



# The Holywell News

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## HOW THINGS STAND RIGHT NOW!

In early April we picked up on a somewhat negative comment posted on social media about our campaign. Obviously people are entitled to their own opinions about life in the village, but we do feel it necessary to explain exactly what the current situation is.

The person who made the comment, stated how desperately bad the Holywell Inn now looks, and inferred that the condition of the building is somehow connected to us. Simply not true.

There was also a suggestion that we're not doing enough to bring the pub back into life. Actually even more untrue!

We've campaigned for many years to acquire this building for community ownership. Our work is relentless. We meet every two weeks to discuss the next stages and constantly strive to create further community cohesion through the social events we host.

The Holywell owner Mr Chris Gale has now stated he is willing to sell the freehold of the building to the Holywell Inn Group for £135,000 + VAT but he would require a repurchase agreement at the same price (i.e. £135k) were the property to come back on the market and he would want all his fees paying in both cases.

The last valuation of the premises in December 2016 indicated that it was worth £90,000. However that valuation was clearly based on 'hope value' - in other words what the building would be worth with planning permission in place.

But the planning appeal was dismissed . . .



### So to sum up...

- We now have enough money to buy the Holywell Inn for its true value
- The only person stopping the development of this pub is Chris Gale
- We have made two offers to purchase the pub from him
- He has failed seven times to gain planning permission on the site
- The last application had 77 objections lodged against it
- Mr Gale comprehensively failed to gain permission by appeal
- We operate a monthly share subscription scheme supported by many people in Holywell Green
- The money we collect through this scheme is in the bank and growing month by month

**We have had many meetings with Calderdale Council and explained the powers available to them under section 226 of the town and country planning act 1990**

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# HOUSE OF LORDS PASSES AMENDMENTS FOR FURTHER PUB PROTECTION



**The House of Lords has voted to amend the Neighbourhood Planning Bill so it removes permitted development rights relating to the change of use or demolition of pubs. During committee stages for the bill, the Lords spent time debating the issue, in which the house sought to clarify whether or not the government plans to restrict the capacity of local authorities to put into force relevant conditions.**

It sought to amend the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to provide further protection for our pubs.

The amendment states: "The secretary of state must exercise the powers conferred by sections 59, 60, 61, 74 and 333(7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove permitted development rights relating to the change of use or demolition of "drinking establishments".

Permitted development rights allow the change of use of pubs, or their demolition, without going through the planning process. The effect is that the people in the local community are prevented from having a say over their local pub.

References were made to the asset of community value scheme, which was introduced under the Coalition government. While it has led to the removal of permitted development rights for ACV listed pubs, there are some unintended consequences with the scheme, such as the cost placed on local authorities and the community.

The amendment will lead to fewer pubs needing to be registered under the ACV scheme, it will put them on a level footing with other businesses so that a developer, looking to convert a pub for whatever reason, would have to go through the normal planning application process. The amendment gives the local community a proper say in the sort of development it wants in its area and will stop local assets being lost for ever with local people having no say.

This is excellent news for the many community groups throughout the country campaigning to save their local pubs. And we're very proud to have had an article published by the government committee who handled the original enquiry into the impact of the localism act. This started the process which eventually led to the amendment of this bill. Only 38 submissions were published and we were the only 'pub group' in the country to achieve such recognition.

Following on from this we will be attending the 'More than a pub' national conference in London on May 18th.

This is a two year programme and is being administered by the Plunkett Foundation. In essence funding is available to community groups attempting to save their local pubs - but such groups "must be committed to delivering a community pub for the benefit of the wider community, overcoming local issues such as social isolation."

## Sound familiar?

As we stated on page one, we never stop campaigning to bring the Holywell Inn into community ownership.

Our team are highly committed individuals, all very passionate about this village and providing a social interaction meeting point for the residents.

We're currently very busy organising our third music festival. The first priority of this event is how we can provide some music in local establishments for the benefit of people who cannot get to the main events at Elland Golf Club.

So this year, we'll be providing interactive music at the Ravenscliffe School Halifax, Rastrick Grange Care Home and Willow Court Home in Elland. We're also liaising with Overgate Hospice to arrange a performance there.

On Sunday May 7th the wonderful Marc Macisso and Kenny Herrera will be performing at Willow Court.

This is what we do! We put the community right at the centre of our campaign. If we lose the Holywell Inn, then this village will cease to have any kind of community meeting point.

We understand the frustration of how the appearance of the building lets the village down. Along with the fantastic support of councillor Chris Pearson, we constantly stress to Calderdale Council how something needs to be done about it.

As always we'll keep you up to date through our normal channels, and as we've said many times please come to our meetings if you require more information.



# holywell music FESTIVAL 2017

**Fri 14th • Sat 15th • Sun 16th July**  
**Elland Golf Club, Hammerstones**  
**Leach Lane, Elland HX5 0TA**

**Early bird special weekend ticket**  
**available until 14th May 2017 for just £37.50**  
**that's 12 performances and three evening meals**

**Or buy tickets for individual evenings at**  
**£15.00 per night including evening meal**

## **Friday 14th**

• Liam Merriman • Danielle Lewis  
• Me & Deboe • Roger Davies and Band

## **Saturday 15th**

• Red Sky • Little Rock Box  
• Liam Merriman Trio • MAIA

## **Sunday 16th**

• Edwina Hayes • A J Clarke  
• Emily Lee  
• Dave Bainbridge  
& Sally Minnier

**Tickets now on sale at [www.holywell-music-fest.uk](http://www.holywell-music-fest.uk)**  
**or call Beverley on 07881 661348**





# who we are

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# sorry chaps but we're doing it again!

Colours.

[FUN]DRAISING  
FASHION SHOWS



## Holywell Community Pub Ltd

LADIES FASHION SHOW & POP UP SHOP

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Doors 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

Elland Golf Club

Hammerstones Leach Lane, Elland, HX5 0TA

Tickets: £5

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won on the night!

For tickets and more information please contact:

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California's finest at Elland  
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Tickets from Beverley  
on 07881 661348

Just £10 each and  
including supper

**CALIFORNIAN  
SMOOTH JAZZ DUO**

**MARC  
MACISSO  
& KENNY  
HERRERA**

**FLYING IN FROM  
LOS ANGELES**



Appearing at Elland Golf Club  
Thursday May 11th - 8.00pm  
prior to an appearance at  
the London Palladium  
Marc has played sax for  
Al Stewart, Sheena Easton,  
Whitney Houston, & Mariah Carey

**Tickets £10**  
Including Steak Pie and Peps

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Tickets available from bar staff or Beverley on 07881 661348