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Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter

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Message from The Partnership Chairman, Stuart Gammon:



Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we will have said "Goodbye" to the Old Year and welcomed in the New Year.

Quite a few things happened in 2014, including:

- The annual Village Fair in May, organised by the Vic Club
- Our much respected PCSO, Cheryl Smith, moved on in July; she was replaced by Jill Cope who has seamlessly picked up where Cheryl left off.
- The improved Dane Meadow was formally opened in May to great acclaim (despite the rain!)
- The Partnership published a Welcome Pack for new residents, which is available at the Library or on our website
- The Parish Council put in a bid to save the AP Club –an update will follow soon!
- The History Group of the U3A put on a superb exhibition to commemorate the start of the First World War, and the annual Remembrance Day Parade took place in the village – this year with added poignancy
- Many people in the village objected to the proposed Saltersford Corner housing development - we are still awaiting the decision of the Planning Inspectorate
- The Temporary Order to reroute HGVs through the village started in September, in an attempt to relieve traffic issues
- The annual Christmas Market in December, organised by the Partnership
- Plus there were various concerts and fund raising events throughout the year

I'm sure that 2015 will be just as busy, with the usual events, plus much more. A couple of things on the horizon are:

- Improvements to the Elm Drive Playarea which we hope to complete in the summer
- Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Holmes Chapel – you will hear more about this, and be invited to contribute to it by the Parish Council very soon.

If you are planning an event, are looking for members for your group/organisation, or just have an interesting story to tell, please let us know by emailing news@hcpartnership.org.uk or call me (see below) if you don't have access to email. Subject to the usual editorial decisions, we'd be delighted to include your item(s) in a future Newsletter. Please note that the deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month preceding publication; we are sorry, but we cannot accept items relating to commercial ventures.

On behalf of Holmes Chapel Partnership I wish you all a Happy and Successful 2015.

For more updates and community news, ensure you follow our: Facebook (Holmes Chapel Partnership) and Twitter page (@hcpartnership)

Stuart Gammon, Chairman HCP
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PS. The Dane Meadow Group would like to invite you to their work session –in the Dane Meadow– on Tuesday 20th January. Meet at 10;30am by the Bird Hide.
Hope to see you there!

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Neighbourhood Plan for Holmes Chapel

We are all well aware of the amount of development in and around Holmes Chapel in recent years and that the planning documents in place through Cheshire East Council (The Local Plan) have not been able to manage this process for a number of reasons. Although some development is essential to maintain the vibrancy of a community the Parish Council are unhappy that the process at present seems to be out of hand and putting pressure on the village infrastructure. We believe we should take advantage of every opportunity to control the process.

Consequently, Holmes Chapel Parish Council have decided to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan which allows the community to establish a vision for the future of the local area then write the policies and allocate land to deliver this vision.

This will involve members of the Parish Council and the community in a great deal of work as we have to demonstrate that any proposals are supported by the community. We need to consult with all members of the community and finally have to ask the community to vote on the final proposals.

Further information will be presented in the near future in the form of a circular to all properties and a public meeting on Wednesday 28th January when we will be asking for your support.

Community Cinema:

The next Community Cinema will be showing:

The Imitation Game (12a)

In 1939, newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus Alan Turing to crack Nazi codes. Based on the real life story of cryptanalyst Alan Turing.

Starring:

Benedict Cumberbatch, Kiera Knightly, Matthew Goode and Rory Kinnear.

Thursday Feb 5th, 8:00 pm
The Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Tickets are available from Chethams in Holmes Chapel in advance.

For more details please visit <http://www.hc3.uk/>

Elm Drive Play Area Update

The November Community Newsletter described plans for an upgrade of the existing play area off Elm Drive and the creation of a Project Board to oversee the process.

Ideas and suggestions have come in from local residents and from Primary School children, and there is overwhelming support for the provision of safer and more up-to-date play equipment. There is also a demand for facilities for older children and adults, possibly in the form of a "Trim Trail" with a gravel track and outdoor exercise equipment. This could be installed adjacent to, but outside, the fenced play area, so that parents could exercise whilst supervising their children. This would also have the much-needed benefit of tidying-up the rather overgrown area at the side of the play area.

