**Holme Parish Council News**

No further news on Pingle Bank planning but watch my Facebook page for updates.

Bushes and plants which overhang or encroach on pathways should be cut back please. It is in most cases the householder’s responsibility to keep things tidy. Thank you to Mike for litter picking regularly.

The roads around the Fen nature reserve are going to be resurfaced during August. The road which leads across Holme Lode level crossing and the roads around the reserve will be closed and the diversion is along the B660. Residents will be informed and will be allowed through but will have to check with the foreman. This closure may mean that your furry friends will have to find an exciting new walk for a couple of weeks but I am sure you will agree that the road is in terrible condition and this work is long overdue.

I have been approached about feeding Red Kites. I have taken advice from the Wildlife Trust and RSPB and both say that these beautiful birds are generally well catered for by nature and by official feeding stations set up in the countryside so it is unnecessary to feed them.

Please note that if you need to contact me the best way is to email me holmeparishclerk@gmail.com rather than the messenger facility in Facebook – this is for GDPR and Transparency code reasons.

Enjoy the summer and let’s hope things are back to normal in a couple more months! It will be great to see the Village Hall once more being used to capacity and perhaps some new groups being formed, existing ones restarting and our community coming together once more.

 Janice

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**Save the Date!**

A date for your diary, Friday 3rd June 2022. In celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee we are planning a village event similar to the Diamond Jubilee to bring the residents of Holme together at a community event. (Subject to COVID regulations)

Obviously this is at the very early stages of planning but is likely to involve a family picnic during the afternoon and a ceilidh in the evening with the pub running a licensed bar and hog roast throughout.

Further details will be published as organisation progresses but if you have any enquires please contact me on ali.jane@btopenworld.com.

Alison Turner

**HOLME YOUTH CLUB**

Holme Youth Club is hoping to restart on 10th September at 6.30pm in Holme Village Hall. This of course all depends on what the government guidelines say at that time and how many volunteer helpers come forward.

Membership is open to members of school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme School. Admission is £2 per sessions and you will be required to complete a membership form, which your parents/guardians will need to sign, so that we have contact details in case of emergency. We meet on term time Fridays from 6.30-8.30 pm.

We offer a variety of activities and a subsidised tuck shop and it’s a great opportunity for you to just hang out with your friends in a safe environment. All being well we will eventually be again offering subsidised outings to regular attendees.

Safeguarding regulations require us to have one adult per 8 children and as we only have 3 adults on the committee, who don’t really want to be doing every week, we require support from parents in the form of help with supervision. We try to make it one duty per half term but it depends on the number of volunteers we get. This assistance may now also require some cleaning of the village hall at

the end of the session depending on the regulations in place at that time.

We would, of course, also welcome anyone who is not a parent but would like to help out – anyone over 18 can volunteer to assist. We would ask that anyone willing to assist please email reneemitcham@btinternet.com to register their names, as soon as possible, please, so that we can plan ahead and notify you of when your duty will be. **If we don’t get the volunteers, we can’t restart** which would be a shame as over the past 15 years many children from the village and school have enjoyed and benefitted from their experience of membership.

We will be holding an AGM to elect a new committee at the beginning of October and our current officers have agreed to stay on until then. The committee also consists of volunteers from the membership and those currently in post will hopefully continue until the AGM.

Please keep an eye on the local magazines which are distributed around the village and our Facebook page for updates.

**HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Speedwatch is up and running again and our volunteers are eager to educate drivers to keep within the speed limit. The volume of traffic does seem to have dropped during this unusual year but sadly the percentage of speeding motorists has not.

We are a cheerful band of volunteers who give up an hour or so each month to try to make our village safer. If you would like to join us, please email holme.csw@btinternet.com and we will add you to our list and arrange your training with Cambridgeshire Police then get you onto our list. It’s a great way of getting to know people as we work in groups of 3 and try to mix and match as much as possible and it is not too difficult to write down the vehicle details which are then passed to Cambridgeshire Police for processing. You are welcome to join a session to see what it is all about before taking the plunge.

Please don’t be a speeder through our village be considerate and stick to 30 mph.

**FREE PLACES FOR CHILDREN AT SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEMES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has funding for families who receive free school meals for their children, due to the benefits they receive, to have fun with their friends and enjoy new experiences at a local holiday scheme this summer. The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and is co-ordinated by CCC.

