

# The Holywell News



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That's now sweeping throughout the land!

Records indicate that by May this year, a staggering 788 pubs had been listed as *Assets of Community Value*.

On March 5th 2013 the Holywell Inn became the first ever such listing made by Calderdale Council (there are now three pubs registered, along with the Holywell Inn there's the Fox & Goose Hebden Bridge, and the Cross Inn at Heptonstall) we were actually only the 30th listing made nationwide.

To give that fact even more credibility, Uttlesford District Council in Essex granted ACV status to 18 pubs on the same day in December 2012! We think that's fantastic and hope more councils follow their lead - Leeds City Council certainly did when they listed all 19 pubs in Otley in one impressive go!

An ACV listed pub receives much more protection under planning law. On April 6th this year new measures were introduced which placed additional restrictions on ACV registered pubs. Now such properties will require planning permission for changes of use to Restaurants or cafés, offices or for demolition etc.

This all came about because of recommendations from the parliamentary sub-committee which undertook a study on how to save Britain's pubs. Remember we wrote one of the 38 published written submissions to this committee - the only UK pub group to do so!

Right now we're in discussions with two other groups attempting similar campaigns in their neighbourhoods. These are the Five Bells in Nether Wallop Hampshire and the Golden Lion in Ashton Hayes near Chester. We wish them well and have offered any support and guidance as necessary. We've been going for almost three years now and are definitely seasoned campaigners!

We've said many times that this can be difficult and extremely hard work. But the dedication and resolve of the people involved - and 14 people were involved at the last committee meeting! - just shows how strong we still are.

So a recent run of positive news has invigorated us - and we simply just keep going. We always will!



The Five Bells Nether Wallop



The Golden Lion Ashton Hayes



Fox & Goose Hebden Bridge



The Cross Inn Heptonstall

## How we produced something magical!

It just has to be said - even four weeks later, there's still an amazing 'buzz' in the air about the Holywell Community Music Festival.

What a truly magnificent weekend of musical entertainment took place at Elland Golf Club over those three days back at the start of August.

John Bev and Emma made the annual trip to the Cropredy Festival near Banbury over the weekend of August 13th, 14th & 15th - and it was great to meet up with Paul Smith, Julian

Dawson, Nick and Michelle from Plumhall and of course the wonderful Debs Roeder-Shaw.

In this edition of the newsletter we'd like to go into more details about how we produced our festival and explain the roles various people took.

We think you'll agree it was a spectacular event - the first of many we hope!

In fact plans are already in place . . .

### Festival timeline -

Monday July 6th - with the decision made to cancel the original Inn-Ovation festival we attend a meeting at Elland Golf Club and gain full support to go ahead with the event in the clubhouse

Wednesday July 8th (24 days to go) - Kenny Herrera confirms he will travel from Los Angeles to take part. Julian Dawson also agrees to travel from Somerset for the whole event. Mark Stead and Venice Gent pull out all the stops (as usual) to get posters and tickets designed ordered and printed.

Saturday July 11th (21 days to go) - Dave Boardman confirms he will comper for us and also that Plumhall will play Saturday night. Just to keep us busy we help out at the 'pop-up' café run by Holywell Green Church!

Wednesday July 15th (17 days to go) - John and Bev are promoting the event at the Great Yorkshire Show. Black sheep brewery agree to supply a lot of raffle prizes. Lee Southall from the Coral agrees to play Saturday Night.

Saturday July 18th (14 days to go) - ticket sales are buoyant! So far we've had buyers in Brighton, London and Bracknell.

Tuesday July 21st (11 days to go) - Mark, John and Bev attend a meeting at Elland Golf Club to discuss stage, lighting PA etc. Stuart from Calderdale security (excellent!) also attends and confirms his plans for the event

Wednesday July 22nd (10 days to go) - all acts now confirmed. Bev does an incredible deal with Briar Court Hotel in Huddersfield for accommodation!

Thursday July 23rd (9 days to go) - we get a message to say that the lighting, PA, stage etc are actually unavailable, They can be hired for £600 - we're devastated

Friday July 24th (7 days to go) - but fortunately we know Paul Smith! PA and the best sound engineer in the UK arranged! Lights hired and John's sister Carol Wood offers to lend us the stage from Salterhebble school. We're almost ready!

Monday July 27th (4 days to go) - tickets sales are fantastic all weekend - we've now sold 138 - but by the first night this is nearly 300!

Thursday July 30th (1 day to go) - just to keep us on our toes - we meet with Ben From SASC and Garry from Keyfund!

And on Friday July 31st at 18.30 . . .



This absolute giant of a performer kicked off the festival by walking straight out to the middle of the audience and captivating everybody with a fantastic acapella song. We never looked back!

Yes Julian Dawson really was a massive hit all weekend. John & Bev have been friends with Julian for nearly thirty years, and he was one of the first names on the list when the idea of the festival was born.

Julian has a long and impressive recording career behind him with an incredible 22 albums to his name. He's written some truly wonderful songs and is a brilliant guitarist and absolutely awesome harmonica player. He's worked with some of the all time greats including Richard Thompson, Iain Matthews, Al Stewart, Martin Carthy and Gene Parsons.

Julian was heavily involved with the whole festival and invited virtually everybody to get up and take part. Saturday night will never be forgotten as Julian had every musician available on stage doing the wonderful jamming session which went on until well . . . umm late!

Julian continues to record and tour extensively - particularly in Germany where he's enjoyed massive success - and we hope to see him in these parts again very soon. Julian was particularly impressed with Emily Lee (and let's be fair who wasn't!) and they have subsequently met up in London. He has praised Emily on his website [www.juliandawson.com](http://www.juliandawson.com) and we can well recommend you having a look for yourself.

