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Editorial

by Ann Miller



'Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.' – Jenny Han

'If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.' – Roald Dahl

Both of those quotes, especially the first one, give us hope for the next few months. My own personal quote would be'at least I didn't get my heavy winter coat out of the cupboard this year, although I did get through two umbrellas.'

Wow, what a lot of articles we have had for this issue! From how to make a good granola to several historical stories from around our community.

Within that body of articles, we hear about two young women who we need to send three cheers to, Jelena and Arianna. It sounds like they both had a remarkable achievement as well as an overwhelming experience.

Also, more power to the Holmer Green First School Ecowarriors. A big thank you for the lovely piece written by one of your warriors explaining about what you are trying to achieve. A good example for the less than, Ecowarriors in our community.

Thank you to the many young contributors who have shared their experiences of being in the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Holmer Green Today team would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Reid, one of the founder members of this magazine, who is "retiring" from her contribution to HGT.

In conclusion, here's hoping that the weather holds for July 13th Music on the Common. Let the winds not blow and the rain not fall.

Have a Happy Summer.

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REGULAR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts		
Holmer Green Beaver Scouts	Scout Hut, Parish Piece	Mondays, 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Wednesdays, 5.45pm – 6.45pm.
Holmer Green Cub Scouts	Scout Hut, Parish Piece	Mondays, 6.45pm – 8.15pm. Thursdays, 6.45pm – 8.15pm.
Holmer Green Scouts	Scout Hut, Parish Piece	Wednesdays, 7.00pm – 8.30pm.
Church Services		
Christ Church (C of E)	Christ Church, Holmer Green	Services every Sunday at 10.00am, except the 2nd Sunday of every month when the service is held at Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street, at 10.00am.
Holmer Green Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Wednesday service : every Wednesday afternoon: 1.30pm – 2.15pm. Sunday service : every Sunday morning, 9.45am – 11.00am.
Holmer Green Methodist Church	Methodist Church	Services most Sundays at 10.30am. The occasional service is shared with Tylers Green Methodist Church, when the Holmer Green Methodist Church is closed. All are welcome.
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers		
1st Holmer Green Rainbows	Village Centre	Mondays, weekly, 5.00pm – 6.00pm.
1st Holmer Green Brownies	Village Centre	Wednesdays, weekly, 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
4th Holmer Green Brownies	Christ Church Centre	Thursdays, weekly, 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
1st Holmer Green Guides	Village Centre	Fridays, weekly, 6.30pm – 8.00pm.
Kingfisher Rangers	Village Centre	Mondays, fortnightly, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.
871 (Penn) Squadron ATC	871 Sqn HQ, Sir William Ramsay School, Hazlemere	Tuesdays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Fridays, 7.30pm – 10.00pm.
Art and Craft Group	Methodist Church	Every 3rd Saturday, 10.00am – 12.30pm.
Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	Every 1st Tuesday, 10.00am – 12 noon. With book and puzzle swap.
Community Café	Christ Church Centre	Every 4th Saturday, 10.00am – 12 noon. Tea, coffee and a chat.
Holmer Green Stroke Club	Christ Church Centre	Tuesdays, weekly, 10.00am – 12 noon. For persons affected by communication problems.
Holmer Green WI	Village Centre	Every 3rd Wednesday, 2.00pm.
Holmer Green Youth Club	Youth Club, 18 Parish Piece	Open for Y6 – Y11. Please see the website for full details: www.holmergreenyouthclub.org.uk
Link-Up Bereavement and Friendship Group	Christ Church Centre	3rd Friday of each month, 11.00am – 12 noon, followed by a shared lunch.
Oasis Kids	Baptist Church	Every Sunday morning, 9.45am – 11.00am.
Oasis Toddlers	Baptist Church	Every Tuesday morning (term time only – pre-booked admission), 9.30am – 11.00am.
Sensory Garden Volunteers	Sensory Garden, Earl Howe Rd.	2nd Wednesday of each month. A volunteer "roll up" between 9.15am and 12 noon is held at which any potential volunteers are welcome to join us for a taster session.
Rumikub	Rossetti Hall	3rd Friday of each month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Short Mat Bowls	Holmer Green Sports Association	Tuesdays, 7.00pm – 10.30pm.
Souper Lunch	Christ Church Centre	2nd and 4th Thursdays, 12.30pm – 2.00pm, for a light lunch and a chat.
The Holmer Green Churches Together Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Centre or Baptist Church	1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2.00pm.
The Lantern Club	Village Centre	Mondays, weekly, 10.30am – 2.30pm.
Tiddlywinks Baby, Toddler and Under School Age Group and Their Carers	Christ Church Centre	Mondays, term time only, 1.30pm – 3.00pm.
Wednesday Pop-In	Baptist Church	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 12.30pm – 1.30pm.
Whist Club	Rossetti Hall	Thursdays, weekly, 1.30pm – 3.30pm.
Who Let The Dads Out	Baptist Church	2nd Saturday morning of the month, 9.30am – 11.00am.
Wycombe Centre National Trust Support Group	Hazlemere Community Centre	4th Friday of the month at 2.15pm, except December (please enquire). Weekly talks, regular outings, holidays.
Youth Club	Baptist Church	Every Sunday, term time only. Years 6 to 8: 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Years 9+ : 8.00pm – 9.30pm.
Please refer to the Village Contacts list for the contact details for each event/activity We recommend you contact the relevant person(s) to check that the event, location and times are correct before you go for the first time. Equally, if you would like your event/activity to be included here, please contact Jo Kettle, whose information is on page 2.		



VILLAGE CONTACTS



All telephone numbers relate to the High Wycombe STD number - 01494 - unless specifically stated e.g. a mobile number.

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WHAT'S ON – AND WHERE

WHY NOT CUT OUT AND KEEP THE DATES AND THE ADVERTISERS PAGES SUMMARY
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1 st June	Table top sale - McMillan Cancer Support	Gt Missenden Library – 10.00am
5 th June	Talk by Peter Healy - Talk "My Father skippered a D-Day	Village Hall - 7.15pm
5 th June	Beacon Lighting to commemorate 80 th anniversary of D-Day.	The Common - 9.15pm
6 th June	Churches Together Women's Fellowship - <i>Chiltern Ladies Choir</i>	Church Centre - 2.00pm
15 th June	Cake and Produce Sale in aid of charity <i>Love in a Box</i>	Methodist Church - 10.00 - 12.00
19 th June	Holmer Green WI - Members Only Birthday Party lunch with Toastmaster, Timothy Lee	Village Centre - 2.00pm
20 th June	VPA Talk - "George Ward, Photographer of Amersham"	Church Centre - 7.45pm
4 th July	Churches Together Women's Fellowship - Talk-"The History of Hazelmere"	Church Centre - 2.00pm
13 th July	The Village Societies' <i>Music on the Common</i>	The Common - 12.30pm
8 th July	The Village Society and Parish Council's Litter Pick	Rosetti Hall - 10.00am
17 th July	Holmer Green WI - "Man on the Spot" by Bill Hamilton	Village Centre - 2.00pm
18 th July	VPA Talk - Talk "Wycombe Unmasked, Part 2"	Church Centre - 7.45pm
21 st August	Holmer Green WI - <i>Woodland Walk followed by tea and cakes</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm



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The Lantern Club	Mrs Ann Sollars – 713420	
Tiddlywinks Baby, Toddler and Under School Age Group and Their Carers	Mrs Joan Toye – 718466,	E: joanrtoye@gmail.com
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Vanda Hutton – 1st July 1940 - 26th March 2024

Tony Sollars – 31st May 1943 - 6th February 2024

Christopher Cornwell – June 1950 - 25th April 2024

Jean Lee who passed away - 25th April 2024 &

Dennis Tack who passed away - 30th April 2024

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Carers Bucks	0300 – 7772722
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Refuse Collection	01494 – 586 550
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LOCAL VILLAGE SERVICES

The Holmer Green Village Society's web site - www.holmergreenvillagesociety.co.uk
contains some recent electronic editions of **Holmer Green Today**.

THE MITFORD SISTERS

Today Marsh Green Mill, at Bassetsbury is considered the best-preserved mill complex on the back stream which joins the River Wye at Loudwater. Seen from the entrance the late 17th century miller's cottage is to the left, the 18th century workers accommodation/mill office in the middle with the mill barn on the right furthest away. On the immediate right is the mill building to which the mill wheel was once attached.

In 1911 Lord Carrington, by then Marquis of Lincolnshire, leased Marsh Green Cottage to Lady Redesdale and the whole complex was later sold to her in 1925. The mill closed in 1946. From 1911-49 this was one of the country homes of the Mitford Sisters: Nancy, Pamela, Diana, Unity, Jessica and Deborah, children of Lord and Lady Redesdale. There was also a brother Thomas. The family could trace their ancestry back to the Norman Conquest. When they first travelled to their new house in Wycome from London it was decided to take all their animals with them including their miniature pony. However, when they reached Marylebone station the guard refused to allow it into the goods van. Refusing to be outdone David Mitford exchanged the family first tickets for third-class ones and they all clambered into the empty compartment along with three dogs, pony, mice, hamsters, grass snakes. Abnormal today but not then. The sisters were considered fun, eccentric and controversial with no need for friends as they had each other. They were, educated at home by a governess. Nancy (1904-1972), a tease and brilliant novelist, wrote the witty novel *"The pursuit of Love"* in 1945. Nancy was anti-nazi and was a socialist by nature. She was married to Peter Rodd a spendthrift, but good looking in 1933. It is said he had proposed to three women in the same week and Nancy was the third. She was getting on in years and took him seriously, they divorced in 1957.

Pamela (1907-94) was feminine and domesticated. John Betjeman was in love with her. Her husband Derek Jackson, son of the News of the World founder, a world-renowned physicist, was a pilot during World War 11. They later divorced.

