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# The Holywell News

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July 2013

## A new era begins . . .

We are pleased to announce that the *Industrial and Provident Society* - THE HOLYWELL COMMUNITY PUB LTD - has been successfully set-up with the FCA and we are now in a position to offer shares in this unique community venture.

This means our legal structure has changed and we are now an '*Incorporated Body*' - meaning we can bid for and own property.

The 'company' has four directors and a secretary. They have a duty under law to carry out certain roles and responsibilities. These include endeavoring to make the company as successful as possible, adhering to and administering the company rules, reporting to shareholders and complying with strict financial laws.

At present we are a 'Steering-committee' working hard to pave the way for the intended purchase of the property - thus bringing it into community ownership. Under the new company rules we will resign at the first AGM and a new committee will be elected.

Any member of the society will be able to stand for election and obviously every member will have a vote. This will be a totally democratic organisation following the strict rules laid down in our constitution.

At present we have our accountants - Barlow-Andrews - working on a business plan for the venture. The business has to be sustainable - the intention is to give Holywell Green a unique facility that will be there forever!



The committee are working on a 'presentation' to the village where we will be able to distribute comprehensive information about this venture.

We will have a business-plan and prospectus for all interested parties to study. This will explain exactly how the business will run and how we foresee its profitability.

Once this is arranged we will inform the whole village and invite residents to join us and discuss this incredible opportunity.

## A date for your diary . . .

We would like to announce that on July 1st we served notice to Calderdale Council of our intention to bid for 'The Holywell Inn.'

This has now been accepted and verified by the council and they will notify Mr. Gale of this formal intention.

This now triggers the full

moratorium period - which means that Mr. Gale cannot sell the premises to anybody else but us for a period of six-months.

He can continue to market it and he can enter in to negotiations with potential buyers, but he cannot exchange contracts or enter into any binding commitment.

The moratorium period ends on November 29th 2013.

But we're confident we'll be ready - and with your help we will complete phase one of this completely unique venture!

Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the group for further details regarding this.

## And the winner is . . .



The Holywell Inn action group!

Yes we did it! The recent 'Neighbours Day' event in the Piece Hall saw the action group out in force. Held in glorious sunshine on June 8th - and attended by a huge crowd, we worked under the direction of 'artistic' Beverley and our efforts only went and won 'The Best Dressed Stall' how about that!



We went on stage for the presentation and received an i-pod and box of chocolates.

These will naturally be added to our next batch of raffle prizes . . .

The event was great fun and we must single out Graham Gent for bringing a whole new meaning to the term 'Lollipop man.' We devised a game where children picked a 'straw from the sand' and everyone won a prize - usually a lollipop!

Graham was absolutely brilliant with this and it really was a joy to see.

And of course our attendance gained further publicity for us and generated much interest.

Well done to all who were involved - we continue to seek attendance at similar events and will keep you posted via our website, Facebook and this newsletter.

If you know of any type of event that we should be attending please contact us and we will arrange it - this is a great way of getting our message across.

## 'The Holywell Green . . .



And following on from our recent 'Strap-Line' competition we are delighted to announce that Lisa Penn-Shepherd is the winning entrant.

"THE HOLYWELL GREEN COMMUNITY DREAM" fought off stiff competition and was in our opinion a worthy winner.



Lisa will now receive a three-course Sunday lunch for four people including wine at The Old Golf House in Outlane.

We are intending holding many further competitions such as this as our campaign progresses.

Would you like to be involved?

Have you any ideas for any fund-raising activity or event?

We gladly welcome all assistance with any aspect of this whole process. Please contact any member of

the group to get involved. This is all about community and we don't have to wait for the Pub to be open to get started.

Remember just how much fun was had with the 'Bake-off' - so come on Holywell Green lets have your suggestions for more and more!

**. . . Community Dream!'**



## This is Holywell Green calling the world . . .



Well our publicity drive just goes on and on!

Ever since all this began last year, we have had terrific support from local newspapers - especially Andy Hirst and his team at the Huddersfield Examiner.

Further to that we've also had great interest shown by Radio Leeds - one of the country's most listened to regional radio stations.

Audience figures are regularly over 200,000 listeners per week.

And we've been on twice! On Good Friday John Walsh and Chris Judd went into the studio to do a 'stint' with Larry Budd. John Battle from 'Save Bramley Baths' was on at the same time and it was a great interview all round. Must say though didn't hear a lot from Chris - maybe somebody should have told him to come into the Studio!

Following that John was invited back onto Larry's show on May 6th to talk about the campaign and in particular the Al Stewart show.

And then on June 25th he did a 40 minute special on Phoenix FM - the Calderdale radio station - this is all great publicity for us.

Next stop has to be TV . . .



