#### HOLME

#### Parish News



**October 2023**

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**HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**“Green” matters**

There have been several announcements from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Huntingdon District Council (HDC) in the past few weeks which I am afraid many will not view as good news!

Firstly, a press release was issued by HDC on 25th August stating that following a review, cabinet members agreed to introduce a fortnightly **garden waste subscription service** coming into effect April 2024. The annual cost for one bin will be £57.50. Your Parish Council did send their objections to the introduction of such a policy at the consultation stage to which we received an acknowledgement but the decision made stands.

Another hot topic for many Parishes is **weeds in road edges and on footpaths**. CCC changed their policy in April moving away from carrying out cyclic spraying of road edges and footpaths to a risk-based approach where they present a hazard to road users. The reasons for doing this were to improve biodiversity and reduce running costs. CCC have written to all Parish Councils recognising that they should have consulted them when the policy change was being considered. They have told us they will be asking us to complete a survey providing evidence as to what the impact has been on our Parish.

On a positive note, an ecologist appointed by HDC has carried out a **biodiversity survey** (free of charge) on the green space at Holmewood. They will provide us with a report setting out potential options for increasing biodiversity.

**Planning**

In the past couple of months, the Parish Council have reviewed four **planning applications**. Huntingdon District Council are the ultimate decision makers and consult with several organisations including Parish Councils. The Parish Council are asked whether they recommend approval or refusal of an application. Their response is available to the public via:

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications)

Town and Country Planning regulations state that Local Planning Authorities (in our case HDC) must review their **Local Plan** every five years. A Local Plan sets out a plan for future sustainable development for the district and includes identifying areas of land for development to deliver the homes, jobs and services needed in the district. HDC ran a “Call for Sites” exercise earlier in the year to identify land that could potentially be developed. Several members of the public identified potential sites in the Holme area and details can be found via:

[www.huntingdoneshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-udpate/call-for-sites](http://www.huntingdoneshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-udpate/call-for-sites)

Please note, a site being included in the local plan does not automatically mean planning permission has been given. The full planning application process still has to be followed.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting**

By the time you read this, the Parish Council will have held its September meeting and an update on matters discussed will be included in the next edition of Holme Parish News. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

**Can I help?**

If I can be of any help with Parish related matters please call or email me. I am conscious that I often share links to websites that not everyone may be able to access. If you need help obtaining information provided in this way do please let me know.

Sarah Abbott, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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**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**

**HOLME YOUTH CLUB**

We ended last term with Mother Nature winning the water fight on our final day in July as it rained so much all day we had to abandon our plans to hold a water battle without firing a shot.  Our amazing visit to Fenland Aquapark turned out to be more amazing than anticipated as a sudden gust of wind blew some of the inflatables across the lake and we had to abandon our session after 10 minutes in the water because of a torrential downpour.

As I write this summer has finally arrived so we should manage at least one more evening in the school field to kick off our new term on 8th September and hopefully we also picked up a few new members for both the club and the committee at our AGM on 15th September and are ever hopeful that the re-run of the Fenland Aquapark trip on 16th September was a great success but you will have to wait till next month to hear about it.  With the days shortening we will be restricted to the Village Hall but we have plans afoot to utilise some outdoor space now that we are no longer able to use the enclosed area at the back of the car park.

We are planning our “night out” for 8th December so lets have some suggestions of where you would like to go but I do stress Dubai is not an option!!

Holme Youth Club membership is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme (CofE) Primary Academy.  We meet every term time Friday in the Village Hall at 6.30 to 8.30 – admission £2 and we have a subsidised tuck shop run by some of our older members.  If you fit the criteria and are interested in joining us just pop along or for more information check out our web site and Facebook page or email [holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com) for further information.

**HOLME COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

After a rather dismal summer which, bizarrely, has seen a huge drop in the amount of through traffic and, consequently, speeders September brought the summer and the return of the traffic and the speeders as we are once again up to 15%.  As this is a great improvement on the 50% we started with our team are confident they are succeeding in their endeavours to educate drivers passing through our village.

 It is really heartening to get people from outside our village who are interested in joining our team as there isnt one in their immediate area, or are asking for advise about starting their own team in their area.  We can pass on the full guidance details of how it all works and answer any questions you may have but we then pass you onto Cambridgeshire Police who will assist with training and/or setting up your scheme.

 If you can spare 1.5 hours a month and are interested in helping out with our campaign please email [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) and we can give you the full details and arrange your training and welcome you to our team.

**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.

**HOLME C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY**

What a great start to the new school year! It has been lovely to see you all come back and you all seem so much taller than you were in July. Our new Reception children have fitted in so well to life at Holme and they were even playing with the bigger children on just their second week!

The start of the new term brings exciting new things. Firstly, please check out our new school website at <https://holme.demat.org.uk> We are very proud of everything we achieve at Holme C of E Primary Academy.

Secondly, we cannot believe we are already thinking about our new starters for September 2024. If you have a child who is 3 and born in 2019 or 4 and in 2018, then we have a very important date for your diary. Come along to our New Intake Open Evening on Thursday 12th October 4-5pm. To book your space please contact our school office on 01487 830342. Our Small but Mighty Team will be on hand to show you round, answer your questions and give you an insight into life at our wonderful school.

Finally, dare I mention the word ‘Christmas’ but we LOVE Christmas! After such a successful Christmas Fayre last year, we are doing it all over again this year. The smiles, the joy and the overall Christmas spirit was priceless. The community are welcome to purchase tickets and tokens for the event and can do this via our school office. If you are a local business and interested in running a stall at our event, please request a table for £10 plus a raffle donation via the school office. Stalls will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis with a varying stall types.