Diana (1910-2003) a fascist - reputed to be the most beautiful woman of her generation. She married Bryan Guinness, heir to the Guinness dynasty in 1929 but they divorced in 1933. Diana then fell in love with Sir Oswald Mosley, the leader of the British Union of Fascists and they married in 1936 in secret in Berlin at the home of Joseph Goebbels with Adolf Hitler in attendance. Mosely was 6th Baronet of Ancoats, an MP and he had fought in World War 1.

Diane, possibly uniquely in the world of that time, was on good terms with Churchill, a cousin by marriage, and Hitler. During World War 11 she was kept in Holloway prison until 1943 and later under house arrest. Mosely was detained in Brixton Prison and exchanged love letters every week.

Unity (1914-48) was unpredictable and headstrong. In love with Hitler and Nazism she spent five months in 1934 sitting in an Osteria restaurant in Munich where Hitler had lunch. She then got to know him well and he trusted her. He gave her a signed photo which she carried everywhere with her. There were rumours that they would marry. It was said that she would commit suicide if Germany and Britain went to war. She shot herself in the head in the Englischer Garten in Munich just after war was declared. She survived and Hitler paid all her medical bills in Switzerland, where she was taken in 1939. She returned to Britain incapacitated and an invalid on January 5th, 1940. Her mother and sister Deborah helped her recuperate at Marsh Green. They would attend church go shopping and visit the cinema, also helping at soup kitchen. She died in 1948. Brought home on 5th January 1940 by her mother and sister Debo to recuperate at Marsh Green.

Jessica (1917-96) was the Communist rebellious teenager. Her bank account was labelled "running away" at Drummond's bank. She wanted to go to school as a boy, which was not allowed. She wanted to be a scientist but eloped at nineteen and went to the Spanish civil war with her cousin Edward Romily, nephew of Churchill who she later married. On returning from Spain, she emigrated to Canada where Romily joined the Canadian air force and was eventually killed in the war. She later married a leader of the Communist Party in California. There was open hostility between her and sister Diana.

Deborah (1920-2014) was the pragmatic one. All the family cried when she was born as there was yet another girl! She married the 11th Duke of Devonshire in 1941 and became chatelaine of Chatsworth.

Thomas (1909-45) was the only one to go to university, he was a pianist and was killed in Burma in the 2nd World War.

David and Sydney Mitford, the parents, became estranged during World War 11 and led separate lives. Sydney was pro-Hitler and David devoutly anti.

A grey plaque to the sisters can be seen on the wall outside the Old Mill Cottage, it was unveiled by the Duchess of Devonshire in 2008.

Willie Reid
WalkingWycombeWithWillie.co.uk

HOLMER GREEN STROKE CLUB

A brief history of Holmer Green Stroke Club.

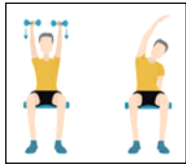
In 1965 Patricia Neal, Roald Dahl's wife, suffered a stroke. Many of her friends and neighbours in Great Missenden visited daily to help her recover her speech. As a result of this intensive help Patricia made a full recovery. The group of friends continued to meet and help others who had suffered strokes. They outgrew the premises in Great Missenden and moved to Holmer Green where we meet now.

Currently, twelve committed volunteers run the Club, and we have twenty-three members. We are an independent club but are a registered charity affiliated to The Stroke Association. We have no NHS or council funding.

We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon in the Christ Church Centre, opposite The Bat & Ball in Holmer Green.

We run a very varied programme which includes:

Monthly physio



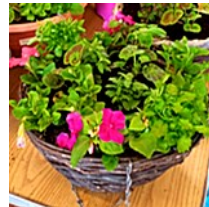
Cooking



Music therapy



Craft activities, occasional planting sessions,



Quizzes, visiting speakers and meals out.

We also play a variety of board games and card games every week



and there is always a mid-morning coffee/tea & biscuits chat session.

All this helps people to regain confidence and become as independent as possible while meeting others in comfortable and relaxed surroundings.

The club has been running in Holmer Green for over 40 years. Everyone enjoys their Tuesday morning activities.

We are currently almost at full capacity for members but if you or a member of your family has suffered a stroke and might benefit from becoming a member of our Club then please phone for more information.

We are currently looking for more volunteers.

No previous experience necessary you just need the desire to help others.

For more information, please contact Mary: 01494 812162

Liz Pratt

THE LIFE OF THE PARSLOW FAMILY

The Parslow family has farmed in this area for over a hundred years. John's grandfather is buried in Holy Trinity churchyard, Penn Street. Grandfather Thomas Parslow was born in 1889 and he lived in Mop End in the Griffin pub where he was publican. He also rented two fields in Woodrow.

Thomas' mother was Mary, maiden name Saunders. She had two sons Charles and Thomas. Grandfather was a churchwarden at Holy Trinity church and was very friendly with the agent for Penn house a Mr. Widdowson. He told Tom that Penn Street farm, a sixty/seventy acre farm, was going to be let he offered it to Tom, but he was not in a financial position to afford it.

In 1928 he moved to Penn Street farm, there were two cottages one called Holly cottage, the other was used by a workman. Tom started with cows that had to be milked by hand and he grew crops and hay to feed the animals.

Tom, my dad, married Elsie (nee Hatch) who was born on 21st June 1891 and lived at Winchmore Hill farm. Her father was Joseph and mother Hannah (maiden name Taylor). Tom and Elsie married on 28th June 1922 in Penn Street church.

Brother Charles was a landlord of the Hit or Miss. He also took a farm at Coleshill and married Evelyn.

Tom and Elsie had three children, a son Norman born 20th October 1924 (who died of pneumonia), John born 1930 and Eileen born 12th January 1935. John went to the old Curzon school from the age of four consisting of two classrooms and a stove in the middle of the room fuelled by coke was the heat source. He took a packed lunch to school each day. At the start of the second world war a school from Emsworth in Hampshire was evacuated to Woodrow High House. The headmaster advised John's dad that he would benefit from a prep school, so he went to Dean Close in Cheltenham as a boarder for two years. He could have taken his exams, but labour shortage at the end of the war meant that his father needed him back on the farm.

Mother Elsie's father was Joseph Hatch from Winchmore Hill farm situated opposite Potter's Arms. Their family consisted of four sons and five girls. Joseph set up a chair making factory in Whielden Lane, Winchmore Hill. The wooden buildings at the Squirrel pub were used by the Miles family to make chairs. Joseph had a good business head; he would buy up old cottages and had new house built in Winchmore hill. My mother lived with her parents in Woodrow farm till her father gave it up and rented Child's farm at Woodrow. They eventually went to live in Hazlemere near the shops. Joseph was well known and respected in Wycombe. He would often be seen driving a horse and cart to Wycombe to visit the bank, estate agents and solicitors etc.

Thomas continued to farm at Mop End and in the late 1930s he took on Shardaloes Rough Park and grazed his dry cows there (cows not in milk). It was hundred acres running from Mop End Lane down to the cricket ground at Amersham. The biggest plot was approximately seventy acres. There were a lot of hawthorn bushes growing but come war time the land was needed for ploughing and it was given over to the nation. The ministry of agriculture ordered the land to be cleared. Dad was getting on at this point, so he gave up the land to George Brazil who had a sausage factory in Amersham. Dad meanwhile continued to farm and used Shardaloes old hound kennels to keep pigs. Albert Lee who lived in the lodge opposite Penn Street Turn walked through the woods to feed the pigs. At hay time at Mop End mother made a jug of tea and brought it out with me (a young boy). My mother was very good with horses, she used a horse rake to clear the fields. A horse rake had two large wheels at the side and spokes in between to collect the loose hay. It had a seat on it for mother to sit on.

We had two German prisoners of war working on the farm, they were farmers at home in Germany. Mother paid them a tanner a day, they were very grateful. My sister Eileen helped mum in and outside of the house. She had a horse (Crystal) which she enjoyed riding and took part in horse shows.

Father died in 1967 and his wife Elsie had a stroke, after spending time in hospital she went into a home at Prestwood. One day Elsie went missing, she had discovered some stairs and had walked down into the cellar!

John inherited the farm but went on to sell it because there was no profit. At this point there was no governmental help for farmers.

John Parslow

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THE LANTERN CLUB

The Lantern Club continues to offer a sociable and stimulating outing to our elderly members, a chance to meet up and chat and enjoy all the activities. These include puzzles, games, musical entertainment (we have a couple of new ukelele groups who come and are great fun!) and now also a yoga session once a month. With a lovely hot lunch as well, a real treat on Mondays! There is always something going on and our dedicated band of volunteers is on hand to ensure everyone has a good time.

At the moment we have several vacancies for new members. Our club welcomes elderly residents who would benefit from such an outing, perhaps because they have early memory problems or because they are not able to get out much and are feeling a little lonely and isolated. Please contact Sue Hogan on 01494 713589 or myself on 01494 713420 if you or anyone you know, perhaps an elderly relative, might like to come and see what we do.

We meet on Mondays apart from Bank Holidays in the Chadwick Hall in Holmer Green Village Centre from 10.30 am until 2.30 pm.

Ann Sollars

HIGH WYCOMBE PROBUS CLUB

The High Wycombe Probus club had an enjoyable afternoon at the Amersham Fairground Organ Museum. We were seated comfortably and given a very informative talk about each of the organs and then a recital from each. They were collected by a Mr. Albert Edward Reed who had an original interest in steam engines and mechanical organs. This collection was passed on in 2004 and a charity established, in order to preserve them and to make them available to the public. They have all been carefully restored but involve costly insurance and constant maintenance. The examples we saw originally came from France, Germany and parts of the UK. One had been rescued from a Butlins holiday camp in Bognor, restored by a John Beasley from Shipston on Stour and then sold on. The transport of these very heavy organs makes it even more remarkable that they have survived.

The music is derived from a series of pins matching punched card patterns which complete a box full which is fed into the machine, similar to the old barrel organs which were hand operated, later powered by pneumatic air pressure to bellows as in the way Church organs perform. The music we heard was diverse, from Strauss, Verdi, Elgar and with the last one we were treated to Pomp and Circumstance and then the National Anthem. The more elaborate machines had notes of clarinets, violins, saxophone, piccolo and trombones, more of an orchestra than a military band.

