

What's On News

Welcome to the May edition of 'What's On' – don't forget, thanks to Mary Chubb, we have a village ebay, check out Holeebay through the village website. As usual, there is quite a lot going on at present:

- Mill Cottage News – check out the adventures of Borat the boar
- HVA Minutes for April – *click here for details*
- **May 16th Sat 10am** – Village Clean-up - *click here for details*
- **May 16th Sat 10-3pm** – Holybourne Archive at the Assembly Rooms – *click here for details*
- **May 20th Wed 7.30pm** - Holybourne Street Watch
- **May 22nd Fri** – Come Dancing at Treloars – *click here for more details*
- **June 6th Sat** – Alton Summer Beer Festival – *click here for more details*
- Alton Events – Thomas the Tank Engine, Archery and a Farmers Market

Holybourne Street Watch.

The next Street Watch meeting is on the Wednesday, May 20th at 19:30hrs in the village hall. This meeting is open to members of Street Watch and non members who are interested in joining the group, all welcome.

Community Forum.

The Community Forum for Alton and the Surrounding Villages is coming to Holybourne - June 23rd 6.30 pm at the Village Hall. Local residents are welcome to join in the discussions and ask questions. The meeting is attended by the majority of the District Councillors for the area.

To view agendas, minutes and reports in advance of the meeting please go to www.easthants.gov.uk/meetings.

I will be holding my next surgery at the Village Hall 7.00 to 7.45 pm, June 9th. This is before the HVA meetings. I have been asked to look into rubbish along the A31 – a perennial problem – and I am working with EHDC to see what extra can be done.

Cllr Glynis Watts
Holybourne, Froyle Shalden and Lasham

Mill Cottage News

We have had a few minutes of fame this week when Borat the Boar decided to investigate the industrial estate on Tuesday. Fortunately, the workers at Elstead Lighting saw the funny side of it and kept Borat company, giving him plenty of back scratches, until Tom got there and walked Borat back home again. He doesn't seem any the worse for wear but has laid low since! Newspaper articles and live interviews on Delta radio were a must - I hadn't realised Borat had become such a local legend!



Meanwhile, we have had the first six turkey chicks arrive - I am resisting the temptation to say "order yours now"! We have also had two goslings arrive - very sweet with lots of character. Our incubators have been a success in schools, although some schools seem surprised at the lack of 100% hatch rate! Unfortunately, nature does take its course.

An exciting development is that from June 1st, MCFE will be run full time by both Tom and Sarah - a major step forward. Although the situation has arisen sooner than expected, it may mean that we really can live entirely off the land as the veggie plot will be kept more under control. With at least one if not two trailers going out nearly every day, it can only mean that despite the credit crunch (or maybe because of) our mobile educational farm business is going from strength to strength.

I am off to pot up my aubergine seedlings - I think I have planted a few too many but we will see!"

Sarah & Tom Main - Mill Cottage Farm Experience - www.mcfe.org.uk
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The Church Bells and Tower Stonework

We want to share with you all everything that is happening to the Fabric of our Church during these few months. Behind the scaffold you will have seen things happening to the render and the stonework. We can be sure that our church will look transformed when the entire scaffold is removed. We have had to accept some bad, but perhaps not surprising news recently; the stonework in the Tower is in a far more serious state of disrepair than we had expected. This is a task that can easily be dealt with by our stonemasons, but at a considerable cost. We do have the reserves to deal with this, but it will leave us with very little to carry forward as a buffer in case other works need to be tackled urgently. Photographs of the stonework are available on www.holybourne.com under the Church section/Tower Walls

Inside the Tower, (and outside – thinking about the Clock Face) things are about to get even busier! A lot of preparatory work has been done, a lot of it by volunteers, but now we move on to preparing the way for the New Bells.

Rob Law has written these notes for us all. Please be happy to share with others in the village, as some of your neighbours may ask why the Vicar has not bothered to wind the clock and put it right? We will put something in the magazine for the next issue.

As everyone may know, faculty for the new bells was granted just over one week and a half ago.

Two of the new bells (the two largest - the 7th and Tenor) were cast on Friday 24th April at Whitechapel Bell Foundry. A small group of people travelled up from Holybourne to view their manufacture. This was a fascinating day during which we took numerous photographs and a somewhat shaky video record. James and I both have a copy of the video and photos on DVD should anyone like to see them.

The six remaining bells are scheduled to be cast on 15th May. James Croft is, I believe, going to travel up again with another small group. This time a more professional DVD recording will be made of the event.

At the church, David Andrews and his grandson, Perry, wound the clock for the last time on Friday 1st May. This event was recorded by a professional cameraman. This marks 28 years of continuous service for David for which he should be heartily congratulated. This week (Tuesday) the clock technician will be arriving at the church to start decommissioning the current gravity weight mechanism in preparation for its replacement by an automatic electrically-driven system which will obviate the need for manual winding. He will also remove the clock hands and the clock will thereafter not be functional again until the new bells are installed.