This term is such a busy one, but we have lots to look forward and share with you all.

Mrs King, Mrs Ferrara and the Small but Mighty Team

**ST GILES CHURCH**

Reflection

As we head towards Autumn, and the nights are drawing in we often begin, as a church, to reflect on the contrast between light and darkness. We are able to see where the light is burning brighter as we contrast with the darkness. In the Christian faith, where we see light, we see hope and ultimately the light prevails through the darkness and brings new growth and life.

We are thrilled to be seeing light and new ventures at our Benefice churches and in our community.

We have just launched our new group Youth Spaces. At present the activities planned include board/card games, big screen computer games, tuck shop, space to chat, but we are drawing up an exciting programme from the young people’s ideas. The group will meet every Sunday in term time, 6pm to 7.30pm at All Saints’ Church and is for young people Year 7 and upwards.

We also see the launch of the Coffee Ark coming up. Coffee Ark is a new community venture reaching out into our communities aiming to address issues of loneliness and isolation in rural communities. Coffee Ark will be another light shining brightly through this season. We have a fund-raising quiz on the 14th of October to support this new community initiative.

Looking forward a bit further to the end of November and the beginning of December there will be the Christmas Tree Festival and the much-anticipated return of the pop-up cinemas.

We also continue to progress with the heating project at St Giles. We now have all the permissions from the Diocese we need to progress. Contractors have been appointed and we are awaiting a date from UKPN with respect to the new power supply. Please keep a close eye on social media and the church notice board with respect to the service patterns as these may change from the published schedule as we respond to the dates when it is possible to complete the work.

Every blessing,

Rev Canon Becky Dyball

**HOLME VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL**

We have started September well and had a busy first couple of weeks, with some new children starting and our old children back and finding their feet again. Our topic for this half term is all about me and family and friends so the children have enjoyed telling us all about their home lives and what they enjoy doing with their families.

 At Holme Village Pre-School we pride ourselves in offering a small and personal setting for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old.  Where every child is valued and recognised as having a voice. The Pre-School is based in the Village Hall. We have two large rooms and a dedicated outside garden area, where the children enjoy learning through play and exploration.

We still have some spaces available for an immediate start and a waiting list for 2 year olds from April 2024 when the funding rules change. So for further information or to arrange a visit, please contact our manager Kelly on the email address below or call 07842 192052.

The wonderful Pre-School team are supported by a voluntary committee who are responsible for setting the Pre-School policies, managing and engaging staff, fundraising and organising social events. We will be holding our next AGM on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the hall. It gives everyone a chance to hear about the Pre-School, what we have been up to and what we have planned.

Please come along and support us and if you are interested in joining the committee please speak to our current members or contact [managerholmevillagepreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:managerholmevillagepreschool@yahoo.com).

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| **Monday 2** | **Grey bin collection** |
| **Tuesday 3** | **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm  **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 4** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544  **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm |
| **Thursday 5** | **Zumba 6.30pm – Admiral Wells, Yoga 7.30pm – Glatton Village Hall –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Friday 6** | **Mobile Post Office –** 9.30-10.30am  **Youth Club –**Village Hall, 6.30pm-8.30pm |
| **Saturday 7** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm.  T: 07717 747772 for details or Howe Chippy on facebook. |
| **Monday 9** | **Blue bin collection** |
| **Tuesday 10** | **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm  **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 11** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544  **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm |
| **Thursday 12** | **Zumba 6.30pm – Admiral Wells, Yoga 7.30pm – Glatton Village Hall –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Friday 13** | **Green bin collection**  **Mobile Post Office** – 9.30-10.30am  **Mobile Library** – 12.05–12.30pm Holmewood  **Youth Club –**Village Hall, 6.30pm-8.30pm |
| **Saturday 14** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Monday 16** | **Grey bin collection** |
| **Tuesday 17** | **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm  **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 18** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544  **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm |
| **Thursday 19** | **Zumba 6.30pm – Admiral Wells, Yoga 7.30pm – Glatton Village Hall –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Friday 20** | **Holme School closed for Training Day**  **Mobile Post Office –** 9.30-10.30am |
| **Saturday 21** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Monday 23** | **Blue bin collection**  **Holme School and Pre-School** Half term to 27 Oct |

**DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER 2023**

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| **Tuesday 24** | **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm  **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |
| **Wednesday 25** | **415 Bus to Peterborough**  **Wet Fish van –** Station Rd, St Giles, Church St, Vicarage Cl.  T: 07894 495544  **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm |
| **Thursday 26** | **Zumba 6.30pm – Admiral Wells, Yoga 7.30pm – Glatton Village Hall –** Becky T:07951 785668 to book |
| **Friday 27** | **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 28** | **Fish’n’Chip van –** various stops in the village from 7pm |
| **Monday 30** | **Grey bin collection** |
| **Tuesday 31** | **Halloween**  **Short Mat Bowls –** Village Hall 7.30pm  **Quiz Night -** 8pm Admiral Wells |

\***415 Bus to Peterborough** pick up from 10.15am Pingle Bank then Station Road & Holmewood. Return at 1.30pm

**HACT Ring and Ride Tel: 01480 411114** – membership £15 per annum. <http://www.hact-cambs.co.uk/home>

**Community Car Scheme Tel**: 07795542084 between 9am – 12 noon to book.

If you have an event you would like included please let us know by Friday 13th October, email: wendyaylesbury@hotmail.com



Please send articles by Friday 13th October.