



The Holywell News

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Double Double toil and trouble...



Well it was another night of fear and terror as Holywell Green was subjected to the ghostly goings-on of the third Halloween spooky story trail.

Yes on Friday October 21st we witnessed an incredible turnout of over 140 children coming along to this most memorable event.

Thanks must go out to Ian and Linda Whiteley for devising such a spooktacular community get together.

We were absolutely 'swamped' with families having a fabulous time in Shaw Park, following the trail of poor Joe Shaw's servants.

Hot food, a pop up pub and fun and games for everybody!

We actually ran out of food and sent out for extra 'supplies' twice - (Yes we went to the 'ghostery' store . . .)

A great night for all concerned - very demanding work and a long long day for team Holywell members.

But that's us in a nutshell . . .



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planning appeal latest



Planning Inspectorate

As reported in our last newsletter Mr Gale has now submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the refusal of his last planning application.

This appeal was made at the very end of his deadline for doing so (as expected by us) and will take up to 15 weeks to be allocated an inspector.

Obviously Calderdale Council and ourselves will vigorously fight this appeal and we will apply for 'Rule 6' status so we can then add significant value to the inquiry process.

We fully expect there will be a public inquiry and we're relishing this as it gives us the chance to cross-examine Mr Gale in a formal manner.

Calderdale Council were very thorough in their officers report as to why planning permission was refused - and we fully expect the Inspector to agree with them.

Mr Gale has subsequently met with Calderdale and put forward two offers for us to consider.

He is willing to sell the freehold of the building to the Holywell Inn Group for £135k (rather than the previous figure of £160k) BUT he would require a repurchase agreement at the same price (i.e. £135k) were the property to come back on the market due to the community pub venture failing (and he would want his fees paying in both cases) - Or he would be prepared to offer a long term lease (25 years or more) on the building to the Holywell Inn Group at a rental level agreed through an independent third party. In recognition of the cash flow difficulties often facing a new venture, he would offer 6 months free rent and then a further 12 months at 50% of the agreed rent.

Sorry Mr Gale - we're not interested . . .



We've made it clear this pub is worth nothing like that amount. Mr Gale paid £120,000 for it in June 2011 - and five years of severe deterioration has taken place since then.

As for a lease - not a chance.

We have a fiduciary duty to our shareholders to protect their interests in all financial matters - and a professional approach to this is paramount.

We're once again at one of those points in time where it appears that little is happening publicly - but rest assured, we're working incredibly hard in the background to bring about a successful conclusion to the campaign.

Our great friend barrister Scott Stemp is again joining us shortly for another round of discussions and meetings.

If you'd like further updates you know where we are!

Thank you.

and now the holywell group is a member of

Well it was just the natural thing to do!

Following discussions with executive director Ian Harvey & Vice President Dr Freddie Gick, we made the decision to become members of CIVIC VOICE the national charity for the civic movement in England. They make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive and undoubtedly promote civic pride.

We already have a long-standing association with this fantastic organisation and in fact that's how we first met the brilliant Scott Stemp at a Civic Voice event in London.



a night out with **ranagri**



Yes on Sunday October 30th we met up with our great friends (and great band!) RANAGRI.

This was all part of a show at Leeds City Varieties theatre which saw the brilliant Tony Christie performing as part of his current European tour.

Ranagri were an absolute joy to listen to and they have a new album out VOICES and it really is sensational.

They were fantastic at Elland Golf Club back in July and we can't wait to see them playing again for us sometime soon.

And of course it would be completely remiss not to mention that splendid sound chappy who really does make things happen!

Yes the irrepressible master himself Paul Smith was twiddling knobs and sliding sliders as normal - and the sound quality is exactly what we've all come to expect!

Great to see you as always young man!



who we are

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so, as christmas approaches

**We're working on a number of ideas
for festive community events.**

As always we're open to suggestions and of course any help in organising such activities is always welcome.

It's been a fascinating time recently, the music festival was as exciting as ever and it's brilliant to see how our share issue funds are growing each month.

The fashion show and Halloween walk were just simply amazing events - and the group work remarkably hard to organise and run these activities.

Holywell Green has some truly remarkable people living here, it's astonishing to see such fantastic dedication to providing something really special for fellow residents.

Don't forget our share issue is still open and for the simple monthly payment of just £25 you too can be a member and part owner in this business.

Contact any group member for more details.

As always we're delighted when new members join us and of course we still meet regularly at the White Swan in Outlane - details appear on our Facebook page Save the Holywell Inn and our website www.holywellinn.co.uk

Thanks once again to Ian and Linda Whiteley for their incredible efforts recently, and we hope to see an appearance from two well known Californians some time soon!