The current plans are for the existing three bells to be lowered on the 4th June after which they will be taken away to a company called White's for cleaning-up and remounting onto a new frame that will then be installed higher up in the steeple. These three original bells will be connected back to the clock to continue their chiming role.

The eight new bells will be installed in the tower probably some time in July after which time we should be able to hear them ringing on a regular basis. I would like to take this opportunity to ask people to spread the news about the new bells adding that we are actively looking for people who might like to try their hand at ringing. Full tuition by very skilled and experienced ringers is available both at Holybourne and other local churches.

Anthea Bailey

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Alton Events



Four Marks Scout Group Model Railway Exhibition - 16-17 May 2009.

Four Marks Village Hall, GU34 5AA
Open 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday

Four Marks Scout Group hold its annual Model Railway Exhibition, featuring a variety of trade stands, and layouts including Aldermouth, Bodmore Vale, Nictun Borrud, Black Gang, and a Scalextric layout.

Diesel Gala

29-31 May 2009. Watercress Line

A fabulous chance to see these awesome workhorses in action. Current line-up includes: 37905, 73107 & 73201, 33053 & 33208, Selection of 08's, 12049 Class 11, Hampshire unit, 117 DMU, 122 DMU, 56098. Brake van rides using Class 08's, real ale bar.



For more events and information on the above events visit <http://www.altonevents.co.uk/>

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Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th April 2009 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) - Chairman Phil Croucher (PC) Ben Kemp (BK)
Nick Cane (NC) - Acting Secretary Steve Downes (SD) John Honnor (JH)
Vickie Kemp (VK) - Treasurer Barrie Lawrence (BL) Vernon Burford (VB)
Pat Lerew (PL) Lynn Kelly (LK) David Willoughby (DW)
Glynis Watts (GW) Stephanie Bennett (SB) Chris Everett (CE)
Nick Bohane (Green Issues) Miles Young (Martin Robeson)
Philip Rust (Waterman Boreham)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.05 hrs.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: - David Godfrey, James Bull, Tom Yendell, Pat Lerew and David Tomlinson. Jerry Janes and Andy Maddock were also unable to attend.

3. Minutes of March 2009 Meeting

- 3.1 Agree minutes of March 2009 Meeting.
The minutes of the meeting were approved.
- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.
None.
- 3.3 Signing of the minutes.
The minutes will be signed by KB, Chairman on return of David Godfrey.

4. Tesco proposed development.

Nick Bohane (NB), Miles Young (MY) and Philip Rust (PR) presented the proposed Tesco development. Nick Bohane is from Green Issues Communications and is the first point of call for queries.

Miles Young is from Martin Robeson – a planning consultancy.

Philip Rust is from Waterman-Boreham – a transport planning consultancy.

MY presented the proposal – key points were:

- The Mill Lane site was the most attractive of a number of options in the town.
- Alton is 'leaking' significant retail business to other towns – particularly Basingstoke. 30% of food trips are lost.
- The Planning Application will be submitted shortly, with a decision in the summer and completion of the build (if approved) by Christmas 2010. The site is already approved for retail warehousing.
- The store is planned with main car parking (including disabled and 'parent and child') underneath with access to the store by a travelator. The store will have about 3500 sq m sales area and 284 parking places – this is about the same as Sainsburys. Sainsburys is heavily overloaded as a store.
- A dot com service is planned to be run from the store by picking product from the shelves rather than a separate warehouse.
- Tesco will request approval for 24 hour operation but will probably start with normal supermarket hours.
- The store will generate 320 local jobs, 50% of these will be full time.
- There will be 6-7 major deliveries a day (up a ramp to the store without interfering with the car park), plus sundry small deliveries (e.g. milk, bread etc). In addition, the dot com service will have 6 vans each doing around 5 trips a day each.
- The site will be mainly screened from Montecchio Way since the bank on Montecchio Way varies between 6 and 8 metres above the level of the car park, and the store will be 12 metres high. The vegetation along Montecchio Way will mainly remain since it is not part of the Tesco site.

PR presented the traffic plan – key points were:

- Peak traffic generated by the store is expected to occur after 4 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. It is expected to be around 300 cars per hour.
- The plan is to 'signalise' the Mill Lane/Montecchio Way junction, and to widen Montecchio Way on the southwest side to provide a right turn lane from Montecchio Way into Mill Lane. The lights would be 'vehicle activated' which will reduce delays in Montecchio Way when there is little traffic on Mill Lane.
- The plan is also to provide a footpath and cycle way from Holybourne and a pedestrian crossing. A cycle route from Alton is also proposed via Anstey Mill Lane.
- There is also a plan for a bus stop and an extended bus service to Alton
- Tesco have to work on the assumption that the Chandos Lodge traffic plan (lights at the London Round/Montecchio Way intersection) would be implemented. However, PR pointed out that it might now be possible to consider a roundabout instead; this would require council action. DW and GW noted this.

