

Holmesfield Parish Council Newsletter

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A refundable bond of £20.00 is required at the time of booking to cover any breakages and damage. Parties running later than 9pm will be charged an additional £40.00 to cover clean up time. Residents living in the Parish of Holmesfield will receive a 10% discount for Private Functions.

Licensable activities such as music, dancing and particularly the sale of alcohol may require a *Temporary Event Notice* which must be applied for at the licensing section of North East Derbyshire District Council prior to the booking.

For more information and bookings please contact the Hall Letting Officer, Lucy Perry: 01246 721255 / 07752 478866
Email: holmesfieldvillagehall@outlook.com

INFORMATION ON LOCAL SERVICES

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VILLAGE HALL CALENDAR : MAY 2021

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The Village Hall is now open for all children's sessions. As from Monday 17th May we can welcome adult groups back to the hall. Please contact the individual organisation prior to your visit as pre-booking is required for COVID safety.

All being well we will be open for party bookings and celebrations from June.

1st May (Sat.)	NEW – Little Spinners Cricketing Skills for 2 to 8 year olds – contact: richard@littlespinners.co.uk	Main Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm
4th May (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
	Penny Acres After School Dance Club	Main Hall	3.35pm - 4.35pm
6th May (Thurs.)	North East Derbyshire District County Council Elections & Crime Commissioner Elections. Polling Open 7am – 10pm	Main Hall	7.00am - 10.00pm
7th May (Fri.)	NEW – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy / After School Club Primary & secondary age - contact: sheffield@helenogrady.co.uk	Main Hall	4.30pm - 6.00pm
8th May (Sat.)	NEW – Little Spinners Cricketing Skills for 2 to 8 year olds – contact: richard@littlespinners.co.uk	Main Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm
10th May (Mon.)	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
11th May (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
	Penny Acres After School Dance Club	Main Hall	3.35pm - 4.35pm
12th May (Wed.)	Holmesfield Parish Council Meeting	Main Hall	From 7.30pm
13th May (Thurs.)	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	10.00am - 11.30am & 4.00pm - 6.30pm
14th May (Fri.)	NEW – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy / After School Club Primary & secondary age - contact: sheffield@helenogrady.co.uk	Main Hall	4.30pm - 6.00pm
15th May (Sat.)	NEW – Little Spinners Cricketing Skills for 2 to 8 year olds – contact: richard@littlespinners.co.uk	Main Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm
17th May (Mon.)	Glen Wright Art Class (suitable for all) - contact: 07368 304106	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
	Zumba Latin Inspired Dance/Fitness class suitable for all - contact Lucy : 0775 2478866	Main Hall	7.00pm - 8.00pm
18th May (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
	Penny Acres After School Dance Club	Main Hall	3.35pm - 4.35pm
	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	7.30pm - 8.30pm
19th May (Wed.)	Pilates - contact Sally : 07596 449987	Main Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
20th May (Thurs.)	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	10.00am - 11.30am & 4.30pm - 6.30pm
	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.45pm
	Dronfield Relief In Need Meeting	Small Hall	7.30pm - 8.15pm
21st May (Fri.)	NEW – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy / After School Club Primary & secondary age - contact: sheffield@helenogrady.co.uk	Main Hall	4.30pm - 6.00pm
22nd May (Sat.)	NEW – Little Spinners Cricketing Skills for 2 to 8 year olds – contact: richard@littlespinners.co.uk	Main Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm
24th May (Mon.)	Glen Wright Art Class (suitable for all) - contact: 07368 304106	Main Hall	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	4.00pm - 6.30pm
	Zumba Latin Inspired Dance/Fitness class suitable for all - contact Lucy : 0775 2478866	Main Hall	7.00pm - 8.00pm
25th May (Tues.)	Penny Acres School	Main Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm
	Penny Acres After School Dance Club	Main Hall	3.35pm - 4.35pm
26th May (Wed.)	Pilates - contact Sally : 07596 449987	Main Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
27th May (Thurs.)	Rhythmix Dance classes for children www.rhythmixdancestudio.com	Main Hall	10.00am - 11.30am & 4.30pm - 6.00pm
	Holmesfield Keep Fit (suitable for all) - contact Geraldine : 07594 684676	Main Hall	7.30pm - 8.30pm
28th May (Fri.)	NEW – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy / After School Club Primary & secondary age - contact: sheffield@helenogrady.co.uk	Main Hall	4.30pm - 6.00pm
29th May (Sat.)	NEW – Little Spinners Cricketing Skills for 2 to 8 year olds – contact: richard@littlespinners.co.uk	Main Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 12th May 2021 in Holmesfield Village Hall on Vicarage Close.

Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm – all parishioners are invited to attend and take part.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm

POLICE REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL

PCSO Flower sent a written report to the April Parish Council meeting regarding the incidents for March 2021 as follows:

Theft - 1 (1 down from last month) : Criminal damage - 0 (3 down from last month) : Burglary – 2 (1 up from last month) : Harassment – 0 (1 down from last month) : Public Order Offence – 1 (1 up from last month) : Drug related – 1 (1 up from last month).

Anti-social hot spots in the Parish are Fanshaw Gate Lane – with off road motorbikes, Park Avenue, Holmesfield Park Wood and the Football field on Cowley Lane – regular patrols are being carried out.

There have been a number of vehicle related incidents across north east Derbyshire in relation to items taken such as sat navs left on display or other items so residents need to think about making sure they are leaving no valuables on show.

The police are continuing to work with other agencies about off-road bikes in woodland areas. There seems to have been less reports this month in Holmesfield but the council were made aware of the concerns.

If large groups or suspicious activity is seen in the village please contact the Dronfield SNT via 101 or www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact-us

JUNE NEWSLETTER

All copy for the June Newsletter **must** be received by 18th May to ensure inclusion in the magazine.

Holmesfield Parish Council welcomes the submission of articles pertinent to Holmesfield by residents for publication in the Parish Newsletter.

Any thoughts and opinions are those of the individual(s) and may not necessarily be shared or endorsed by Holmesfield Parish Council.

Any submissions must include full name and contact details before publication can be considered by the editor.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Applications Received from North East Derbyshire District Council:

21/00168/FL : Mr. & Mrs. Kenny – High Gate House, Main Road, Holmesfield - application for the erection of a steel shed to the paddock at the rear

COMMENT: *To object to the erection of the steel shed, High Gate House is a domestic dwelling with no agricultural status. The steel shed is of industrial design and is considered to be unsuitable in this location and the siting on the high ridge would mean the structure would dominate the rural location.*

21/00206/FLH : Mr. R. Parsons – Tanyard Farm, Mill Lane, Holmesfield – alterations to barn including installation of internal walls supported by an internal timber frame and air source heat pump, to enable use of barn for hobby workshop. **NO COMMENT**

21/00206/LB : Mr. R. Parsons – Tanyard Farm, Mill Lane, Holmesfield – application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to barn including installation of internal walls supported by an internal timber frame and air source heat pump, to enable use of barn for hobby workshop. **NO COMMENT**

21/00288/CATPO : Mr. G. Atkinson – Horsleygate Old Hall, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – application for works to trees within Horsleygate and Cordwell conservation area. **NO COMMENT**

21/00330/AGD : Mr. Nick Lee – Fanshawe Gate Barn, Fanshaw Gate Lane Holmesfield – application for prior notification of agricultural building to be used as machinery store. **NO COMMENT**

NP/NED/0321/0299 : Mr. J. Pearson – Adamfield House, Fox Lane, Holmesfield - replacement of shed with home office. **NO COMMENT**

Determinations made by North East Derbyshire District Council:

NP/NED/0121/0094 : Bank Green, Fox Lane, Holmesfield – Proposed single storey extension to kitchen / dining room. **GRANTED**

HOLMESFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A co-ordinator is still sought for the Holmesfield Neighbourhood Watch. A knowledge of social media communications would be useful.

Further information can be found from Joye Dobbs (Project and Development Manager for Chesterfield and District Neighbourhood Watch at chesterfelddistrictnhw@hotmail.co.uk or 0300 122 8526

We very much hope a new co-ordinator can be found otherwise the Watch will need to be closed and the street signs removed.



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DRONFIELD POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Crime figures for March 2021 - 5 crimes reported

Burglary: 2 – Theft: 1 – Public Order: 1 – Drugs: 1

Over the past four weeks there has been a number of damage incidents that have occurred in the grounds of the church and as a result has caused emotional impact to the victims involved due to flowers been damaged, sentimental pots and signage also damaged.



