

Holcot Parish Newsletter

Edition 2 – 2022

Welcome to this edition, it has been lovely to see all the spring flowers bloom around the village. There are lots of exciting events coming up, in particular the Jubilee events in June, so read on to find out what is happening. The next edition of the newsletter will be in August so please submit contributions by 7th August to holcotvillagenewsletter@hotmail.com Thank you, Jenny



Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

Holcot Parish – Schedule of Events



Thursday 2nd June

Floodlighting of the church to commence
Kindly donated by Mushroom Lighting

Friday 3rd June

The White Swan 5pm – Accrington Stanley are playing.

Saturday 4th June

10.30am – Old School Site – Parish Photo

7.30pm – Barn Dance in the Village Hall, £10 – including food – bring your own drinks!

Contact Pam Wilson on 781026

Sunday 5th June

12pm – Picnic in the playing field. Live music and DJ. Music through the Queen's reign. Bring your picnics, tables, chairs, families and friends. Games organised for children. All resident village children up to the age of 18 will be given a commemorative £5 Platinum Jubilee Coin.

Please come and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Annual Holcot

Flower & Vegetable Show will be on **Sunday 4th September**

Have you planted your seeds yet for this year's exhibits?

Please keep your eye out for the new schedule, which - this year - will

be published **ONLY** on the village website*. As well as fresh changes to the classes, the website will also share some hints and tips from the judge of our Kitchen Creations class.

*If you're unable to access the website, or to print your own schedule, please phone Dave Cooke on 781130 to obtain a copy.

As usual, entries should be taken to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon.

Entry fee this year is only £1 irrespective of the number of entries.

Even if you have nothing to exhibit, don't forget:

- ☺ That everyone's welcome in the Village Hall from 3pm to view the exhibits
- ☺ **The fabulous, fun, auction from 4pm** - a great opportunity to pick up at bargain prices fresh, locally-grown, fruit, veg & flowers, and delicious home-made cakes, jams, etc

**WE DO HOPE YOU WILL SAVE THE DATE
AND SUPPORT THIS GREAT COMMUNITY TRADITION**

Update from Holcot Parish Council

My short update. The best way to keep track of the work of the Parish Council is to read the minutes of meetings and updates on the website.

Since the last newsletter Sian Stone has resigned as a Councillor. Chris Bailey of Back Lane put himself forward and was co-opted at the March Council meeting. He is responsible for the Sywell Road and Sunny Bank sector.

Road safety in Holcot - This continues to be a priority. The signs we ordered have now (at last!) been installed. These are aimed at heightening driver awareness of the road safety issues. You will see that the new semi-permanent VASID has been installed on Moulton Road, highlighting speed as drivers enter the village. The statistics the VASIDs provide are especially useful as they allow us to highlight to the authorities the substantial speeding issue we face.

We are also working on;

- A priority chicane on Sywell Road – still awaiting final design and costings.
- HGVs flouting the 7.5t regulations – you will see elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website that we have arranged a full day traffic survey (7am-7pm) survey on 9 June – please contact Chris Bailey and offer to help for an hour if you can.
- White lining - few junctions have functional lines – we have been promised that they will be repainted.
- Community Speedwatch – we last undertook Community Speedwatch prior to Covid, and are now looking into re-joining the scheme. Volunteers will be sought as plans emerge!

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 17 May at 7pm in the Village Hall – you may know that each year the Chair of a Parish Council is legally obliged to organise a meeting of the electorate. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but a meeting with annual reports and updates from the Parish Council and others. It is importantly also a meeting where Parishioners can raise and discuss key issues facing the Parish, without the statutory rigour and formality of Parish Council meetings. The draft agenda is included with this newsletter, with the final version being published on the website and noticeboard nearer the time. Please try to come along.

May Parish Council – May's meeting is on 16 May at 7pm in the Church Room. Apart from the normal Parish Council agenda, the May meeting is our Annual General Meeting where we elect the Chair and Vice-Chair, agree responsibilities, policies and suchlike.