At the break we had tea and delicious cakes and altogether had a memorable afternoon. We are looking forward to our next outing. If you are interested in joining Probus, we meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Hazlemere golf club from twelve till three when we have a light lunch and a speaker from our varied and interesting list. For more information, please contact our Membership Secretary Liam on 01494 528918 or e mail w.davoren@btinternet.com.

Anyone wishing to visit the Fairground organ museum should ring 01494 433948 or 01494 776311.

Elizabeth Aylward

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

April was our Annual Buffet Lunch. Once again, we had a lovely spread prepared by James.

The Rose Exton Cup was awarded to Mrs. Shirley Clark Pearson for her ideas and services. The cup was presented by our Branch Chairman, Mr. Gordon Howland.

In May there were special days for two of our members, who celebrated their 90th birthdays, our President Mrs. Jocelyn Howland and Mrs. Sheila Brooke. Congratulations.

Hopefully, the weather will be good in June for our annual tea party, with games and a quiz outside.

As we approach July, we will be given a talk by a Chelsea Pensioner about his life in the army and serving the late Queen.

Unfortunately, because of a lack of support our seaside outing in August has been cancelled.

Into September we will have our Harvest Festival.

We have said goodbye to the lovely daffodils everywhere, the protected bluebells have appeared echoing the blue and yellow colours of the British Legion.

Sadly, due to health reasons Mr. Peter Rolt, our Poppy Appeal Organiser has now resigned and the Chairlady will take over. Should you require a wreath, please contact me or the Royal British Legion.

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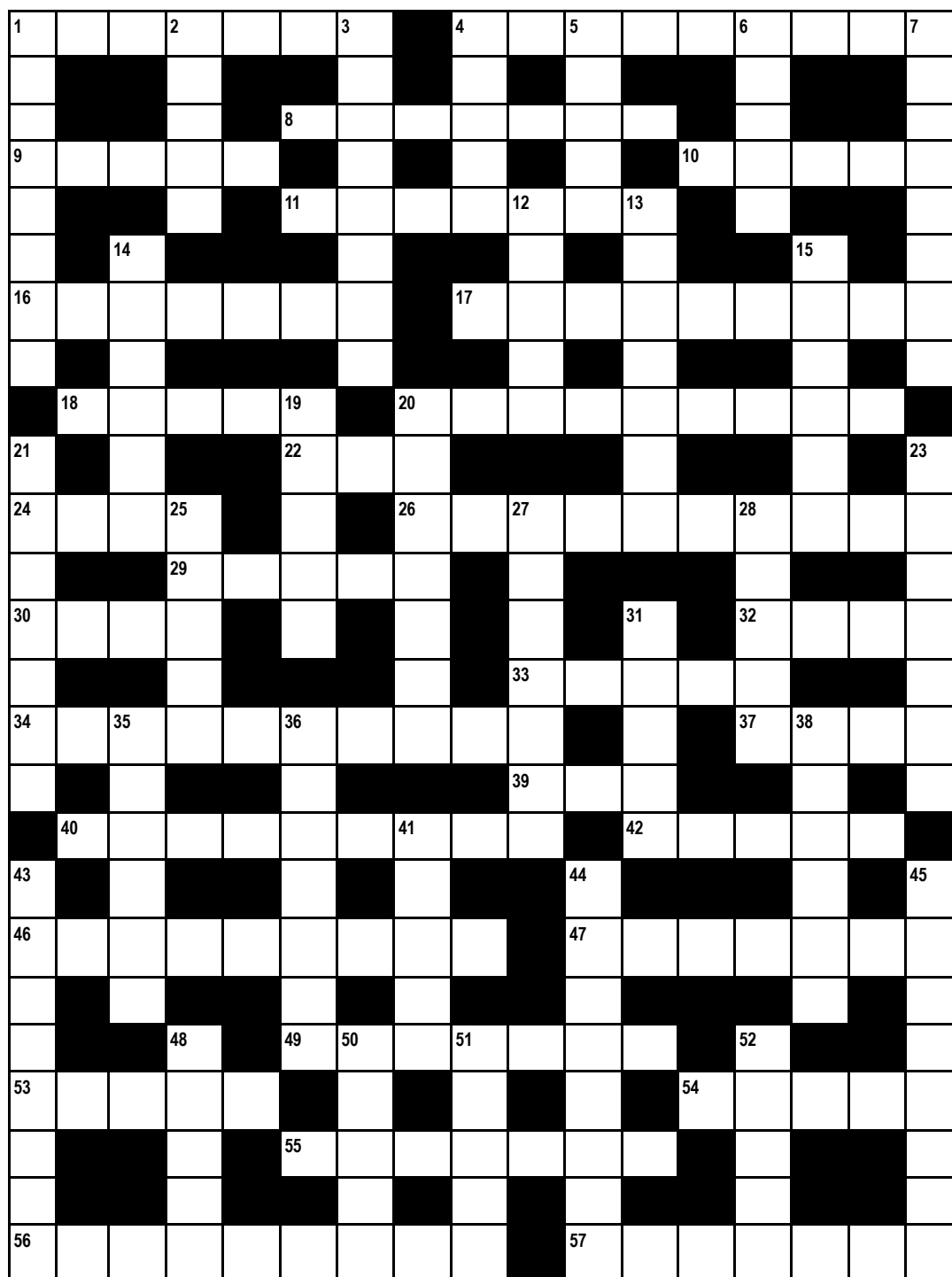
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2. Wooden container (5)
3. The most flavoursome (8)
4. Exhausted (5)
5. Change, re-model (5)
6. Sedimentary rock (5)
7. Coverings for minor wounds (8)
12. Japanese brand of Denim (5)
13. Type of drug used against inflammation (7)
14. A drug abuser (6)
15. _____ and his dog (3,3)
19. Part of a teapot (5)
20. These places found on narrow roads (7)
21. A person's natural height (7)
23. Taken as granted or true (7)
25. Come in! (5)
27. Circular disc used as a symbol (7)
28. Gained independence in 1947 (5)
31. Ground conditions at a racecourse (5)
35. More or less (6)
36. Normal, routine (2,5)
38. The red lynx (6)
41. Separated (5)
43. Officers
44. Water loving plants (3,5)
45. Plane flew regularly to Barbados (8)
48. Thigh bone (5)
50. ____ du Beke. Dancer (5)
51. Terminated (5)
52. Elephant, lion, buffalo e.g. (5)



Across

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| 1. Digestive, dog, e.g (7) | 22. Meadow grass" (3) | 40. Sitting pretty (9) |
| 4 Fly me to the moon (9) | 24. _____ and Lyle (4) | 42. Sphere (5) |
| 8. _____ of love. Musical (7) | 26. Processed waste paper & wood (10) | 46. Cliff railway (9) |
| 9. Sense of the mouth (5) | 29. Naming words (5) | 47. Herb related to Marjoram (7) |
| 10. Drinking vessel (5) | 30. Sharp-tasting (4) | 49. A side branch (7) |
| 11 Anton Checkov play. Three ____ (7) | 32. French for God (4) | 53. A set of standards (5) |
| 16. Tolerates (7) | 33. Female biblical name (5) | 54. Type of lizard (5) |
| 17. Enhancement (9) | 34. Changed the order of (10) | 55. Arena or sporting venue (7) |
| 18. Attaches (5) | 37. Capable (4) | 56. Reduced (9) |
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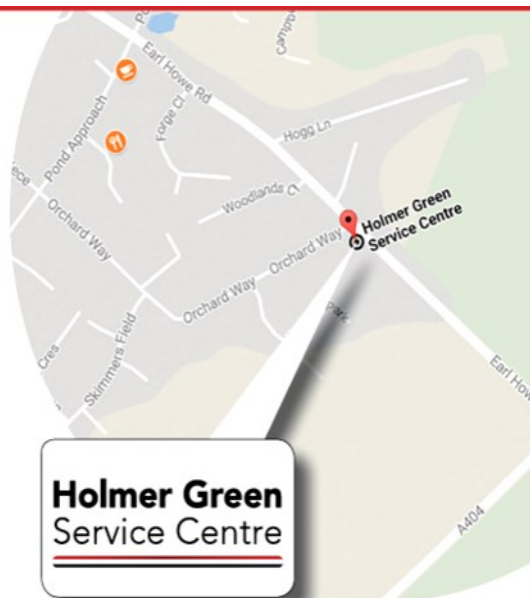
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HOLMER GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB

The season has just ended for most of the Club's many teams. But some teams have outstanding games, mainly due to the incredibly wet weather in the past few months. Indeed, one match in the First XI's division was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch this May!

As a Club we have not been too successful in League and Cups of late. We are therefore extremely happy to report that after two successes in our own Junior Tournament last September, we have just won three titles in the last few days. In terms of seniority, Holmer Green Rangers came first. This team, run by Andy Chalk, is the only age-group side to continue after reaching post U-18 level in many years. They have remained a very sociable unit, very much with the same players, continuing to play on Sundays in the Local Combination. Winning Division Three, with three of their 22 league games still to play. Following an away win against Mill Lane AFC, the only team that could catch them before the 5-2 result. Currently with 18 wins and one draw in an unbeaten league season, scoring 89 goals and conceding only 17. Less than one per game.

The U-16 Minors, under indefatigable Jack Lubbutt and John Cullen, firstly triumphed in The Wycombe and South Bucks Minors Football League's Chairman's Cup Final at Flackwell Heath. Beating Slough Town 2-1. This after beating Flackwell Heath, Aylesbury United, and "That Team down the Road" in successive rounds. They followed that up by clinching Division Two, gaining a perfect 48 points from their 16 league games. I do not remember any other Holmer Green team at any level or age having a season's record like that in my 49 years here. They amassed 50% more points than any other team! Even that "Team down the Road," who will have to settle for second place 16 points adrift. Let us hope a new trend has been started?

The First XI eventually may have saved their season? A strong finish, including the last ten games in less than 30 days, secured 20th place.

