#### HOLME

#### Parish News

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July 2023

Free to Holme residents

(thanks to the Reading Room Trust)

**Holme Parish Council**

There are three topics to share this month. Firstly, the topic of grass and verge cutting. Perfect growing conditions in May meant the grass on the Holmewood open space as well as verges around the village became really long. Thanks to Huntingdon County Council and the contractor appointed by the Parish Council, cutting took place in the first week of June. We appreciate that a "no mow May" policy is good for wildlife but recognise it creates a risk of accidents if grass around junctions is long. We will review this approach at the next meeting of the Parish Council (20th July). We are pleased to see that the floral meadow strips planted in Holmewood last year are blooming. The green open space will continue to be mowed and these strips left to flourish.

Cambridgeshire County Council tell us they have been provided with additional funding from the Department for Transport to help tackle road repairs. County Councillor Simon Bywater encourages us to report potholes and any other highway issues via the “Report a Fault” page on the County Council Website ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)).

Finally, every year the Parish Council is required to submit an annual governance and accountability return which includes accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2023. You will find this and more information on the website. Any member of the public has the right to inspect the accounts between 5th June and 14th July. If you would like any further information please let me know.

If I can be of any help with Parish related matters please call or email me.

Sarah Abbott, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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**Holme Preschool**

As we approach the end of the summer term, we are busy preparing for some of the children to take their next step up to ‘big school’. Pre-School staff support all children individually with the transition into reception and will be working closely with each school over the coming weeks to support their preparations. We have lots of celebrations planned before the end of term include a leavers party and graduation ceremony and look forward to making their final few weeks at Pre-School extra special.

The Pre-School are holding a Summer Quiz Night on Friday 14th July at 7.30pm, at Holme Village Hall. Tickets are £5 per person with up to 6 people per team, please feel free to bring along drinks and snacks for the evening. All are welcome to join us, if you would like to buy a ticket, please contact Kelly on [managerholmepreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:managerholmepreschool@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Holme Village Pre-School offer a supportive and welcoming environment for children aged 2 - 4 years old to develop and learn. Spaces are filling up fast for September, if you would like further information on enrolling your child at the preschool or would like to arrange a visit, please get in touch via email on [managerholmepreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:managerholmepreschool@yahoo.com).

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**GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK.**

So now it’s time to say goodbye. After nearly 30 years as editor of the Holme Parish News I am very happy to place it in the capable hands of Louise Roderick-Smith.

I have enjoyed being the editor and thank you for all the help and encouragement you have given me, all the articles you have written and your patience when I haven’t done things quickly enough.

I can’t list all the people who have made my life easier, you know who you are, but there are a few who do need to be named. Wendy who has produced the diary each month and made sure that the back page is up to date, not an easy task. Janice, the former Parish Secretary who has been patient and encouraging and her replacement Sarah, also helpful and encouraging, I shall be sorry not to be working with her any more.

The school have been willing and reliable in photocopying the HPN. The task of working in the photocopying room, especially on a hot day is not for the faint hearted and the reading Room Trust who have financed the HPN so it is free to every home in the village

And for all the articles and photographs from everyone that have made the HPN a really local magazine. When I took over from Pat Thomas it was just a single printed sheet with a single sheet inside with local news. You, the people of Holme, have made it your own and I am proud to have worked with you on that. My hope is that more people will use HPN to inform the people of Holme about what is going to happen-hopefully at least a month in advance!

So I wish Louise all the best for the future and have no need to dread the headaches and brain fog and anxiety that the end of the month has given me. I am still here and may even pop up in HPN occasionally- if the Editor approves my submissions.

Goodbye and good luck to you all.

With love

Barbara

**Hello from Louise**

Firstly, a big thank you to Barbara who has kept the Parish News running for the village for over 25 years as the editor. These are big shoes to fill but hopefully we can keep it going for the village. I grew up in Holme and now live here with my partner and our toddler who attends the preschool. I work part time as a senior underwriter, and I am on the parish council and the Holme Reading Room Trust so I thought I have time for this too! If anyone has any contributions, they want to add in the parish news please do keep an eye on the dates on when the articles need to be submitted and send them over to me. A number of volunteers help with the Parish News which includes distributing it and getting the diary entries each month so a thank you to those too.

**Holme Church of England Primary Academy**

Wow! We have recently held our first ever maypole event in our school playground. It was truly lovely to see the children performing with smiles on their faces to their parents, in traditional maypole dances. We already have plans to make next year’s bigger and better.

Our lovely Foxes class have been on residential to PGL Caythorpe and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They tired themselves out with amazing activities, including paddle boarding, rifle shooting, raft building and many more adventurous team building activities. They were certainly tired on their return.

In school the children have been busy in their learning, as always. The Hedgehog class are so engaged with their minibeasts learning, they have explored the outside provision looking for bugs and this has continued into their lunch time activities when on the school field.

