

General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Association will take place on Friday 16th October in the Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm. Our guest speaker will be Helen Kendall, a local resident, who works at the Met Office in Exeter. Helen will talk about the work done by the Met Office and provide an insight into how our local weather patterns have changed over recent years. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Beating the Bounds / Apple Day

Everyone in the village is invited to take part in the “beating the bounds” and Apple Day celebrations which will take place on Sunday 18th October. Starting at 2.00pm, those people who would like to walk the Holcombe Parish boundary should meet at the triangle at the bottom of Windward Lane. The tradition of beating the bounds dates back to Anglo Saxon times when members of a community would walk the boundaries of the parish to share knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands. In more recent times, many parishes have done this as a social occasion or to raise money for charity.

The route we will be following will be as close as possible to the Holcombe boundary, following first the SW Coast Path from Windward Lane towards Southdowns Road, and then onto Holcombe Road, Strawberry Lane, Oak Hill Cross, Cliff Road, down into Teignmouth and then back along the coastal path to Smugglers Lane. The sharp eyed amongst you will note that we will be encouraging into Teignmouth territory but it is not possible to walk the boundary as paths do not permit; we would probably need to abseil down the cliff to get to Sprey Point. A map showing the detailed route we will be following can be found on the village website.

We expect that the first walkers completing the 4.6mile route will be coming up Smugglers Lane around 3.30pm to coincide with the start of the Apple Day celebrations in the Community Orchard. Apple juice, cider and apple cake will be available by way of refreshments in the Orchard for a small donation. If you would like to walk only part of the boundary, or just join in the Apple Day celebrations, then please do join us. And as mentioned previously, four legged friends are most welcome.

Southdowns Road

Cavanna Homes, the developers of the site behind Southdowns Road, has submitted a formal planning application on all reserved matters – they already have outline planning consent to build up to 20 houses. Although we have had not had a chance to study the application in detail, it appears the scheme being put forward is very similar to that proposed at an earlier public consultation, namely 18 houses, five of which will be affordable homes.

The formal application does not appear to have addressed our previous concerns relating to the grouping of the affordable homes in one corner of the plot, the shared

use of the road for cars and pedestrians, and the housing density. The developer has however made some minor adjustments to the pitch of the roofs.

Our Planning Committee will meet to consider the proposals in more detail and will be submitting comments. It is interesting to note that in putting forward these detailed plans, the developer has spoken to Teign Housing (the likely owner of the affordable houses) and DCC Highways to address previous concerns and these organisations appear to be broadly content.

Website

The new website is now up and running. It can be accessed at www.holcombevillage.weebly.com or via the old domain name www.holcombedevon.co.uk. The website has a lot of useful information on it, including latest news and details of events, clubs and societies, so do please look at it periodically. Given it is a new website, the internet search engines, such as Google, may take a bit of time in picking it up and putting it high up in their search rankings.

Xmas Fayre

Yes it is still a few months away, but we will be running the tombola stall again and we have started collecting prizes. So if you have anything that might be suitable for the stall, please contact Janet Evans on 01626 864489.

Recycling

And finally, just a reminder that the new recycling arrangements for most of the village come into effect in October. Every household should have received a leaflet setting out the new arrangements; a food container and reusable sack for paper will be delivered prior to 19th October. If you still want Teignbridge DC to collect your garden waste in the green bin, households have to sign up to this and pay £35 a year. Full details can be found at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/recycling.