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HOLMER GREEN TODAY

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The new Church of England Vicar of Penn Street with Holmer Green and some of the Parishioners at the Village Society's 'Music on The Common'

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Editorial

by Ann Miller



The sun is shining, and I am sitting inside starting to write this issue's editorial, but no worries it will be all change tomorrow. What a changeable period in the weather we have been experiencing. Unlike last year no extreme temperatures, but a fair amount of rain and endless weeding of my patio.

We haven't had as many articles for this issue, as many contributors are probably away enjoying some sun.

The articles we do have inform us about the many activities that have taken place during this period.

On behalf of the magazine, I would like to add our welcome to the Reverend Daf Meirion-Jones and his family to Holmer Green.

It has been lovely to hear from the many young people who belong to various scouting groups (beavers, cubs and scouts). In reading their varied articles we find out that they have all been involved in a variety of activities and badge awarding pursuits. Well done to all involved in their achievements.

There was some very sad news from one of our many village clubs. After thirty-four years of providing activities and company for many folks the Lantern Club is having to close. It is obviously a sad time for all involved, both attendees and those who have provided all their support over the years.

Many congratulations to all involved in the Music on the Common event this year. The weather gods were looking down kindly on the event this year and everything seemed to be just right, and it appeared to be a great success. Thanks to all the contributors, visitors and especially the organising committee.

One final message from the Holmer Green Today team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our former team colleagues, Nick Reynolds. Thanks for your contributions to the magazine over the years, enjoy your "retirement," best wishes.

Enjoy the rest of the 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. We share the occasional service with Tylers Green Methodist Church. When we visit Tylers Green, 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 refer to 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.
Rummikub	Rossetti Hall	1 st & 3 rd Friday of each month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Sensory Garden Volunteers	Sensory Garden, Earl Howe Road	2nd Wednesday of each month. We hold a volunteer “roll up” between 9.15am and 12 noon at which we welcome any potential volunteers to join us for a taster session.
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.
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 to check that the event, location and times are correct before you go along 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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Kingfisher Rangers (Mondays)		E: kingfisherrangers@gmail.com
To register your daughter to join, or to volunteer, please go to :	www.girlguiding.org.uk	
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Village Centre (Hall Bookings)	Mr Paul Fleming – 0870-765 6450, www.holmergreenvillagehall.org.uk/book-a-hall/	E: bookings@holmergreenvillagehall.org.uk
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Coffee Morning, Methodist Church	Mrs Lesley Orange – 712072 Mrs Kathleen Wiltshire – 713964	
Community Café – Tea, Coffee and a Chat, Christ Church Centre	Mrs Carol Hornsby – 714075	
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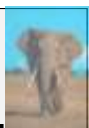
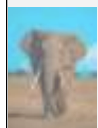
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Holmer Green Stroke Club

We have 20 - 25 members and a team of enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers.

Our aim, to create a relaxed, supportive environment allowing all members to take part in some way

Tuesday 10am - 12 noon Christ Church Centre The Common Holmer Green HP15 6XQ

Our mornings are usually divided into three sessions:

- interesting activity: in-house or outside speaker/activity
- refreshments/chat time
- choice of board or card games



stone painting

We offer a varied programme including:

Regulars: sorted physio, cooking, music, gardening & quizzes
Invited speakers/groups: those recently included include group, magazine, Resonance Team Choir & Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
Themed Games: puzzle room, horse racing for Royal Ascot and sorted
tunes for Wimbledon followed by strawberries & cream



Christmas table decoration

We are always trying out new ideas: pottery & handbells have proved popular this year. We lunch together at least 4 times a year at Christmas/Easter/Harvest & a summer special. We do not have our weekly meetings in August ... but there are tea parties organised in a lovely garden (weather permitting).

- If you, or a member of your family, has suffered a stroke and might benefit from becoming a member of our Club ... please phone for more information

- WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS ... no qualification needed just the desire to help people and 2 hours to spare each week.

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Mary 01494816162



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

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Lin & Malcom Instone, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 3 August

and our

SINCEREST CONDOLENCES GO TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Maureen Chapman – 1st October 1936 - 7th June 2024,

Geoffrey Pattenden who passed away - 8th June 2024 &

Jill Richardson – born in 1936 and passed away - 22nd June 2024

SOME USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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contains some recent electronic editions of **Holmer Green Today**.

WHAT'S ON — AND WHERE

WHY NOT CUT OUT AND KEEP THE DATES AND THE ADVERTISERS PAGES SUMMARY. ONCE YOU HAVE READ YOUR MAGAZINE AND RE-CYCLE THE

2 nd September	Chadwick Ladies - <i>Antiques Quiz</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
7 th September	VPA Annual Show	Church Centre - 7.45pm
9 th September	OpportuniTEA Café opening	HGSA - 08.30am
16 th Sept.	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'Eccentric London'</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
19 th Sept.	VPA Talk - <i>"Behind the scenes at the BBC Television Centre"</i>	Church Centre - 7.45pm
22 nd Sept.	Harvest Festival at 10.30am	Methodist Church
28 th Sept.	Community Café / Macmillan Coffee morning	Church Centre - 10.00am
30 th Sept.	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'Princess Margaret—A Controversial Life'</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
30 th Sept.	BOPAG host <i>Golden Years Free Activities Day</i> - 10.00am – 1.00pm	High Wycombe Library
2 nd October	Baptist Church - 9 day Study Tour of the Seven Churches of Asia	
5 th October	Filling the boxes for the charity <i>Love in a Box</i>	Methodist Church - 10am
14 th October	Chadwick Ladies - <i>Macmillan Tea Party</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
17 th October	VPA - <i>A fun quiz</i> compered by Brian Fisher	Church Centre - 7.45pm
28 th October	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'Lacey's Family Farm'</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
2 nd November	Bonfire Night Fireworks	HG Sports Association
3 rd November	Service of Memory & Thanksgiving	Christ Church - 3.00pm
11 th November	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'The History of the Pantomime Dame'</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
21 st November	VPA Annual General Meeting	Church Hall - 8.00 pm
25 th November	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'The History of Bekonscot Model Village and Railway'</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
9 th December	Chadwick Ladies - <i>'Dinner and Entertainment'</i>	Village Centre - 7.00pm

CHERRY GARTH NEWS.....

A Huge Well Done! and a Massive Thank you! to everyone who helped us win **BEST POTTED PLANTS** in the Fremantle in Bloom competition. We had lots of donations from Peterlee Manor Farm and residents families and lots of help from volunteer Linda Mealyard.






Margaret had a lovely day out with Alex, our activities coordinator collecting our award.

We have lots to look forward this Summer/Autumn.....

Our annual BBQ & live entertainment for our residents & their families in late August.

September we will be celebrating Harvest Festival which is supported by the local community church.