In previous seasons that has proved enough to secure Step Six status, but with league positions, applications, finishing positions in many leagues/divisions at Step 7, ground facilities, and geographical considerations, to be taken into consideration, the team's place in the NLS Pyramid well not be known until late June or possibly even July.

The Development Team have had a poor season. Finishing bottom of ten teams, although it should be pointed out that Hazlemere did not continue beyond November.

The Allied Counties U-18 side may well be fourth of eight teams in the North Division, above Abingdon United, Risborough Rangers, and Wallingford. All clubs whose First XIs operate above Holmer's level. The Allies may also finish above Thame United, if postponed games are not played or points awarded to clubs not at fault.

Among the other age-group sides or Under-16 Minors Colts were mid-table in Division Four, 16 points clear of the next team. The Under-15 Colts as I write these notes have 22 points from 13 games with 5 still to play. They may finish as high as fifth with these games in hand. The Under-14 Minors in their Division are eighth of 11 teams and still also have five to play. The U-14 Minors Colts are in Division Six, currently sitting in fifth place of eleven winning twice as many games as they have lost. The U-13 Hawks are in their Division Two, sitting in eighth place of ten. The Under-13 Falcons in Division Eight are in third place of ten with three games to go.

Fixtures, Results, Match Reports, Statistics etc., can be found on the Club Website www.holmergreenfc.co.uk

From the Under-12's down, results are not published. We have eight younger age-group teams/squads in total to which this FA Rule applies.

The Club is always on the look-out for people to get involved with us. There are many ways you could help so if you fancy joining our group of volunteers please get in contact with us. Whether it be administering our website, helping on matchday, or even cutting grass all help is appreciated and it would take some of the pressure off other volunteers and Committee Members.

We do have plans to be busy doing some maintenance to the ground this Summer in preparation for what we hope is a busy 2024-25 season. Of course, the most anticipated event is the approval of our bid for a 3G pitch. We got Planning Consent in January which was a huge step forward and have recently agreed a new lease with a 25 year extension. Our final detailed proposal is now with the Football Foundation and the Premier League Stadium Fund and subject to approval being given in July we hope to start construction in September with the new pitch operational in January 2025. It is really exciting to be entrusted with such a large investment and it opens up so many opportunities for the Club and the local community that we serve. Still some money to raise and some detail to be concluded but we are confident of success.

John Anderson - President.

Rob Shed - Chair

LOCAL THEATRE-GOER'S DIARY : JUNE TO AUGUST 2024

For your entertainment, close to home, are some really great nights out locally during the next three months. There are also many big name, One Night Events, so do check out all the websites for full details.

Compiled, since 2010 by Mark Thorburn

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ANTON & GIOVANNI Together (22 June) Strictly's Anton Du Beke and Giovanni Pernice are back on tour with a collection of breathtaking routines, innovative choreography, fun and a seamless blend of dance styles in an unforgettable evening.

UNCANNY (23 June) Chilling real-life stories of the supernatural experienced by ordinary people, brought to life on stage through theatrical invention and spellbinding storytelling. Danny Robins is creator of BBC TV series *Uncanny* and award-winning West End play *2:22 - A Ghost Story*.

JOOLS HOLLAND and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra (1 July) with outstanding vocalists, with the skilful musicianship of the Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, Jools Holland will be performing boogie woogie classics tracks spanning his entire solo career.

PEPPA PIG'S FUN DAY OUT (3 & 4 August) assured entertainment for the tinies in your family (and maybe Uncle Boris).

SLEEPING BEAUTY English Youth Ballet (9 & 10 August) now entering its 26th phenomenal year, English Youth Ballet presents a production that promises tradition alongside innovation. The company gives young UK dancers a wonderful performance opportunity to dance alongside the principals in solo and corps de ballet roles.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (27 to 31 August) Ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, Richard O'Brien's legendary rock 'n' roll musical has been seen by over 30 million theatregoers. It is an unforgettable adventure filled with frolics, frocks, and frivolity and, of course, the pelvic thrusting, show-stopping *Time Warp*.

An Evening With GRAHAM NORTON (9 September) the nation's favourite talk show host and author, winner of nine BAFTAs, ten British Comedy Awards, the NTA Special Recognition Award and an International Emmy, celebrates the publication of his latest book, *Frankie*, shares hilarious tales from his star-studded sofa and answers your questions live.

Please check the website for full details of many one-night stands, for all age groups.

Chesham - THE ELGIVA THEATRE & CINEMA (8 miles from Holmer Green)

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GHOST The Musical (22 to 24 August) the stage musical version of one of cinema's biggest all-time hits. The movie won a 1990 Oscar for screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin who has adapted his screenplay for this musical. The Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody features alongside many more terrific songs co-written by Eurythmics' Dave Stewart.

NOW That's What I Call A Musical (6 to 7 Sept). Written by award-winning comedian Pippa Evans, and directed and choreographed by Strictly legend Craig Revel Horwood, this heart-warming and funny story takes us on an uplifting journey down memory lane to Birmingham 2009 and the most dreaded event of our lives — the school reunion. Drama, old flames and receding hairlines as friends reunite.

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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (18 to 22 June) Downtown on Skid Row, weedy flower shop assistant Seymour stumbles across a mysterious new plant with killer potential. Fame and fortune follow but will this win the attention of the girl of his dreams? This devilishly delicious sci-fi smash hit musical is filled with incredible rock and roll music.

FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD (25 to 29 June) From the makers of *Britain's Got Bhangra* comes a new British musical. A breathtakingly colourful journey of romance, epic songs, and spectacular dance –inspired by real stories of British women caught in the spotlight of the biggest film industry in the world.

HEATHERS The Musical (24 to 27 July) Based on the wickedly funny 1988 classic cult film, direct from its fourth smash hit London season, welcome to Westerberg High where Veronica Sawyer is just another nobody dreaming of better days in the musical high jinks proving hugely popular countrywide.

THE MOUSETRAP (29 July to 3 August) For almost 70 years, 'The Mousetrap' has kept millions of people from every corner of the globe on the edge of their seats. As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover that a killer is in their midst! Who will be their next victim?

THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL (28 to 31 August) Everything will change for the madcap Addams Family the fateful night they host a dinner for their daughter's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents. The latest Windsor Community Summer Show is a fun-filled evocation of the infamous and hilarious horror family.

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JOHN ADAMS

Some of you may remember John from Holmer Green having moved to the village in 1981. John grew up in Winchmore Hill and was naturally drawn to the cricket and football being played on the common. When the cricket club moved to Penn House Park, John started playing for the senior teams winning trophies with both the 1st and 2nd teams.

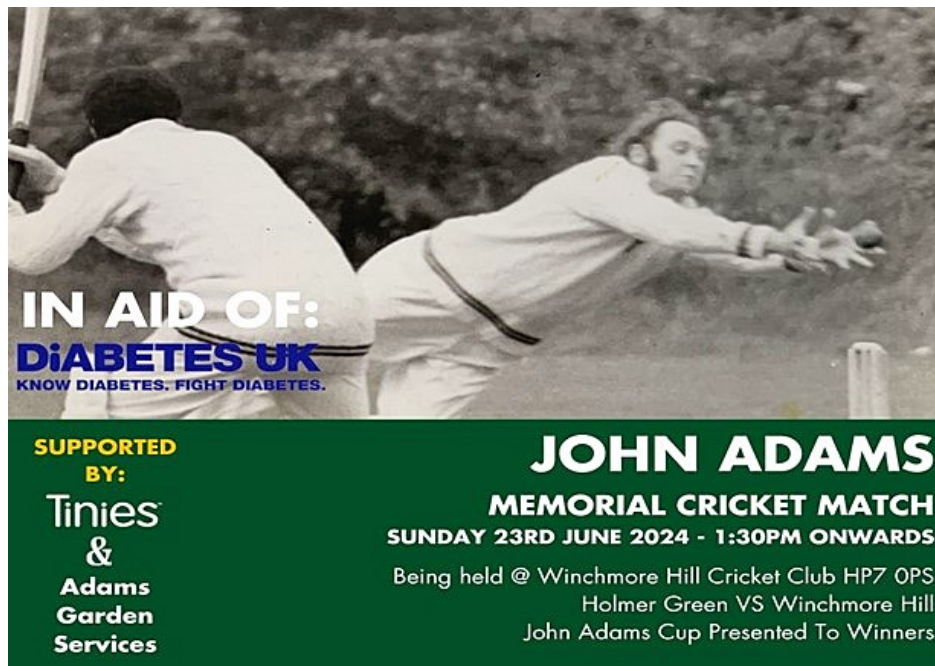
In 1972, he was persuaded to move to Holmer Green Cricket Club where he played for eight years. He then returned to Winchmore Hill for four seasons before returning to Holmer Green as his son had started to play there.

John continued to play until 1994, aged fifty, taking fifty wickets in his final season. He continued to support the club, umpiring, scoring and briefly stood as Chairman in 1991.

John loved to be at the club, most Saturday afternoons, in the summer watching both 1st and 2nd teams, chatting to the opposition and friends he had made over the years, beer in hand. John sadly passed away in May 2022.

The family and both clubs decided that it would be a fitting tribute to host an annual cricket match in his honour. The inaugural game was held last year at Holmer Green, this year it is to be held at Winchmore Hill on 23 June 2024. John suffered from Diabetes for over forty years and any money raised will go to Diabetes UK. Last year we raised over £1,000.00.

Details of the day are on the flyer below. If you knew John and would like to join us for the day or just a drink, the family would love to see you.



Evie Adams

LADY HOWE'S TROWEL

On the Selection Day for a new vicar, held in Penn House, Earl Howe showed us the silver trowel used by an earlier Lady Howe to lay the foundation stone for the new church in Holmer Green on July 21st, 1894. The stone is still there in the wall of Christ Church facing the Common but is very badly worn and can be easily missed. The trowel is inscribed "PRESENTED TO The Countess Howe, CHRIST CHURCH, HOLMER GREEN, 21ST July 1894" and has an attractive design of flowers and leaves. It's appropriate to look at it now as it was used 130 years ago.

