



The Holywell Community Pub Ltd.

The Holywell News



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February may be a short month . . .

. . . but of course we managed to cram it full of activity!

As normal we held our fortnightly committee meetings and then on February 10th & 11th were London bound to attend some very important events.

The first took place in Westminster, and this was a policy meeting for the wonderful *Community Assets in Difficult Ownership* programme we're involved in.

There are now more than 670 pubs listed as ACV's in the UK. So it's testament to the hard work done by our group, that we are the only pub in the *CADO* demonstrator programme.

The meeting was held to explore ways to make it easier for communities to acquire ownership of buildings such as the Holywell. Amongst those attending were representatives from The Princes Trust, Locality, Dept. of Communities & Local Government, English Heritage and of course Scott Stemp, the specialist Barrister now engaged by us. As always Scott's legal expertise was called on many times and his knowledge just never fails to impress!

A number of new initiatives were discussed and some very positive outcomes are expected to arise from it.



After that we were straight across the road to meet local MP Craig Whittaker. This gave us the opportunity to bring Craig right up to date with the Holywell campaign - and in return we were given a full three hour tour of the Houses of Parliament with Craig acting as 'tour-guide.'

Then on Wednesday we took our place in the Wilson Room in Westminster for the launch

of the *Civic Voice* 2015 manifesto.

It was great to meet up with old friends Dr Freddie Gick, Ian Harvey and John Kershaw.

Once again, this was a fascinating meeting and it's remarkable to see how much support the Holywell campaign has from such notable people.

We're getting there!



Craig Whittaker MP



Scott Stemp

Distinguished company!

Following the publication of a recent report made by a Dept. of Communities & Local Government select committee, we are delighted to announce that a submission from the Holywell Community Pub Ltd was included. DCLG had requested submissions from any interested parties as they are studying the impact made by the introduction of the Localism Act.

Only 35 admissions were accepted for the report and ours was the only one from a community group attempting to save their local pub. The rest of the published submissions came from many distinguished groups

including our friends at *Civic Voice & CAMRA*, the *Community Development Foundation*, *Locality*, *Plunkett Foundation* and *The Social Investment Business*.

In the article we compiled we made some recommendations that we feel sure will assist other communities undertaking similar campaigns. DCLG have now recommended to parliament that a number of these be taken into consideration and changes to the act are expected to be announced shortly. All this kind of exposure shows just how far this group has come and how our profile is recognised at national level.



In the news . . .

We're also delighted to report our inclusion in the February edition of 'What's Brewing?' the monthly magazine published by our good friends at *Camra* and thank Andrew Large for sending us the news!

The featured article describes attempts by 25 groups in Yorkshire that have listed pubs as 'Assets of Community Value' - as of course we did back in early 2013.

We along with *Camra* and *Civic Voice* have recommended to parliament that legislation be changed to give listed pubs more security when planning applications are submitted. These recommendations have now been considered by government and changes announced.

This will mean that ACV listed pubs cannot be changed to supermarkets, betting shops, payday loan outlets etc. without Planning Permission. Further protection will also arise as local councils will now be obliged to consider an ACV listing as a material fact when determining any planning applications.

The fight goes on and hopefully developers might think twice before rushing to buy pubs in the future. It's been far too easy for them in the past, snapping up cheap pubs, down trading them and then gaining planning permission so easily. We also recommended that planning applications should have audited accounts submitted with them to support claims of poor trading. Watch this space . . .



And the winner (for the second time!) is . . .

Who else but the fantastic Elland Brewery!

Hot on the heels after winning 'Champion Winter Beer of Britain' in 2013 - local wonder brewers Elland, have scooped the award for a second time.

Their very impressive '1872 Porter' has deservedly brought the accolade back to our local champions and we pass on our most heartfelt congratulations.

This is a very special beer and at 6.5% abv has some 'kick' about it!

In *Camra's* 2015 good beer guide, it is described as 'a creamy full-flavoured porter with

rich liquorice flavours and a hint of chocolate from the roasted malt.'

So Elland brewery can add yet another award to their already impressive list. Considering just how many brewers exist in the UK right now this really takes some doing.

The beer will now go on to compete in the 'Champion Beer of Britain' awards which take place in August.

We're actually surprised they had any beer left at all - remember a 'contingent' of 'Holywellers' visited them not that long ago. Ah but of course Messrs. Foulds & Humphreys didn't attend . . .