Poppies Day Nursery will be visiting us which is always a great joy!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN OF HOLMER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR, WHO TREATED US TO A LOVELY AFTERNOON OF WONDERFUL SINGING .

THE LANTERN CLUB - THE END OF AN ERA

Sadly, on July 29th, after nearly 34 years of service, The Lantern Club held its last meeting. The decision to close the club was very difficult but unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were unable to fill the leadership roles needed to take the club forward. A Special General Meeting was held on July 15th to approve this decision, in accordance with our Constitution as a registered charity. The Committee is now undertaking the formalities required by the Charity Commission.

We have been very heartened by the messages of appreciation and thanks we have received from so many people following the announcement of the closure. We celebrated our years of service at the last meeting with a buffet lunch for our members and volunteers together and we welcomed some old friends too.

Very many thanks go to all our wonderful Monday volunteers and cooks, past and present, and to all the organisations which have supported us over the years, including the Village Centre and Hazlemere and Widmer End Good Neighbours. And also, of course, to our lovely elderly members who were such a delight and made Mondays something we all looked forward to.

Ann Sollars



CHADWICK LADIES CLUB

Many members of the club enjoyed a coach outing in July to the historical town of Stratford Upon Avon, where lunch had been organised on one of the river boats, followed by a walk around the town.

Erica Cunningham entertained us with her flower arranging and her life as a florist.

Simon Kearey gave an interesting talk on the beginnings of the Ridgeway National Trail and the many other trails that can be walked in England.

At the end of July, we met for a social and delicious cream tea before the summer break.

We meet again in early September with an Antiques Quiz and talk by Richard Anderson.

Judy Gilligan

GOLDEN YEARS FREE ACTIVITIES INFORMATION DAY

Bucks Older People's Action Group (BOPAG), in collaboration with the Princes Centre and Age UK, are hosting the 2024 Golden Years event on Monday the 30th of September 2024. It will be held this year in the High Wycombe library in the Eden Centre and will run from 10 am until 1 pm.

The aim is to reduce social isolation and loneliness for our elderly communities and will offer free information on social activities, volunteering opportunities and age appropriate exercise classes.

Plans are to offer a fashion show, a singing group and lots of workshops for people to enjoy on the day, all free of charge. There will also be free refreshments for our attendees and free goodie bags to take away. Do come along and enjoy what is always a happy and useful event.

If you can offer age-appropriate activities or options and wish to attend as an exhibitor, please contact Paula Watts, BOPAG Administrator on 07753 987973

Elizabeth Aylward

Holmer Green Service Centre



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NEW VICAR IN PENN STREET & HOLMER GREEN

With a name like Dafydd Meirion-Jones you would expect me to have a broad Welsh accent and come from Llanelli - Sadly, I was born in Canterbury, grew up in Surrey and am more regularly accused of sounding Australian than Welsh! I'm married to Boo (yes that's really what she's called!) and we have seven children aged 29 to 11. Apart from that we're almost normal....



After 6 years teaching Geography, I trained for ministry in the Church of England and have served in churches in Exeter, Preston in Lancashire, Chessington and Gerrards Cross, before coming to Holmer Green. I love watching any sport - but only displayed any aptitude at rugby. I love eating most things - and it shows. I love walking the dog through the Bucks countryside and am hoping this will lead me to develop the sleek athletic figure of my border collie.

We're very excited about settling into village life having enjoyed our first "Music on the Common" and a couple of Sundays at Christ Church Holmer Green. We've sampled The Square, had my hair (& beard!) cut in HG Hair, enjoyed fruit and veg from Nathan's Fruit and Veg and even benefitted the convenience of the Spar.

I'm praying that Christ Church Holmer Green and Holy Trinity Penn will be places where people come and find out why Jesus is such good news and how we can find meaning, security and purpose in the love of God. Why not try a service at 10am one Sunday? You'd be very welcome.

I'll be doing some assemblies in Curzon Church of England School and Holmer Green First School so you will see me around. And if you're ever caught short walking the dog in Penn Wood, just come and knock on The Vicarage door - the worst thing that could happen is that we're out!

HOLMER GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY - A BUSY 6 MONTHS OF 2024

It's been a really busy first half of the year for the Holmer Green Village Society culminating in Music on the Common on the 13th July. This year we were blessed with perfect weather which means we didn't have the chaos of last year when we had to cancel one day before hand.

This year's event filled the common with extra stalls and exhibitors and enabled us to re-design the common to fill the middle, making it feel much more intimate and less of a vast expanse of open space. We spent a lot of time working on the layout and getting the extra exhibitors and feedback was good, so we're already planning for next year's event. As usual, a massive thanks to the event team and the many volunteers we rely on to put on such an event, and Sarah Green our local MP who opened the event and spent a lot of time with us visiting the stalls and judging the cars.

One of the really interesting stalls at Music on the Common was the exhibit of the Holmer Green Jubilee Sensory Gardens. Garden volunteers, dressed in the specially commissioned gardens uniforms, and were on hand to show the updated layout with the 3D model. They also created a unique treasure hunt game using grid references on a screen. The garden team have just completed a major update to a previously scrub area of land especially for the younger visitors. A new grass pyramid has been constructed near the teaching area with seating for small children, it's well worth a visit.

We continue to invest in the gardens and are delighted that we now have three students completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards by building something in the gardens; well on the way to completion is the new water feature which is next to the new sensory panel.



Elsewhere in the society we are continuing to lobby the Integrated care board and the council for news of the planned extension of Roberts Ride and Highfield doctor's surgeries that were part of the Tralee farm planning application and also reminding the council that the integrated care board have also specified the same two doctors for increased capacity to service the Terriers Farm development in Totteridge.

Plans for the next two events are well underway with the Fireworks event at the Sport's association on November 2nd and Christmas by the Common on December 1st.

Simon Jones

THE PARISH OF PENN STREET AND HOLMER GREEN

Our new vicar, Revd Daf Meirion-Jones, was licensed to take over our Parish on Wednesday, 17th July, in a crowded Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street. After such an inspiring service, we look forward to his ministry among us.

The short season of *Cream Teas* has finished. They were as popular as ever and the takings were augmented on some Sundays by Uncle Wainwright's superior Bric-a-Brac stall.

We are still offering refreshment of a different kind at *Souper Lunch* on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the Church Centre from 12.30 - 2 pm, always with a good selection of home-made soups and cakes.

Our *Community Cafe* will continue on the 4th Saturday morning of each month in the Church Centre from 10.00 - 12 midday on 24th August, 28th September, 26th October and 23rd November. We will not meet in December as the date is too near Christmas. We will resume in 2025 on Saturday 25th January.