There is still much to be done to develop the plans, and discussions will continue with all those who are interested. More information will be shared with local residents as and when it becomes available. In the meantime, comments can be made by email to the Partnership, and anyone who can offer advice or assistance to the project would be welcome to join the support group "Friends of Elm Drive Play Area"

Can You Help?

Are you a good organiser?
Could you do some voluntary work?

If so, **Christian Communicare** needs a Co-ordinator to join the team which organises drivers to take people from the local area to medical appointments.

For further information please contact:

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Secretaries

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St Luke's Hospice's Chocolate Morning!

The Holmes Chapel Support Group for St Luke's Hospice will be holding their annual *Chocolate Morning* on **Saturday February 7th 10:00 -12:00 am** in *St Luke's Church Hall*.

As in previous years: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We need all those **surplus chocolates** that you have left over from Christmas to stock our raffle and tombola. On the day there will also be Cakes, Jams, Chutneys and Bric-a-brac

If you have any chocolates to donate, for which we would be very grateful, then please contact:

Anne Stafford– 01477 533504
Julie Hill-Smith– 01477 537917
Dennis Eborall– 01477 532407



Christmas Market – 7 December 2014

For our third year running our Christmas Market has been blessed with dry weather, enthusiastic stall holders, excited children, crowds of villagers and a willing band of volunteers which all add up to Holmes Chapel Christmas Market, in the words of our lighting provider, being one of the best to be seen.

As the spectacular dancers made their way across the car park the scene was set for an evening of first class entertainment provided by the younger people of our village, a brass ensemble, wind band, guitarist and choirs from our three schools all sharing their musical talents.

Throughout the three hours of musical background, the outdoor and two indoor areas buzzed, tills rang in the local businesses as stall holders sold their wares, BBQs sizzled and mulled wine, teas and coffees warmed many. Santa brought smiles to the faces of the youngsters (and not so young ones)! as expectant children gave Santa their wish list. The street organ played, the Church bells rang and people visited the Church to experience the Nativity and drink hot chocolate!

We are sure you agree that for three years, the market has been a superb occasion to be experienced as the 'start of Christmas' in Holmes Chapel.

On a more serious note, the 'willing band of volunteers' who organise the market are becoming older and, as knees and backs fail, the job of putting up and taking down the market stalls is becoming more difficult.

If Holmes Chapel would like another market, we need a list of individuals or organisations who are willing to commit to arrive at 1.00pm to set up and be there at 7pm to dismantle the market.



If you are willing to add your name to the 'band of volunteers' we would love to hear from you before we consider making arrangements for 2015. Please email dorothy.davidson@hcpartnership.org.uk

Christmas Eve Carol Singing

Eleven years ago, Eileen Lomax, a resident of Holmes Chapel, had an idea to bring together members of our village to sing Carols on Christmas Eve. Fortunately Eileen was a member of Tangent whose members shared her enthusiasm and co-opted their husbands, from 41 Club, to sort sound and lighting leaving the ladies to print carol sheets and rattle their tins for local charities. Eileen's original venue was the patio at the wine bar and what a panic when that became the carpet shop! But, thankfully, Martin offered the patio at the George and Dragon and the event has continued growing bigger and better every year.

Eileen has now moved away from Holmes Chapel but her friends have continued to organise the event which over the years has raised over £6000 for charity. Up until the last three years the event raised money for local appeals including the schools, scouts, the station and St Luke's Hospice but since 2012, in response to so many people in Holmes Chapel being affected by cancer, the collections have been for Christmas.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations, £831 this year, and to thank Martin at the George for the use of his patio. It is great to see so many of our local community meeting together to keep up this tradition. We look forward to you joining us later in 2015 when we promise to print even more Carol sheets!

