

HOLMER AND SHELWICK PARISH NEWS

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Message from the Chairman

Dear Parishioner

Holmer and Shelwick are about to enter a new era of change; in fact more so than in their previous 900 years.

Including the new development at the Furlongs, there could be nearly a thousand new houses built in the Parish. This enlargement of our community will affect us all and it is up to us, the people of Holmer and Shelwick, to influence this process so that we might all benefit.

To this end, we have started to put in place a number of schemes to make it easy for you to know about our work on the Parish Council and have a say in the decisions.

The new website at holmershelwick.co.uk is a place where you can find out what is going on, get useful information and easily communicate your concerns. We urge you to sign up to our FREE online subscription – you'll quickly get news on planning applications near you as well as dates for council meetings, which you are welcome to attend.

It is vital that we get more Parish Councillors to represent the interests of the different districts especially in relation to the allocation of Section 106 monies which are used to improve the living standards of residents.

At this time Shelwick, Munstone and Lyde Cross do not have a voice on the council. Although the Roman Road/Canon Pyon Road has an excellent councillor in Julie Debbage, it would make sense to have another councillor from the area because of the future 462 house building development off the Roman Road.

So if you care about your home and want to make a difference for the community please come and join us on the Parish Council - we welcome your assistance.

Finally we would like to thank Richard Nash who has just retired as Chairman; his guidance and dignified leadership have been an inspiration to us all.

We hope you'll find this newsletter interesting and useful.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mark Millmore



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

As Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council, much of what we do is attending to the minor things that can make a difference to the people in our parish and environment. We tackle issues such as speeding, pollution, pavements, potholes, footpaths and the like. We are also consulted on all planning applications within the parish. The Council meets once a month and currently has two vacancies.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and want to play a part in our changing community, please contact our parish clerk, **Becky Gill**, on Hereford **649191** or email: **holmerandshelwickpc@gmail.com**

The position is unpaid and voluntary, but some expenses such as training are paid for by the Parish Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2015

Saturday, 10th January - Presentation of new website, Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 10 am - 12 Noon

Monday, 12th January - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7pm

Monday, 9th February - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7 pm

Monday, 9th March - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7 pm

Monday, 13th April - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7 pm

Thursday, 7th May - General, Council and Parish Council Elections

Monday, 11th May - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7 pm

Monday, 8th June - Parish Council Meeting Holmer Church Centre, Holmer, 7 pm

Community Led Plan

We would like to thank everyone who completed and returned their questionnaires and especially to the band of volunteers who helped to deliver and collect them. We are also very grateful to The Rosie, Munstone, and Andrew Round Stores, Belle Bank Avenue, who acted as collection points for the questionnaires.

The adult and youth questionnaires have now been analysed and the Steering Group will be meeting shortly to action the results.

We will keep you posted on developments.

The winners of the two draws were:-

Adult Questionnaire
Youth Questionnaire

Mrs B Pontin
M Harris

£100
£40 Vouchers

Grit Bins

With winter officially here all grit bins are being topped up and the area surrounding the bin is being trimmed for ease of access. If you are aware of a bin being missed, could you please let the Parish Clerk know.

In January 2013, the Parish Council having been told that Amey would not provide a grit bin at the bottom of Bobblestock Hill, agreed to fund a bin and subsequently placed an order with Amey. With the change of contractor to Balfour Beatty in September 2013, the Parish Council was informed that they would have to go through the process again. Frustrated by the lack of action, the Parish Council at their meeting in November decided to purchase the bin and arrange for this to be sited by the lengthsman as soon as possible.

Public Rights of Way

We are delighted to note that with the help of our ward councilor, the public right of way from The Furlongs onto Attwood lane is now open and being used by residents.

Graham Preece has been the Parish's Footpath Officer for several years and we are extremely grateful to him for monitoring the state of the public rights of way in our parish.

If you see a problem whilst out walking, could you please contact Graham on Hereford **275616**.