Police are working closely with the Parish office and local church to offer crime prevention advice, community engagement seeking information and take action with some preventative measure as well.

In relation to this month's report there has unfortunately been an increase in vehicle related crimes, for example sat-navs, or items of value been stolen after been left on show when parked up and left unattended. This is not specific to Holmesfield and Millthorpe and surrounding areas but across North Derbyshire. Keep your vehicle safe:

- Keep doors locked and do not leave windows open.
- Do not leave any valuables on display.
- Remove sat-navs from display and wipe the mark from the window where it has been secured.
- MP3's ipads, iphones etc. take them with you.
- If you intend to leave items in the vehicle place them in the boot and not in the glove box or under the seat.
- Put away any charging cables from the cigarette lighter and put the lighter back in it's place.
- Remove stereo fascia if possible.
- Leave the glove box open and sun visors down to show there is nothing hidden.
- Don't leave any bags or clothing or loose change on display.

All of the above points were identified by a known criminal as to what he looks for when breaking into a vehicle. Don't make it easy for them.

For more crime prevention advice please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit: www.derbyshire.police.uk

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ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

No doubt you were as shocked, saddened and numbed as I was by the very sad news of the death of our former vicar, Rev. William Eardley. It is heartbreaking to think of what his family are going through right now; and also to think of William no longer being with us. We pray for the family and all who mourn.

I don't know what William would say to us right now but (having worked closely with him for nearly four years) I do know where he would turn for guidance and inspiration. He was a man who loved the Bible and found in



those pages something incredibly profound that completely changed his life. If the Bible is collection of fairy stories penned by primitive half-wits, and then cut and pasted together by some scheming clerics in the Vatican, how come William got taken in by it?

Such a gentle, humble guy, serving Holmesfield for 20 years, regularly visiting schools and care home, ministering at funerals and weddings, christening your little cherubs and generally being a positive force about the village. Did this giant among us really believe the Bible was both true and relevant to life today? Well, yes, he did. Maybe he was on to something?

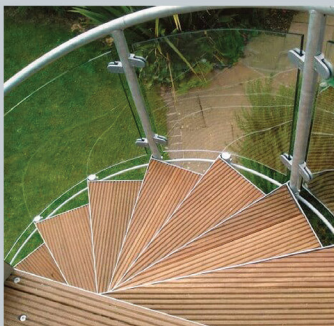
When our first child was born, despite reading a load of books about being a good parent, we quickly discovered that there did not appear to be a manual and we had to make it up as we went along like everybody else. Life is a bit like that for all of us: we try to do the right thing and make the right decisions but it is not easy. The Bible does not tell us how to change a smelly nappy but it does help us navigate a way through life which enriches us as individuals and also those around us. Enriches not with monetary treasures that rust and clothes that wear out; but with the values and qualities to help you lead your best life. And not only that; it signposts a way to discover 'treasure in a field', that is, life beyond death. It is that life which William now enjoys. After raising a glass to his memory let us search the pages he thumbed so thoroughly and find as he did the pearl of great price.

God bless,

Rev. Ian.

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HOLMESFIELD PENNY ACRES SCHOOL LOTTERY

A very excited class of children fresh from their Easter Break were involved in creating the draw electronically with a computer number generator for the month of April.

We are pleased to announce the winners as follows:-

April 2021

1st prize No. 7 Gary Sinclair £59.85

2nd prize No. 127 Theo Stamose £13.30

Penny Acres School were also awarded £59.85.

Thank you to all the parents, family members, neighbours and local residents for your continued support especially during these strange times.

You can join the lottery at any time only £1 per number per month so please feel free if you would like to join contact either Penny Acres School Office or Samantha Copley by emailing samcopley@me.com or phone: 0780 3128729



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VANDALISM AT ST. SWITHIN'S

Over the past four weeks there has been a number of damage incidents that have occurred in the grounds of the church which as a result has caused emotional impact to the victims involved due to flowers, sentimental pots and signage being damaged.

Police are working closely with the Parish Office and local church to offer crime prevention advice and community engagement whilst seeking information and take action with some preventative measures.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Derbyshire police using any of the usual methods (see page 3)

THEFT FROM A GRAVE AT ST. SWITHIN'S

We're very sad to have to inform readers that as well as some vandalism, one of the graves in Holmesfield churchyard has also experienced theft.