We have a special Community Cafe on Saturday 28th September at which we will combine with the national Macmillan coffee morning. We will be having wonderful cakes, a raffle and a Bric-a-Brac table to help raise funds for this special charity. Please come and support Macmillan as all funds will go straight to the charity. Bring your friends, enjoy some of our delicious cakes and good company but most of all help to raise funds for Macmillan.

Tiddlywinks Autumn term begins on Monday 9th September, 1.30pm - 3pm. until Monday 21st October inclusive. The Half-Term holiday starts on Monday 28th October returning on Monday 4th November.

We meet term time only in Christ Church Centre, Holmer Green. All babies, toddlers and under-school age children and their carers are welcome. No pre booking is required. For further information please ring the Parish Office, the parish website (detailed below) or ring Joan Toye 01494 718466.

Linkup Bereavement Friendship Group meetings are usually on the 3rd Friday monthly at 11am for coffee and biscuits followed by an optional shared lunch from 12 noon to 1.30pm in the Church Centre.

All who have been bereaved either recently or longer ago will be warmly welcomed.

Our Annual Service of Memories and Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in Christ Church, Holmer Green. There will be an opportunity to enter your loved one's name in our Book of Remembrance and to light a candle in their memory during the service. Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre after the service. For further information please ring Joan Toye on 01494 718466 or the parish office as below.

At the meeting of the *Churches Together Women's Fellowship* on 4 July we enjoyed a talk by David Gantzel on the History of Hazlemere, and on 18 July the choir from Curzon School sang at our Summer Social. We now have a summer break until 19 September, when we shall have a Holy Communion service at the Baptist Church at 2pm led by Pastor Anthony Smith. We meet on the first and third Thursdays in the Christ 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 Christ Church or the Church Centre, or Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street HP7 0PX. For more information, contact the Parish Office in the Church Centre, 01494 715195, open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 - 12.30, email office@pshg.org or go to the website www.pshg.org.

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THE HOLMER GREEN PLAYERS



A Spooktacular Performance

Last month (July) the village theatre group, Holmer Green Players put on a flawless performance of *The Addams Family*. With four sell out performances, the 20+ strong cast put on a memorable display and received rave reviews from the audience.

Long-standing member of the group, Sam Eden watched one of the performances and shared her review:

"Having been a member of the group for over 20 years, I don't miss many shows but due to other commitments I was unable to be a part of this production and boy do I regret it now... Still of course a massive supporter of the group, I went to see the Thursday performance and WOW!

I must say I was a little sceptical, the Addams family in July and 30-degree heat, didn't seem right but actually it didn't matter whether it was the height of summer, Easter or Halloween, this performance was truly memorable.

The storyline centred around Wednesday Addams (played by new member Samantha Easden), the ultimate princess of darkness, who was harbouring a shocking secret that only her father, Gomez (played by Stuart Cullom) would find out; she had fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family! Gomez Addams had to do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia (played by member of 30+ years (Cath Dunleavy). The action takes place at the Addams family home when they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. All the usual clan were also present - Uncle Fester (played by Jason Middleton), Lurch (played by Jacob Powell), Pugsley (played by Tom Crichton) et al.

The show was not only made up of brilliant acting but some fantastic upbeat songs, laugh out loud comical moments and stunning choreography. A highlight had to be a tense and steamy tango between Gomez and Morticia which was executed brilliantly.

Expertly directed by Mark Bolkonsky the group oozed professionalism throughout. I was blown away by the performances from every single cast member. Particularly Stuart Cullom who played the role of Gomez... this role was made for him! The characterisation you could tell Stuart had taken a dedicated approach to because it was flawless... worthy of a West End stage without doubt. It was only Stuarts second show with the group too, I have a feeling that this won't be the last lead role for him as he has a real talent.

But everyone was outstanding. It was plain to see the work, dedication and enthusiasm that had gone into this show. From the set to the sound, costumes and make-up, everything was exceptional. Well done to all involved, but a special thank you to Mark for his vision and expertise in direction for the group, it really was fantastic".

The group is now on a well-earned break for the Summer, but its back in to auditions and rehearsals from September for the 2025 productions including *Bugsy Malone* (performed by the junior group in late March) and *Piece de Resistance* in February. To ensure you don't miss out on future productions by The Holmer Green Players, join their mailing list via their website www.holmergreenplayers.co.uk or follow the group on Instagram [holmer_green_players](https://www.instagram.com/holmer_green_players)

GARDENING MATTERS

I discovered on a recent holiday based at Nairn in Scotland, after sensing the distinctive aroma of the open flowers, a large area where *Rosa rugosa*, commonly known as "The Beach Rose" had established on the sand dunes. This is not one of Britain's native roses, but there are cultivars of this rose that can be planted in our gardens. They all have highly scented flowers. I like the cultivar 'Roseaie de l'Hay' which has cupped to flat, double, rich purple-red flowers continually throughout the summer. These are followed by large, decorative, rounded bright red rosehips. This cultivar has beautiful light green, wrinkled, disease resistant leaves that can display spectacular autumn colouring when grown in a very sunny situation. It is often found growing in gardens as a specimen shrub, planted with other shrub roses or grown as a hedge, where it can form an impenetrable barrier.

This brings me to mention a book that was first published in 1965 entitled "The Concise British Flora in Colour". Included in the family Rosaceae are thirteen distinct species of wild roses, and as there is much more interest now in planting and establishing British wild flowers it would be lovely to see more of these roses growing in British gardens. Many of us are familiar with seeing *Rosa canina* "The Dog Rose" growing wild in our hedgerows in Holmer Green. It produces single flowers during the early summer. Some plants produce deep pink flowers, others pale pink and others white flowers. Other native species are available to purchase including *Rosa spinosissima* which grows wild in Scotland. This species has fern-like foliage, cupped, single creamy white flowers with pale yellow stamens followed by spherical purplish black hips. *Rosa villosa* is a native shrub rose with aromatic grey-green leaves. It has fragrant pink flowers followed by apple shaped, bristly crimson fruits. *Rosa rubiginosa* is a vigorous briar rose with pink flowers followed by spherical hips that are used to produce rosehip oil.

Autumn is a very suitable time for planting trees and shrubs as the soil is still warm. This encourages good root production during the winter months and before signs of new growth become evident the following spring.

For deciduous trees and shrubs, i.e. those that shed their leaves during the autumn, I prefer to plant these just before leaf fall. Roses are regarded as being deciduous, although some old species roses and their close relatives can be classed as semi-evergreen, especially if they are growing in sheltered situations. Other roses can also maintain some of their leaves during milder winters.

