

Holcot Parish Newsletter

Edition 4 – 2025

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter! The autumn colours are looking amazing and there is a lot happening in the village, events are already being planned for 2026! The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be 10th January 2026. 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.

If you're an adult Holcot resident who's free to do as you wish on an occasional cold Thursday afternoon, whether you're 19 or 109, then YOU are invited to the: "Holcot Hotspot" You probably know that Holcot has a Youth Club which offers teenagers in the village a chance to meet each other and have fun together. Well, someone's had the thought: why should they have all the fun? Here's a chance to meet fellow adult residents, over low-cost refreshments, and with the **OPTION** (but *only if you wish!*) to join in sociable games using all the games equipment in the Village Hall.

If Hotspot continues to be well supported, we plan to run it as a regular event on the 3rd Thursday of EVERY colder month*

Hotspots start at 2.30pm

(*Excl December)

The games and activities provided are:

- ☺ Indoor carpet bowls
- ☺ Pool or snooker
- ☺ Table tennis
- ☺ Darts
- ☺ Card games
- ☺ Dominoes, etc, etc



+ and of course you can bring along any other games YOU

want to play

The idea is that the games themselves are played for fun,
and complete beginners can 'have a go' -

but the games also provide an opportunity - if you wish - to join in and play alongside fellow residents you might not normally meet - or even have known.

To make sure no-one will feel left out:

- ✓ It is **NOT** a club
- ✓ There is **NO** membership fee
- ✓ Until further notice, there's **NO** charge for entry
- ✓ Refreshments including biscuits, tea & coffee, charged only at cost
- so it's no more expensive than being at home

*... but you'll be enjoying your biscuit and cuppa
with old (and new?) friends in the lovely warm and welcoming atmosphere of our
beautiful Village Hall*

Looking forward to seeing you there: Just turn up...

If you (or someone you know) would like assistance to get to the Hall, please call 07785 347 297

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2026

& SATURDAY 31st JANUARY 2026

CINDERELLA PANTO at HOLCOT VILLAGE HALL



Doors open at 7:00pm, Performance Starts at 7:30pm

Wristbands required for entry with these being available for just £10 adult and £5 children from any cast member or Avril Watson at avrilwatson15@gmail.com

Come prepared to Boo, shout for Buttons, help with the magic spells and re-ignite your childhood.

Bar open both nights.

HOBO Band performance post the panto on Saturday

Police talk on staying safe from scams

Holcot Village Hall at 2pm on Thursday 15th January 2026

- Know how to spot and avoid frauds and scams.
- Find out how scams can easily be reported.
- Protect yourself when using the Internet.
- Protect yourself from phone and other frauds.
- Protect yourself from fake messages and calls.
- Know how to secure your personal information.
- Get free safety leaflets for you and your family.
- Help your loved ones stay safe and scam free.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE
Fighting Crime. Protecting People.

Stay safe from scams

This IW organised event will be on the Holcot HOTSPOT afternoon in January, it is a free event which is open to everybody.

Refreshments will be served at a small cost.

We hope you will be able to join us.

If you are interest in coming along, please email marianpeacock6@gmail.com

By Friday 2nd January



BURNS NIGHT BARN DANCE JANUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

– DISCOUNT IF YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! By popular request the ‘Occasional Few’ (complete with caller) will be returning next year on Friday, 23rd January 2026 for a special



Burns Night Barn Dance. The price will be £15 per person, **OR £12 FOR ‘EARLY-BIRD’ TICKETS ORDERED AND PAID-FOR BEFORE 31st DECEMBER.**

Prices include traditional ‘Haggis, Neeps and Tatties’. Bring your own tippie.

Ticket numbers will be limited, so do order your tickets **NOW** by ringing either Phil on 07785 347 297, or Pam on 07884 078 179

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th November

6:30 for 7:00 pm



Tickets still only
£5

Teams of up to 6

Bring your own
drinks & nibbles

Holcot Village Hall

For tickets please call:
Sheila on 07712 763408 OR Pam on 07884 078179

Proceeds in aid of Church Fabric Fund.

