

## The Holywell News

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## Festival Special

## **SO-here we are again...**

Following months of organising (sadly not as many as we'd like - but we had the small matter of a plan-ning application to deal with!) it's finally time to let Mr Smith power up that system and send Mr Boardman out on to the stage to launch the 2016 HOLYWELL COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL!

So welcome to Elland Golf Club and this our second three day event of wonderful music. This has taken a huge amount of time to organise - phone calls, emails, meetings all over the place - but we know it will all be worth it in the end.

And it would be remiss to not start by thanking our supporters and sponsors. We're obviously extremely grateful to the club for allowing us to use their premises - and their on-going support for our campaign.

We've also had some very generous cash donations from Julian Bond (despite the fact that he can't actually attend) and Stuart Brown of Armitage Leisure.

Local pubs, The White Swan Outlane, The Golden Fleece at Blackley and The Moorcock in Norland have all donated £50 meal vouchers for raffle prizes and some sixteen local businesses advertised in our programme.

Obviously we're asking you to support all of these in return.

We would also like to thank Rob Bilson and the team at the wonderful 'Calderdale Community Foundation' for their ongoing financial support to the campaign.



#### So back to the music!

Last year we had no idea what to expectit really was a classic case of hope for the best. But what we achieved was truly magnificent!

On the Saturday evening we opened with Plumhall - recommended to us by Dave Boardman. Well they were an immediate hit - and we were so impressed we asked them back on Sunday - and to support our Dave Nachmanoff shows back in April.

Nick & Michelle have become huge supporters of our campaign, and it was only natural that we should ask them to open the event for us this year!

Also appearing we have three fantastic musicians flying in from Ireland. Liam Merriman, Eoin O'Meachair and Paul Grant who will appear twice over the weekend - but will actually start proceedings on Friday at a private show we're doing for the patients at the day hospice at Overgate. This is part of our 'take the festival out to the community' programme and we're very proud to be doing this.

They will also play over the weekend at Rastrick Grange care home and Willows Court in Elland.

One of our biggest challenges has been organising the actual performance times for each act! There's just so many talented musicians and we've had a real headache putting all that together!

But we have, and you'll witness some really incredible performances this weekend. Not least our Friday headliner Chris Leslie from Fairport Convention.

There are still some tickets available (see below) but you really need to move quickly now. As you're no doubt aware we include a delicious hot supper as part of the entrance price - and of course the club need to be aware of numbers to arrange this.

Enjoy it - and as a footnote we're delighted to announce that we've been nominated as 'Best New Festival' in the Yorkshire Gig Guide!

How wonderful is that?



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## Festival FAQ's Our handy guide to this weekend's events!

#### Who's behind this event?

The event is part of the ongoing campaign to bring the now closed Holywell Inn into community ownership with all surplus trading profit going back to the community. The action group that began the campaign are now a formally incorporated society The Holywell Community Pub Ltd. Membership of the society is open to any person over 18 and the monthly share subscription is just £25. See our website for more details www.holywellinn.co.uk. The event also benefits the Golf Club immensely, both from a publicity and financial aspect.

#### Where is the Golf Club?

Elland Golf Club is on Hammerstones Leach Lane, Elland West Yorkshire HX5 0TA. This is approximately one mile from junction 24 of the M62 and there's ample parking. For visitors needing hotel accommodation we have a discounted deal with Briar Court Hotel close to the motorway junction.

#### How do I obtain tickets?

Tickets can be purchased through the festival website www.holywell-music-fest-uk or reserved by calling Beverley on 07881 661348. Tickets are £12.50 per person each night.

### Can I buy tickets on the door?

If any tickets are left over we will sell them on the door but we can't guarantee that we can include food. Tracey the club stewardess needs to know numbers in advance as all the food is freshly prepared.

#### Are there catering facilities at the club?

The club has a fully licensed bar and included in the ticket price is a hot home made supper - made by Tracey the club stewardess on the premises. The food is waitress served at approximately 8.30 each evening.

#### Is there disabled access?

The club has full disabled access and associated facilities.

### What time does the music start?

The first act each evening will commence at 18.30. There's a food break at approximately 20.30 for around twenty minutes. However on Sunday July 3rd we're organising a 'Funday' at the club. This will include live music outside on the car-park and putting green and a series of artist led interactive workshops.

If you wish to take part in a workshop please call John on 07741 172494 to arrange. These will be on a first-come first-served basis so again time is important so please book early.

For full details of the festival please see our website www.holywell-music-fest-uk









Opening

## We've been nominated!



The Holywell Community Music Festival has been nominated in the Yorkshire Giq Guide for the best new festival - and we're somewhat delighted!

> If you'd like to vote in this please go to http://yorkshiregigguide.co.uk/ grass-roots-awards-2015.html

### and you'll see our nomination on the website.

It would be absolutely fantastic (and we think very well deserved!!!!!) if we were to win this award and we hope you'll support us accordingly!

As you know we'd never dream of showing any bias and we expect you to use your own judgment when you vote for Plumhall who are nominated in the outstanding artists of 2016 and best songwriters awards . . .