The majority of roses that are available to purchase can be obtained as potted plants at the garden centres or as bare-rooted plants that are delivered directly to a home address from the nursery where they have been produced. Potted roses are usually lifted from the nursery beds during the winter months when shoot growth has ceased. These plants are then pruned and potted into deep four litre pots and distributed to garden centres in the spring. It takes several months for the rose plant to produce an extensive root system within the pot. If the plant is knocked out of the pot too early most of the compost will fall off the roots. So, if potted plants are purchased in the early part of the year they should be left in their pots until early June before planting in the garden. This allows the new roots to bind the compost together, thus avoiding root disturbance at time of planting. After planting it is important to keep these plants well-watered for the first few weeks. This will aid establishment and lead to growth of new shoots.

Bare-rooted roses are lifted from the nursery bed in batches from late autumn to winter. Any damaged roots are pruned and then the soil is washed from the roots. The shoots are pruned back lightly. After wrapping the roots to prevent them from drying out, the plants are then put into a large lined waterproof parcel and dispatched to the buyer. On receipt of bare-rooted roses the package should be opened immediately and the rose plants should have their roots plunged into water for 24 hours. They can then be planted out into the garden. The advantages of bare-rooted roses are that they are dormant and they are cheaper than potted roses. Because garden centres only keep a limited stock of roses there will be more choice when selecting from a rose nursery catalogue.



Rosa canina



Rosa canina fruits



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Roseaie de l'Hay fruits

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NEWS FROM HOLMER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

As I write, it seems that summer has finally arrived just in time for the school holidays. It's a time when life might adopt a slightly slower pace, and parents are grateful for good weather so kids can play in the park or garden. But we are also in the early days of the Olympics, which will be followed by the Paralympics later in August. I love the Olympics; it's a chance to see sports on the TV which we don't often see and a chance to see athletes coming together competing at the top of their game.

However, *'there's nothing like the Olympics to make you feel that you haven't achieved anything in your life'* - these were words said by my grown-up daughter when she was visiting at the weekend. It was said in jest in response to those still in their teens who are competing in all sorts of disciplines, but it voices a fear that was evidenced recently. The fear of underachievement. This came out in the top three in a study about fear which I think is quite sad but one that I recognise. How often do we make ourselves a slave to fear? fear of trying something new like a new hobby or a change of career, letting something go, setting something down, the fear leaving a job that gives security but a poor work/life balance? Fear of trying church? If you have seen any of the swimming, you will have seen Adam Peaty talking very openly about the journey he has been on over the last three years. He did not take enough rest after the last Olympics and his world both in and out of the pool came crashing down. He needed to discover who he was outside of the pool. During this time, he found a faith in God, a faith that helped to rebalance his life and put the competition to achieve into perspective.

Returning to church or coming for the first time is hard, but please be assured of a welcome from others who are also on a journey. None of us are perfect, but God welcomes us all, nonetheless.

Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30am at our church on Earl Howe Road, or pop into our coffee morning on the first Tuesday each month (10-12) or our craft morning on the third Saturday of each month (10-12:30). If you would like to speak to me about baptism or marriage, please contact me on the details below.

Rev. Rachael Prince - revrprince@gmail.com - 01494 562491

As we approach the end of Rev Rachael Prince's first year with us, we extend a warm welcome to Rev Dafydd Meirion-Jones the new vicar of Christ Church Holmer Green and Holy Trinity Penn Street as he begins his ministry in this community.

The Lamphouse singers' concert in May was very well supported with over seventy attending. It was an excellent programme of well-known songs and raised over £1000.00 for Alzheimer's disease.

Also well attended was a cake and produce sale in aid of Love in a Box charity and money donated will help with transporting the filled boxes later in the year. We are having a morning in church covering and filling the boxes with the essential items and treats which we have been collecting over the months for children and young people in Eastern Europe. Please come along and help on Saturday 5th October 10-12, refreshments will be provided. If you would like to donate items or make a monetary gift you can still do so, for information please ring Jane 01494 713721.

The Methodist Church will be celebrating Harvest festival on 22nd Sunday September at 10. 30am. Followed by coffee, please join us.

Our monthly coffee mornings continues to thrive, please do pop in if passing the church. Every 1st Tuesday 10-12 with a book and puzzle swap. The monthly craft group is flourishing. We also have card making (for a small fee) and several people come with their painting, sewing, knitting, colouring etc or just come for a coffee and chat. We take our own packed launch and eat together from 12.30.

On Thursday 19th December AT 7.00pm there will be a production of "A Christmas Carol" followed by coffee and mince pies. No admission charge but any donations will be shared between One Can Trust - a food bank based in high Wycombe serving the town and wider area of south bucks providing weekly food parcels to those who need our help. And ALL We CAN - rooted in Christian faith. It is an international development and relief organisation, started by a group of methodists 30 years ago, working globally to find solutions impacted by disasters poverty and injustice.

The performance is excellent, given mainly by one person so may not be suitable for younger children, however this is at discretion of parent or guardian. Everyone is welcome. For more details ring Sharon 01494 716897 or Lesley 01494 712072

Lesley Orange

LOCAL THEATRE-GOER'S DIARY : SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 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, Tribute Acts, As Live Screenings, so do check out all the websites for full details.

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High Wycombe - WYCOMBE SWAN (4 miles from Holmer Green)

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A CHORUS LINE (30 Sept to 5 Oct) The multi-award-winning dance musical in a glittering new version direct from the West End.

GREASE (21 to 26 Oct) Still 'the one that you want', the hugely successful 1950s musical that fills theatres endlessly.

ELF The Musical (19 to 23 Nov) family friendly musical with a jolly Christmas theme that has played London's huge Dominion Theatre the past three Christmases.

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Dreams of Fleetwood Mac (11 Oct),

Jack Dee (5 Nov),

Kathakali (8 Nov),

Rob Beckett (12 Nov)

Craft Fair (30 Nov).

Wrestling (22 Sept),

Buddy Holly & the Cricketers (27 Sept),

Lipstick On Your Collar (3 Oct)

John Nichol's The Unknown Warrior (5 Oct),

Rannie Reggie And Me - Fred Dinenage (10 Oct),

Omid Djalili - Namaste (18 Oct),

Herman's Hermits (7 Nov),

From Gold To Rio (9 Nov),

Dung Beattles 60th Anniversary (22 Nov),

In addition, there are Live Streams, Cinema Screenings, Comedy Nights, Music Evenings and local Dance Academy Presentations. For full details, please check the Website.

Aylesbury - WATERSIDE THEATRE (13 miles from Holmer Green)

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Big names include *Adam Kay*, *Steve Hackett*, *Jimmy Carr*, *Ben Elton*, *Milton Johns*, *Jon Richardson*, *The Drifters*, *Kathryn Ryan*, *Nish Kumar*, *Al Murray*, *Tony Stockwell*, *Mark Simmons* and more.

NOW That's What I Call A Musical (6 & 7 Sept) Directed and choreographed by Strictly legend Craig Revel Horwood, this is 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.

David Williams' AWFUL AUNTIE (19 to 22 September) the man who can do no wrong when writing for Primary school kids. Outrageously entertaining.

