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# A Happy Holywell News Year!



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## Vexatious? Inaccurate? Contemptuous?

Yes . . . Just another Chris Gale planning application!

And quite frankly we're getting a little tired of all this nonsense!

As always with this man, the whole thing took a new turn on Wednesday December 23rd - the 'determination deadline day' for seventh planning application 15/01442/CON.

Eagerly awaiting the council decision to be published, we monitored the planning website throughout the day (as advised by the planning officer).

However the two viability reports and one set of appendixes submitted by Mr Gale were suddenly no more! Then at around 11.30, a somewhat inaccurate document appeared from a solicitor Lucy Miles.

At 16.40 we sent an email asking the planning office what time a decision would be published - only to receive a message stating 'not today' - and then the website details changed to a new 'agreed' determination deadline of January 20th 2016.

So our wait goes on.

But going back to this submission from Lucy Miles, a solicitor with the *Stoneleigh Partnership* based in Kenilworth Warwickshire.

We are most unhappy with this report! On page two we again see claims that tenants of the Holywell under Mr Gale's ownership, 'opened up in the morning for coffee and provided meals at lunchtime and evenings.'

They simply did not! The Holywell has never had a trade kitchen and such provisions would therefore be impossible.

But it's page four that really causes concern. And we think you'll completely understand why!

In paragraph five Ms Miles states ' *it has come to*

*our client's attention that the Action Group has reassured potential investors in the Group that in the event that the venture as a community pub is not successful they would convert the property to housing and therefore investors would recover the money that they had put into the property. Detailed reference to this point can be seen in the third paragraph of our client's letter of 21 May 2014 to Mr Walsh. This letter also sets out another significant point, namely that the Vice Chairman of the Action Group, Chris Judd, was responsible for closing the Royal Oak (the only other public house in Holywell Green) and turning it into flats.'*

Taking this one stage at a time, naturally no evidence to back-up Mr Gale's claim of our intention to carry out this outrageous conversion is ever submitted or explained. Many people have bought shares in this venture and we would like to hear your comments on the matter - because Mr Gale/Ms Miles state that's the 'potential ulterior motive' of the group!

Our financial dealings are regulated by the *Financial Conduct Authority* - and our share offers have to be in line with their strict rules.

The 'detailed reference' in paragraph 3 of Mr Gale's letter to Mr Walsh simply doesn't exist - nor does this letter make any reference to Chris Judd! And Chris is absolutely outraged by the comments on the Royal Oak.

Nineteen years ago Chris and his then partner bought the delicensed Royal Oak and after successfully receiving planning permission converted it to one house! Not Flats then - Not Flats now!

Ms Miles has written these statements and in our opinion is therefore responsible for them.

To suggest the group has this 'potential ulterior motive', and the completely inaccurate statements regarding Chris Judd, we believe this just proves the contempt these people have for this village.

And these comments are simply downright nasty!

## A (third) year in the life of the 'Holywellers'

### JANUARY

- We start the year with a table-top sale in the church hall
- Dave Humphreys is back on the scene!
- Plans are put in place for our first ever AGM
- We become a 'published contributor' to a parliamentary report
- And changes are made to the laws on ACV listed buildings



[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)



### FEBRUARY

- London bound again - this time we attend three very important meetings
- We join Scott Stemp at a CADO meeting in Westminster
- Followed by a talk with MP Craig Whittaker in the houses of parliament
- The next day we're at the Civic Voice manifesto launch
- We meet old friends Dr Freddie Gick and Ian Harvey

### MARCH

- Plans for our summer music festival start coming together
- Have discussions with internationally acclaimed artists
- Hold our first ever AGM at Bradley Hall Golf Club
- Our accounts show a significant trading profit
- Travelled to Hastings to attend a CADO workshop

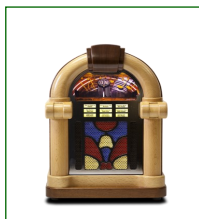


### APRIL

- Top UK Sound engineer Paul Smith visits to discuss the festival
- Jess Steele from CADO visits Holywell Green to attend meetings
- Brooksbank School are keen to host the festival
- Julian Dawson and Emily Lee confirm their attendance
- As does Dave Nachmanoff and Roger Davies

### MAY

- It's the third year of 'The Holywell News'
- Barristers Scott Stemp & Felicity Thomas visit from Southampton
- And we host our third annual Bake-Off
- Meet Rev. Bob Warricker and the church elders to discuss community ideas
- Festival tickets go on sale



### JUNE

- Newly commissioned architects Hawdon-Russell produce plans
- An innovative & completely new share-issue prospectus is launched
- Major national organisations are interested in how this is received
- Sound-Leisure in Leeds donate the stunning mini Jukebox as a festival prize
- Plans are made for a 'Pop-up Café' in the church

### JULY

- We host another table-top sale and help with the church 'Pop-Up café'
- And on July 31st it's day one of 'The Holywell Community Festival'
- Julian Dawson kicks things off - and we never look back
- Elland Golf Club proves to be a perfect venue for the event
- Local hotels confirm visitors from Canada, Iceland and USA!





