

Council Meetings

A public participation session is held at every council meeting. If you would like to put questions to the council or to make observations then please come along.

If you would like the parish council to discuss any matter or seek their help, please send an e-mail or letter to the clerk or a councillor. For an item to be included on an agenda, the matter will generally need to be received by the clerk by 11.15 on the Monday the week before the meeting is to be held. This is subject to change in the event of staff holidays.

Forthcoming meetings are scheduled for;

Tuesday 12 April 2011

Tuesday 17 May 2011

Tuesday 7 June 2011

Meetings commence at 7.30 at the village hall, Holymoorside.

The next newsletter is due out on 1st June 2011. The clerk should receive any articles for inclusion by 10th May.

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Disclaimer – please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the parish council.

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Annual Parish Meeting

In order to attract residents to the Annual Meeting of the Parish the council have changed the format to make the event more 'user' friendly. Previously, groups and societies within the parish would be invited by letter to present a report at the meeting. The onus is now on groups to contact the clerk by Monday 4th April if they wish to present a report at the meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.30 in the village hall. Please look out for the notices advertising the event and come along and have your say!

ALSO, the 3rd annual 'Pride of Parish Award' will be presented. Please come along and show your support for our residents who receive this prestigious accolade.

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Holymoorside Pre-school

We like everyone else managed to survive the severe winter however we did have to close for 3 days, which is probably unheard of in our history. The snow was too deep for our little children so we brought it inside and they had fun.

A new event for us last year was to be invited by United Reform Church to place a small tree in the church decorated to our own theme. The children were eager and decorated the tree with small toys and silver stars each bearing a child's name. We took the tree to church and had a lovely visit, first listening to the Nativity story told by Mrs Turner and then drinks and biscuits. By way of a thank you we sang our Christmas songs.

Now we are well into 2011 and our new children are settling into our routines. The staff and committee are already planning trips and other fun activities. Thank you to all who attend our informal/friendly AGM we had a pleasant evening once all the business was completed.

Happy New Year from all at Pre-school

Sandra (Supervisor)

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday 8.45 am until 12.30 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Winners of the Christmas wordsearch sponsored by Dave Banks Electrical were;

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Horticultural Society

2010 was another good year for the society with our usual monthly meetings, visits to gardens and three excellent shows. However, for the first time ever we had to cancel our annual Christmas Party due to the heavy falls of snow at the beginning of December.

Hopefully it will be a long time before we see such severe weather again. As I write this there are already some signs of spring bulbs coming to life again, so hopefully the bad weather didn't do any permanent damage!

Our programme for 2011 starts with our monthly meetings in the URC schoolroom on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00. On February 2nd we have a talk by Hazel Kaye on Shady Endeavours, on March 2nd Stuart Dixon is talking about Paradise Gardens and on April 6th we have our Annual General Meeting. Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Also, on Saturday April 2nd we have our first show of the year in the Village Hall. The Spring Show is always an event to raise the spirits, as it seems that winter is behind us and better weather is on the way. Schedules will be available from the local village shop. There are classes for daffodils, tulips, spring flowers, floral art and homecraft. In addition we would encourage children to have a go at their own special classes.

I hope that we will see you soon at one of our events.

Peter Forrow Chairman



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1st Holymoorside Scout Group

Christmas for the Community Fair

In November the Group organised an event with the aim of bringing together local groups to work together to promote awareness of parish facilities and other community groups. We had 8 Community Groups, 3 local charities and 5 local small businesses as well as stalls run by the Scouts. The event was a great success and we have had a lot of positive feedback. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and with over 30 raffle prizes we managed to raise £1000 for the Group.

Holymoorside10k

Get your running shoes on and join in the 10k run on May 8th at 10.30am. Last year there were over 250 participants from around the country, for more information or an application form visit the web site www.holymoorside10k.co.uk.

Sweden and Norway 2011

The Scout Leaders are currently preparing to take up to 19 young people from the Group to a Jamboree in Sweden, where we will meet up with our friends from Norway. We will spend the first week camping in Sweden before travelling onto Tronderheim in Norway once there we will stay on a farm with up to 60 Scouts from the Tronderheim region. This event is part of an international exchange and in 2012 we will host Inderoy Scouts in Derbyshire.