The English Country Lane

There is no path I'd rather roam,
than these narrow lanes about my home,
to leave my troubles far behind,
as I follow its track to places kind.

Past verges green and crops of gold,
up gentle hill, along valley fold.
past flower meadow, over silver stream,
as I lose my thoughts to nature's dream.

Perhaps this is the path my ancestors walked,
where a lonely shepherd dreamt, where lovers talked,
I feel their spirits wander by,
as we journey unseen together, beneath summer sky.

A distant church spire, tall and grand,
beneath which villagers pray, for health of their land.
I join with them in a silent prayer,
for the beauty around me I see, I solemnly swear.

For along your path there is no wrong
just pretty flower, and bird of song
Nature's beauty all around,
to fill my sight, to fill my sound.

Past English oak, through pastures new,
wherever you lead I shall follow you,
for you are my England, you are my home
and along your country lanes, my soul shall forever roam.

by Chris Plows

Report from Cllr Sally Robertson

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Community Speedwatch – Excessive or inappropriate speeding is dangerous and is responsible for many unnecessary injuries and collisions. It is a serious traffic offence which affects the quality of life of many communities and certainly by the number of people who have contacted me recently it is affecting OUR community.

In response to residents' concerns, I have provisionally signed up to the new initiative, Community Speedwatch. A minimum of 6 volunteers is required and in the initial stages, the Safer Roads Team would like to concentrate on one road but there will always be an option to expand into other roads as time progresses. As a volunteer you will receive training on health and safety, legislation, use of the speed detection equipment and be covered by the Force's public liability and personal accident insurance policies. Volunteers will only be accepted once appropriate checks have been carried out. Interested in helping, willing to give a regular commitment and adhere to the scheme's safety rules, then please let me know.

I am going to put forward Attwood Lane/Churchway and Roman Road for consideration so if you would like another area to be considered please contact me but bear in mind that the area must have a 30 mph or 40 mph speed restriction.

Core Strategy – The Parish Council and I submitted our representations to The Secretary of State raising concerns over the proposed Core Strategy and in particular the Holmer West site. These submissions will form part of the evidence for the Public Inquiry stage of the Core Strategy next year and you can view all the documents on Herefordshire Council's website.

Bin Collections - I hope you are getting used to the new bin system and it has not caused too many problems for you. If you forget your recycling collection day, you can take advantage of the council's free text messaging service. All you need to do is text "hcrecycle", your postcode and first line of your address to 80800 and you will receive a text the evening before your recycling is due to be collected.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



The Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council Website is Now Live!!!



**Chairman, Mark Millimore, with Parish Councillor Dawn Arbuthnot
& Ward Councillor Sally Robertson**

The Parish Council represents the views of all residents within the parish and is here to understand your concerns and be the voice of local people.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON? SUBSCRIBE AND GET UPDATES. .. IT'S FREE ..

- **SUBSCRIBE WITH YOUR EMAIL TO GET OUR FREE INSTANT NEWS UPDATES WHICH INCLUDE USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION & CURIOSITIES.**
- **KNOW ABOUT PLANNING APPLICATIONS NEAR YOU.**
- **TAKE PART IN ONLINE OPINION SURVEYS & SEE THE RESULTS.**
- **MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR OWN SURVEY.**
- **HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES & PUBLISH YOUR VIEWS LIVE ON THE WEBSITE.**
- **CHECK OUT THE MINUTES OF OUR MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING ON YOUR BEHALF.**

**Remember it is your civic right to attend and observe our meetings.
The dates and venues are always posted on the website.**

So go to:-

holmershelwick.co.uk

and bookmark it on your computer, laptop, mobile phone or tablet.