LORD OF THE DANCE (15 to 17 Oct) Michael Flatley began it all with 'Riverdance' and this was his follow up show.

CLUEDO 2 The Next Chapter (24 to 26 Oct) Based on the hugely popular board game, here comes a second thriller full of red herrings.

Carlos Acosta's NUTCRACKER IN HAVANA (19 & 20 Nov) a Cuban take on the classic ballet.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS (26 to 30 Nov) the phenomenally successful National Theatre revival which tours yet again for the great benefit of Schools and Exam kids. Plus a huge number of big name One Night Events

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TWO OF US (13 to 21 Sept) Its 1976. Once inseparable, two men are now worlds apart. Six years after the bitter break up of The Beatles, Paul paid a visit to John's apartment in New York City. Unannounced. It would be the final time they ever met.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR (27 & 28 Sept) 50 minutes. This critically acclaimed stage production features a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets. The perfect introduction to live theatre. Age suitability 1-6 years (under-2s can be counted a babe-in-arms and do not require a seat/ticket).

OUR HOUSE (15 to 19 Oct) Featuring a collection of Madness hits this show is a huge hit musical. Cassio Productions (Amateur) tell the story of London lad Joe, who, on his sixteenth birthday, takes the girl of his dreams, out on their first date. In an effort to impress her with bravado, he breaks into a building site. The police turn up, at which point Joe's life

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(Local Theatre-goers Diary continued.)

splits into two: the Good Joe, who stays to help, and Bad Joe, who flees. Pure madness.

FIGHT NIGHT (24 to 26 Oct) Belgian theatre company 'Ontroerend Goed' has made its trademark to be unpredictable in content and form. Since they first emerged on the international scene in 2007, they have won numerous prizes across Europe, and toured to Berlin, London, Sydney, Singapore, and across USA. The ONLY UK dates for this tour!

SHOCK HORROR: A GHOST STORY (30 Oct to 2 Nov) A nightmare is about to break free. Inspired by classic theatre ghost stories and cinema's greatest frights, Shock Horror is a chilling journey into a haunted past. Combining live performance, illusion and big-screen action, it's full of shivers, shrieks and shocking revelations.

THE BAR AT THE EDGE OF TIME (4 & 5 Nov) This one hour production is created and intended specifically for adults and young adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). The glasses are polished, the lights are down low. But a mystery lies at the heart of this place, one that can only be solved when we spend our time together. The performers and the audience are on stage, which is wheelchair accessible.

ROOM ON THE BROOM (9 & 10 Nov) The witch and her cat are travelling on their broomstick when they pick up some hitch-hikers – a friendly dog, a beautiful green bird and a frantic frog. But this broomstick's not meant for five and – CRACK – it snaps in two... just as the hungry dragon appears! See this magical Olivier Award-nominated show for everyone aged 3 and up. 55 minutes.

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THE GATES OF KIEV (4 to 14 September) The story of Maria Yudina, who believed music could change minds and save civilisations. One of the greatest female pianists of the 20th century, she was fiercely defiant of the repressive regime of Josef Stalin, publicly denouncing him and daring Stalin to execute her. The legend is, Stalin and Yudina met. A play/piano-concert about the power of music to change hearts and minds and the fight for peace in the former Soviet empire, using Yudina's own repertoire, and ending with her famous furious rendition of Mussorgsky's The Gates of Kiev. Starring celebrated Russian pianist Gala Chistiakova and international ballet dancer Xander Parish OBE.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER (On Air) (17 to 21 September) Trapped in a loving but unsatisfying marriage, Laura Jesson is unable to stop herself from falling for a stranger she encounters at the train station. The man, Alec Harvey, is also married and the pair are troubled to find their innocent friendship developing into something more serious. A story of temptation, passion and forbidden love, Brief Encounter On Air is presented in the style of a 1940s radio play, with Simon Shepherd and Jenny Seagrove leading an allstar cast.

SHOCK HORROR: A Ghost Story (25 to 28 September) A nightmare is about to break free. Inspired by classic theatre ghost stories and cinema's greatest frights, Shock Horror is a chilling journey into a haunted past. Combining live performance, illusion and big-screen action, it's full of shivers, shrieks and shocking revelations.

FILUMENA (4 to 19 October) Amidst the heat of a Neapolitan summer, Filumena (Felicity Kendal) lies on her deathbed, waiting to marry Domenico (Matthew Kelly), the man who has kept her as his mistress for 25 years. But no sooner than they are married, she makes a miraculous recovery, much to everyone's surprise! Eduardo De Filippo's classic Italian comedy sparkles with optimism, affection and acerbic wit, directed by Sean Mathias.

DRACULA (29 October to 2 November) The time is 1897. Adapted by Nick Lane, this brilliant, theatrical treatment of Bram Stoker's timeless gothic thriller blends Victorian Gothic with the Contemporary, showcasing Blackeyed Theatre's trademark ensemble performance style and featuring a haunting soundscape, powerful performances and innovative design for an exhilarating theatrical experience.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL – On Air (12 to 16 November) The greatest Christmas classic of them all. Ebenezer Scrooge finds the true spirit of Christmas after he is shown his past, present and future by three ghostly beings. The Radio Play will be brought to life with period costumes, Christmas Carols and a Foley artist recreating sound effects and atmospherics live on stage.

DICK WHITTINGTON (22 November to 12 January) Expect traditional pantomime comedy capers, and a sprinkling of Magic as we join Dick Whittington to see if the streets of London really are paved with Gold. Starring Basil Brush alongside Windsor's calamitous comic Kevin Cruise and dame Steven Blakeley! Joining them this year is Hilary O'Neil as Fairy Bowbells. Please check the website for full details of and Concerts and Tribute Nights.

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Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS (27 November to 25 January) Irving Berlin's classic Broadway musical based on the beloved film. This heart-warming show, follows two World War II veterans as they team up with a sister act to save a local inn and discover the true meaning of Christmas. Filled with so many memorable songs including Blue Skies, Sisters, How Deep is The Ocean and, of course, White Christmas.

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THE LIFE OF THE PARSLOW FAMILY - CORRECTED

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 (née 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 the 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!

I inherited the farm from my parents but went on to sell it because there was no profit in it. (At this point, the Common Agricultural policy had not come in to help farmers.) I was advised by the Penn House estate agent, Jimmy, to keep one field. My father had a property, Rose Cottage, which he rented to a workman who had one son. The workman, Bill Glasspool, lived there with his family and son. He said that the cottage was damp, so I employed Darlington of Amersham to modernise the property, including putting in a bathroom. The cottage next door, called Crendon, was owned by the family of Mrs. Dennis. There was no water or electric in the cottage, but large tanks were sunk in the garden to collect rainwater and the privy (toilet) was in the garden.

