



The Holywell Community Pub Ltd.

# The Holywell News



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This publication gets more like NME every month!

## Look out Glastonbury . . .

. . . Because here it comes!

The very first Holywell & Brooksbank summer music festival! Current working title . . .

'INN-OVATION'  
(but that might be changed!)

We're dedicating both centre pages to this incredible event - it's going to be something really special and we just can't wait!



## AGM Report

We're pleased to report that our first ever Annual General Meeting took place at Bradley Hall Golf Club on Thursday March 26th.

We were delighted with the number of people who attended this important event.

Our accountant, Gordon Leigh from Barlow - Andrews Ltd in Bolton, gave a full report of our financial affairs and the accounts were unanimously approved by the board. Gordon made a point of saying how remarkably well this group has traded since we began!

Group chairman John Walsh gave a full report on past and future activities, and outlined details of the next stages we need to follow in securing sufficient funding to buy and refurbish the Holywell Inn.

As usual, we have a number of important meetings to attend over the next few weeks. We know you understand that we're unable to go into a lot of detail about such matters in the newsletter, but should you be interested our fortnightly meetings at the Duke of York are open to anybody and we urge people to come along.

Going back to the chairman's report, John explained that no further contact has been made

with Holywell owner Chris Gale since we wrote to him in May last year. This was of course in response to his letter in which he continues to claim he paid more than £120,000 for the Holywell - despite that being the figure recorded at the Land Registry and confirmed in a letter from Fleurets who sold him the pub.

Through our contacts at Civic Voice, Camra, Locality UK, the Plunkett Foundation and Jericho Road Solutions we've identified a number of factors that we can adopt to take our campaign forward. Our barrister Scott Stemp from Southampton is pivotal to this and John went into detail about his forthcoming role.

We'll also see Jess Steele from Jericho Road visiting us on April 15th & 16th and we expect some significant developments to follow on from there. Jess is a real bonus to the group and we're delighted she's coming to the area!

The AGM closed with an impressive treasurers report from Beverley

We then asked Gordon to arrange the formal changes to our board of directors and following a short question and answer session the evening closed. Details of the next AGM will follow in due course.

## A Weekend to remember . . .

Following weeks of discussions, meetings, international telephone calls, profuse emailing and any other methods of communication available we've finally got it booked!

Yes the Holywell Community Pub group can now announce that the 'Summer Acoustic Music Festival' will take place at Brooksbank School in Elland commencing on Friday July 31st at 6.00 pm.

The event will run right through the whole weekend coming to a finale at 10.30 pm on Sunday August 2nd.

And what a weekend we have planned.

Never a group to do anything by half, we've planned this with the utmost attention to detail and the performers we've lined up are of the highest calibre.

Now it would be impossible to hold a festival without the involvement of at least two Californians! So we think it's only right that we kick off everyday with a set from our great friends the mega talented Marc Macisso (Caz) and all round Mr. Nice Guy Kenny Herrera. The idea for this event originally came from Caz and we think it's simply wonderful that somebody living in California has the utmost desire to see the Holywell campaign succeed. How good is that?

So they'll take to the stage in the main hall at 6.00 pm and also appearing that night will be Julian Dawson. Julian will travel up from Somerset to take part and he's an outstanding singer, songwriter, guitar and harmonica player. He has several albums to his credit and has worked with numerous artists including Richard Thompson, Iain Matthews, Al Stewart and Martin Carthy.

We'll also see an appearance from Liam Merrimann. Liam is flying in from Ireland to take part and is absolutely delighted to be involved. Liam is a brilliant songwriter and has recently toured with Nanci Griffith. His album 'Three Rivers' is simply wonderful!

Rounding off the first night will be well known local superstar Roger Davies. It's a real pleasure to have Roger performing, he's extremely busy at the moment and we feel it's a real treat to secure him. Roger has also commented on what a great cause this event is being held for!

Our final line-up for the whole event is being constantly worked on so we will certainly see other acts being introduced right throughout the weekend. Obviously we'll update this as we go along!

Right now we're negotiating with a number of artists and the final list will be remarkable. The event is right in the middle of 'festival season' - so the logistics of scheduling each act is quite daunting!

But Saturday will see Caz & Kenny setting the tone once again when they open the show at 12.00 pm. We'll see a number of other acts playing throughout the day and these include Yorkshire based singer-songwriter Peter Stone (the Coronation Street busker last Wednesday!).

And you'll have the opportunity for a spot of learning - see the back page. . .



Marc Macisso



Julian Dawson



Liam Merrimann



Roger Davies

## ... And definitely not to be missed!

More about that later but we know you'll be impressed with the headline acts we have planned for Saturday evening!

First up we'll have a performance from Iain Matthews and Egbert Derix. Those of you who attended the Al Stewart show back in October 2013 will remember Iain appearing that night - and we're delighted to welcome him back for the festival. Iain Matthews recorded one of the biggest hits of the seventies - the worldwide number one hit 'Woodstock' - and it comes as no surprise that Led Zeppelin front man Robert Plant describes Iain as the best male vocalist he's ever heard. Accompanied by Dutch keyboard wizard Egbert Derix this will be the perfect act to lead into our very special headline guests and it's a real privilege to confirm the Acoustic members of Lindisfarne.

Led by Dave Hull-Denham we'll see an exclusive performance of many Alan Hull songs that were never recorded but of course this would not be complete without all the Lindisfarne classics including 'Meet me on the corner' 'Lady Eleanor' 'Fog on the Tyne' and 'Run for Home' - what a great way to bring Saturday to a close.

But Sunday will see an equally blistering day of music!

Again after a Californian mix of classics from 'them two' we have another mind-blowing list of performers coming along.

Once again we're in discussions with a number of musicians but can confirm some really impressive evening headliners.

First up we'll see 'Three Boxes' - yes we know you're thinking "I've never heard of them" - but hang on a minute! The three 'boxes' are Clive Gregson, Andy Roberts and Mark Griffiths and all three feature in Hugh Gregory's book '1000 Great Guitarists' and it's easy to see why! Once again those of you that went to the Victoria Theatre to see Al Stewart (or the Duke of York the night before) know all about Mark Griffiths. 'Griff' as we all know him has been known to play guitar for one or two people you may have heard of, Cliff Richard, The Shadows, David Essex, Al Stewart, The Everly Brothers, Gallagher and Lyle and Mark Knopfler!

Clive Gregson led Manchester cult band Any Trouble and has had his songs recorded by Nanci Griffith, Fairport Convention, Kim Carnes, and Norma Waterson. Clive's making the 'short' journey from Houston Texas to be with us!

Last but far from least is Andy Roberts. It's almost impossible to have any sort of record collection and Andy not be in there somewhere. He's worked or recorded with some notables - Pink Floyd, Richard Thompson, Kirsty MacColl, Cat Stevens, Maddy Prior and Roy Harper to name just a few!

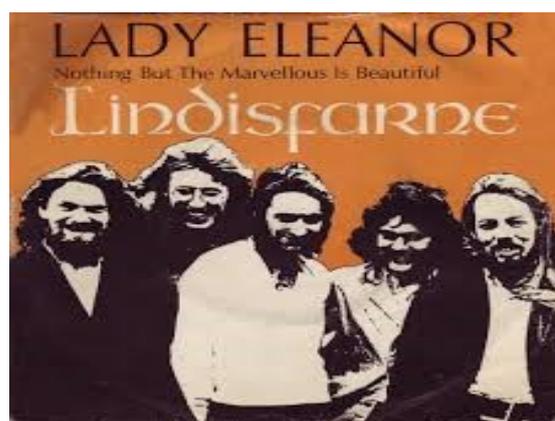
And then bringing the whole event to a climax we're delighted to confirm none other than 70's super-group The Strawbs!

This is their acoustic line up and will no doubt see fans travelling from all over Europe to witness this performance.

As soon as more festival details emerge we'll post them on our Facebook page and our website. But turn over for details of a unique 'side' to the event!



Iain Matthews & Egbert Derix



Lindisfarne



Three Boxes



The Acoustic Strawbs



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### WHO WE ARE

#### Committee members:

John Walsh (Chair)  
Chris Judd (Vice-Chair)  
Heather Stead (Secretary)  
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## The Holywell Green Community Dream



### Calling all musical types

#### Summer Music Festival - Workshops

Here's a list of the workshops that will take place throughout the weekend  
*Times to be confirmed*

Song-writing with Clive Gregson

Alternative guitar tuning with Andy Roberts

An introduction to jazz guitar with Mark Griffiths

Saxophone workshop with Marc Macisso

Keyboards with Egbert Derix

Lyric writing with Iain Matthews

Fiddle playing with Tom Leary

Harmonica with Julian Dawson

Event film making with Peter Lassey

And many more to come . . .



**Don't Forget**  
**It's the annual**  
**Holywell Green Bake Off**

**In the Church Hall**  
**Saturday May 9th**

**Entry details**  
**On our Website**  
**Or from Bev the glass engraver**



So another incredible month comes to a close.

And as always we've been up and down the country. On March 10th John & Beverley travelled to Hastings for a CADO meeting with Jess Steele and Karen Simnett.

This was very interesting and great to meet up with the other groups trying to save buildings precious to their communities. It's astonishing how much effort people like us put in to these campaigns and we extend our best wishes to all

the other CADO members and hope for a successful outcome to all their amazing work.

Our lives have just got a whole lot busier with the confirmation of the festival.

But as Gordon our accountant stated, the Al Stewart show made us a significant profit and we remain confident the summer music event will do the same.

So back to work it is . . .