For those readers with a good memory or who have saved their earlier copies of Holmer Green Today, there is an article about the laying of the foundation stone in the edition for Spring '21.

With thanks to Earl Howe for permission to use a photograph of the trowel.

Hilary Hide



HOLMER GREEN - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Anyone working in the catering industry is bound to have mishaps from time to time, and this was no different for Ann Tennant, who had us in fits of laughter with tales of her catering disasters. We decided to book Ann to serve us afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes at our March meeting, following our AGM.

Frances Carlaw, the Pearl Lady came to speak to us in April. Pearls are her passion, and she told us how natural pearls are formed, their rarity making them extremely valuable and precious, available only to Royalty and the very wealthy. The production of Art Deco artificial pearls meant that they were available for the average person to own. After her talk, tea was served with cakes supplied by the committee. Members were able to browse through a large selection of pearl items for sale. Frances makes all the jewellery herself, and the money she makes goes to a children's charity in Durban, South Africa. Frances herself adopted a Zulu boy, and paid for his education, enabling him to attend university and become a successful lawyer.

Look out for the WI serving teas and cakes in the Village Centre, for the Music on the Common event held by HGVS on Saturday 13th July. You will also be able to buy home-made cakes from our stall.

Our dear friend Christine Choules passed away earlier this year. She had been a member for many years and will be sadly missed.

Details of our programme for the coming year can be viewed on our website: holmergreen-wi.weebly.com

Our posters are also displayed each month on the Village noticeboard by the shops.

Annie Greateorex

THE PARISH OF PENN STREET WITH HOLMER GREEN

Good News! We have a new vicar The licensing service by Bishop Steven for Revd. Daf Meirion-Jones will take place on Wednesday, 17th July, at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street We are looking forward to welcoming Revd. Daf and his family when he starts his ministry among the two villages.

A short season of Cream Teas starts on 23rd June and will take place on every Sunday until 4th August from 3-5 pm in Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard, Penn Street. On most Sundays Uncle Wainwright's Bric-a-Brac Stall will be offering a range of fantastic bargains All proceeds go towards the never-ending maintenance costs for the Church buildings.

Our Community Cafe continues to thrive, and we so enjoy the company of those who join us We will be together on Saturday 25th May, 22nd June, 27th July and 24th August A special Cafe on 28th September will be our combined Macmillan Coffee morning and Community Café: a great chance to enjoy some wonderful cakes, tea and coffee and raise money for such a special charity Come and join us each fourth Saturday in the Church Centre from 10.00 to 12 noon.

Tiddlywinks returns after Half Term on Monday 3rd June and the term ends on Monday 15th July with our Summer Event complete with a Bouncy Castle The Autumn term begins on Monday 9th September.

All babies, toddlers, preschool children & their carers are welcome No pre booking is required.

We meet in the spacious Christ Church Centre, Mondays 1.30pm- 3pm term-time only For more information, please ring Joan Toye 01494 718466, or the Parish Office or visit our Parish website, all details below.

Linkup Bereavement Friendship Group is a friendly group of about 24 + members meeting, usually, every 3rd Friday morning of the month, in Christ Church Centre, from 11am onwards for coffee followed with a bring & share lunch, 12noon - 1.30pm for those who wish to stay on. All who have been bereaved either recently or longer ago will be warmly welcomed

Please note that our June meeting will now be held on the second Friday morning, 14th June, owing to lack of available team members on our usual Friday.

Souper Lunch meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the Church Centre, offering even more unusual soups One didn't sound all that inviting - Savoy Cabbage and Bacon - but was delicious!

For more information, please contact Joan Toye on 01494 718466 or the Parish Office or view our Parish website, see all details below.

At the meeting of the Churches Together Women's Fellowship on 4th April Gill Roberts brought us an Easter Message, and at the following meeting we had an interesting talk by Trudi Thomas, a local author, who read us one of her short stories. On 6th June we shall be entertained by the Chiltern Ladies' Choir, on 20th June we hope to have a speaker from the Florence Nightingale Hospice, and on 4th July David Ganzel will be telling us about the History of Hazlemere. We meet on the first and third Thursdays in the Church Centre or the Baptist Church, usually at 2 pm, and all ladies are welcome.

Most of our activities take place in the Church Centre, Featherbed Lane, Holmer Green HP15 6XQ Our services are held in either Christ Church, Holmer Green, or Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street HP7 OPX For more information, contact the Parish Office in the Church Centre, open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 - 12.30, email office@pshg.org or the website, www.pshg.org.

Hilary Hide



HOLMER GREEN FIRST SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL



We are the EcoWarriors and have been working hard to help our school become more environmentally friendly. This year our main focus is to reduce single use plastics. Some of the ways we are doing this is by replacing single use plastic cups with reusable cups and limiting laminating. We are encouraging parents to join in too and give them ideas to reuse and upcycle at home.

As a school we took part in the Big Plastic Count and litter picked around the school and our local community. We were really proud to achieve a Gold Award with Buckinghamshire for the Reduce Single Use Plastic Project in March.

We are always looking for ways to be more environmentally friendly and meet regularly to share ideas. We have encouraged every year group to plant fruit and vegetables that can eventually be harvested for healthy snacks. Lots of flowers have been planted around the school for biodiversity to ensure the bees are happy. We have even recycled some old wellies to plant colourful flowers in.

We hold the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction and continue to work hard every day to make our environment even better.

Never give up, Encourage others,
Do your best!



1ST HOLMER GREEN SCOUT GROUP

The whole group has been very active throughout last term. We have had new members joining in each section and regrettably have said goodbye to Nicola as a leader from Monday Cubs. We are grateful for her loyal service. We are in the process of recruiting replacements.

We have also been fortunate to recruit several new members to the committee and planning is now taking place to carry out repairs to our building and maintenance of the fire station and scout hut sites

Chiltern North District St. George's day parade on 21st April took place at Great Missenden. We assembled in the Bury field behind the Chesham Girls' band and paraded behind our flags to the church for a short service then paraded back to the field. I am pleased to say that Holmer Green had by far the largest group attendance of the twelve groups involved from Chiltern North district.

BEAVERS

Congratulations to Elijah on gaining his Chief Scout's Bronze Award. This is the highest award you can achieve in Beavers and one that not everyone gains. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment as you have to gain six Challenge awards and at least four activity badges. Every Beaver that gains this award should be very proud of their achievement, as I am. Well done Elijah.

Some highlights from last term included celebrating Chinese New Year making masks dancing and using chopsticks. Making and cooking pancakes. Easter egg hunt and a visit from a professional American football player while working on health and fitness badge. Future events include making s'mores on an open fire, visiting the woods to make big art and shelters, games on the common and many interactive games. This term also includes the Beaveree, Inter colony football and a sports evening.

CUBS

Activities have included visits to the Fire station and Paccar, Endurance 10 hike, backwoods cooking, team challenges, science week, Easter fun and global issue badge. Looking forward, eight Cubs are working towards their chief scout's silver award. Participation in the Big Help Out litter picking, den building, woodland walks, summer bulb planting, kayaking at Taplow lakes and the scarecrow trail plus summer camp in June.

A CUB COMMENT

The endurance walk was held in Chesham ending in Great Missenden. Despite it being muddy and tiring it was very fun and 100% worth it in the end. Fire lighting required lots of patience and determination, but we did it in the end and roasted marshmallows. The fire station visit was cool, a great learning experience and very interactive. Our knowledge of firefighters and their jobs was expanded greatly. Tomahawk throwing was our favourite Paccar activity as we got to throw axes which was very cool and entertaining. In caving we got to hide coins and slip through small tunnels. We wouldn't recommend it if you have claustrophobia. It was one of my personal favourites

Lucas and Oscar

As you can see it is nonstop in HG Scout Group. Thank you Leaders.

Neil Spencer CBE Group Scout Leader

CHADWICK LADIES CLUB

The club is thriving, supported by an enthusiastic committee, who were re-elected at the AGM in April. The talks this year have included a humorous talk on the journey from Tea Bush to cup and the variety and fragrance of different teas. The controversial life of Princess Margaret was enlightening. We look forward to a talk on the life of Ian Fleming and his local connections, plus the history of Bekonscott.

Judy Gilligan

HELP NEEDED

Holy Trinity Church at Penn Street are hoping to hold cream teas, on Sunday afternoons from June 23rd to August 4th 2024, between 15.00-17.00. We need your help; to provide a cake, help put out furniture or later to put away. If you are able to help in any way for cream teas to continue, please contact Linda (Meatyard) on 07832990311

SOME COMMENTS FROM - HOLMER GREEN BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Hello, I am Lucy from Holmer Green Village Beavers. I would like to tell you about what we have done since Christmas. This term we have made pancakes by toasting them above a tin can lit with a real fire from a candle underneath. They tasted delicious! We also made paper Chinese dragon for Chinese New Year. As well, we made chocolate cake that we made to look like beavers. Yum!

Last week we made a pineapple fruit pizza with pineapple as the base, smothered with yogurt and white chocolate sprinkles on top. We decorated it with strawberries, green grapes and black grapes cut in half.

We all look forward to doing more activities and adventures next term at Beavers.



The things that I have enjoyed the most are playing leaders dodgeball, because I have managed to dodge the leaders throws and I like dodging about. I also really enjoyed the Endurance 10 because I have never walked that far and it was a good experience to see what it was like. I really liked the mud! I have also liked working in our sixes to build the tallest tower which we won. Thanks for all the activities,

Joshua

Hello. I am Lucas Leonard and I am seven years old. I enjoy going to Beavers because I have lots of fun with my friends. I really like playing crab football in the scout hut. This term I have enjoyed roasting marshmallows by the fire and eating them. I also liked the parade when we walked to the church for Saint George's day.

This term we have done many exciting things at Scouts ranging from cooking to astronomy. I have enjoyed many things whilst I have been at Scouts this term including campfire building and map reading. We have just finished our map reading badge which involved us being given coordinates and we have to find out where it is on the map. We then had to go there to find another clue.