AUDIO TRAIL

Early last year, the Parish Council approached NEDDC with regard to Holymoorside being included in a scheme of 16 Audio Trails promoting villages around Derbyshire. This was discussed, and an advisory committee of representatives from organisations within the village met with Dan Boys who outlined the scheme and indicated that he would like the village to be one of the first four Trails to be produced in 2011.

The Parish Council's brief was that the Trail should be accessible to as many people as possible and, as a 'circular' walk would have excluded wheelchairs and the less able-bodied, a route was agreed which incorporated most of the history and character of the village, yet is safe and accessible for all.

Although a launch date for the scheme has yet to be announced, a map and information sheet has been produced, and the audio track hopefully, should by now have been recorded. Once launched, the Trail will be available to download, to mobile phones, MP3 players, and other audio devices via links on the websites listed below.

Then, as you follow the walk, there are ten places along the route where the commentary informs of some of the sights, history and anecdotes relating to that location.

Now, for those of us who don't understand, possess, or perhaps are uncomfortable with modern technology, you can still enjoy the Trail as you will be able to obtain the map and information sheet, either by downloading a copy from the following websites:

ne-derbyshire.gov.uk,
holymoorsideandwaltonparishcouncil.co.uk,
holymoorsidehistorysociety.com, or alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer, you will be able to pick up a copy from the Village Hall Office, Kendalls Stores or contact the Friday Evening Walking Group on 566252.

Please watch the Parish notice boards and local press for the launch date. PAUL TRUSCOTT

Become a Parish Councillor

In May this year, all 10 seats on Holymoorside & Walton parish council are up for election, 7 for Holymoorside and 3 for Walton and people are being urged to find out more about standing as a councillor in a new guide produced by NEDDC.

The guide, which is available online at www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/elections, sets out the roles and responsibilities of local councillors, as well as what's involved in standing for election.

Council, advice and information will also be available for anyone thinking of standing for one of the District's 24 parish and town councils.

Voters go to the polls on 5 May to elect councillors to NEDDC, as well as all parish and town councils in the district.

To stand for election to the parish council people must be;

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- on the "relevant date" (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally:
- on the "relevant day" a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- during that 12 month period resided in the council area.

In the case of a sitting member of a parish or community council you can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if

you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the "relevant day".

- You cannot stand for election if you are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

TENNIS WITHOUT STRINGS

This season Holymoorside Tennis Club will be offering coaching to adults on Saturday mornings commencing Saturday 14th May. There will be five sessions costing £5 for each two hour session or £3 for each one hour session. Coaching will start at 10am and for further details and to book places please contact Liz Richards on 01246 568593.

For those of you wanting to join the club the first club night is on Wednesday 6th April and there is an Open Evening on Wednesday 4th May. However in the meantime you are welcome to come along and join the groups who play throughout the winter on Tuesday and Sunday mornings.

We are a friendly club who try and offer something for everybody - social tennis, competitive tennis and social events. This year the adult membership will be £55 and the junior membership £10 so do join us and make the most of what Holymoorside Tennis Club has to offer.

Recent Bad Weather

We have all heard on the news and in the press that the recent inclement weather was the worst for many years, leaving service providers struggling to cope.

The parish council had to take action by organising for the village hall car park to be cleared with a digger, which gave all the pre-school children some excitement whilst watching from the safety of the village hall. After the first initial snowfall the path to the hall was kept clear for the hall to remain open for all users who wished to attend. The parish council also strived to ensure the grit bins were filled, however, as the grit is supplied by Derbyshire County Council, only limited supplies are allowed at their discretion. The lack of grit in the bins is also badly affected by a small number of residents who remove grit for their personal use. These residents are kindly reminded that the grit is for use in public places only and not on personal property.

The parish council was also approached in relation to the number of vehicles, which were left on the road near the bus stop opposite the village hall. It is understood that this matter was reported to the Police and that an incident number was raised. Unfortunately, these vehicles caused major problems for the Stagecoach bus company who, after a couple of days, could have provided a service to Holymoorside but for the fact that the abandoned cars prevented the bus turning around in the road. Many residents suffered hardship because of this and it was a full eight days before any type of service was resumed to Holymoorside.

The parish council has been in contact with Stagecoach asking them to take preventative action for this in the future and it is understood that DCC have been asked to help on this matter.