### AUGUST

- Days two and three of the festival are regarded as something magical
- Dave Nachmanoff from California headlines on Saturday night
- Future superstar Emily Lee is an absolute 'knock-out' on Sunday night
- Plumhall are that good - we bring them back for a second night
- Will we do it all again next year - absolutely no doubt!

### SEPTEMBER

- It's the third Holywell Green Garden Produce Show
- Wyevale Garden Centre sponsor the event
- Fifteen local businesses offer prizes and donations to us
- We send confirmation to Mr Gale that we are prepared to buy the Holywell
- But we insist on a formal valuation - this is share-holders money!



### OCTOBER

- Here we go again! It's the seventh planning application
- We believe the associated documents are flawed inaccurate and contemptuous
- Objections come in thick and fast
- And it's the amazing second 'Hollyween spooky story trail'
- We host our very first 'Pop-up' Pub

### NOVEMBER

- Objections reach an unprecedented 77
- Support comes in from all over the UK and three objections from USA
- We also host our second Christmas workshop
- Dave Nachmanoff confirms he'll play two shows for us in April 2016
- We're sorry to see James leave the Duke of York



### DECEMBER

- It's all go fighting the planning application
- Determination day arrives but the council put it back a month
- There's furious reaction to some outrageous claims made by Mr Gale
- But we're amused by his bin-store plans!
- We hold a social night at the White Swan Outlane

## BUT ONCE AGAIN ENOUGH ABOUT US ...

We fight on - we always will!

This is becoming both farcical and frustrating.

How dare Chris Gale make such outrageous allegations about the group, John & Bev and Chris Judd.

To suggest that the Holywell Community Pub group have at any time 'reassured' potential investors about future housing plans - is completely and totally untrue.

Where's your proof Mr Gale?

Because if that's how you want to play it - you're going to have to produce it! And you know it doesn't exist.

As explained on page one - Chris Judd is furious that such claims can be written about him

We are not prepared to stand by and allow statements such as these to be published in the public domain. We are proud of the community work we've carried out and will not be treated like this!

Watch this space . . .



## WHO WE ARE

### Committee members:

John Walsh (Chair)  
Chris Judd (Vice-Chair)  
Heather Stead (Secretary)  
Beverley Smith-Walsh (Treas.)  
Mark Stead (Director)

Peter Lassey  
Martyn Foulds  
Eileen McAlonan  
Graham Gent  
Louella Ramsden  
Mick Ramsden  
Corrine Ramsden  
Ian Whiteley  
Linda Whiteley  
Linda Kingsnorth  
David Humphreys  
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## The Holywell Green Community Dream

# Coming up!

Following last January's highly successful Table-Top sale we've decided to do it all over again this year!

The event will (as usual) take place in the Holywell Green Church Hall - date to be confirmed.

Tables will be the same price as last year - £5 each and the donation of a raffle/tombola prize for our campaign funds.

The church will be open from 1.30 for those with tables and the general public will be allowed in from 2.30.

Once dates are confirmed please contact Heather on 07782 199908 or Bev on 07881 661348 and contact will be available via the website.

Please note that tables are limited and we could have sold them twice over last year!

We will once again be providing our wonderful tea & coffee stand and hope to see a repeat of the huge crowds that attended last January.

This is a real chance to sell those surplus items and pick up a bargain whilst your at it!

All the members of the committee will be attending so its also a great opportunity to discuss the campaign in detail with us.

So tell your friends and put the date in your diary!

And we would just like to thank Father Rodney from St Andrews & St Mary Magdalene's churches, for once again lending us the trestle tables we need for all the events we host!

Much appreciated sir!



## And finally some sad news . . .

It is with great regret we have to announce the passing of one of our most enthusiastic supporters.

Sadly on December 22nd we lost Julian's very much loved wife Adela Bond. Adela died suddenly in the Intensive Care Unit at Leeds general Infirmary.

Adela was only 50 years old and leaves two

heart-broken boys Andy and Christopher.

We send out our most sincere condolences to Julian and the boys for this incredibly sad loss.

It just goes to show how fragile life can be . . .

Let's just hope we get some good news soon. Thank you.



And finally (again) many congratulations to Jess Steele on receiving an OBE in the New Years Honours list -

Well done Jess very well deserved!