Another badge we have completed is our cooking badge. I enjoyed this badge the best as we were given the freedom of what we could cook from anywhere in the world

Bella



VPA - THE HOLMER GREEN VILLAGE GARDENING ASSOCIATION SPRING SHOW

I was delighted that the VPA Spring Show was a success once again, with a good number of high-quality entries. We were pleased with the number of horticultural entries given the variable Spring weather. Wind and rain did not have too much impact on the number or variety of daffodils entered. The big highlight for me was the increase in the number of children entering this year plus the number of exhibitors and the quality of the exhibits. The flowers provided a colourful display, making the hall look a real picture. Our Trophy winners are set out below and I would comment that it was great to see so many cups going to different winners to our equivalent 2023 Show. Our big dilemma was caused by the rhubarb entries. Should they be in the "Any Other Vegetable" or "Any Other Fruit Category". Rest assured I will solve this for next year by creating a specific Rhubarb category.

The Domestic, Horticultural and Photographic judges are all to be thanked for carrying out their duties so diligently, supported by our knowledgeable stewards.

Trophies were awarded as follows:-

Spring Domestic Challenge Trophy -	Dave McMillan
Best Domestic Exhibit -	Val Allcorn
Spring Flower Cup (most points) -	Felicity Palmer
Judges Cup (best horticultural exhibit) -	Linda Meatyard
Cyril Mason Memorial Trophy (Most points for daffodils) -	Janice Harper
Daffodil Shield (Best exhibit) -	Lynne Gilham
Spring Photography Cup -	Rob Shed
Best Photograph -	Michael King
Junior Trophy -	Saira James
Additional Junior Trophy -	Ethan Meatyard
Maxwell Turner Cup (Art) -	Barrie Whitten
Wilfred Wilkes Memorial (Best Junior Photo) -	Sam Palmer
Peoples Choice (vase of daffodils plus foliage) -	Sue Edmunds

From my perspective I would like to convey my personal thanks to the large team of helpers who continually help make the show such a success. I now look forward to our Annual Show on 7th September. Please put that date in your diary, even if you are not exhibiting. You do not need to be a Gardening Association member to look round (entry is free) and refreshments are available!

*Michael King (Show Secretary)
Email:- shows@hgvpvpa.club*

NEWS FROM HOLMER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Our Lent lunch in March was very well supported with the buzz of happy chatter around the hall. In contrast, peace and calm was to be found in the church for those who wanted a few moments to themselves to pray, or to just sit quietly.

The Easter morning breakfast was welcome-cereals, bacon or sausage baps followed by tea and toast. Far more than most of us would normally eat for breakfast, but we thoroughly enjoyed the spread! On the 15th June we are having a cake and produce sale in aid of "Love in a Box". This is a charity which sends decorated shoeboxes filled with Christmas treats plus basic items such as toothpaste, brush, soap, flannel, hand knitted scarves and hats. The charity has been operating since 1992 and the aim is to send out much needed aid to disadvantaged and young people in Eastern Europe. So please come along and support this cause, 10-12 noon refreshments provided.

Our new monthly coffee mornings have got off to a good start which is encouraging books and puzzles to bring and swap, constant chatter and everyone enjoying the coffee and delicious cakes on offer. Do drop in if passing the church every 1st Tuesday of the month 10-12.

The existing craft group numbers have grown, with several new people coming along with their sewing, knitting and colouring.

We have a regular group of "artists" who bring their own painting or sketching to do and also a number of people who enjoy a morning making cards. We start at 10.00am and bring our own packed lunch to eat together at 12.30 or not, if you prefer to go home for lunch. There is a small charge for card making and towards hot drinks during the morning.

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE SOCIETY

On Saturday July 13th we will be bringing Music on the Common...to The Common.

After the disappointment of last year, having to cancel the event due to stormy weather, we are looking forward to a busy musical, fun filled afternoon with attractions for everyone.

There will be music from all three Village Schools and for the first time we will be welcoming the choir from Curzon School. The Jeremy Harmsworth Quartet will be bringing us some Jazz and The Hornets will be headlining!

Well, with PennFest cancelled we thought we should pull out all the stops.

There will be a car show, a dog agility performance and a dog show.... make sure you get your dogs entered into the competition on the day. The Air Cadets are bringing their flight simulator and there will be a children's fairground. Plenty of food stalls and of course our Pub on the Common brought to you by Holmer Green Sport's Association.

We are grateful to all the local businesses and organisations that have supported us in this, a day that the whole Village can enjoy.... hopefully with a little sunshine too?

Penny Thickett - Secretary HGVS



CHERRY GARTH NEWS....



A Huge Well Done! to our resident Robin, who has completed the Fremantle Marathon around the gardens at Cherry Garth walking twice a day to achieve his goal of 6000 steps but he excelled and completed over 23000 steps in a week!



We have lots to look forward to this spring & summer including VE day Celebrations, D-Day celebrations & our annual Summer BBQ for residents & their families. We have also entered into a competition for the best garden within our Fremantle Services.

FREMANTLE IN BLOOM

Any donations of flowers & plants would be much appreciated

Poppies day nurse popped into see us on World Book Day where the children all dressed up as their favourite story book characters and were greeted by the staff team at Cherry Garth who also dressed up! It was a fun morning! Residents enjoyed reading books to the children.

The easter holidays were spent with residents & the children all enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to seeing the children again very soon....



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GARDENING MATTERS

As I reflect on this year's weather for the months February, March and April, I can recall that on most days during that period the weather can be summed up as being very mild and extremely wet. It was very difficult to get on to the garden as the soil was so saturated. Stepping onto wet soil does so much harm in destroying the soil's structure. The system of growing plants in narrow raised beds overcomes this problem if you are able to reach to the centre of the beds without stepping on the soil. I have kept records of the total rainfall in Holmer Green since May 2017, the total rainfall for February 2024 was 196 millilitres which is almost 8" of rain in old terms. That is an amazing amount of rainfall for one month in this area, but it is less than the 217 ml that I recorded in October 2020 when storm Alex passed through during the first few days of the month.

My fascination for rainfall started when I was a very young boy, my father was a head gardener, so it was important that he listened to the local weather forecast regularly so that he could plan the daily and weekly work in the garden and greenhouses. He was very interested in clouds and cloud formations and was often telling me what the weather was likely to be by looking up into the sky e.g. mackerel sky meaning rainfall will occur within the next couple of days. He also taught me how to use water wisely and to understand the critical times that certain plants required an adequate amount of moisture and when to refrain from watering. When I started the Wisley Diploma course the lecturer on vegetable crops always emphasised that before any crop is sown or planted the soil moisture level should be restored to field capacity. Field capacity is the amount of water remaining in the soil after it has been thoroughly saturated and allowed to drain freely, which usually takes a couple of days. A lot of plants fail when sown or planted in dry soil and then watered from above, as this encourages surface roots to form rather than deep root formation.

There are also many factors that come into play when considering plant growth. These include a supply of essential plant nutrients, soil and ambient air temperatures and the activity of beneficial soil organisms which are dependent on both soil water and soil air. Then we encounter problems from the activity of pests and diseases attacking the plants.

At this time of year, we enjoy raising or buying plants, such as petunias and begonias, to produce a display of flowers during the summer. Many of these plants will just be temporary as they are likely to be killed by frost unless some of them can be lifted and overwintered in a frost-free place or propagated by cuttings. As far as hardy perennial plants are concerned, they will require a lot of watering to establish properly so it is better to plant them in autumn when all the growth above ground for that year has ceased. This allows for the plants to develop their root systems at a time when the amount of water lost from the soil by evaporation and lost from the leaves by transpiration is very much reduced.

As well as plants requiring water for their early stage of growth there is also a demand when the plants are producing lots of vigorous leafy growth and developing and opening flower buds. In the case of fruit crops an adequate water supply is required for the swelling and maturity of the fruits. It is very important that when growing any type of plant in a pot that the pot is large enough and contains enough compost, fertiliser and water for the plant to establish well, especially in the case of tomatoes, apples and other crops intended for eating. A common mistake is people often think that pots don't need watering because it has been raining. A lot of the rain will bounce off the plants instead of going into the soil. Beware of plants wilting, this could be a sign of needing watering OR that some of the roots have rotted due to over-watering! The latter often happens when pot plants such as Cyclamen, Primulas, Pericallis 'Senetti' (previously called pot Cineraria) are given too much water. Try putting these in the shade to see if they recover without watering.

Enjoy your garden this summer,

Brian Fisher

THE ROAD - AND BECOMING A LOCAL FROM CHESTNUT AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE, COSY CORNER

By Mrs Evelyn Engel (written in the 1950s)

Back then, I remember seeing this steep hill, I was ten years of age, noticing the horrid disrepair and poor condition of the road, the surface full of stones and potholes. All a danger to any children playing, especially my sister who would frequently run down this way.

There was a little shop there at one point, very much a sign of the times, run by a scruffy looking man, having done time in the Armed Forces, he had purchased the shop and intended to run as is, no frills. There was the old-fashioned shop keepers' bell at the door so as soon as you went in it would ring loudly, and old Dicky would come and serve you. There were rumours of a slightly less than honourable background where it was hinted that he had been involved with the wrong crowd. One Sunday morning he had been found murdered, no one really knows the truth. The area wasn't without its scandals, but more later.

The story starts with my aunt making the first transition from London life, she went on to find a holiday home, here in Buckinghamshire, where her grandfather had originated from. She settled upon a "pop up" style bungalow she had purchased from the Ideal Home exhibition - all wood and back then asbestos also (there were no warnings then). Although the bungalow was as is, there was no luxuries, no utilities provided or supplied to the little house, so there was not a very modern toilet or washing facilities to start with. I have memories of man-made mechanisms to collect rainwater, a septic tank and a bucket for slopping out and then reused for multiple tasks, not very hygienic but it did what had to be done back then.