Three large clumps of snowdrops have been intentionally dug up and stolen from a plot, leaving the grave in a terrible mess with three large gaping holes.

Please take into consideration that these were planted in memory of a family's loved one which this has left the whole family very upset.

HOLMESFIELD CHURCH WALKING GROUP

STANTON MOOR WALK

On **Wednesday 26th May** at 10.00am, Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Grouse & Claret pub in Rowsley. We will go up to Stanton Moor Tower and the *Nine Ladies* stone circle then back to Stanton village and Rowsley. We will have lunch at the pub (optional).

The walk is approx. 5 miles long but a shortcut is available.

If you would like to come just turn up on the day but check with Robin before hand to make sure the walk is still going ahead as these are very uncertain times.

The cost of the walk is £4 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. Please phone Robin on 01246 412767 if you have any queries.

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FUNERALS IN THE PARISH

1st April - Stuart Huckerby at St. Swithin's Churchyard

26th April - John Hawgood at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium

Coming up - 7th May at 1.30pm - Rev. William Eardley at St. Swithin's Church. The service will be for close family and friends only due to government restrictions. You are invited to gather on the streets near the church if you'd like to pay your respects. A basket for cards will be placed outside the church. The service will also be live-streamed - see St. Swithin's Facebook group for details. Search Facebook for Holmesfield Parish Church, St. Swithins.

DRONFIELD LIBRARY

After easing of lockdown restrictions, Dronfield library has reopened. The current opening hours are 9.30 - 5.30 Monday to Friday, 9.30 - 4.30 on Saturday. Evening hours will be reinstated from 4 May 2021, subject to national and local guidance.

No appointment is necessary, however the library has a set capacity, and dwell time may be limited to 15 minutes when we're busy. You may have to queue outside if the building is at capacity when you arrive. The standard three-week loan period will also be back, though if you currently have a book out on loan you don't have to return it until Tuesday 4 May.

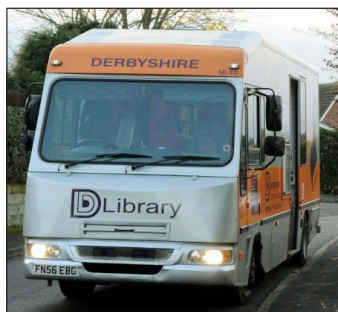
A member of staff will ask you for your details for 'Test, Trace and Isolate', or if you use the NHS Test and Trace app, you should scan the QR code.

You are asked to use a hand sanitiser on entering the library, and you must wear a face covering, as per government legislation, unless you are in one of the exempt groups.

Health and safety measures are in place to ensure the safety of library staff and customers.

Tel: 01629 533450 – Email: dronfield.library@derbyshire.gov.uk.

MOBILE LIBRARY



The county's mobile library service is due to start operating again on a 4-weekly cycle.

The mobile library will be at 6 Park Rise, Holmesfield between 10.00 and 10.30am (note new times) on **Mondays 17th May, 14th June and 12th July.**

We hope to have further details next month but in the meantime you can contact the library service by phone on 01629 533444 or email: ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield is due to be closed from 1st to 3rd June between its junction with B6054 Main Road for a distance of 120 metres in a south-westerly direction to facilitate water apparatus renewal works. The advertised diversion route is via Millthorpe Lane.

Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished which may be earlier than advertised.

Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place. Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Meanwhile, delays may be experienced at peak times from 4th May until 15th June at Northern Common, Dronfield Woodhouse due to temporary traffic light control in connection with refurbishment and replacement work on the electricity network by Northern Powergrid.

HELP KEEP HOLMESFIELD TIDY

The Parish Council wishes to thank Noah who has been very busy tidying the verges around Holmesfield and Millthorpe by collecting up several bags of litter over the past few weeks.

However it would be good if other residents would do their bit to help keep our lovely village free from litter and consider taking part in the Great British Spring Clean which run for 2 weeks from 28th May.

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HOLMESFIELD GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Sitting in my garden today in the sunshine, it's hard to believe we have been through such dark times. However, our garden visits and social organiser – Hilary Olson – tells me we are (fingers crossed) having our first talk on gardens on 7th July. The following meeting at Holmesfield village hall will be on 1st August.