## Dear Sir/Madam - We are the Holywell . . .

At a recent meeting John Walsh announced that he had written nearly 300 separate documents as part of this campaign.

Well suddenly it got to be a whole lot more!

As a way of trying to raise funds we set off on a mini-campaign sending 'begging-letters' to all sorts of different organisation both nationally and local.

As always with these things responses can be very hit and

miss.

But we've already had a couple.

Andy at Ossett Brewery sent us some bottles of 'Real-ale' a couple of t-shirts and eight beer glasses. Dave from the Black-Sheep brewery is sending us some free tickets to tour the brewery.

We will put these up as future raffle prizes.

If you work for or know any company/organisation that

might be prepared to help us please get in touch - we will do the rest.

Martyn Foulds has used his substantial list of contacts to send out hundreds of press releases - and this has already paid dividends.

Three major news outlets have published details about us and credit must go to Martyn for achieving this.

It's so good to see people working so hard for this venture!



## Remember that bake-off?

Well how could you forget?

So what next? Well we're planning the 'Horticultural' equivalent with our inaugural 'Holywell Green Garden Show'

The event will be held in the village on Saturday September 21st and will be a *Harvest Festival of Holywell Green Fingers!* (who writes this stuff?).

So come on we want another overwhelming number of

residents to rise to the challenge.

We have formed a sub-committee to handle events such as this and you can speak to any member to obtain further details. Beverley the glass-engraver is a good point of contact but Eileen, Heather and Graham can also help.

We need to see a huge amount of produce at this one - let your imagination run wild.

Remember anything garden related can be part of this. From Plants and Flowers to eggs, jams, chutneys - come on show us how good you are.

Tea and coffee will be available on the day and you are welcome to enter any cakes, buns, pies etc . . .

Oh no!

What have I just done!



## Coming soon to a village near you!

And of course it won't stop there.

We are in the process of organizing all kinds of events!

In the pipeline we are preparing to host an antiques event, Christmas Fair, brewery trips, bike-rides and much much more!

If you have any ideas for such things please get in touch - we love to hear your suggestions and will do our best to

organise accordingly.

As everybody is aware we have arranged a major music extravaganza at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax on October 26th.

Al Stewart will perform a show for us and all profits will go towards our campaign.

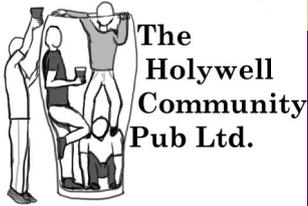
And this will be some show - and with international interest!

Tickets are selling fast - and it would be wonderful if we could fill the theatre to capacity!

You can purchase your tickets direct from the theatre on 01422 351158 or on line via their website [www.calderdale.gov.uk/victoria/](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/victoria/)

This will be a great night!





The Holywell Community Pub Ltd.

## WHO WE ARE

### Committee members:

John Walsh (Chair)  
Chris Judd (Vice-Chair)  
Eileen McAlonan (Secretary)  
Beverley Smith-Walsh (Treas.)

Peter Lassey  
Martyn Foulds  
Mark Stead  
Heather Stead  
Graham Gent  
Geoff Marsh  
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Sub-committee (Funding)  
John, Chris, Peter, Martyn & Mark

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## The Holywell Green Community Dream

So on we go and our efforts are relentless.

On Wednesday June 26th a 'delegation' attended a seminar arranged by the Social Investment Business Fund in Leeds. This was both rewarding and informative. Following that we were invited to another event - 'List your Local' - this time organized by the Department of Communities and Local Government - and held at their offices in London. Once again we had four representatives in attendance.

This is hard work! What we are attempting to achieve is not being underestimated by anyone.

As one of the speakers in London exclaimed "What you're doing is not hard work - it's hard work times twenty!"

But it won't stop us . . .



## Nothing's going to stop us now . . .

As we progress more and more things occur and our work-load increases on an almost daily basis.

We need your help!

This project will give Holywell Green a facility that will not only be something to be proud of - but will enhance everybody's life and provide a legacy forever.

This business will be community owned - a little phrase with absolutely massive impact!

We can become a 'beacon' to other communities to adopt and follow our example.

So please join in and be part of this unique concept.

Just to remind everyone - we are a steering committee

working hard to initiate the preliminary procedures to get this 'off the ground.'

You can speak to anyone of us at any time and we will gladly discuss any issues ideas, suggestions you may have.

You can e-mail us via the website or contact Beverley at the shop in Holywell Green.

If you wish to speak to John Walsh please ring him on 07741 172494 or look at our

Facebook pages 'Save the Holywell inn'

We are really nice people!

(Well we think so!)

Please don't hesitate to get in touch - we are seeking your thoughts and assistance!

And come along to our events and Al's show!