Residents who cannot access their homes during poor weather are therefore kindly requested to consider other residents before parking their vehicles in a manner which may have an adverse effect on their neighbours.

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Allotments

Through careful management, the waiting list for an allotment has been reduced and, although there is an 'out of parish' waiting list it is the council's policy that residents take priority over non-residents. If you would like to put your name on the list for an allotment please contact Kate on 271495.

Would you like to advertise in this newsletter?

There are currently 3-4 spaces available to advertise in this publication, which is circulated 4 times a year to nearly 1,000 addresses as well as being placed on the council's website. If you are interested please call Kate on 271495.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Acorn Ridge- Councillor Thacker has been reporting as the parish's NEDDC councillor, in relation to the recent planning application for a 14.8m telecommunications mast to be located on Acorn Ridge, Walton. He noted that although a delegated decision at NEDDC refused the application, the paperwork necessary for the refusal was not completed in time, thus providing a window of opportunity for the applicant to pursue the matter further. Councillor Thacker reports that this matter is still ongoing (at the time of going to press) and that efforts are being made by NEDDC to prevent the mast being placed.

Donations – As well as a recent donation to Pathways of Chesterfield for £242.61 (proceeds from 'Fun day') the parish council has also made a £500 donation to Holymoorside Angling Club in recognition of the extensive repairs carried out at the dam and their commitment to engaging the youth of the parish. An annual donation of £800 is also made to St Peter's Church for churchyard maintenance.

Outside – the parish council are pleased to allow use of the recreation ground to 1st Holymoorside Scouts to hold their 2nd annual 10k road race on Sunday 8 May 2011.

Tenders for the maintenance of the bowling club have been considered and a new contractor will begin work in April. It is anticipated that the parish council will save money from this. Councillors also identified the potential to save money by purchasing a line marking machine and asking the gardener (who sub-contracts to the parish council) to take over the works required at the tennis courts and a line-marking machine will be purchased.

The parish council recently received correspondence and a petition in relation to a basket-ball installation on the recreation ground. Following consideration of this matter, councillors resolved that the current installation was not of an acceptable standard and that it would be removed as soon as practicable. It was also noted that the parish council had invested in the promotion of youth facilities including junior football and fishing and currently had other projects in the pipeline.

A recommendation was made to the parish council to place a grit bin between house numbers 12 & 14 on Lodge Farm Close. Councillors resolved to consult with residents before proceeding with this.

Village hall – Unfortunately the hall was closed during the bad weather, not because of staffing issues but because the majority of the bookings had to cancel due to H&S and transport issues. The parish council fully appreciates this situation and, as long as a cancellation is made, no charge is made. However, please do not leave cancellations on the village hall phone as this is manned on a part-time basis only. Any messages should be left on the Clerk's phone; 01246 271495.

The Christmas Concert was held on the 10th of December and, despite the weather, was well attended and the sherry & mince pies were enjoyed by all.

Holymoorside Band provided a sterling musical extravaganza. Following this success it has been decided to hold another event on Friday 9th December 2011 so make a note in your diary!

Ghosts and ghouls might also like to note that the Hallowe'en disco has been scheduled for Saturday 29th October – a really good night for the youngsters of the parish to enjoy the celebrations in a warm and safe environment.

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WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND!

Happy New Year and *Oh! What a wonderful winter that was!* Although I suspect '*wonderful*' may not have been the first choice of word on many people's lips. Possibly this could be due to the record-breaking and prolonged low temperatures; the fairly significant snowfall; the inconvenience and disruption to travel arrangements; the cancellation of events and meetings, both in and around the village, and the near epidemic proportions of flu and associated illnesses. I seem to remember, many years ago, my old granny telling me that we needed the frosts to kill off all the nasty bugs. So, with such low temperatures this year, what went wrong? Maybe we now unwittingly incubate new germs and bugs as we all notch up our central heating systems – just a thought!

