

Holcot Parish Newsletter

Edition 3 – 2025

Welcome to the newsletter! The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be 11th October 2025. Anyone can contribute, so if you have any news or information relating to the village, please send them in. Please email contributions to holcotvillagenewsletter@hotmail.com Thank you, Jenny.

Come & enjoy a musical evening with

Lincoln Noel

Friday 26th
September 7:30 PM

Holcot Village Hall

Licensed bar
Club style table & chair seating
Raffle

In aid of Holcot Church Fabric Fund

Tickets £15 **Children £8**

Call Sheila 781438 or Pam 07884 078179
Sheila@sharpend-uk.com pamwholcot800@gmail.com



Need to hire a small meeting room?

Ideal for up to 12 people.
Kitchen - toilet - large table & seating - heated.

The Church Room
Main Street, Holcot

For details: 01604 781438 or 07712 763408
or email

sheila@sharpend-uk.com



The White Swan – Music Sundays 2025

4pm till 7pm



20th July – Matt Rees Trio

17th August – Similar Jones

14th September – Grandmas Wooden Leg

3rd August – Hayley & the Heartbeats

31st August – Open Mic

Have Your Say on the Green Hill Solar Proposals

Parishioners are advised that they have until **14 August 2025** to register their interest and have their say on the **Green Hill Solar proposals**.

The proposals cover **nearly 3,000 acres across Northamptonshire**, including approximately **150 acres within our own parish of Holcot**. This is a major development that will have a lasting impact on our local landscape, community, and environment.

To ensure your voice is heard, **you must register your interest** with the Planning Inspectorate.

You can do this by visiting:

- **The Planning Inspectorate website**, or
- **www.holcotvillage.co.uk**, where you'll find a direct link to register.

Stay in touch

Don't forget, the best way to find out what's going on in and around our lovely village is to log on to the village website. It's updated regularly – sometimes on a daily basis – and brings you news about upcoming events.

Live music at the pub, village hall events, church news and, importantly, the Green Hill Solar application, will be at your fingertips.

Just type: **holcotvillage.co.uk** into a new tab on your laptop or tablet and press 'enter'. Once there, register to receive emails and we'll send the same news straight to your inbox.

Don't miss out on village life - log on today!

New Holcot Parish Council Website Launched

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new website for Holcot Parish Council: www.holcot-pc.gov.uk.

The site has been created to provide easy access to important Parish Council information. You can now find:

- Council meeting minutes and agendas
- Planning applications and updates
- Contact details for councillors
- News and announcements
- Parish documents and policies

St Mary and All Saints Church.

Services.

Our services take place every Sunday morning at 9am in the church and usually last around 1 hour. On the first Sunday of every month there is usually coffee and cake in the Church Room after the service. All are welcome.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

We are already in the middle of another year of Fund Raising to help maintain our beautiful Church and Churchyard.

With the help of lots of people, we have carried out some very successful fund raising events. Many thanks to all the people who give their time so freely to raise money for our Church. The Bridge drive and Midsummer dance were very well attended and much enjoyed by all.

Our next big event is a concert by the celebrated Lincoln Noel, on Friday 26th September in the Village Hall. There is also our ever popular quiz on Saturday 8th November in the Village Hall.

These events are combined with the usual Ride and Stride sponsored event on Saturday 13th September and the Christmas Post, date to be confirmed.

Details will be found on the Church and Village website. Please continue to support us.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

COFFEE AND CAKE.

We hold our coffee mornings in the Church Room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please feel free to join us for a short session of Morning Prayer at 10:30am, led by different people, followed by coffee and lots of lovely cake at 11am. You are very welcome to join us at either or both times.

We will have the last of these in July, then having a Summer break until Wednesday, September 3rd.

HOME GROUP.

We also meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays to have some coffee and cake, followed by a short Bible Study, led by people of our congregation. At the moment, we are looking at the lives of some of the minor prophets in the Old Testament. As above, we will be having a break during August.

All are always welcome. Further details will be on the Church website.

If you are up for a good discussion and would like to learn more about the Bible, please come and join us. If you just want to come and listen, you would also be very welcome to join us too.

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.



Stunning new garden in Holcot Churchyard

Have you seen the new memorial garden at the entrance to the new cemetery area?

This has been created voluntarily by Avril Watson of Walgrave Road.

It has taken many months of extremely hard work by Avril with her friends Mary Wallace and Brian Hatfull - and the results are nothing less than spectacular!

We would like to thank Avril & her friends for enhancing our Village so splendidly.

Next time you're in the area walking your dog or having a walk around the village, please have a look at all the gardens in the churchyard - and also around other village green-areas.

These are all maintained entirely by volunteer residents from our beautiful village.



However, the fact is, many of the volunteers who keep our village so beautiful (the Friends of Holcot Village maintenance-group and gardening-group) are getting older, and are in need of younger members to help us keep our beautiful village a lovely place to live.

The gardening group (mainly ladies, but it's not exclusive) are a friendly lot, who spend just a few hours most months taking care of beds and borders, and any light maintenance that's needed.

Can you spare a couple of hours every now and then to help us?

No regular commitment or prior skills required, but it'll help keep you fit, may broaden your knowledge of plants and techniques, and maybe introduce you to new (possibly interesting?) people! While keeping your village a community that works together.

If you think you might be able to help in the gardening-group (or indeed the maintenance-group), for more info, please call, text, or whatsapp 07785 347 297; we look forward to welcoming you to either group.



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'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

*6.30-9.00pm Balanced Pet Academy obedience classes for dogs Holly Harte
balancedpetacademy@gmail.com 07892918771

Tuesday

9am-10am 'Pilates with Louise': 07766 807184, or email
pilateswithlouise@gmail.com

1.00-1.45pm 'Silver Swans Centre & Barre' (Ballet-based posture for 55+): Gayna 07909 966
695, or email dance@gaynabrown.co.uk

2.00-2.30pm Adult Tap (same contact details - Gayna – as Silver Swans above)

*7.00-8.30pm 'Holcot Hub' youth club for children age 10-18. Term time only. 50p entry. Check
dates & timing with judith.coles@hotmail.com

Wednesday

6.00-7.00pm 'Strictly'-style Dance classes (Weekly) £7/class Julie 07736 032606 or email
dancepod@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday

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

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. This ladies group meets for monthly events & outings: for more information contact Sheila Ashworth 781438 email:
sheila@sharpend-uk.com or Pam Wilson 07884 078179 email: pamwholcot800@gmail.com

**WILL YOU HELP US TO
CELEBRATE
CINDERELLA?**

To raise funds for the church we would like to
put on a Cinderella Panto in January 2026.
Oh no we aren't
Oh yes we are
BUT WE NEED YOU

We have the script, we have almost all the cast, we have a Director but to make the panto a
reality we are in need of assistance with:

- ♥ A couple more cast members
- ♥ Set design and creation
- ♥ Hosting rehearsals
- ♥ Lighting
- ♥ Sound and special effects
- ♥ Changing sets on the night
- ♥ Script editing and printing
- ♥ Producing and printing of flyers
- ♥ Directing and producing

Anybody who can help us make this happen please contact Avril Watson at
avrilwatson15@gmail.com



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