As of yet we do not have speakers for these meetings, but Hilary is working hard to contact speakers who unfortunately had to cancel, so watch this space!

The highlight of our gardening year will be the Annual Show on Saturday 21st August. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at the different sections, which are of course vegetables & fruit herbs and flowers, subdivided into house plants, a special section for Sweet Peas, Dahlias and so on.

Members of the Association are invited to show their Produce (membership costs £12.50 per annum) and there are cups to be won. There is also a children's section which is very popular.

The other interesting event to report is the planting of wild flowers in the Millennium Garden as a joint effort with the Holmesfield Community Support Group and funded by Holmesfield Village Society. It was hard work but very enjoyable – so thank you to everyone who took part, we await the results !

At the moment it is not clear if COVID rules will still apply in July, but it may be a good idea to contact Hilary if you are thinking of coming to a meeting in case social distancing still applies as there will only be room for 23 people.

Meetings begin at 7.30 pm in Holmesfield Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend our talks but a small fee is charged to non-members. Hilary's phone number is 0114 2890927.

We hope to see all our members very soon

Keep safe until then.

Frances Webb

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If any other members of the household develop symptoms within that 14 day period then they must self-isolate for 7 days from the point they displayed symptoms. This may mean they need to self-isolate for longer than 14 days

For example if they develop symptoms on day 13 they will need to self-isolate for a total of 20 days.

The person who first displayed symptoms in the household can stop self-isolating after 7 days.

Links to Government and NHS advice on Coronavirus and self isolation are available on the county council's website: [**www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coronavirus**](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust recognises the toll that the COVID-19 pandemic is taking on our communities and the impact that the pandemic is having on the emotional and psychological wellbeing of people in Derbyshire. It has launched a new telephone-based support line for local people of all ages and their carers who are experiencing increased distress or anxiety during the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The new service also intends to support people who are experiencing a reduction in their usual mental health care services, as a result of changes that have been made to support the pandemic.

The support line, which will initially be available between the hours of 9am – midnight every day of the week can be contacted on 0300 790 0596.

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HOLMESFIELD SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

It's been quiet for Holmesfield Village Support Group this month as now we are officially in Phase one of lockdown exit. We hope everyone is doing well and getting the vaccination when they are offered.



Thanks to the volunteers that supported the flower planting. Also to Anita, Jan, Kirste and Carl for watering them. Some very skilful gardeners showed up to support the various planting days. A special thanks to all the children, parents and grandparents for their help.

As Frances Webb said... *"all we have to do now is wait for the wild flowers to grow!"*

Last year we had a fantastic VE Day celebration in our gardens or on the street. This year we are allowed up to 2 households so we are encouraging people to invite their friends / family or neighbours to get together in your garden. Hopefully the weather will hold.



Tuesday 20th April 2021 was a significant milestone for the Holmesfield Local Market team. At last the team were legally allowed to meet (outside) to start the planning for the local market. We are very excited to be putting the first market of the year together. Make sure you save the date – **Saturday 17th July**. We are looking for volunteers to support on the day. If you can spare a few hours on the day we need :

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Holiday Dates:

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There will be no Beavers or Cubs on Wednesday 2nd June 2021.

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MARCH 2021 WEATHER

Shakespeare used the phrase *"beware the Ides of March"*. This refers to the 15th March but it did not refer to the weather. The phrase was supposedly spoken to Julius Caesar by his soothsayer and indeed it was the date when Caesar was assassinated in 44BC. The 15th March this year was a dry day, the highest temperature was about 11°C and the lowest 5°C plus there was a brisk wind from the west. It was a very average day and overall the month of March was slightly warmer than normal, but still close to what we expect in Holmesfield. Nonetheless there were some unusual days in March.

The highest temperature was 22.5°C on the 31st and this was said to be the warmest March day since 1968. It was also 20.0°C on the 28th but two days earlier the wind chill was -5°C. These extremes are not on the same scale as those experienced in Siberia, where it can swing by rather more than double this range, but they are unusual here.

It was also a rather windy month and I recorded 52mph on the 11th. The rainfall was slightly more than average at 78mm but 52mm of this fell between the 10th and 13th of the month. There were 19 days when no rain fell and indeed we enjoyed 71 hours of bright sunshine.