Anyway, for me, once that light fluffy stuff starts falling from the sky, the 'big kid' inside me is quite insistent that I pull on my walking boots, wrap up warmly and head for the hills. This year there were many opportunities for me to 'rug-up', fill a flask, grab the cameras and hip flask (must have been a St Bernard in a former life!) and set off to enjoy nature's *white* splendors. Sadly, however, once again this year, 'Her Indoors', being a fair weather hiker, somehow managed to find plenty of urgent 'indoor' chores – knitting, reading, etc., and so, 'reluctantly' (and

perhaps more sensibly) *stayed indoors*, nice and warm and cosy whilst I ventured forth. On one such excursion I was rewarded when I spotted a flock of waxwings in the treetops, and, soon after, an even rarer sight – a snowplough! Whilst the rest of the village had to manage predominately with just two rutted tracks, Harwood Road was transformed for a couple of days into almost motorway proportions, due I suspect to the snowplough driver inadvertently including both verges in an attempt to locate the actual tarmac itself. Even then, it was still barely possible to stand up on the surface, making it mostly only available to tractors and 4x4s, but at least, for a few days, it did look rather strange and impressively wide!

This winter, many of the higher footpaths were almost impassable for several days, with the snow being almost waist-deep in places, and even some of the lower ones were, at times 'challenging'. However, as usual, I returned home after each trip, cold, uplifted and with 'hundreds' of photographs. Now all I need is to find time to sort and index them all!

Now, our editor has asked me to keep this brief, (*That'll be a first then. Ed.*) so the rest of my ramblings/tales will have to wait to be re-told and re-hashed during our forthcoming Friday Evening Walks. Did anyone spot that almost seamless transition from article to an advertisement for the Walks? This year, I hope to resume our weekly walks sometime around mid-May – once the nights draw out again – and if there is enough interest I hope to put on a few midweek daytime walks as well.

So, for now, Happy Easter, tight laces, keep safe and warm, and watch out for further Walk details on the village notice boards.

PAUL TRUSCOTT



Arts Festival Society News

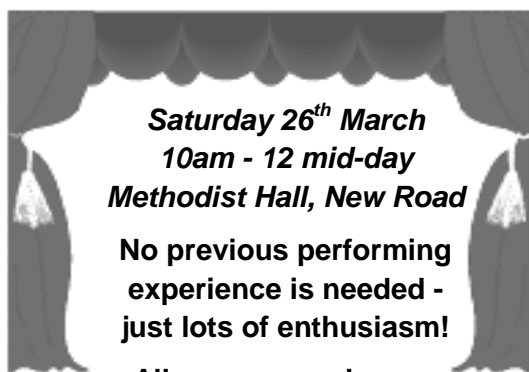
Let's put on a play!

The 2011 Arts Festival programme is well under way with our usual variety of events. We were delighted to welcome more than 20 people into the **WriteInFront** project.

A series of three writing workshops were held in January and we plan to produce a village drama from the collaboration.

Now we are looking for performers. Would you like to be involved? **Audrey Broderick** will be using her drama experience to lead some preparation sessions for rising talents.

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HOLYMOORSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY 70 YEARS YOUNG!



Long-standing choir member Ivan Lowe writes:

"In 1941, during the dark days of World War II, the village choir was started to bring the community together. Due to the hard work of the several Musical Directors the choir continues to perform to high standards, whilst maintaining a sociable atmosphere.

When **Herbert Spencer** retired, **Stanley Robinson** took the baton and thrilled the village with his variety concerts, traditional choral works and music festivals.

The choir was at a crossroads on his retirement, so **Dorothy Mullan** and **Bud Nightingale** took over jointly to save the choir from coming to an end.

Bill Madin was persuaded to be the next M.D and with his fine tenor voice, great choice of music, variety shows and sense of humour, he was a very popular conductor for 25 years. **Keith Bates** stepped in when Bill had bouts of ill-health. We were grateful to him, he was very dear to us, and sadly he died recently.

Bill became unwell in 2002 and had to leave the choir. He continued his interest in us, attending concerts and celebrations until his death in 2006 – greatly missed.

Pat Willmot stepped forward from the soprano line and took on the M.D. role in 2002. She brought a new dimension to the choir with her fine musicianship and introduction to modern composers. Pat worked very hard during her time with us and lifted the choir to new heights. Her husband's retirement and demands on their time from the family led her to decide to make the break after 8 successful years. We are pleased she has accepted our invitation to become President.

Our new M.D. is **Mary Cobbold** who joined us last September. A Cambridge organ scholar, she is a very accomplished musician and conductor."

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