

Holcot Parish Newsletter

Edition 2 – 2023



Welcome to the May newsletter. The village has been very busy over the last few weeks, with a very popular garage sale and some lovely events held for the Coronation weekend. As always, in this edition you can find all the latest Parish Council news, upcoming events and Church updates. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be Saturday 19th August. Thank you, Jenny. holcotvillagenewsletter@hotmail.com

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm in the village hall

All Electors are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting for Holcot on Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm in the village hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for everyone to hear reports from the Parish Council, Northamptonshire Police and West Northamptonshire Council representatives, and to discuss anything that is affecting the Parish. It is also an opportunity for us to celebrate our community together. The agenda will be published on the website.

Please try to attend.

COME AND JOIN US AT

Holcot Village Hall

on Thursday 8th June 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Basic Life Support Training - Free of Charge

Learn CPR, how to use a defibrillator and how to deal with an unconscious patient



Everyone is welcome - ideal age from 10 years and above. Please register your interest by emailing: clerk@holcotvillage.co.uk Please feel free to donate to this cause.

Sustainability Working Party- HPC needs you!

Holcot Parish Council are creating a team which will be working on ideas around what sustainability means on an everyday basis for the parish (households and Parish Council). These ideas can help us all be more aware of realistic ways of both helping the planet and saving money. If this project appeals to you please contact Councillor Charlie Heasman on charlesheasman@hotmail.co.uk

Update from Holcot Parish Council

My short update...

Annual Parish Meeting – 24 May, 7:30pm in the village hall

Each year the Chair of the Parish Council calls an **Annual Parish Meeting** of all electors. It is not a Parish Council meeting, but it is an opportunity for everyone to come together for an hour or so to discuss the issues that face us as a Parish and the work of the Parish Council. This year's meeting will be held on

Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm in the village hall

and guests include our West Northamptonshire Councillor, Mike Warren, and PC Lee Stevens representing Northamptonshire Police. Please come along.

Road safety in Holcot - The Parish Council have escalated the lack of progress with **Highways** activity with the appropriate Director at West Northamptonshire Council. WNC launched with a fanfare their new contract with Kier last year, but we are still unable to make progress with the Sywell Road chicane or our smaller initiatives. We hope for progress.

We don't have dates yet for **Speedwatch 2023**. We will be asking for volunteers through the website in the normal way once we have confirmed dates – please offer time to this important initiative. As so often with community activities, many hands make light work!

Brief updates;

- I mentioned last time that we need to look at what we can do in Holcot to contribute to alleviating the impacts of **climate change**. There are various additional things that we could consider doing and consequently we would like to establish a **working group** to look into this. If you are interested in taking part, contact Cllr Charlie Heasman (charlesheasman@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you if you have already put yourself forward!
- **Defibrillator and resuscitation training** will be held in the village hall on **8 June at 7:30pm**. Please come along to learn new skills or refresh existing knowledge – see elsewhere in the newsletter for full details.
- You may have seen that the village hall is building a small extension to house the tables and chairs that are currently stored in the youth wing. The playing field will remain open throughout, with the contractor making safety arrangements accordingly. The work is expected to complete in July.
- Cllr Chris Bailey recently met with newly-appointed neighbourhood Police Constable Lee Stevens and walked around the village. Chris and Lee discussed that whilst there is fortunately a low crime rate in Holcot, speeding and HGV's passing through the Parish remain our primary policing concerns.
- Congratulations to everyone involved in organising the events to mark the Coronation of the King. Well done!

And finally... Each quarter year I summarise here some of the things that the Parish Council are working on. Obviously, these only reflect the current issues and opportunities. To help Parishioners keep up to date, the minutes of meetings are published on the Parish website each month, there are a variety of website posts published and notified to subscribers, and everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Council meetings to observe or speak (normally 3rd Monday of each month in the Church Room – check the website for agenda).

Sign-up for email notifications of new website posts at www.holcotvillage.co.uk. Any problems signing up, or to get a message out to Parishioners, email editor@holcotvillage.co.uk.

David Walker 10 May 2023



Holcot Art Group currently has some vacancies. If anyone would be interested in joining on a Thursday morning (currently 9.30am-midday), please ring Pamela Mann for more details. 01604 495249



SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Annual Holcot
Flower & Vegetable Show will be on
Sunday 3rd September

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

Please keep your eye out for the new schedule, which will again
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**



Holcot & Walgrave Scout Group has a small Beaver Colony and Cub Pack. Beavers are aged 5 ¼ to 8 years old and Cubs are 8 to 10 years old. We have plenty of space for any young people in those age groups, both boys and girls, to come and join us. The group currently meets at **WALGRAVE** Village Hall, so IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILD JOINING, DO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH KIM PHILLIPS 07815 070878 or by email to info@armarketing.co.uk NOW, SO SHE CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED OF RE-START DATES.

The group is also woefully short of adult volunteers – come on Holcot! The reason the Group has moved its meetings to Walgrave is that the current voluntary help to the leader lives there. If you want to see the Group move back to Holcot, why not contact Kim as above?

You do NOT need experience of scouts (she hadn't!), you don't have to be good at camping (she is not!); you simply need to be interested in working with young people, learning new things, and having fun!

"The Most Valuable Thing This World Affords"

The priceless collection of Crown Jewels is worth somewhere between £3 to £5 billion!

Despite being presented with billions of pounds worth of jewellery, Charles was also given a Bible with the words, "Receive this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God."

What is the message to the King and the world: The Bible is PRICELESS.

Why? Why would the Coronation Service say this?