In summary, March was not unusual but it did contain some wide contrasts in the weather. You could walk very lightly dressed on some days but on others you needed winter clothes and your hat firmly attached.

Flanders and Swann, in their *"Song of the weather"* described the month of March as *"Welcome March, with wint'ry wind; Would thou weren't not so unkind;"*. This description fitted quite well this year. It was certainly warmer than March 2013. I have used some of the time offered by the pandemic to organise my old photographs and these show that several feet of snow fell during the last week of March that year. Our grandchildren were excited by the snow piled well above their heads on both sides of the road towards Owler Bar.

Brian Brown

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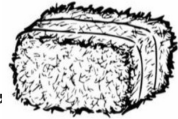


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REMEMBERING STUART HUCKERBY



Whilst being able to get out and play village cricket has been marked with much joy, the start to the season has also been tinged with sadness as Holmesfield Cricket Club and the village have mourned the loss of one of it's best known and loved characters.

It was only right and fitting that the season's first home fixture was marked with a minutes silence to remember and celebrate the life and contribution to Holmesfield Cricket Club of Stuart Huckerby.

Stuart had been a constant fixture at the club as both player, official and supporter for over 50 years living most of that time in the village, firstly on Cartledge Lane and then moving to Millthorpe, within walking distance of the Cricket Ground and Royal Oak of course!

Stuart was simply at the heart of and in the hearts of the Cricket Club in so many ways. As a player he kept wicket for many seasons and as a middle order batsman could always be relied upon to staunchly defend his wicket. He was in the team for one of the Clubs most memorable matches in the 1970's when we reached the last 16 of the National Village Knockout competition. Stuart took on the role of Club Treasurer in 1989 a role he continued until just before his passing when he became a Vice President.

As a player, official and supporter, affectionately known by many as Chuckles, Stuart always had a witty remark to make or story to tell. As someone famously wrote, "Summers will never be the same". This is certainly the same for Holmesfield CC without Stuart to brighten proceedings and offer a few words of wisdom, encouragement and also, from time to time of frustration and criticism!

The recent send-off given to Stuart, in spite of current restrictions, has shown just how much Stuart and the whole Huckerby family mean to so many people at the cricket club and in the village and Stuart will certainly live on in the hearts and memories of many people. Our sympathy and love go to Carole and Ben who, like Stuart are and will always be part of our Cricket Club family.

As the Season gets under way we are sure Stuart will be sat up there in heaven on that special Holmesfield Cricket Club bench re acquainted with old friends and team mates, with a few choice words to say on our performances!

Thank you Stuart, for all the laughter and memories.

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HOLMESFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Welcome Back

It is with mixed feelings that we start the 2021 Season. Whilst the 'buzz' around the club is audible, with the formation of both a Saturday second XI and an U15 team, we also received the sad news that Stuart Huckerby had passed away.



Long-time member, Stuart served and guided the club through its 'ups and downs' both on and off the pitch either as player, treasurer or simply good friend to all.

His love for Holmesfield and cricket in general was clear for all to see, barely missing a game over the years since putting his bat away. He will be remembered by all that knew him with great fondness. Our love and thoughts go out to Carol and Ben, who we hope to see at the ground over the summer. .

Match News

The new season certainly got off to a mixed start!

The First XI welcomed local rivals Hundall, whilst the newly formed Second team travelled to Whittington Wanderers. Holmesfield have struggled against Hundall over the last couple of years, this meeting proved no exception seeing us bowled out for 61 and the opposition 'knocking off' the runs in just 14 overs without losing a wicket.

Meanwhile the 2nd XI across the town at Whittington, amassed a respectable 230 for 3 – T Brown 110, Russ Parker 66 and an excellent 27 from debutant Louis Bolsover. Louis was one of the four U15/U13 players representing the club. A good bowling display saw the opposition fall short of the required total, scoring 211 for 8 – Freddie Taraporewall, 9 overs, 0 wkts, 29 runs. Max Wood, 6, 0, 34. Phil Yardy, 9, 3, 48 and Neil Wood, 4, 2, 31.

The second week brought more success, this time for both teams with the 1st's winning at Ambergate and the 2nd's beating Chesterfield's 3rd's in a game not to be forgotten.