An eligible child will be entitled to up to 64 hours of free holiday childcare through the school summer holiday period. Parents can book places directly with participating holiday schemes, more information can be found at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)

We would value your support in promoting this scheme to families in your parish via newsletters, local Facebook pages, other Social Media and in any other ways you consider would be reach parents. Currently the take up is good but we want to reach out to more families who would find this scheme valuable during the long summer holidays. A meal is also provided as part of the offer and children will have much needed social contact and physical activity.

Poster

Kind regards, Allison Box,, HAF Programme Co-ordinator

Cambridgeshire County Council

**HOLME WI JULY 2021**

We have held a meeting in fact we have now held two. Our first was in mid June and held in the garden of one of our members, socially distanced but some alcoholic and non-alcoholic fizz was consumed along with cake. It was a lovely evening to sit out and socialise and despite the darker clouds it remained dry all evening for us.

![C:\Users\barba\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalState\Files\S0\15745\Attachments\Outdoor Meeting (June 21)[23168].jpg]()At the start of July we held our second meeting, sitting outside in the car park at Holme Village Hall. Once again, the weather was lovely, a beautiful sunny evening, we were so lucky. Our speaker was Sylvia, and her journey as she called it. Sylvia, along with her parents and sister, was a resident of Jersey at the start of the Second World War. When Germany occupied the Island, any English residents, which included Sylvia’s father, were sent to a camp in Germany. This included the whole family, so after packing everything they could manage to carry and wearing as many clothes as they could, they were sent by train into southern Germany. There they would spend almost 3 years in a camp, Sylvia’s family were in Room 56. A room shared between 10 women and 15 children, the men were separated. This was Sylvias life as a child for these 3 years, with very little food and bitterly cold winters. They were liberated by American troops and eventually returned to Jersey. Luckily their house was still intact and they managed to resume living in it, many residents had lost everything. Sylvia is a lovely lady and a good guest speaker, a great start to resuming our meetings.

Anyone wishing to contact us please email WIholmevillage@gmail.com

Alison McGuinness

President

**Holme Village Hall**

We are back!

Following on from the Government's proposed announcement, expected on 12th July, we are planning to re-open the Village Hall and get back to normal with effect from 19th July.

Pre-school have managed to stay open, in their bubble, for the duration of the lockdown period and are excited to announce that they will be opening on a Friday as from September.

(Monday - Friday 9am-3pm)

We welcome back our regular evening users:

Tuesday - Bowls Club (Main Hall)

3rd Tuesday - Parish Council (Green Room)

Wednesday - Bowls Club (Main Hall)

1st Thursday - WI (Main Hall)

Friday - Youth Club (Everywhere!)

If you would like to hire the Village Hall outside the above times then please do contact Victoria Lunan on ***bookings@holmecambsvillagehall.org.uk or 01487 830146***. The Hall is an ideal space for Children's parties, Wedding Receptions, Family Gatherings and many other occasions.

The Committee look forward to seeing you all in the hall again soon!

 **SIR JOHN COTTON CHARITIES**

The Sir John Cotton Education Foundation offers Grants to:

* Young persons, aged between 18 and 25, bona fide residents of the Parish of Holme, who proceed into further education establishments for the duration of their original course
* Towards apprenticeships or self-funded, recognised re-training courses for young persons (no age limit) who are bona fide residents of the Parish of Holme, to some useful trade or occupation to improve their employability, for a maximum of 3 payments
* One off payment to those young persons aged between 16 - 18 years who undertake short term educational activities such as camps or conferences.

The Trustees meet in November to award the Grants so if you think you might be eligible to receive one please apply to SJCEF1@outlook.com submitting your name, age, address in Holme and details of the course you are taking.

All awards are made at the discretion of the Trustees.

**St Giles Church**

Hello Everyone,

What a joy it is to write to you. I cannot quite believe we are in August already! I have loved seeing and hearing the children playing in the playground when I have been in and around the village and enjoyed the collective worship we have continue to lead online.