The Owls class have been exploring astronomy in Science and have been very excited about their learning and they are looking forward to making their own space buggy in their DT work. In RE, children have started to look at trust as an enquiry concept in their learning.

Our Squirrels class have been developing their knowledge of electricity in Science, learning about The Stuarts in History, following on in chronology from their previous Tudor learning. They have also been exploring the continent of Asia, with a particular focus of Japan. Their language and knowledge astounds us, they were talking about air masses this week and how it affects the climate of Japan at different times of the year!

Foxes class have been studying The History of Human Rights, and have been amazed at how much things have changed over time.

They have also continued with their Outdoor and Adventure pursuits from residential into their PE lessons alongside Sports Day practice.

Our Key Stage Two children have selected their end of year production and are very excited to begin rehearsals for ‘Alice’. We can’t wait to see the end product.

We can’t believe how fast this year has gone!

Mrs King, Mrs Ferrara and the Small but Mighty Team.

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**Holme Community Speedwatch**

As I write this we are in the middle of a heatwave and our speedwatch volunteers are working on their tans as they monitor the traffic passing through Holme.

We aim to do one session a week on different days and at various times and although the volume of traffic varies, sadly, the percentage of those exceeding the 30mph limit doesn’t seem to vary much. One van, travelling at 48 mph in the 30 mph zone, overtook a van towing a trailer in sight of the level crossing where the barriers were down and a queue had already started to form – what was the point as he had to join the queue and was sitting there for about 10 minutes.  We try very hard to educate drivers to be more considerate and stick to the speed limit and it is examples like this that make us so determined to carry on.

If you would like to join our happy band of volunteers please email [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) and we will arrange your training with Cambridge Police and get you out there to fight the fight with us.  We each do about 1.5 hours per month and times are arranged at your convenience so come on help us try and reduce the speeding traffic through our village whilst having a lovely social hour and a half with fellow, like minded, residents.

All correspondence associated with speedwatch is sent by Cambridgeshire Police so if you receive any other written complaints about your speeding – its not from us.

**Holme Youth Club**

As we start the final half term of this academic year we are once again inviting the Year 4s who live in Holme or attend Holme CofE Primary Academy to join us for a “taster” session on 30th June and/or 7th July – this year we are also including 14th July but only if the weather is fine and dry as we will not have access to the village hall so will be meeting on the school field. Come along and see what we have to offer and meet up with other new and current members. Admission is £2 and there is a tuck shop where drinks and sweet and savoury items are available at cost price. We would ask parents to come in and meet us and fill in a membership form so that we have contact details. Please don’t just drop and go as we may be full.

We have been running for many years and have a regular attendance between 20-40 members who enjoy just hanging out with their friends or taking part in various games and we have “a trip out” each term. We rely heavily on volunteers to help the adult committee members to supervise the members on a ratio of 1 adult to 8 members so if you would like to volunteer, please contact us on [holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com) or on our Facebook page – you don’t have to be a parent or relative you just need to be willing to attend Youth Club at least once each half term on a supervisory basis.

We cannot take any more than 40 members on a club night but, sadly, we do have to turn people away if we exceed our designated quota for the number of volunteers available.

At our AGM, which will be held on 15th September at 7pm, we will be electing a new committee consisting of 6 member volunteers and as many adult volunteers as would like to join us (adult committee members will be DBS checked). Please come along and see what we are all about. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Members are currently signing up for our next “trip out” on 15th July to Fenland Aqua Park. This was very popular last year and places are filling up fast – the cost will vary depending on how many times you have attended in the first half of this term so email us to find out what it will cost you and get your name down while there is space.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or who attend or have attended Holme School. Our final session this year will be on 14th July (weather permitting) and we will be back again on Friday 8th September in the village hall at 6.30pm until 8.30pm

**SIR JOHN COTTON CHARITY - HOLME CHARITY LANDS**

The above charity was set up in 1869 to support “the most deserving and necessitous bona fide inhabitants of the Parish of Holme, with a preference to those with disabilities”.

Originally this was easy to administer as everyone in the Parish and their circumstances, was known to the Trustees but now it is difficult to obtain the names of residents never mind their circumstances.

The Trustees meet in earlyNovember to select recipients for the small amount of funding that we distribute every year just before Christmas, mainly to help with heating, to those they feel need a little support.

If you think you might qualify for this grant, i.e. you meet any of the following criteria

* bona fide residents of Holme Parish
* receiving free school meals
* qualify for food bank support
* on pension/universal credits
* anyone struggling to deal with impairments, or disabilities

**please apply straight away** – giving your reasons for why you feel you qualify – in one of the following ways

* Send or drop off a letter to Holme Charity Lands c/o Holme Village Hall, Short Drove, Holme PE7 3PA
* email [holmecharitylands@gmail.com](mailto:holmecharitylands@outlook.com)
* call 07989554268 to either give your reasons or request a confidential visit from one of our representatives

The Trustees can then consider your application to ensure funding goes to the most deserving cases.