Holmesfield's 1st's got off to a flyer with Mayank Sharma and Dan Holmes putting on 65 in 10 overs for the 1st wicket, Dan falling on 31. A wobble then ensued with another 2 wickets falling for just 3 runs before Mayank (88) helped by firstly Russ Parker (20) then debutant Benjamin Thornton-Walker (32) enabled us to finish on 220/8. Good bowling then saw the opposition all out for 120 with all-rounder Mayank grabbing 4 for 24 of 10 overs.



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HOLMESFIELD CRICKET CLUB (CONT.)



Newly formed Second XI – Off to a flying start!

Meanwhile the second team playing their first home match took part in an amazing game with no less than 648 runs being scored. Is this a record for the ground? Further investigation required! The final scores being HCC 327/5, Chesterfield 321/6.

Stars for the day were, with bat - Rich Martin 174 & Simon Welch 100* (Great knock boys!) and with the ball – Richard Martin 3, 2, 22 & Max Wood 9, 1, 50. Also special mention to Louis (U13) and Harry (U12) who shared the wicket keeping duties and performed excellently, well done boys!

Congratulations

Three of our juniors have been picked for the Derbyshire age group squads. This is great news for them and good publicity for the club and its ongoing policy to introduce new players to the sport.

The boys in question are Harry Welch and Josh Beddingfield, both U12's & Louis Bolsover U13's - Congratulations Boys!

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HOLMESFIELD CRICKET CLUB (CONT.)

New Facilities



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We would like to thank Charlie Village who has kindly sponsored the installation of new fencing to two sides of the ground.

100 Club

Following the fantastic support we received last year from everybody, we are looking to try and beat the membership total of 186.

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Interested in Joining us?

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May Fixtures

Saturday 1st May: 1st XI away v Nutbrook 1st XI 2nd XI home v Cutthorpe 5th XI
Saturday 8th May: 1st XI home v West Hallam 1st XI 2nd XI away v Buxton 3rd XI
Saturday 15th May: 1st XI away v Darley Dale 1st XI 2nd XI home v Eckington 3rd XI
Saturday 22nd May: 1st XI home v Matlock 1st XI 2nd XI away v Morton Colly. 3rd XI
Saturday 29th May: 1st XI away v Chesterfield 2nd XI 2nd XI No Fixture.
Sunday 30th May: Ladies home v Welbeck

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Destination	Departs	Plat	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Days operating	Next Station
Sheffield	00:02	2		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Mondays	Sheffield
Nottingham	05:24	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Nottingham	06:13	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	06:32	2								Suspended	n/a
Leeds	07:01	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	07:11	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	07:18	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Sheffield	07:49	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Sheffield	08:04	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	08:13	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	08:26	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Sheffield	09:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	09:15	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield *	10:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	10:18	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Liverpool Lime Street	10:25	2								Suspended	n/a
Sheffield	11:01	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	11:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	12:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	12:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	13:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	13:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	14:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	14:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	15:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	15:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	16:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	16:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Nottingham	16:48	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Leeds	17:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	17:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Norwich	17:51	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	18:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	18:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	19:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham **	19:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	20:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Sheffield
Nottingham	20:16	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Sheffield	21:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	21:14	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Every Day	Chesterfield
Nottingham	21:50	1							✓	Not Weekdays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	22:02	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Sheffield
Nottingham	22:14	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not Sundays	Chesterfield
Sheffield	22:23	2							✓	Sundays Only	Sheffield
Sheffield	23:23	2							✓	Sundays Only	Sheffield
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- Journey times to Chesterfield:7min, Alfreton:17min, Langley Mill:35min, Ilkeston:40min & Nottingham:45min
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	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Broomfield, Linden Drive.....	0637	0737	0945	1045	1145	1345	1545	
Hasland, The Green.....	0641	0741	0949	1049	1149	1349	1549	
Hasland, Ilesson Road/Seagrave Drive.....	0645	0745	0954	1054	1154	1354	1554	
Birdholme, Scarforth Lane/Mellor Way.....	0648	0748	0957	1057	1157	1357	1557	
Chesterfield, New Beetwell Street (B1).....	0655	0755	1004	1104	1204	1404	1604	
Chesterfield, Packers Row (12).....	0658	0800	1009	1109	1209	1409	1609	
Newbold, Nags Head.....	0703	0807	1016	1116	1216	1416	1616	
Upper Newbold, Four Lanes End.....	0706	0810	1019	1119	1219	1419	1619	
Cutthorpe, Linacre Reservoir entrance.....	.....	0814	.....	.....	1223	.....	.....
Barlow, Commonsides.....	0710	0824	1025	1125	1232	1425	1625	
Milthorpe.....	0713	0827	1028	1128	1235	1428	1628	
Holmesfield, Horns Inn.....	0717	0831	1032	1132	1239	1432	1632	
Dronfield Woodhouse, Pentland Road.....	.....	.....	1037	1137	.....	1437	1637	
Dronfield, Civic Centre.....	0725	0839	1041	1141	1245	1441	1641	
Henry Fanshawe School.....	0841	