During the month of August I am encouraging

The services for August and advance notice for September at St. Giles and All Saints' Conington are:

Holy Communion Sunday 15th August 9am - St. Giles

Holy Communion Sunday  5th September 9am - St. Giles

**Connect**SATURDAY 11th September 4pm - St. Giles

*This is an all age, come as you are, informal gathering we would love to see you there. This new venture is starting fresh and we would love you to come along and have your say as to what this space and time will look like each month.*

*Refreshments, Music, Prayer and a Space for you.*

Holy Communion 18th September - St. GIles

**Sunday 12th September 3pm - All Saints' Conington - BCP Evensong All Welcome.**

St. Giles. St. Nicholas and All Saints’ and the wider church family are delighted to welcome Reverend Diane Kutar to our church community. Diane will be joining us as a Curate\* for the next 3 ish years. \*Curate is role for new vicars learning how to do parish ministry.

At the beginning of July Diane was ordained Deacon at Ely Cathedral and will be joining us full time under my leadership in September. I am sure you will get to know her and she and the family will receive a warm welcome.

Below you will find a little bio about Diane:

I am very excited to be coming to Ely Diocese to be your curate.

I am married to Philip and have an 11 year old son called Christian. I came to faith almost 40 years and I am a member of the Northumbria Community. I have worked for a major bank ultimately as a commercial lending manager, leaving to become a teacher, and then to work in my local church running their buildings and latterly as the parish administrator. I think all my previous employment has served to allow me to accumulate transferable skills for parish life. In my spare time I am an avid Formula 1 fan (hoping one day they will move the races to a Saturday instead of a Sunday!), love to knit and cross stitch and I play the cello (badly!).  We love family film nights, and cooking and baking together. Christian and I are particularly passionate about Lego.

Gift Day will be the 11th September and the Church will be open between 10-4.  Cakes will be available to buy and tea and coffee available for anybody etc etc.  At 4 o’clock there will be a service.  Envelopes will be delivered the week before and facility for card payments will be made on the day

Flower Rota:  we are hoping that post Covid normality will resume I the coming months.  Thank you to all of the members of the parish who have helped in the past for being so patient.  We are waiting for Guidance from the Diocese Covid Task Force and after this hope to get the flower rota back up and running.

**Waste recycling**

**Some simple pointers to make the most of your recycling collections**

Huntingdonshire residents can recycle a wide range of materials via the kerbside collections including the most common items; glass, paper/cardboard, cans/tins and plastic bottles. But did you know we can also recycle:

♻ Aerosols

♻ Plastic pots tubs and trays, including black trays

♻ Clean foil

♻ Drink cartons

♻ Stretchy, flexible plastics, like bread bags

The tougher flexible plastics, which tear rather than stretch cannot be recycled at the kerbside and should be disposed of in your refuse bin.

A common misconception is around black sacks, they cannot be used for your recycling. This is because the crews cannot then see that they contain just recyclables. If you want to use a bag, please keep it clear or transparent for this reason, although recycling can be placed loosely in your recycling bin. Rather than putting the bag into the bin, you could empty the contents and reuse it again and again.

Textiles cannot be accepted at the kerbside as they can get ruined when mixed with the other materials on the collection, especially glass. To recycle your textiles, they can be donated to charity shops, dropped at any of the clothing banks across the district (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/recycling-centres/#RecyclingBanks>) or taken to the household recycling centres.

We are also often asked about polystyrene. Unfortunately, we cannot take polystyrene in your recycling collections. The quality of the plastic is too low to be able to have an end market for this. Polystyrene should be disposed of in your grey refuse bins.

And lastly, do not forget, recycling needs to be clean so as not to contaminate other materials when being collected. This can be done at the end of the washing up; it does not need to be sparkling.

 If you are still in doubt, please get in touch. 🌈💚

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As we come to the close of the academic year, there is much to be thankful for. Our resilient and hardworking children, our positive and caring staff and our supportive parents and governors.

This last term has been a celebration of what is special about our school. A rich educational experience for all pupils.

Our sports day and end of year production happened remotely, families were able to get a glimpse of this through videos and photographs.

Our Year 6 leavers have been working creatively to take part in transition activities to their secondary schools. The children spent a reflective day in church as well as designing their end of year assembly.

I am so proud of these Year 6 children. This year has not been ‘usual’, but each one of them have continued to work hard and take learning seriously.

They certainly enjoyed their pizza party and waterslide!

Looking forwards to September, the children will no longer be in Bubbles and the classrooms will look as they did before the COVID restrictions began. The teachers are keen to get their grouped tables and book corners back!

Wishing you all a safe and sunny summer.

Mrs Thomas

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