AGM
2015



An important date for your diary

We are pleased to announce that our very first AGM will take place on Thursday March 26th.

The event will be held in the upstairs room at Bradley Hall Golf Club and will commence at 7.30pm.

Our accountant Gordon Leigh from Barlow-Andrews Ltd will be in attendance and all our financial statements will be available for inspection.

Our chairman John Walsh will address the meeting and give full details of all the activities

the group has undertaken so far - and a report on how the group intends to progress in the future.

This meeting is open to all interested parties and there is no need to book, however if you require any further information please contact us through the normal channels.

We hope to see a large turnout of local people attending this meeting and pass on our thanks to Bradley Hall for offering their services. Despite being held in the upstairs room normal bar facilities will also be available.

Spring is in the air



And that can mean only thing. Easter is approaching and Mr & Mrs Whiteley are going to pit their wits against the children in the village!

Yes it's time for our second Easter Egg Hunt!

This was great fun last year, and we intend having a similar outcome this time around.

The event will take place in Shaw Park on Saturday March 28th and starts at 10.30 am.

As well as the Golden Egg Hunt - we will have our famous tea and coffee cake stand.

Entrance is £1 per child and we ask for adult supervision for children under 11.

This is part of our annual event calendar and on the back page of this newsletter you can see all the other activities we have planned so far.

As always we could use any available help with coordinating and marshalling these events - so if you're interested please get in touch.

And please also remember we'd love to hear your suggestions for more events. Don't worry the more diverse the better!

And this year we'll skip all those eggstroadinary, eggscruiating, eggexamples of eggcessive puns.

This newsletter remains eggsempt from that!

And now look who's coming back!



We're so excited and we just can't hide it!

After months of trying, several phone calls to California and hundreds of Facebook messages - yes it's finally happening.

Our great friends and famous local heroes - Marc Macisso 'Caz' and Kenny Herrera are coming back!

And for two very special nights they will be playing at the Duke of York.

Yes on Monday May 11th and Tuesday May 12th you can see these absolutely brilliant pair of musicians performing live. I'm sure all of us can never forget what a fantastic time we had

when they last visited.

Caz is here as part of Holywell friend Al Stewart's major 2015 UK tour. Al is playing Leeds Town Hall on Wednesday May 13th before going on to do two nights at the Royal Albert Hall in London on May 16th and May 22nd. And Kenny is here as part of an international Karate event.

And plans are actively being put in place for our first ever summer music festival to be held on August 2nd - and of course they'll be back for that!

More details as we get them confirmed!



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WHO WE ARE

Committee members:

John Walsh (Chair)
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The Holywell Green Community Dream

Umm ... it looks like a busy year ahead!

So get your diaries ready as here we go ...

Thursday 26th March - AGM, Bradley Hall Golf Club, 7.30 pm

Saturday 28th March - Easter Egg Hunt, Shaw Park 10.30am

Saturday 9th May - Holywell Bake-Off, Church Hall 2.00pm

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th May - Caz & Kenny, Duke of York, 8.00 pm

Saturday 7th June - The Big Lunch, Honeymoon Square Time TBC

Saturday 4th July - Table Top Sale, Church Hall, 2.30 pm

Sunday 2nd August - Music Festival, Venue & Times TBC

Saturday 5th September - Holywell Garden Show, Church Hall, 2.30 pm

Saturday 19th September - Antiques Valuation Day, Church Hall, 2.30 pm

Friday 30th October - Holyween Spooky Story Trail, Shaw Park, Time TBC

Saturday 28th November - Christmas Workshop, Church Hall, 2.00 pm

Saturday 28th November - Quiz Night, Elland Golf Club, 19.30

This is the list at February 28th 2015 - but there could be more yet!

And so into March and another list of meetings to attend.

So far we have arranged to travel to Hastings on the South coast for a CADO workshop where we'll meet up with all the other demonstrator groups and discuss progress.

Then we'll be attending the Plunkett Foundation event in Ilkley on March 18th.

We're delighted to announce that fantastic

sound engineer/technical director Paul Smith is travelling up from the midlands to see us about the music festival (and we already have an impressive list of artists who want to play) and we definitely want him at the event!

So it's all go as normal.

We're just as dedicated and enthusiastic as always - and working our socks off to achieve the aims of making Holywell Green an even better place to live!