Mrs. Dennis who lived in Crendon cottage needed to go into hospital. I visited her and she told me she was thinking of selling up and going to live in sheltered housing in Chesham.

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1ST HOLMER GREEN SCOUT GROUP

As usual all sections have had a busy summer, as the leader's reports show.

It is with regret that we said farewell to Ruth, Beau and Tom the Thursday cub pack leaders. Ruth has served the group for 18 years and I would like to pay tribute to her long and dedicated service. She has led the pack with various groups of new leaders and always run an imaginative and enjoyable programme for the Cubs.

Beau and Tom have been with us for almost two years and are now moving out of the district. I am grateful for their hard work and commitment.

We welcome Nick, an ex-scout in our Group who will become one of the Thursday leaders and we are looking to recruit at least one more leader. We also welcome Danielle who will assist Jarrod with the Monday pack.

I would also like to congratulate Bella Reid on achieving the Chief Scout Gold award. Only the fourth Gold attained by a scout in Holmer Green. A number of Cubs achieved the silver award and congratulations go to them as well.

In September, a number of children will move from Beavers to Cubs or Cubs to Scouts with Beavers joining from the waiting list

I would like to thank the committee and number of parents and children who gave up a Sunday morning recently to clear all the weeds and brambles from both the scout Hut and old fire station sites. Fortunately, the weather was kind.

Neil Spencer Group Scout Leader

BEAVER REPORT

The Beavers had a busy and exciting term. They visited the woods where they built dens, saw who could build the highest free standing twig tower and did a nature scavenger hunt. They gained the navigator stage 1 badge, where they had to locate themselves on a map. Identify a number of features on the map. Learn the four cardinal points of a compass. Show that they understood how to dress appropriately and what equipment they would need on an outdoor activity. And use a map during an outdoor activity. They also managed to find the time to take part in the annual inter-colony football match and sports evening against our friends at Maple Beavers.

And if that wasn't enough fun, they squeezed in a day out at the Bucks Beaverree and a sleepover.

A Beaverree is a day full of fun and activities, which they joined in together with eight thousand other Beavers from around the County. The Beaverree was held at Paccar campsite (near Chalfont St Peter) with the theme 'under the sea.' The activities on offer were various art and craft bases, inflatables (bouncy castles, slides, obstacle course, helter skelter), caving, climbing, zorbing and they could even perfect their circus skills. There were also shows from the Savage skills mountain bike display team, where they showed off their skills and tricks. There were a lot of tired Beavers at the end of the day, but they all had big smiles on their faces and agreed that they had had a fun and enjoyable day.

The sleepover started with a hike to Penn Street where we had tea. Then some activities, based around the theme - D-Day landings. Activity 1 - Had to bounce the ball (bouncing bomb) to burst the dam. Activity 2 - Land the paratrooper in the zone. (On D-Day there was also an airborne invasion). Activity 3 - Practise low level flying by throwing a glider under a rope. Then it was back to the hut for a snack and another activity - baking cakes. Couldn't have a sleepover without a campfire, singing songs and toasting marshmallows. After a bedtime story it was bedtime. Some Beavers had to be woken up the next morning. You would have thought they were late to bed!! It was then time to pack up, have breakfast, gather all the goodies together (parachute, glider and cake) and wait to be picked up.

The summer term ended with awarding Lucy and Max with their Chief Scout Bronze Award. They both worked hard to gain the necessary challenge awards and badges needed to achieve the highest award in Beavers. Well done and congratulations to both of you.

Jenny Sorensen Beaver Leader



Lucy and Max receiving their Chief Scouts Bronze Award

CUB REPORT

The Cubs have had a great time getting out this term with a lot of den building and hikes around the surrounding area. They have also enjoyed going kayaking at Taplow Lake, going on high rope's courses and 3G swing activities (even Baloo took part) at the Paccar Scout Activity Centre. In June, the Cubs participated in The Big Help Out and picked up litter around the village and entered two scarecrows in the Olympic themed Scarecrow trail. Our summer camp took place in Phasels Wood in late June, where the cubs had a fun-filled weekend filled with activities. Additionally, nine cubs who had put in a lot of hard work over the previous two and a half years were awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest honour a cub can get. We hope everyone enjoys their summer break and will see you in September.



Cub Leader



Jarrold Green

This term in cubs, we did lots of activities. We went kayaking at Taplow Lake, we did Olympic races and did some cooking. We also went on Cub camp to Phasels Wood where we did abseiling, slack lines, climbing and zorbing. We had a fun campfire with lots of singing and we roasted marshmallows.

Sadly, three of our leaders left in July with Shere Khan and Raksha relocating to Banbury. Bagheera, who has led our pack for 18 years finished and she will be really missed. She has been my leader all the way through my time in cubs and has always made things fun and helped me achieve. She even helped me get my Silver Chief Scout Award this term. -Erin 1ST Holmer Green Cubs

[More fun scouting images are on page 36]

SCOUT REPORT

The main activity for the Scouts this term was all around the Expedition Challenge Award, in which 5 Scouts (Bella, Spencer, Evie, Lottie & Albie) managed to gain.

It is not one of the easy Awards to gain as a Scout needs to take part in an expedition over two days with at least three other Scouts (to include a night away at a campsite). During the expedition they have to cook and eat at least one hot meal, play a full part in the team, use a map to keep track of where they are and do a task, investigation.

Before the expedition can be done, they have to do some training - plan the route, including rest and meal stops. Brush up on how to use an OS map. Think about what equipment would be suitable for the journey. If that wasn't enough, the award is finished off with doing a presentation.

The Scouts walked from Penn Street to Paccar Campsite. Then after a night's sleep and cooking their hot meal, walked from Paccar Campsite back to the Scout hut. They carried a full rucksack which not only contained their own personal kit but a share of the group equipment (tents, food, cooking utensils, stove and first aid kit).

They all did an excellent job despite having to walk in the heat and humidity (one of the hot weekends we had in June), carrying a heavy rucksack. They all bonded very well and kept each other's spirits up. They were always smiling and laughing.

Not that they could take in what they had achieved at the end, due to their feet hurting and needing a good night's sleep. But once their feet had stopped hurting, they realised what they had done and how proud the Leaders and their parents were of their achievements.

Congratulations to Bella on gaining the Chief Scout's Gold Award. This is the highest award you can achieve in Scouts. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment as you have to gain 9 Challenge awards and at least six activity badges. Well done, Bella.

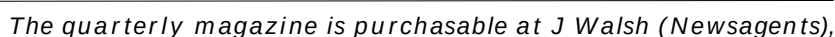
The challenge badges are World Challenge Award, Skills Challenge Award, Creative Challenge Award, Outdoors Challenge Award, Adventure Challenge Award, Expedition Challenge Award, Teamwork Challenge Award, Team Leader Challenge Award and Personal Challenge Award



Jenny Sorensen

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Evie 1st Holmer Green Scout Group



HAVE YOU HEARD OF PARAPROSDOKIANS?