**CURRENT RECIPIENTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSIDERED SO NEED NOT APPLY**

**SIR JOHN COTTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Are you going to university or starting an apprenticeship? Sir John Cotton Educational Foundation could give you a little financial assistance if you are a bona fide resident of the Parish of Holme.

The Sir John Cotton Educational Foundation offer Grants to

1. young persons, aged between 18 and 25, who proceed into further education establishments for the duration of their original course
2. 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
3. One off payment to those young persons aged between 16-18 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 send in a letter of application for consideration, as soon as possible, to [SJCEF1@outlook.com](mailto:SJCEF1@outlook.com) submitting your name, age, address in Holme and details of the course you are taking, apprenticeship or retraining you are undertaking or the activity or event you are attending. All emails will be acknowledged so if you don’t get a reply check the address you sent it to and resend. Please reapply every year giving us an update on your progress.

All awards are made at the discretion of the Trustees.

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**How you can help stop fly tipping**

1. Check the company has a ‘waste carriers’ licence with the Environment Agency by phone or online
2. Get a quote (it costs £120 per ton to get rid of waste legally) so is it too good to be true?
3. If you choose a company, they should show you their waste Carrier Licence on arrival, if not do not use them.
4. Find out where the waste is going for disposal before they load their van – note it down.
5. Take a picture of your waste and the vehicle that it is going to take it away.
6. Once loaded the carrier must give you a receipt which describes the waste they have taken and the cost charged.
7. If you communicate via Facebook, messenger or Text, screen shot and save your messages.

Church & Parish Directory

**St Giles Church** **Website:** [**www.holme-parish.org**](http://www.holme-parish.org)

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Cllr L Roderick-Smith; Cllr. P Sargent, Cllr H Watson,; Cllr E Whittaker

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**Holme Reading Room Trust** email: [holmereadingroomtrust@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:holmereadingroomtrust@hotmail.co.uk)

**Holme School www.holme.cambs.sch.uk** email: [admin@holme.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holme.cambs.sch.uk)

Exec Head (Holme & Stilton) Mrs C King Head of School Mrs C Ferrara

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**Neighbourhood Watch** David Neal email: [davidneal994@gmail.com](mailto:davidneal994@gmail.com)

**Rainbows/Guides/Guides/Rangers** Contact: Val Aldridge, District Commissioner

[valaldridge@btinternet.com](mailto:valaldridge@btinternet.com) or www.girlguiding.org.uk

**Sir John Cotton Educational Trust** – email: [sjcef1@outlook.com](mailto:sjcef1@outlook.com)

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Articles for August and September Holme Parish News to the editor by 6th July 2023

Also available : Holme Village Facebook Page

**Diary Dates for your July**

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| **Saturday 1** | **Gin & Cider Festival, Admiral Wells –, starting 12 noon**  **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm.  T: 07717 747772 for details or Howe Chippy on facebook. |
| **Sunday 2** | **Holy Communion at St Giles Church, 9am** |
| **Monday 3** | **Blue bin collection**  **Zumba 7pm, Yoga 8pm –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Tuesday 4** | **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 5** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544 |
| **Friday 7** | **Green bin collection**  **Mobile Post Office –** 9.30-10.30am |
| **Saturday 8** | **St Giles Church,** Coffee & Cake 2.30pm followed by BCP Evensong at 4.30pm  **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Monday 10** | **Grey bin collection**  **Zumba 7pm, Yoga 8pm –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Tuesday 11** | **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 12** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544 |
| **Friday 14** | **Mobile Post Office** – 9.30-10.30am  **Mobile Library** – 12.05–12.30pm Holmewood  **Holme Pre-School Quiz,** Village Hall, 7.30pm |
| **Saturday 15** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Sunday 16** | **Holy Communion at St Giles Church, 9am** |
| **Monday 17** | **Blue bin collection**  **Zumba 7pm, Yoga 8pm –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Tuesday 18** | **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 19** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Holme School and Pre-school –** end of Summer Term  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544 |
| **Thursday 20** | **Parish Council Mtg,** 7.30pm Holme Village Hall |
| **Friday 21** | **Green bin collection**  **Mobile Post Office –** 9.30-10.30am  **Bingo at Yaxley Public Hall –** doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm, £8 pp. Everyone welcome |
| **Saturday 22** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Monday 24** | **Grey bin collection** |
| **Tuesday 25** | **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 26** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544 |
| **Friday 28** | **Mobile Post Office –** 9.30-10.30am |
| **Monday 31** | **Blue bin collection**  **Zumba 7pm, Yoga 8pm –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |