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# Holywell News

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## As we patiently await ...

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In this month's issue

Planning matters 2



The planning department to determine the outcome of application 15/01442/con - the seventh such attempt to convert the Holywell Inn and/or its outbuildings - we had considered postponing publication of the newsletter until such decision was made.

However if we did that people might think we were sitting back - and that would never do!

So here we have a condensed newsletter to keep you aware of all the things we're up to behind the scenes.

As of early February (and some fifteen weeks since the application was submitted) we have 77 objections lodged with Calderdale, and not one public comment of support.

Chris Judd spoke to *The Stoneleigh Partnership* - Mr Gales planning solicitors and they quickly removed the untrue comments written about him from Calderdale's website. How sad that people had to make up stories about Chris - a man that's worked tirelessly in a campaign dedicated to improving life in the village.

And indeed if the *Stoneleigh Partnership* and Mr Gale think we're not going to react to the outrageous allegation about our share issue - they're simply wrong! We don't know why such accusations were made - but we will find out, and we will take action!

Going back to the objections, we'd like to thank everybody that has taken the time to do this - some of them are spectacular! And it's been fantastic to see so many people supporting our campaign, we're humbled by the gracious comments made about the group.

We have no choice other than to wait for the council to determine this matter. As far as we're concerned any other decision but refusal would be a mockery of the planning system. Mr Gales application is full of inconsistency, has nothing new to add to the previous refused attempts and contains statements which are completely untrue. It's also contrary to policy CF5 - and that's important.

Mr Gale recently sent a letter to John Walsh pointing out yet another number of 'facts' which are incorrect.

The letter starts by stating a 'crucial point' regarding the Rock Hotel. Mr Gale wants to know why we state Calderdale council claim that the Rock and the Holywell are different types of outlet. The answer is quite simple, Calderdale published the details of the nomination of the Holywell as an *Asset of Community Value* and stated that "it is of some relevance that this property (the Holywell Inn) is currently the only facility of this type locally, as distinct from The Rock which caters more for the hotel, restaurant, banqueting/conference sectors."

In all honesty the Rock has nothing to do with this but for Mr Gale's information (as we know he reads this) the owner of the Rock isn't who you think it is and there are only four pubs within a mile of Holywell Green - not nine.

One very interesting fact about the Rock may be of interest to Mr Gale. When the current owners purchased it they paid just £475,000 for the whole premises. All 27 bedrooms, bars, restaurant, function room and huge car park. And ready to trade . . .

So that would be just three times what you think the Holywell (derelict in your own words) is worth!

We also get accused of ignoring the Rock's 'superb facilities' when we decided to have our AGM at Bradley Hall Golf Club.

Again we've used Bradley Hall on a number of occasions - we found it easier than trying to organise functions and events at a closed hotel. Because that's been the situation so many times recently with the Rock.

As soon as Calderdale make their decision we'll be posting on our Facebook and Website pages - but in the meantime thanks again for all the positive remarks made to the planners.



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### WHO WE ARE

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## The Holywell Green Community Dream

### Coming soon . . .

Despite no decision from Calderdale as yet - we're still full steam ahead planning events for the coming year.

First up we have a Table-Top on Saturday March 5th and as always tables can be booked with Bev on 07881 661348 or Heather on 07782 199908.

We're planning another Easter-Egg hunt, village bake-off, annual garden show and many other events throughout the year.

In April we have the superb Dave Nachmanoff coming in again from California and we're awaiting confirmation from venues to host his shows.

We also intend organising another summer music festival and planning for this has already begun. We have some truly amazing names lined up for this year!

It must be said what an incredible weekend we had last August at Elland Golf Club. It's been remarkable just how many things have come about due to that festival.

In fact on January 21st Julian Dawson made the 520 mile round trip from Somerset to Hebden Bridge to take part in a 'fund-raiser' for the flood victims of the area.

Incredibly the venue for the event suffered a power cut and the show had to be called off. But in true spirit Julian soon had it called on again and we moved across the road to the 'Old Bridge Inn' - where, joined by other festival favourites the fantastic Nick & Michelle Plumhall - and local hero Des Horsfall - the show certainly went on and managed to raise over £500 in total! It was also great to catch up with fellow festival organisers Dave and Viv Boardman.

So hopefully we'll be back to normal next month and a full newsletter will be published.

Thanks everybody.



Back in April  
The brilliant Dave Nachmanoff



And another  
Table-Top sale



They'll be back again  
Try stopping them!



And finally how about this! Yet another property developer claiming non-viability of a pub - but following a fantastic campaign by local people, the Chesham Arms in Hackney was saved . . .

And six months later wins Pub of the year!

Well done to James Watson and all concerned!