Please help keep our village clean...

There has recently been an increase in the amount of people allowing their dogs to mess around the village and feel they do not need to pick it up.

Many people have been observed walking their dogs along the Moulton Road towards the allotment and there has been a large increase in the dog mess on the verges in front of the houses. There has also been an increase in mess on Rectory Lane and other locations.

Please pick up your dog's mess, it is not the responsibility of others to do this for you.
Thank you

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



Age UK Northamptonshire provides many services that enable older people to live independently in their own home and make more of life. They can help you claim benefits such as Attendance Allowance and Pension Credit, but it may surprise you to learn that they can also make the process of setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney much easier. We none of us know what the future holds but a Lasting Power of Attorney gives someone you trust the legal authority to make decisions on your behalf and in your best interest, if there comes a time when you are no longer able to make your own decisions.

The charity works with Maureen Evans, a local paralegal representative, who can prepare and register a Lasting Power of Attorney for property and financial affairs for you or a relative. Maureen can also arrange this for health and welfare, along with helping you draw up a Will. This can either be a single or a mirror Will for clients who have a partner.

As well as organising monthly appointments at The William and Patricia Venton Centre in Northampton, Roger Harris (seen here taking instructions from Roger Aris) can also visit you in your home. You can call Roger for more information and details of fees on 01604 631030 or email

roger.harris@ageuknorthants.org.uk

www.ageuknorthants.org.uk

Registered charity 1059995



Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas eve to Sunday
4th January 12 till close

Christmas Day 12-2pm

Normal Hours resume –
Monday 5th January

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 (*times may vary, also occasional **puppy courses**: contact Holly for details)

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

7.30-8.30pm Active Mummies Pilates

clairelouisebrown83@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday

9.30-noon Art Club (Weekly) -

Elizabeth Culley 01604 648566 / Pamela Mann 01604

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Friday

12.30-1.30pm Active Mummies Pilates

clairelouisebrown83@hotmail.co.uk

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

St Mary and All Saints Church.

COFFEE AND CAKE.

Our coffee mornings are continuing to be popular. These take place every first and third Tuesdays 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!

CHRISTMAS PLANS We are planning to hold our usual Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, 24th

December. This will be at 5pm and will be followed by a short service of Holy Communion for all those who wish to stay. There will no service in Holcot on Christmas morning, but there is one at Brixworth. At 9:45AM for Communion and 10:30am for all ages.

Start your Christmas by coming and joining us for carol singing at Holly Tree Farm . Tuesday, 23rd December, 7pm. TBC. There will be refreshments, good company and some good singing.

CHURCH FUND RAISING Thank you to all who came to our Lincoln Noel evening. It was a great success and a sell out! Now to our next event. On Saturday, November 8th, we holding our usual Church quiz in the Village Hall and it is normally very popular! Apart from the usual brain teaser questions, there will be a raffle and good quality Christmas cards on sale. We normally have a good crowd so please book your tickets early. Tickets are still being held at pre Covid prices! Contact Sheila Ashworth on 07712 763408 or 01604 781438 or Pam on 07884 078179

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS. Let us deliver your village Christmas cards at 15p per card: all proceeds go to church funds. Bring your cards to a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday December 6th at the CHURCH ROOM between 10.00 and 12pm. Cards should have the name and first line of the address of recipient. Delivery will be during the week beginning Dec 8th. Your cards can be collected if you can't attend the Coffee morning: contact 07753 296496 if you need any more help or information.

REMEMBRANCE We will be holding our annual War Memorial gathering at 10:50 on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, during which we hold a two minutes silence and a wreath is laid. Then we go back to the Church for a short service.

It is usually good to see so many people from the village joining us at the Memorial and in the Church after.