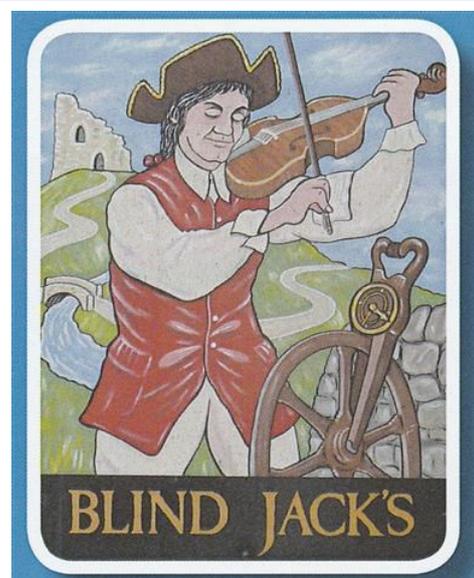
JoDFAS

JoDFAS is starting the New Year with a colourful and entertaining lecture by John Ericson, entitled:

"Inn Signia : The artwork and stories behind peculiar pub names"

John will show us some of the most interesting and distinctive signs and explores the fascinating stories behind the origins of some of their peculiar names. Who could fail to be intrigued by the stories behind 'The Bucket of Blood', the 'Blazing Donkey', the 'The Cow and Snuffers', or even 'The Eager Poet' -and who on earth was 'Blind Jack'? John will give us the answers to these, and more!

Our January lecture is on *Wednesday 14th January 2015* and will be hosted at *7.45pm at the new theatre in Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.*



Save Saltersford Corner

The Save Saltersford Corner Campaign Team were pleased to announce that the strategic planning board unanimously rejected the proposals for Saltersford Corner on the 15th October 2014, but there is no rest for the wicked– as they say!

The next appeal date was the 6th January where the developer once again argued that Cheshire East council does not have a 5 Year Housing Supply Plan; the Inspector's decision is now awaited. The campaign team recently continued to muster up public support at the Christmas Markets, which were organised by Holmes Chapel Partnership. The feedback they received was extremely positive and a reminder of the passion behind what they are fighting for.

The Team would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope for the year to bring great success and many positive outcomes.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email at: saltersfordcorner@gmail.com for any further information.

We would also like to advise that, if anyone objects any other planning proposals in the Village, feel free to get in contact for advise and continue to write your objections and concerns to CEC.

Calendar of Events

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JANUARY 2015				
We 7	2:30 pm	Church Hulme Men's Probus	Monthly Meeting	St Luke's Church Hall
Sa 10	7:00 pm	Focus Group	Monthly Meeting New Year's Party - 'Dutch' games and 'Dutch' supper	Contact Organiser
Tu 13	2:00 pm	HC & District Ladies Probus	Monthly Meeting <i>Winter Lunch</i>	St Luke's Church Hall
We 14	7:30 pm	Rotary Club of Holmes Chapel	Dinner and fellowship meeting	Cranage Hall Hotel
We 14	7:45 pm	JoDFAS	'Inn Signia –Pub Signs: The Artwork and Stories behind their names' - Lecturer -John Ericson	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Th 15	2:00 pm	Jodrell Ladies Probus	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
Sa 17	8:00 pm	Holmes Chapel Music Society	Concert by Primrose Piano Quartet <i>Making Music Concert Promoters' Network Artists</i>	HC Leisure Centre
Sa 24	2:00-6:00 pm	Holmes Chapel Partnership	Strategic Planning Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 27	WI Meeting	Speaker: Pat Barrow/ Jacui Bilsborough	'Trials & Tribulations of a Wardrobe Mistress' Competition: Glamorous Accessory	St Luke's Church Hall
We 28	7:30 pm	Rotary Club –Holmes Chapel	Guest evening with Speaker & Buffet	Cranage Hall Hotel

Get involved!

If you have something you would like to pass on to the village via this **free** Newsletter – whether it be news of an event, fund raising, memories of Holmes Chapel in bygone days, or anything else of general interest – please email news@hccpartnership.org.uk or write to The Chairman at 41 Portree Drive, HC, CW4 7JB. Articles must be received by the 25th of the month to go in the next month's newsletter.