Points from the subsequent discussion:

- SD expressed concern about the view on entering Alton. MY explained that the store would be largely screened from Montecchio Way but that there would be a cafe in the store looking out onto the road. The 'Tesco' sign would be in Mill Lane, where more trees will be planted.
- LK expressed concern over the Mill Lane/Paper Mill Lane intersection. PR said that not much could be done about that except signage on Paper Mill Lane and Wilsom Road warning traffic to slow down.
- DW raised the impact on Alton. MY argued that it would be positive because Alton would be seen as a more major centre. There is no plan to have a post office on the new site, somewhat protecting the village shop, and no plan to close the Tesco Express in Anstey Lane.

KB thanked NB, PR and MY for their attendance and openness.

5. Other Planning and Development

5.1 No new planning applications.

5.2 A31 Petrol Station and Hotel:

This development is supported by Whitbread. Andrew Lyndon-Skeggs has been invited to present it to the HVA at the next meeting. A planning request will be submitted shortly.

6. Streetwatch

6.1 A Streetwatch meeting was held on 8th April with 10 attendees. It was requested that more warning of meetings be given in future. SD to follow up.

6.2 There are still some volunteers who have not had their packages. SD to pursue. Those who have not yet been on their first patrol are encouraged to attend at 20:00 on Friday 17th at the White Hart.

6.3 In general it was felt that the village should take over running Streetwatch – KB to approach David Godfrey on this.

7. Shift

7.1 Nothing further to report at this meeting on the Shift report.

7.2 Over 400 people attended the meeting run by ATP to consider what Alton want out of the Core Strategy. Over 180 questionnaires were returned. ATP will be writing with the conclusions of this work (which is potentially impacted by the South Downs National Park decision). The key message will be that the amount of interest shown by Altonians means that continuing public consultation is mandatory as East Hants develop their strategy.

8. Friends of the Pond

8.1 There are 5 new moorchicks this week.

8.2 A number of attendees commented on how good the pond is looking.

8.3 CE asked about the dead tree in the corner of the churchyard and DW explained that the PCC plan to cut it down.

9. Seats on the down
- 9.1 DW said that ATC think that a seat on Holybourne Down would be desirable and asked for suggestions as to where this might be sited.
- 10 Treasurers report
- 10.1 It was agreed to continue membership of CPRE. A cheque for £32 was raised for the subscription.
- 10.2 James Bull has recently passed over £2140 that he has raised for advertising in the magazine. The committee voted to pass its thanks on the James for his outstanding work on this.
- 10.3 BL pointed out that magazine costs are increasing and a review is required. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 11 AOB
- 11.1 It was agreed that there would be a village clean up on May 16th – meet at White Hart at 10.00. LK will produce a poster to encourage participation by the village.
- 11.2 Some of the grass verges have been repaired but the one in London Road by Cranford Drive and the War Memorial still needs to be fixed by the gas board. DW will follow up with them.
- 11.3 GW said that the EHDC Community Forum will be held in the Village Hall on 23rd June – everybody is welcome.
- 11.4 BL reported that the magazine is with the printers and will be out shortly.
- 11.5 LK announced confirmation of the Village Picnic date which is 21st June.
- 11.6 JH announced a quiz evening in the Village Hall in aid of the Cricket Club on 9th May.
- 12 Date of next meeting
- 12.1 Date of the next HVA Committee meeting is Tuesday 12th May.
- 13 Close of Meeting
- 13.1 The meeting closed at 22:05.

Minuted by Nick Cane

Holybourne Village

Spring Clean



Saturday 16th May

Meet at

10am @ The White Hart

The HVA would like to invite you to help us 'clean up' our village. Please join us and we can make Holybourne a village to be even more proud of.

EHDC have kindly offered to supply litter pickers, high-viz vests and sacks, so all you need to bring is your enthusiasm!

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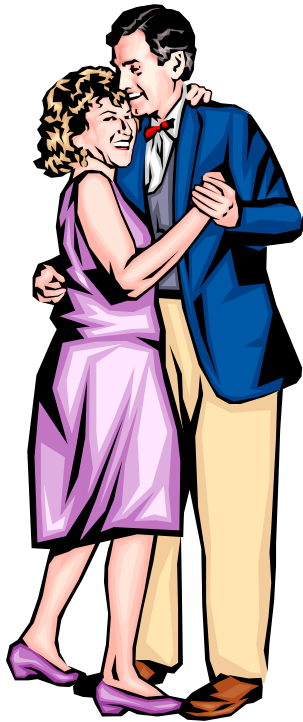
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