All of this, yet I still have fond memories of holidays there, it could appear rather bleak, but it was an adventure, a rural escape from London. We also got to become friends with the neighbours and with those who lived in the area. Although, if first impressions were to go by, we weren't welcomed until they got to know us better, we were seen as Londoners and were a gaggle of 6 children not from around here, but after a while we all got along well.

It was on request of my mother's doctor that made the changes from our life in London to then be part of the life my aunt now lived. With mother's heart problems it was advised that we sought to escape the complications and environment of London and move to the country. There was no hesitation with my father buying my aunts bungalow and moving her in, now with what were mod cons such as electricity, and relevant white goods such as the stove and refrigerator. My father would commute from there to his work in London, with public travel being greatly improved.

With the war on and my husband in the Air Force I went to live with my parents in the cottage for a bit. With my time here and then the end of the war it was decided we should stay, and my mother managed to buy a bungalow further down the road from theirs.

Soon it went from what was looked like a shanty town to a far more desirable place to live. The old wooden houses were replaced with brick buildings, often bought by builders either commercially, or sometimes by those within the families that lived there for simple home improvements and extensions. There was a cedarwood house owned by a Canadian for his holiday residence. It had been unused for a time and then mysteriously burnt down. Shortly afterwards a large housing estate was built.

I have fond memories of a Mrs Fleming, she lived opposite a few doors down, and my son who was 12 would help her with the day-to-day chores. She would pay him for the work that he did (2/6 per week), and who, especially in the colder winter months, would light her fire before school. She had a luxurious life till she moved here, suggesting her family were rich, lived very well and had staff. But somehow, she had come to stay in one of the bungalows on this road in her later years. One day we had a visit from her cleaner, as Mrs Fleming had taken a turn, and had been found on the floor. We had known she had gone to the hospital, but she never returned. With myself only meeting some family members to hand over some monies she had asked me to look after whilst she was away.

There was a lot of life and death here on this street, as the residents got older, and the world became more modern. My mother was very upset about losing Mrs Collins, a Scottish lady, far too proud to accept any help, and when ill refused to go to hospital. When she hadn't been seen for a while concerned neighbours had called the police to find she had sadly passed away.

Scandals had made the older generation wary, none more so than the sisters Miss Sherring and Mrs Woodford, always in fear of being robbed, their behaviours often reflecting this by not allowing anyone into the house. When one passed the remaining sister would wait up just in case someone was going to break in.

Another interesting person was a Mrs Cox who lived next door. She was a great character and had known many interesting people during her nursing life, and although over 80 still worked weekends in a private nursing home. Her nephew used to come and visit her and one weekend he came rushing into me saying his aunt was dead on the floor - the Police were called.

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WHAT TITLE WOULD YOU GIVE THIS SUMMER?

As I am writing this article, we are having the first few days of real sunshine. What a long cold and WET winter it has been. I am really excited about the coming of Summer. I have such high expectations of that season. Sea, Sun, Sand etc. Or in the words of Nat King Cole "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer, You'll wish that summer could always be here"

I then started to look at what some other articles had written about the summer. I found the titles a bit unexpected until I thought yes, how true that can be.

"How to Thrive This Summer and Not Just Survive"

"Beware the Busyness of Summer Break"

"Remember when summer was relaxing?"

"The Church Isn't Closed For Summer"

"The Challenge of the Summer Break"

After I recovered from my shock of all these unexpected titles, I thought Summer, can be like that but actually it is God's gift to enjoy. Outdoor fun, daytrips or longer, visiting family or even going abroad all require some sort of travel. Whether it's on foot, on a bike, in the car, on a bus, train, or plane, the journey itself can be an opportunity to see new things and ask for God's blessing too.

So, if you are travelling a really long way, the landscape or the weather or the food might be very different, and the people might look different too. This is a great chance to help you and your children understand the world. It's a big place, an amazing place, full of new things to discover. Use a map to find where you live, and where you're going. Talk about how you will get there, and how long the journey will be. Look up some pictures on the internet of the place where you will be staying, and some of the things you will be doing. The Bible tells a story in which Abraham and Sarah set off on a long journey, and wondered whether God would be there when they arrived. They knew God was with them at home, but would God be where they were going? Every place where they stopped on their journey, they prayed to God and found that God was already there, because God is everywhere.

I recognise travelling with little children isn't always easy (or teenagers). How many of us parents have said to our children when they get a bit unruly in the car "If you don't behave, we will turn around and go straight home". I will let you into a secret. Your children know you have booked it and paid a lot of money so no way will you turn around! Yes, they have clocked that one. Now maybe try something else that might just work.

Why not ask God to bless you on your journey? On our holidays with the children, we used to say a prayer for safety and a fun holiday as we set off.

Finally, Summer Says Something About God. Psalm 19 tells us we should delight in the beauty of God's creation, and summer often provides unique opportunities to do that more fully with more daylight. Hopefully it will be a great summer weatherwise!

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2.

Remember — the blue sky, the green grass, the warmth of the sun on our faces are all part of God's creation. This summer let's all look at the beauty of our universe and maybe ask the simple question. Who made this all for us to enjoy.

May you all have a wonderful summer.

Anthony Smith – Pastor Holmer Green Baptist Church

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It was concluded that she must have fallen and hit her head which caused her death.

A lot of works, renovation and building works occurred, with new planning permissions, gardens being sold to build new units and the knocking down of failing older building to build new higher spec houses. There used to be grass bank on which children used to play but now it is full of houses.

However, the road itself, still with its failing surface and potholes, are my first memories of this place. Although now stands opposite the end of the road, some modern amenities, shops, coffee shops and a chemist, making life far easier for all.

As I look back, I can see how much this road has had an impact on my life, all the histories of my own time there, and the other residents on the street. Today I salute the one remaining resident who's still there, a lovely Mrs Newell.

Thank you to this little piece of Buckinghamshire - Hill Avenue (formerly Chestnut Avenue).

[Two of Mrs Engel's children live in Holmer Green - Mrs Chris Perry and Mrs Val Allcorn]

Laura Sansom

HOLMER GREEN YOUTH CLUB

The Holmer Green Youth Club has given me many opportunities to grow and connect with local communities.

Throughout the years, I have watched multiple groups of young people grow and make friendships and develop into compassionate, kind and enthusiastic young people who are excited to be at the Youth Club.

Personally, the Youth Club has helped me gain confidence and many qualifications such as 'Peer Mental Health' and 'Safeguarding'. These help me look after my community more.

Tabby Vass – HGYC Young Leader

This letter was written by teenager Tabby Vass, one of Holmer Green Youth Club's Young Leaders. Tabby has been helping for over 3 years and has been a true star. The Youth Club has benefitted from her willingness to give her time but more so the individual young people Tabby has served.

Mike Turner – HGYC Managing Youth Leader

NICK'S NUT 'N' SEED GRANOLA

Ingredients

150gm	Rolled Oats
150gm	Mixed Nuts (Pecan/Walnut/Hazelnut/Almond/Cashew - whatever?)
50gm	Mixed Seeds
60ml	* Honey (or Maple Syrup if you're posh!)
40ml	* Vegetable Oil (Pref. Rapeseed – less saturated fat.)
1tsp	Ground Cinnamon
1tsp	Almond (or Vanilla) Essence
¼tsp	Salt

Preparation

Measure out nuts and chop up to taste.

Mix dry ingredients well. (Oats + Nuts + Seeds)

Whisk honey / oil / cinnamon / essence etc in a glass jug. (Warming the jug thirty secs in a microwave afterwards makes it flow better.)

Pour the honey mix into the dry mix and, using a fork, thoroughly coat the "dry."

Pour a couple of teaspoons of hot water into glass jug to dissolve remaining mix.

Pour in mix. Give it another mix!

Cover an oven tray with greaseproof paper and

Spread the mix.

Cook:

Gas Mk4 (180 C) for 10 mins

Loosen it up and respread. **

Take out to cool.

Notes:

* Some recipes suggest 100ml of honey and 100ml of oil. I found that this made the mix too sticky, it requires longer cooking with a risk of burning the nuts and a tendency to set hard.

** This is largely to taste – after 10 minutes if the mix is free (i.e. loose) turn the heat off and leave mix in oven to cool. Want it crispy? Cook for longer – you do risk some nut flakes burning. For this reason, with thin almond flakes, I add them afterwards.

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A simple site giving the nutritional value of nuts etc.

Nick Reynolds



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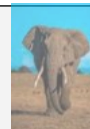
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THE PARISH MATTERS

We've all heard the term Parish Council but what do they actually do? How does the Parish Council differ from a County Council? Who are Parish Councillors? How does it all work? Lots of questions which we will endeavour to answer.

Parish Councils consist of 'Wards' - Little Missenden Parish Council [LMPC] consists of three wards - Holmer Green & Beamond End, Little Missenden & Little Kingshill and Hyde Heath. Each ward has a number of Parish councillors based on population. Seven represent Holmer Green & Beamond End, four represent Little Kingshill & Little Missenden and two Hyde Heath. A Parish Councillor is a voluntary, unpaid position and anyone living within a ward or within three miles, can apply to become a Parish Councillor, depending on a vacancy. Note that these positions are apolitical, so party politics do not play a part.

Main funding comes from a 'Precept' given by the County (Bucks) Council and taken from the Council Tax we all pay. Smaller funding can come from leases and rents on land owned by Parish Councils. Income and spending are a matter of public knowledge and details can be found on the Little Missenden Parish Council website (<http://www.littlemissendenpc.co.uk>).

So, what are the areas that Parish Councils look after? One major area is called 'open spaces'. This covers aspects such as Playgrounds, Commons and Heaths, Certain trees, Ponds and Allotments. It is the Parish Councils responsibility to provide and maintain all Children's playgrounds in the Parish. I almost forgot that LMPC also maintain some bus shelters in the village which includes the provision of some litter bins and some dog bins. Every playground is inspected on a weekly basis by our staff, to carry out safety checks. Any defects are reported and repairs carried out accordingly. Holmer Green Common is also owned and maintained by LMPC. Permission to use this ground should be submitted to the Parish Clerk.