Winston Churchill loved paraprostdokians, figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

- ◆ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ◆ The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
- ◆ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◆ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ◆ War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- ◆ Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- ◆ They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- ◆ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ◆ I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted pay checks.
- ◆ In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put "DOCTOR."
- ◆ I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- ◆ Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street...with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- ◆ Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- ◆ A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
- ◆ You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- ◆ Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- ◆ There's a fine line between cuddling and...holding someone down so they can't get away.
- ◆ I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- ◆ You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- ◆ To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- ◆ Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- ◆ Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- ◆ Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- ◆ I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

OPPORTUNITEA CAFÉ – OPENING SEPTEMBER 2024

OpportuniTEA Café at Holmer Green Sports Association is a brand-new venture for Social Link, but it is a café with a difference as it will be providing hands on work experience for adults with learning disabilities wishing to get their independence and secure future employment.

We are Social Link, a local charity with existing services in Wycombe and Aylesbury, supporting over 150 members, all of whom are adults with learning disabilities. Since we opened the charities doors in 2010, it has evolved and grown significantly. Starting as an evening club Social Link now has day services for teaching important skills for independence, a gardening crew who enjoy the outdoors and getting stuck into projects as well as a football squad who compete in a disability league.

Everybody has a voice at Social Link and it was listening to our members that the idea for opening a café was added to the charity wish list. Wendy Dunn, Social Link CEO, is a great advocate for creating opportunities for individuals to both challenge themselves but also to gain new skills and grow in confidence.

Wendy commented that "This is something completely new for our charity and we are keen to see it blossom. We will be learning alongside our trainees and this will enable us to create a safe and supportive environment where every interaction, be it with customers or our staff, boosts their learning and understanding of the world of work. Since we first surveyed the local community in Holmer Green, we have been overwhelmed by the support, not only from residents but local businesses too. We have an army of willing volunteers, each of whom bring their own set of skills and knowledge - we are very lucky to have them. We feel very privileged to have been welcomed and look forward to working with local companies and community groups in the future."

The realisation of the OpportuniTEA Café project happened when the Faulkner Family approached Social Link wanting to raise money in memory of Michael Faulkner, their charismatic son and brother who didn't let his disability hold him back but instead loved life. A magnificent ball was held at Latimer House and during the evening guests enjoyed a musical performance by Social Link members – there was not a dry eye in the room! The Faulkner family and their friends raised a whopping amount which is being used to equip the café and cover training costs. Our charity is very grateful to them all.

The OpportuniTEA Café GRAND OPENING will be on Monday, 9th September, and will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays thereafter.

Our trainees will start their formal training with us in October, this will mark the beginning of their 12-18 month learning journey. Our trainees will get involved in every stage of running the café as well as gaining transferable skills which can be used in other sectors outside of catering and hospitality. It is hoped that this is the stepping stone our trainees need to progress to paid employment as they will have a portfolio of skills and achievements to present to any prospective employers. But in the meantime, they have been helping us to get the café ready alongside our CEO...!!!

Our Team is looking forward to welcoming everybody in Holmer Green to join us at OpportuniTEA Café to enjoy delicious food and drink while actively supporting our trainees.



Grand opening: 09/09/24

Usual opening days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Usual opening times: 8.30am until 4pm

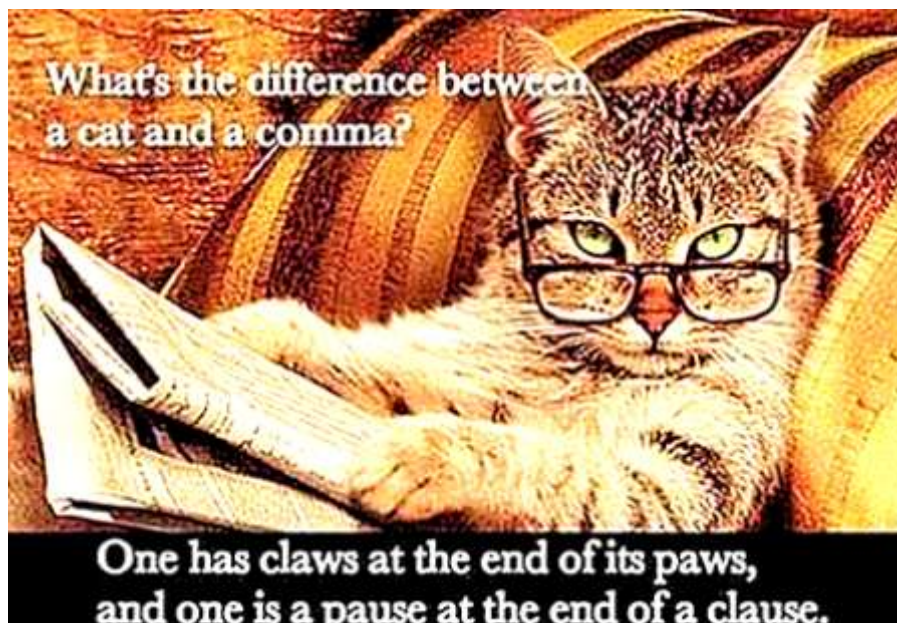
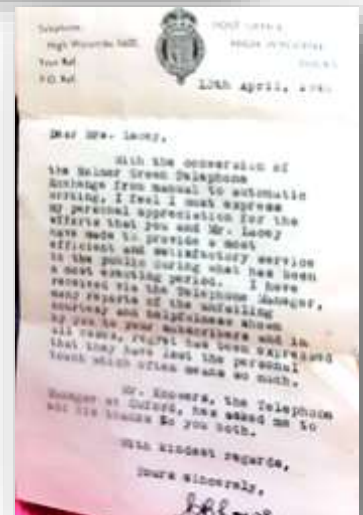
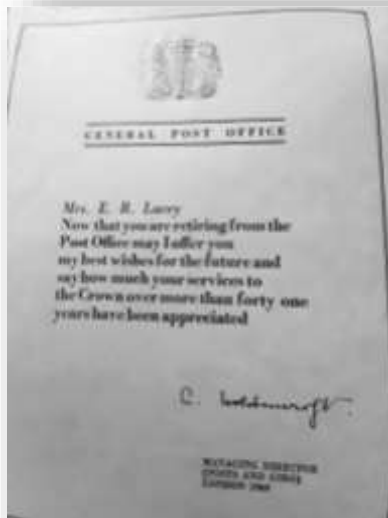
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THE OLYMPIC CHALLENGE TO US ALL

As I write this, we are in day four of the Olympics in France. We are doing really well. We are currently fourth in the medal table with 6 Gold, 9 Silver and 9 Bronze. I have no idea how we will finish but of course as you read this you will. That got me thinking about the Olympics and exploring some interesting facts.