Remarkably his talents don't end at music - Julian is also the author of the wonderful Nicky Hopkins book 'And on Piano' - an engaging story about the extraordinary life of Rock's greatest session musician. Highly recommended reading!

Julian was one member of a remarkable team that came together almost at random to organise this event - and it was an absolute joy to be part of it all.

One member of the Golf Club was so impressed he's actually asked if Julian will perform at his company's Christmas function - how good is that?

## And never to be forgotten!

And of course it would be remiss not to give a massive shout to our brilliant sound engineer/technical manager for the whole weekend - the one and only Paul Smith.



Again friends with John & Bev for nearly 30 years - it was a real privilege to get such a talented sound engineer to be part of this.

To try and list all the names Paul has worked with would take simply forever!

But we're talking some serious stuff here!

For instance Paul 'commuted' back and forward to Germany for the four weekends prior to our festival. This was to engineer shows for former *Smokie* front-man Chris Norman who's an absolute superstar throughout Europe!

Paul's also currently doing a twelve week (every Wednesday) season at Blackpool's North Pier with Tony Christie! That's as well as all the festivals he's involved with.

Over the years he's also tour managed/engineered The Strawbs, Lindisfarne, Fairport Convention, Peter Sarstedt, Al Stewart, Feast of Fiddles, Fotheringay and literally dozens of others!

If you were at the Golf Club you were no doubt as surely impressed with the sound quality as we were - and we would really like to say a huge thank you to Paul for not only providing this - but for also introducing us to the most splendid and lovely Debs Roeder-Shaw.

Debs - absolutely loved the whole weekend - and worked remarkably hard after volunteering to look after the merchandising stand (how nice was that?) - we can't wait to see both of them back next time!

Thanks guys, you were simply brilliant!

And speaking of brilliant - time to give a shout to our immaculate compere - the fantastic Dave Boardman!



We first met Dave when he interviewed John on Phoenix radio back in 2013. This was connected to the Al Stewart show in the Victoria Theatre but subsequently John appeared on Dave's show three times - including one appearance with Iain Matthews who sang two songs live on air.

Dave lives in Hebden Bridge and has always followed our campaign with interest. So as a leading authority on the music scene both locally and nationally he was the natural person to turn to when we arranged the festival.

The added bonus was of course the fact that he's such a brilliant compere and show organiser. It was fantastic to see how well he and Paul Smith put everything together. Very professionally managed and very well received!

But not only that - Dave and his lovely wife Viv - both run *Doddnaze Artists* which gave us access to some fantastic local talent!

Through Dave and Viv we got Plumhall, Georgia Farrar, Bella Gaffney and Lee Southall - Dave is also connected with Roger Davies and Clive Gregson.

So once again we extend our thanks to Dave and Viv - and we're already planning meetings for next years event with them.

A lot of people worked hard 'behind the scenes' to put this event together in an exceptionally short space of time.

The whole Holywell group got involved with all the 'mundane' tasks necessary to do this sort of show.

As always Mark & Heather Stead worked tirelessly at all the responsibility they took on ( I don't know how Mark does it sometimes - he works in Wales and travels back and forth each day!) they really are part of the backbone of this campaign!

Chris Judd also never let us down - again doing everything and more. As did Dave Humphreys, Graham Gent and Ian Whiteley.

Bev never stopped as normal - acquiring loads of fantastic raffle prizes and managing the 'door' at the club all weekend. Of course our youngest member Emma Smith was on hand to assist all the time!

Our newest member Dave Kingman was hot on the raffle prize 'acquisition run' almost daily as well - Dave's really worked his socks off since joining! And a big shout to Peter Lassey for some fantastic photographs.

I'm sure you'll agree what a terrific group of people - if you live in Holywell Green you must be very proud to have such active neighbours!

And as a final note we must say a huge thank you to Tracey the stewardess at the Golf Club - the food was absolutely wonderful - and also Harry the bar manager who worked extremely hard. Don't worry Harry - it won't be long before we're back again!



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**WHO WE ARE**

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**The Holywell Green Community Dream**

**Coming up soon ...**

It's our third annual Garden Show!

Goodness doesn't time fly? It's hard to believe that it's our third time doing this event!

Always popular though so come along and enjoy a great afternoon out.

As always we would like to thank Wyevale garden Centre for sponsoring the show - and Colne Valley Garden Centre for the generous plant donations.

And of course the excellent Holywell team who put this together.



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Holywell Green's Community Dream

**GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW**

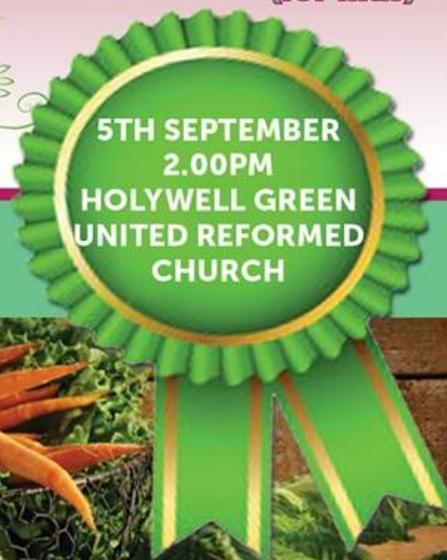
**Bring & Buy Plant Stall**  
**Tea, Coffee & Cakes**  
**Children's Activities**

**Show Classes Include:**

**FRUIT**  
**VEGETABLES**  
**PRESERVES**

**DESIGN A GARDEN ON A PLATE**  
**(for kids)**

**Fee 50p Per Entry**



**5TH SEPTEMBER**  
**2.00PM**  
**HOLYWELL GREEN**  
**UNITED REFORMED**  
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