LMPC will also assist in funding local projects. Funding has been given in the past to Youth Clubs, Sports Clubs, School Initiatives, and Village Society Projects etc.

The Parish Council also look at every planning application within the parish and will support or object to the application. HOWEVER, the Parish Council do not have power of veto. This can only be done by Bucks Council and Bucks always have the final say.

Areas that the Parish Council does not look after are roads, pavements and the majority of grass verge cutting. These are maintained by Buckinghamshire Highways and the County Council. LMPC can make representations to Buckinghamshire Highways but do not have control over any budget. Please use the <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> to report any potholes or pavement issues (and many other highway related problems).

Full details of Little Missenden Parish Council can be found at www.littlemissendenpc.co.uk. This contains volumes of information about facts,

figures and general work of the Parish Council. Please also 'like' our Facebook page which contains regular updates about Parish events, road closure information and other interesting facts.

We hope this has helped you to understand the workings of the Parish Council. Details of current LMPC councillors and their contact details can be found on page 7 in this magazine and of course on the website.

So, what has LMPC been up to?

First, we welcome Paul Isom to the LMPC team as the Open Spaces and Compliance Officer who will spend a lot of his time around the Parish keeping our open spaces well maintained and safe to use.

LMPC has installed a new bike rack and noticeboard next to the shops at Turners Place, Pond Approach. In addition, an "all inclusive" swing has been added to the play park on the common.

LMPC are conducting a survey to establish thoughts on play and exercise equipment around the Parish. Details will be advertised within the village and on social media, so please let us know your thoughts.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, LMPC will be lighting a beacon on The Common at 9:15pm on 6th June 2024. This is preceded by a talk being given in the Village Hall by Peter Healy about his father's experiences skippering a landing craft full of commandos into Sword beach early in the D-Day invasion. The talk is in aid of SSAFA and tickets are available online at <https://buytickets.at/holmergreenvillagesociety/1119236>. Further details of the beacon lighting will be advertised.

LMPC continues to co-sponsor the village litter picks along with the village society. These are carried out every 2 months (dates are advertised) and are an organised supplement to the wonderful work of a number of individual villagers who already regularly litter pick on their own. Litter picks start and finish at Rossetti Hall from 10am and last up to 2hrs. Full equipment is supplied and afterwards refreshments are available along with an opportunity to meet with councillors. Please continue to support these events and help keep the village free of litter.

Rossetti Hall is available for all in the Parish to hire, please contact the Booking Clerk on bookings@littlemissendenpc.co.uk.

Currently Little Missenden Parish Council has two vacancies for Holmer Green Ward Councillors. If you would like to make a difference to your community and join our friendly team, please contact clerk@littlemissendenpc.co.uk for an informal chat.

Colin Thirsk

HOLMER GREEN JUBILEE SENSORY GARDEN

It's been a very busy first quarter of 2024 down at the Sensory Garden.

We've focused quite a bit on fundraising recently and held our first Bake Sale at the beginning of April, which was a great success.

We put together a team of our volunteers to arrange it and they did a wonderful job.

We had an amazing range of scrumptious cakes for sale, a fabulous tombola and of course, the all-important teas and coffees, to wash the cake down.

We had so many more visitors than we'd hoped for, groups of friends and families from all over the local area came along and really seemed to enjoy the garden, we were absolutely thrilled.

We raised a whopping £450 that day!

This will allow us to continue with the upkeep of the garden, to buy new equipment and materials and also to move forward with our new projects too.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped, to everyone that came along

and thank you also to the local residents who live near the garden, we really appreciate your patience with the extra traffic and visitors that day.

Alongside our event, earlier that month, our friends at Christ Church (in Featherbed Lane) held an afternoon-tea event, which raised an incredible £150, which they generously donated to the garden.

We are so very grateful for this wonderful support from the volunteers at Christ Church and all those that attended and donated.

In the garden itself, the main project in progress is a new area, known as "The Ridings," which is targeted at children from local nurseries, preschools and schools.

We are extensively landscaping this area, to add a new grass pathway; a new grassy mound with a spiral path; two new rockeries with a waterfall incorporated into one of them; a story-time area with wooden stools and a teacher's chair; wooden tables and storage boxes which will hold tools and pots for the use of visiting children. Additionally, we are installing a toilet facility for the exclusive use of the visiting children and volunteers.

We are incredibly excited about this project and can't wait to see it finished and being enjoyed by the local children.

As ever, we always need more helping hands in the garden. If you think that you could give an hour a week or could contribute in some other way to the Garden, then why not contact Martin Little on 07384633259, we'd love to see you here.



Some of our volunteers "working hard" in
The Sensory Garden.



Our bake-sale to raise funds for
The Sensory Garden was a great success.

Sarah Crowner

ANYONE FANCY A 'NEW' MONITOR?

I have a fully working Dell Monitor that is surplus to requirements and wonder if any reader would like it?

If so, please contact me at: 1pjr@proton.me

HOLMER GREEN IS HOME TO TWO GOLD WINNING WORLD CHAMPIONS!

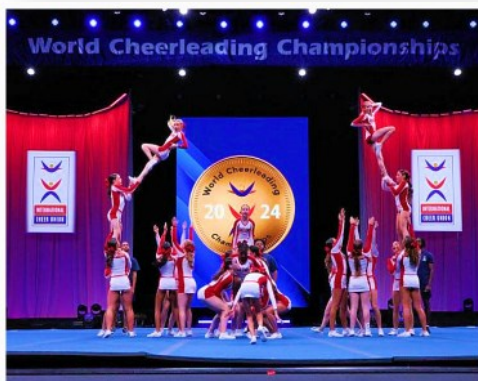
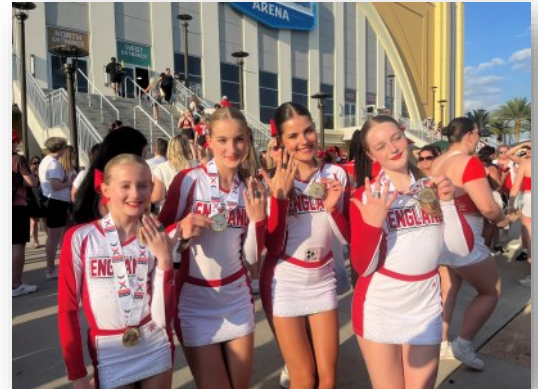
Young athletes and sisters Jelena and Arianna Ljubisic, along with two of their local club team mates from Chiltern Cheetahs - Laila Southgate and Sky Andrew, were selected to join the Youth National cheer team "Team England" in the category "Youth All Girl Advanced" to compete at the ICU World Championships for Cheerleading in April 2024.

The competition is the biggest event in the Cheerleading calendar held annually in Florida at the ESPN Arena. Around thirty-five countries and over eleven thousand athletes took part in various categories for age and level in the three day event.

We are delighted to say that the youth all girl advanced team for England gained gold and took the World Champion titles beating off their competition including Team USA on their own turf.

Cheerleading is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. It has moved a long way from the original 'sideline cheer' you see and associate in old American films shaking pom poms around. It is a high energy athletic sport in its own right, competing in big arenas against other teams. Each team has a set time and must perform certain level of stunts, tumblers (akin to gymnastics) and jumps, each trying to outdo each other with more exhilarating performances and techniques within their category level.

The athletes train extremely hard - on an average six-nine hours a week to hone their skills. Whilst they are able to practice their individual stunts and tumblers at their local club - 'Chiltern Cheetahs,' they only had seven full days training as a 'complete team' with Team England to put together and practice the winning routine.



Jelena is a base and tumbler. She holds up the flyer during the stunts involving various stretches, tosses and catches. She also performs much of the 'gymnastic' tumblers in the routine. Arianna is a flyer, she keeps herself very tight and has amazing balance. She puts all her trust in her bases to catch her whilst performing tumblers and stretches during stunts and of course all with a smile on her face!

It has been an amazing opportunity for the girls made even more special that the sisters were able to do it together. We are extremely proud of them for what they and the rest of their team have achieved.

Caroline Ljubisic

ANSWERS TO THE CROSSWORD

HOW MANY DID YOU GET??

Across			Down		
1. Biscuit	22. Poa	40. Fortunate	1. Buttered	15. One Man	36. As Usual
4 Spaceship	24. Tate	42. Globe	2. Crate	19. Spout	38. Bobcat
8. Aspects	26. Shreddings	46. Funicular	3. Tastiest	20. Passing	41. Apart
9. Taste	29. Nouns	47. Oregano	4. Spent	21. Stature	43. Officers
10. Glass	30. Tart	49. Lateral	5. Alter	23. Assumed	44. Bogaruns
11 Sisters	32. Dieu	53. Creed	6. Shale	25. Enter	45. Concorde
16. Endures	33. Naomi	54. Gecko	7. Plasters	27. Roundle	48. Femur
17. Sweetener	34. Rearranged	55. Stadium	12. Edwin	28. India	50. Anton
18. Binds	37. Able	56. Shortened	13. Steroid	31. Going	51. Ended
20. Pantomime	39. Lan	57. Shuttle	14. Addict	35. Around	52. Beast



'Our World' and 'Pond Dipping' by the First and Pre-School students



Our Parish Council has recently installed the all inclusive swing and cycle rack.



Below are a few memories of some categories at the very successful recent VPA Spring Show.
Some of the exhibits



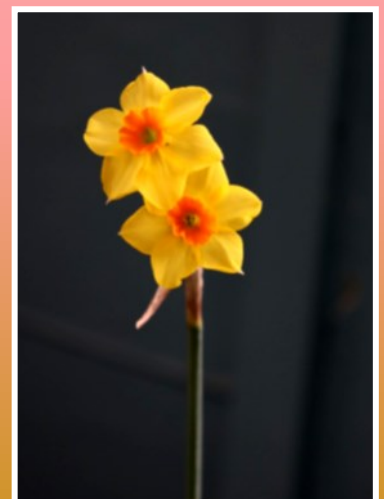
Daffodil display



Flower display



Watering Can display



Two Daffodils