The first Olympic Games took place in 776BC

They lasted up to six months, and included wrestling, boxing, javelin, discus and chariot racing.

In 393 AD, the Olympic Games were cancelled and didn't start up again for over 1,500 years!

Emperor Theodosius I, (That's a great name that just rolls off the tongue, try it now.) banned the Olympics due to the religious element. He considered the Olympics to be a pagan festival, which had no place in his Christian country. In 1896, Baron Pierre de Coubertin revived the games.

The Olympic torch is a reminder of the Games' Greek origins

The torch flame is lit by the sun in Olympia, Greece, where the Greek Games were held. Then, it's passed from torch to torch in an international relay that ends in the host city. Lit Olympic torches have flown on planes, stayed alight underwater, and scaled Everest! Some unlit torches have even gone into space.

The Olympic symbol was designed to include everyone

The Olympic rings reflect colours found on the flags of all participating nations, so everyone is represented. The overlaps represent international cooperation, the coming together of athletes from all over the world.

Motor boat sailing, hot air ballooning, and tug of war all used to be Olympic sports

Over time, different sports and events are voted into (or out of) the Olympic Games. Some disappear, then return (like golf, or rugby), while others (running, deer shooting, or duelling pistols) go out of fashion forever.

From 1921-1948, artists participated in the Olympics too

In these games, painters, sculptors, architects, writers, and musicians all took part! They competed for medals by creating works of art, that often celebrated the sporting successes going on at the same time.

Until 1912, first-place Olympic medals were made of solid gold

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, medals will contain a piece of original iron from the Eiffel Tower.

The modern Olympic Games aren't just about sporting glory – they're about making friends, too!

While competitive spirit is important, the Games are a great chance for people from countries around the world to meet up and get to know each other! For the 16 days of competition, athletes from all sports, religions, nationalities and cultures live and work together. OA great model of community life.

What can we learn from this? The Bible talks about running a race: - 2 Timothy 4:6-8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day"

All of us are in the race of life. We all try but sometimes feel that we aren't winning. However, it is truly taking part that counts. Life is exciting and I believe a God given gift. Let's embrace many of the ideals the Olympics stand for but most of all what the Bible teaches about being together as a community in Holmer Green.

On that note I want to add our welcome to the new Vicar of Holy Trinity Penn Street and Christ Church Holmer Green. I have already got to know him, and he is a great person and I know as churches we will work closely together as we seek to share God's love in Holmer Green. Welcome! All of you will find a warm welcome in any of the churches. Why not come and find out more

Blessings

Anthony Smith (Pastor Holmer Green Baptist Church)

(The Life of the Parslow Family, continued from page 20)

She gave me the option to buy the house, a price was agreed and I employed an architect to draw up plans to convert both cottages into one.

Next to the cottages is a footpath leading down to Shardaloes, previously the home of the Drake family, formerly Tyrwhitt. The spinney area was attached to land owned by Finchers House; I was interested in buying the spinney. A price was agreed and the deal went through. There was once a road leading from Beamond End to Little Missenden, but later closed as the council did not keep it in good condition. In the past a good community spirit was created by the family of Wendy and Andrew Swann who organised events.

Other memories from John are of Ben Hatt who lived in a cottage in Mop End. John used to pick him up and take him to Penn Street Church where he sang in the choir for many years. His wife, Viv, was in the women's Land Army. She worked for John and married Leonard Bryan, John's late cousin. They had a son Russell, Ben used to bring him up to the farm in a pram to show him the cattle and what was happening, he loved it. When he grew up, he married Linda who we see most Sundays at church. She often reminisces about what happened years ago.

John Parslow

HOLMER GREEN FC - SUMMER UPDATE

With the 2024-25 season already started for the First team, hopes are high that the gradual improvement of all the Club's teams will be continued. Our Combined Counties Football League Division One side are again at Step 6. With no less than six "new" teams to play against as a result of promotions and relegations. These being Chalfont St Peter, Colliers Wood United, Belstone, PFC Victoria, Windsor & Eton, and Staines & Lammas. Manager Keith Scott, who greatly improved the team's performances after taking over in the autumn, will be assisted by Jez Hodges whose association with his local club goes back to his early playing days. The First XI have been drawn at home to Rothwell Corinthians in The Isuzu FA Vase.

The Development XI will again be in UHL Division Two East and will be looking to improve on last season's modest campaign. Jack Lubbutt has stepped up to take on the Allied Counties U-18 XI. He has already resigned himself to losing some of his more accomplished players from the last campaign's very successful U-17 side. Some of whom have already featured in the First XI friendlies. The "Allieds" have been drawn away to Rayners Lane in The FA Youth Cup.

There is now a fully functioning Women's XI, under the stewardship of Matt Gilbert and Sam Brindley. They are warming up very successfully in a Pre-Season Friendly League and will be playing in The Thames Valley Counties Women's League this coming season.

The Sunday XI have been promoted and placed in Division Two of The High Wycombe Sunday Football Combination.

Age-Group teams and squads will again cover ages five to seventeen.

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 whole Club is still looking for someone to become our Website Manager. An appointment would take some of the pressure off many other Officers, and Committee Members. The person appointed would not actually be required to join the Committee if they didn't wish to.

John Anderson – President - HGFC

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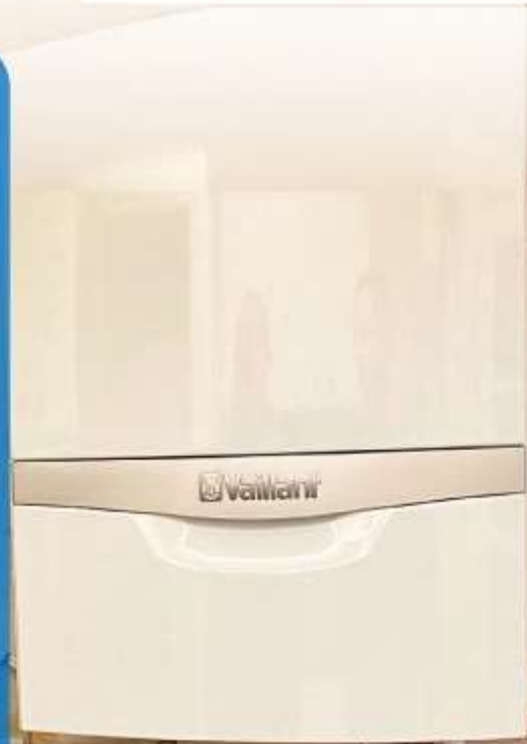
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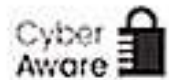
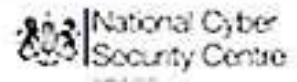
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