Brief updates – watch the website for details; The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: a series of events are planned for Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June (see this newsletter and the website) – please come along to some or all!

- You will have seen that a new garden has been dug on the old school site around the millennium stone. We hope that it will be in bloom for the commemorative Parish photo on 4 June (at 10am), along with the other garden areas maintained by the Friends of Holcot gardening group.
- We know of one family from Ukraine who we will be welcoming to Holcot.
- The litter pick on 10 April was well-attended – thanks everyone – and collected around 10 bags of rubbish. We'll arrange another pick next year.

And finally...more information is provided on the website regularly – sign-up for email notifications of new posts at www.holcotvillage.co.uk. Any problems signing up, or to get a message out to Parishioners, email editor@holcotvillage.co.uk

Stay well.

David Walker 29 April 2022

HOLCOT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

ALL WELCOME

The Annual Parish Meeting for Holcot will be held in the Main Hall, Holcot Village Hall, Back Lane, Holcot, NN6 9SL

On Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

THE ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED WILL BE:

- Welcome from Chair
- To note any apologies given
- To receive a report from Northants Police representative
- To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2021
- To receive a report from the Parish Council Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council for the last year, and focus for this year
- To receive a report from Moulton Ward Councillor Mike Warren
- A copy of the Financial report for 2021/2022 will be available to view
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Timetable
- HGV Update

This meeting is an opportunity for residents of Holcot to discuss parish affairs and ask the Council questions.

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HGV TRAFFIC SURVEY

Thursday 9th June 2022 *SAVE THE DATE This will be a full day survey*

7.00am to 7.00pm



Holcot sits within a 7.5t weight limit area, meaning that the only vehicles over this weight limit allowed are those making a delivery or receiving goods from within the weight limit area.



Unfortunately, this weight restriction continues to be broken by some hauliers and truck drivers, this was evidenced by a recent survey undertaken by the Parish Council over a month but taken at different times of the day. This data has been provided to the police who are responsible for the policing of this weight restriction, however no noticeable reduction to this unauthorised traffic has occurred. The Parish Council has decided to provide further information regarding the continuing breach of the regulations by undertaking a whole day's survey.

The HGV traffic causes pollution, damage to parish properties close to the affected roads, damage to verges and serious congestion when these Juggernauts attempt to utilise our narrow roads as well as danger to pedestrians. The surrounding areas to Holcot are being significantly developed and unless action is taken the situation is only going to get worse.

If you would like to help by giving up an hour of your time, please contact Cllr Chris Bailey.

Email: inthehedges@mac.com Tel : 07970 702021

The results of the survey will be presented to Northants Police and will be available on the parish council website

<https://www.holcotvillage.co.uk>

Regular Dates for your Diary...

All events normally in Holcot Village Hall, Back Lane, unless otherwise specified

*For asterisked groups, please enter via Youth Wing (right-hand white door)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, DO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CONTACT NAME BELOW

NOW, SO THEY CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED OF RE-START DATES

If you'd like to hire the Village Hall, or establish a regular user-group there, please contact the Booking Secretary via the website: <https://www.holcotvillage.co.uk/book-village-hall/>

Monday

6.15pm Dance 'N' Tone karen.conway83@yahoo.com

7.30pm Pedigree Paws dog training - Edwina (d.coe1@ntlworld.com)

Tuesday

9.00am 'Pilates with Louise': 07766 807184, or email pilateswithlouise@gmail.com

10.00-11.30am Mums & tots, (currently suspended – enquire with Miranda Parry 01604 781918)

7.45-8.45pm Lucy & Frankie Zumba Fitness (weekly) £5/class, First class free! - francesca020788@hotmail.com