Hereford Rural North

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

About your team

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live. Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Your team is:

- **PC Brian HILLSTEAD,**
- **PCSO Dean WALL,**
- **PCSO Elena EKANITE**

Where we work

Members of the Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team are based at Bath Street, Hereford. We work across six wards comprising 40 parishes.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Telephone: 101 to talk to your local team/report a crime

Email: herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Facebook/Twitter: @HerefordCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Latest Planning Applications in Holmer & Shelwick Parish

- **P143412/F Decision awaited 18.11.2014** - Copelands, Church Way, Holmer 4 Bed dwelling with detached garage.
- **P143442/FH - Full Householder 17/11/2014** - 5 The Crescent Hereford Herefordshire HR4 9QX, Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side and rear extension.
- **P142725/F Decision awaited 13.11.2014** - Land at Attwood Lane, Holmer Erection of 1 dwelling (Amended Plan).
- **P143282/F Decision awaited 12.11.2014** - Coldwells Residential Home, Coldwells Road, Holmer Proposed extensions & alterations to existing home.
- **P142962/U Decision awaited 10.10.2014** - The Grange, Shelwick Certificate of Lawfulness for existing B1 use.
- **P143027/T Application withdrawn 7.10.14** - Rosebank, Munstone Telecommunications mast, traffic pole.
- **P142440/F Approved with conditions 18.8.14** - Greystones, Munstone Change of use of land to domestic curtilage and rear extension.
- **P142161/F Approved with conditions 17.7.14** - Palmers Court, Attwood Lane Proposed single storey dwelling.
- **P141463/FH Approved with conditions 23.6.14** - 15 Holmer Manor Close Construction of a two storey extension.
- **P141794/F Approved with conditions 13.6.14** - Former Pomona Works Variation of Condition 6 – boundary treatment.
- **P141691/FH Approved with conditions 5.6.14** - Little Haven, Munston Outbuilding to form self contained annexe.
- **P141620/S Prior approval not required 4.6.14** - Highfield House, Coldwells Road Portal frame extension to existing agricultural.
- **P141487/O Decision awaited 23.5.14** - Land East of A49 Holmer Erection of 52 residential dwellings, parking.

Keep up-to-date with planning applications on our website:-
holmershelwick.co.uk

EMERGENCY CONTACT DISC

Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police have launched a tax disc replacement called the Emergency Contact Disc.

The Emergency Contact Disc contains next of kin contact details and medical alert information for the driver. In the event of a medical emergency or road traffic collision that renders the occupants unable to communicate, a first responder will be able to obtain vital information that is not otherwise accessible at the scene.



The disc can be cut out and placed into the now otherwise redundant tax disc holder, the information sections fold inwards so it would not be viewed by passers by. A downloadable template can be found on our website, **holmershelwick.co.uk** Alternatively contact our local policing team for more information.

Newsletter

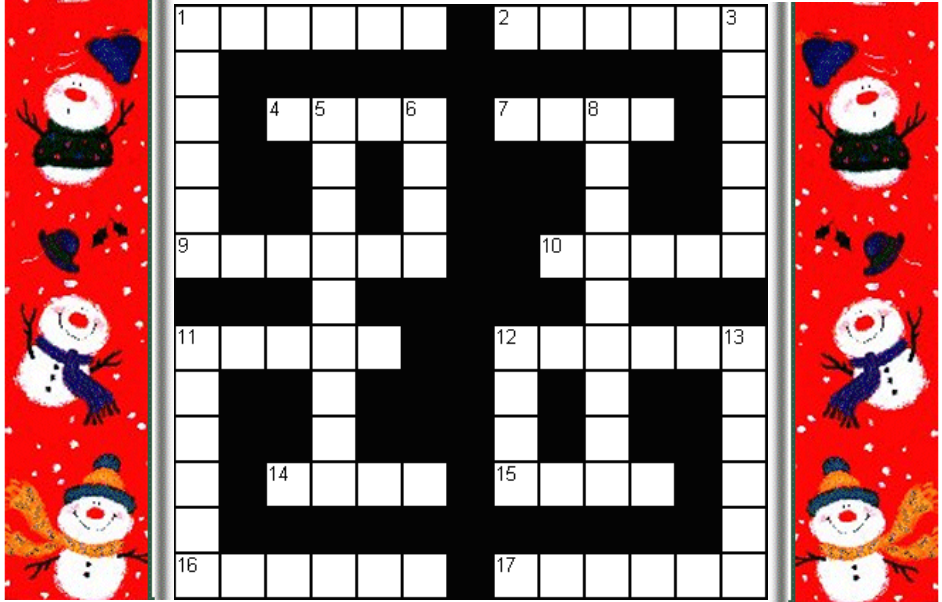
We hope you find this Newsletter helpful. It is our intention to publish this every six months and we would like to thank Cllr Sally Robertson for co-ordinating the Newsletter and Mark Millmore for design and photographs.