May the best festival win (as long as it's us!)

# plunkett foundation more than a DUI

The Community Pub Business Support Programme administered by the Plunkett Foundation, is a unique two year programme established to help support community ownership of pubs in England.

Its value is £3.62 million and is jointly funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and Power to Change.

The programme will increase the number of community-owned pubs open and trading. For many communities, pubs are not just a place to drink; they are central to people's

sense of place and identity, they provide an opportunity for meeting up, and they foster community cohesion. (See back page for more details)

Various support is available to community groups such as ours - and we're delighted to report that we're through the first stage and have just been awarded a bursary of £2500 to help progress our campaign!

Obviously we cannot publish too many details of the next stages of this programme - but please come along to our committee meetings for more information.

## Well it's all happening at Elland Golf Club right now!

And this has been a runaway success with ticket sales!

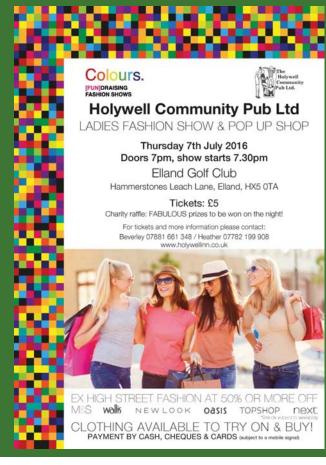
Our first ever ladies only event sees the 'COLOURS' team hosting a Ladies Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop evening on Thursday July 7th at 7.30pm.

These are fabulous events with some really exceptional bargains available. This is all ex high street stock with 50% or more off store prices. Tickets are still available - the bar is open - and there'll be a charity raffle as well. And Gerry at the White Swan in Outlane has kindly donated yet another meal voucher - this time for £30!

We'll be announcing many more community events as the year goes along. Right now (as you can clearly see!) we have our hands full. But going back to the article above - this is exactly what we stand for. We really are the best example of a group attempting to do something 'More than a Pub.'

We research opinion throughout the area to understand exactly what local people want to see happen to improve community cohesion. Obviously once we get the pub open and trading - well the list of events, services and facilities will become endless.

We're trying our very best!





## A Holywell Makeover**?**

Following intervention by local councillor Chris Pearson, Calderdale contacted Mr Gale and requested that he should clean up the front of the pub.

Such work has now been carried out - and it looks a lot better. So thanks Chris - we get little in the way of support from our other local councillors so we do appreciate your input.

Chris has always made it clear how much good this campaign already brings to the area - and attends as many committee meetings as time permits.

And he'll be at the festival!





## who we are

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS John Walsh (Chair)

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## more than h

Well if anybody out there is thinking that our recent activity has been all about Music Festivals and Fashion Shows please think again!

Of course we've spent a huge amount of time organising these two events - but we're Team Holywell and progressing this campaign to a successful conclusion is absolutely paramount! And right now we're concentrating heavily on our association with the Plunkett Foundation More Than A Pub campaign as mentioned on page three.

The programme is seeking communities looking to consider taking responsibility for and ownership of their local pub, through purchase or long-term lease.

Support will be targeted at community groups looking to take on ownership of their local pub. As valuable community assets, support will enable groups to deliver and evidence significant social benefits and impact. Support will be

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available to help groups develop their ideas but Plunkett are seeking groups committed to delivering a community pub for the benefit of the wider community, overcoming local issues. These activities could include the provision of employment and volunteering opportunities, work place training and additional services such as a shop, post office, library, internet café, cash point, prescription services and informal meeting spaces for a range of community activities. Some of this might sound familiar!

Each group applying must produce a social impact report - and ours has been compiled from the masses of data and information resulting from all the community research we've carried out. And we believe it's a very powerful document in the context of this programme.

These are exciting times - and as we've said on many occasions, it can be very frustrating that we're unable to disclose more details of our work in this newsletter. But there's a very simple way to find out more!

Every second Thursday at the White Swan in Outlane!

## Asking for you to SUDDOI

## All the local businesses that happily supported us!

Obviously the music festival is a very expensive event to finance. So every donation towards it really does help.

A lot of people have given up huge amounts of time to organise this event they do that because they really believe in this campaign.

They're not doing it for any glory - it's a simple belief that a lot of really good things can come out of this.

So first of all special thanks to some brilliant individuals.

Paul Smith our sound engineer and technical manager. We couldn't possibly pay the 'going rate' for Paul - so don't hesitate to thank him for the wonderful job he does. And he does enjoy a pint if you're anywhere near the bar!

And thanks also to Tim Platts for help with the programme and Venice Gent for the posters.

Here's the list of all the Holywell Green based local businesses that we really hope you can support in turn -

Beverley Smith-Walsh
Barnyard Antiques
Sudworth Accountancy Services
Patrick Walker Electricians
Holywell Plumbing & Heating
Capote Creative
Collared Ferret Antiques
Saunderson Family Fisheries
Rachel Henley Nails
Dance Arena
S & D Decorators
Linda Clair Hairstylist

C & J Tafft Contract Hire Stainland Pharmacy