approach, favouring restorative practice and early intervention rather than waiting until something has broken down (be it a relationship or a service).

It's a different way of working and it is hoped it will make a real difference for communities across West Berkshire.

For more information please contact Susan Powell (Building Communities Together Team Manager): Susan.powell@westberks.gov.uk, 0788 185 68 01

Upcoming Events:



Carol Service: 7th December - 5pm
Family Carol Service: 17th Dec - 10:30am
Christingle Service: 24th Dec - 4pm
Christmas Day: 25th Dec - 10:30am



This year we will be carol singing on **Wednesday 20th December 2017** round the Fords Farm Estate. If you would like to join us, please come to the church at 6pm and we will head out from there!