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Henry Fanshawe School.....
Dronfield, Civic Centre	0845	0935	1045	1245	1445	1541	1645
Dronfield Woodhouse, Pentland Road	0849	0939	1049	1249	1449	1548	1649	.....	.....
Holmesfield, Horns Inn	0854	0944	1054	1254	1454	1552	1654	.....	.....
Milthorpe	0858	0948	1058	1258	1458	1555	1658	.....	.....
Milthorpe	0902	0951	1101	1301	1502	.....	1702	.....	.....
Barlow, Commonsides .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cutthorpe, Linacre Reservoir entrance .....	.....	1001	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1712	.....
Upper Newbold, Four Lanes End	0908	1005	1105	1305	1508	1601	1716	.....	.....
Newbold, Nags Head	0911	1008	1108	1308	1511	1604	1719	.....	.....
Chesterfield, Stephenson Place (K3)	0918	1015	1115	1315	1518	1611	1726	.....	.....
Chesterfield, New Beetwell Street (B12)	0923	1020	1120	1320	1523	1616	1731	1830	.....
Birdholme, Stortforth Lane/Mellor Way	0930	1026	1126	1326	1526	1619	1734	1836	.....
Hasland, Jepson Road/Seagrave Drive	0933	1029	1129	1329	1529	1622	1739	1839	.....
Hasland, The Green	0937	1033	1133	1333	1533	1626	1742	1843
Broomfield, Linden Drive	0945	1037	1137	1337	1537	1630	1745	1847

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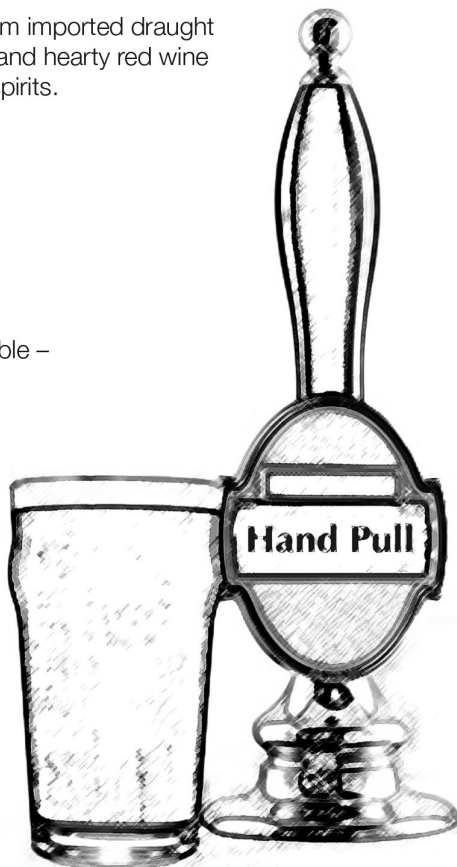
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Holmesfield Bygones



The Bygones page usually features photographs of village life from many years ago, but this one is rather more recent and especially poignant as it records one of Rev. William Eardley's last public duties before his retirement as the vicar of Holmesfield.

A fixture of the village calendar is the annual cricket challenge match between Holmesfield Cricket Club and the Vicar's XI and William is seen here on 17th July 2019 about to present the trophy, flanked by his wife Denise and cricket club secretary, John Barber.

As this was one of William's last official public engagements, the club was delighted to present Denise with a bunch of flowers and William a souvenir club bobble hat which he accepted with characteristic good humour and sense of fun!

William will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

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