*7.00-8.30pm Holcot Hub ... for young people 50p, just turn up

8:15pm Anglia Marine Model Club (Boat Club) – every 4th Tuesday of the month during March to November
- enquiries Laura Fletcher (laurafletcher50@hotmail.com) or Geoff Fletcher (geoff.s.fletcher@ntlworld.com)

Wednesday

2.00-4.00pm Bowls (Weekly) – (currently suspended – but enquiries most welcome to Pat McGlasson 01604 781215)

6.00-7.30pm 'Strictly'-style Dance classes (Weekly) £7/class - Julie 07736 032606 or dancepod@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday

9.30-noon Art Club (Weekly) - Elizabeth Culley 01604 648566 / Pamela Mann 01604 495249

4.00-5.00pm Yoga Classes (Most term-time weeks) – 07557 020 183 for info, or 07785 347 297 for dates/bookings

Holcot & Walgrave Beavers (6-8yrs) and Cub (8-10yrs) Scouts currently meet at Walgrave; Contact Kim on 07815070878 or email info@armarketing.co.uk

'IW' (previously the Holcot branch of WI): *monthly outings - or evening meetings in Church Rooms, Main Street*
- Kim Mabbutt 01604 781936 or Janet Wadley 01604 78194

Saturday

9:30-10:30am Lucy & Frankie Zumba Fitness (weekly) £5/class, First class free! - francesca020788@hotmail.com

Interested in Drama or on-stage singing/dancing?

- Amateur Dramatics - Peter Bonsor 01604 781577

- Pantomimes, variety shows, workshops for young people, etc - Heather Wilson 07785 347 297

St Mary and All Saints Church

COFFEE AND CAKE

We restarted our popular coffee mornings again on May 4th. From now on, apart from our summer break, we will be going back to our Wednesday morning slot, but still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Morning prayer is at 10:30am with coffee, cake and chat from around 11am.

All are welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

We held our Lent lunches before Easter and it was good to meet face to face again. The sessions started with soup and bread, followed by a short discussion time. On the last week, we held a shared lunch, which was much appreciated by all!

HOLCOT CHURCH THUNDERBALL WINNERS

All winners are posted on the Church website at www.holcot-church.org.uk/thunder

We are hoping to start a new list. If you would like to join us, it's £52 for a year and £26 for a half year, please contact Lesley Hunter via the Church website

CHURCH FUND RAISING

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE. Our thanks go to those who kindly donated prizes for this raffle. Tickets were drawn immediately after Easter Communion. The winning numbers were:

Prize	Name	Ticket
First	Pat McGlasson	1058
Second	Lisa Middleton	1474
Third	Geoff Watkin	1150
Fourth	David and Sheila Ashworth	1280
Fifth	Katrina Parker	1093
Sixth	Nona Pollard	1056
Seventh	Andrea Luck	103?
Eighth	Robert Batley	1444

Our thanks to everyone for buying tickets and supporting so well. The final total is £457.

LOOKING AHEAD - Dates for your diary

July 10th Treasure Hunt round the village

Sept 17th Tapas and Wine Tasting

More details of these events will be on the Village and Church websites as well as on posters and fliers round the village .

www.holcot-church.org.uk



Have you noticed the various beautiful garden projects springing up around the village?

So far mainly at the crossroads and in the churchyard, **and now also including the Old School Site.**

These are now being regularly maintained by a group of volunteer residents;

so far mainly women, but it needn't be exclusive!

No commitment! No gardening knowledge needed!!!

If ***** YOU ***** can spare a couple of hours now and again to join this group, to come, have fun, (and meet new people?),

please phone or text your contact details to 07908 848 380

Or, if you prefer, how about joining 'Friends of Holcot Village'?

Mostly men (but it's also not exclusive!) who provide a volunteer maintenance service - mainly on village trees, bushes, signs and the 'Washbrook'. It's usually on alternate Friday mornings, but no commitment to attend regularly. Please phone or text your contact details to 07785 347 297