The Bible is described as containing the 'lively (living) oracles of God'. The Bible is priceless because it gives life. All the combined wealth of the crown jewels cannot give life.

"The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold." (Psalm 119:72, THE BIBLE)

It's more valuable than all the crown jewels, but the Bible is freely available for us to read. It tells us the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ; about ourselves, our world; about the future and how we get there. From the truths of the Bible we can discover true life, both now and in the world to come.

If you'd like to hear more, I'd love to speak to you! Or you can come along to Holcot church, any Sunday, at 9am.

David Reith (Rector of Brixworth and Holcot) 01604 880139

revdavidreith@gmail.com



EASTER.

On Maundy Thursday we held a joint service with Brixworth. Before this, we shared a simple meal in the Village Hall of soup, bread and cheeses. It was lovely to see so many people there. Then we walked down to the church to take part in a service of Holy Communion together.

We managed to get back into the Church on Easter Sunday. It was so good to see all the lovely flowers and the Easter Garden.

Many thanks to all the people that helped to make these occasions happen.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

We held a successful coffee and cake sale on Shrove Tuesday and Garage Sale in May. It was good to see so many people wandering around the village, visiting the different stalls.

All money raised will be put towards maintaining the church. We have lots of other things planned, so please keep watching the Church website for details. If any one would like to join us on our Fundraising committee or has any new ideas of different events, please contact a Church member.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

COFFEE AND CAKE.

We have started back with our coffee and cake sessions, after Lent, on the first and third Wednesdays in the month and are preceded by a short service of Morning Prayer. You are very welcome to either or both and will be greeted by good coffee, lovely cake and interesting chat!

HOME GROUP.

Our Home Study Group is continuing to run on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the Church Room. It starts at 10:30am with coffee and cake or biscuits and lasts about an hour. This time we are looking at the different characters in the Bible and what they can mean to us today.

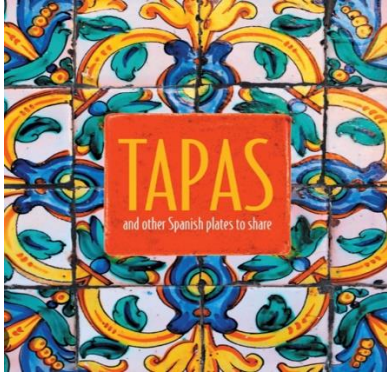
THE CORONATION



Our thanks go to those who decorated our church with flowers to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III.

HOLCOT CHURCH THUNDERBALL WINNERS

All winners are posted on the Church website at www.holcot-church.org.uk/thunder 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. We are now starting our third list, so have some new numbers available.



PLEASE PENCIL IN Saturday 8th July for an evening of Tapas and “Vino” at Holly Tree Farm. We will be raising money for the church. Looking forward to seeing you.



Holcot Annual Trip to London 2023

Everybody welcome!



Saturday 29th July (dep Holcot 8.30am)

See the sights, or ‘shop till you drop’

Return ‘fare’ is a share of the total cost: currently around £31 per adult
(deposit £35 with booking; refund of any change on the day).

Under 19s £15 - if accompanied by paying adult

First come, first served

OPTION to book your own tickets for ‘COMEDY OF ERRORS’ at the Globe Theatre
(performance at 2pm, tickets from £7 standing, up to £40+ best-view-seats)

*We can't make our coach-reservation firm until we have enough bookings,
so, if you're interested, please get in touch NOW:*

text or call 07785 347 297, or email phil.scordellis@gmail.com



Have you noticed the various beautiful garden projects springing up around the village? So far mainly at the **crossroads** and in the **churtyard**, **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 347297



'STRICTLY COME DANCING'
IS ALSO HERE,
IN YOUR OWN VILLAGE !

Do you enjoy 'Strictly Come Dancing'? You can learn the beginners' steps of 'Strictly Come Dancing' style **BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN DANCES** at our Classes in the Village Hall. No partner necessary. It's not just great fun, but maybe it'll also get you fitter in time for the summer?



It's not too late for complete beginners to join in! All ages welcome!

Ballroom/Latin Classes almost **every** Wednesday evening, from 6.00 to 7.00pm.
Just £7 per person per session.

Alternatively, socially-distanced private lessons for individuals, or one or more couples, all dance requirements catered for, and tailored to suit you!

For more details & to check dates for all the above, contact Julie
(07736 032606 or email dancepod@hotmail.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)

ACTIVITIES SHOWN IN RED MAY BE SUSPENDED IN THE VILLAGE HALL. HOWEVER, MANY OF THESE MAY BE CONTINUING IN OTHER FORMATS, OR MAY RE-START AT ANY TIME.

THEREFORE, 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
*6:30-8pm Holcot Hub- for Holcot children age 10 & up. Term time only. 50p entry. Just turn up.
8:15pm Anglia Marine Model Club (Boat Club) – every 4th Tuesday of the month during March to November - enquiries [Laura Fletcher \(laurafletcher50@hotmail.com\)](mailto:laurafletcher50@hotmail.com) or [Geoff Fletcher \(geoff.s.fletcher@ntlworld.com\)](mailto:geoff.s.fletcher@ntlworld.com)

Wednesday

2.00-4.00pm Bowls (Weekly) – (currently suspended – but enquiries most welcome to Pat McGlasson 01604 781215)
6.00-7.00pm '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? Pantomimes, variety shows, workshops for young people, etc - Heather Wilson 07785 347297

Just room for a couple of photos from the Holcot Coronation events. Thank you to everyone who involved.