We are extremely grateful to the people who deliver the newsletter to help keep you informed about what is happening in the Parish. We are short of people to deliver in Shelwick and Shelwick Green so if you can help, could you please let Sally know on Hereford 769459. To help reduce printing costs, we are hoping people will sign up to the online version but it is our intention to still carrying on producing a hard copy for people who do not have internet access. If you would like to receive future newsletters electronically, could you please email

HOLMER & SHELWICK PARISH COUNCIL & CLLR SALLY ROBERTSON

Invite you to come along and see first hand
the new website in operation
on Saturday, 10th January 2015
at Holmer Church Centre, Holmer
10 am to 12 Noon - **Refreshments provided**

CHRISTMAS FUN!



Across:

- 1, What some Scottish people like to eat for Christmas Dinner. (6)
- 2, Who King Herod killed. (6)
- 4, Sound a cracker makes. (4)
- 7, The first Carol 'Angels _____. (4)
- 9, Hark the _____ Angel Sings. (6)
- 10, What candles first represented on Christmas Trees. (5)
- 11, _____ Peter who sometimes travels with St Nicholas. (5)
- 12, What Epiphany is known as in Spain, '_____ de los tres Reyes Mages'. (6)
- 14, Another name for things like a Nativity crib scene. (4)
- 15, A decoration found in a lot of homes. (4)
- 16, The instrument that Silent Night had to be learnt to! (6)
- 17, Two of the legendary Wisemen had these. (6)

Down:

- 1, Where a yule log is put to burn. (6)
- 3, People who started Wassailing, the Anglo _____. (6)
- 5, The place where the thickest ice was found. The _____. (9)
- 6, One of the gifts from the Magi. (4)
- 8, A plant you can kiss under! (9)
- 11, The 26th of December is also known as '_____ Day'. (6)
- 12, Some people do this during advent to help them prepare for Christmas. (4)
- 13, Who told the Shepherds about Jesus? (6)

Who's Who in the Parish

Parish Council Chairman:

Mr Mark Millmore, Tel. 360143 (Churchway/Attwood Lane)

Vice-Chairman:

Mr John Phipps, Tel. 276424 (Coldwells Road)

Parish Councillors:

Mrs Dawn Arbuthnott, Tel. 353281 (Coldwells Road)

Mrs Julie Debbage, Tel. 264871 (Roman Road/Canon Pyon Road)

Mr Marc Mohan, Tel. 07805 842022 (Churchway/Attwood Lane)

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County Councillor: Cllr Sally Robertson

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LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

In May 2013, the Parish Council signed up to the Lengthsman Scheme. The purpose of this initiative is to devolve some minor highway works to the parish council. This has enabled us to identify minor defects and maintenance requirements and, in many instances, repair them with funds allocated by Herefordshire Council.

Examples of the type of work covered under the scheme are: clear debris and leaves away from drains and gullies; clear vegetation away from unlit signs, repaint finger and mile posts, verge cutting, cut back hedges encroaching on footways, paint and repair fences, minor storm debris onto the highway. The lengthsman unfortunately is not allowed to carry out work on 'A' Roads. If there is a problem in your area which fits into one of these categories, please contact the Parish Clerk.

(Answers to the Christmas Crossword will be published on the website in the New Year)