

Helions Bumpstead Village Magazine



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Community Pub Share Offer. Deadline 16th June - details inside



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Editorial...

Since the last issue of the magazine there have been a good number of village get-togethers in one form or another. In March we celebrated the reopening of the Village Hall and there was a great turnout of people to inspect the new interior, as well as a chance to find out about some of the village clubs and societies that use the hall. In his remarks, Councillor David Finch commented how impressed he was with the sense of community displayed in Helions, and his surprise at how much there is going on in such a small village. I think we would all agree.

The same evening a very successful quiz night was held, with about 10 teams battling it out for glory (or at least trying to avoid winning the wooden spoon!). The Common Ground walks have continued every month, in sun, rain and even snow! There is a full report inside. The Spring 'Harvest Supper' was held in early May and was another successful evening with delicious food, a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours, all while raising money for the Village Hall fund.

You will no doubt be aware that the Share Offer is now live to try and raise the funds needed to purchase and reopen the Three Horseshoes Pub as a community venture. This is an exciting opportunity for everyone to be a part of this community project, so if you are able to invest, then please complete the share application form and return it as soon as possible (further details inside). The deadline is Saturday 16th June.

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Obituaries, birthdays, births, greetings for occasions such as anniversaries - all accepted and free of charge, but subject to resizing by the Editor.

Chairman's Report

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

I am delighted to be able to welcome Nigel Turner to the Parish Council, taking our membership back up to the full complement of seven councillors. Nigel needs no introduction from me, and I'm sure his wealth of experience will benefit the Council enormously.

The refurbishment of the children's Play Area is due to start w/c 11th June, and should be completed within two weeks. You will understand that the play area will have to be closed for the duration of the work, so please be patient during this period. There is plenty of room for children to run around, play ball games or whatever on the rest of the Recreation Ground. The Village Hall car park will be utilised for storage and clearance, much as it was for the Hall's refurbishment last year, but the contractors have promised to try to keep disruption to a minimum. Not everything is being changed, some old favourites will remain. But by the end of June we will have an exciting new play area which will benefit children of all ages and stages.

You will find a lot of information elsewhere in this Magazine about the share launch for purchasing the Three Horseshoes. This is the culmination of months of hard work by the Community Benefit Society (CBS). If you pledged to buy shares earlier this year, do please honour that pledge if you are able to do so. The deadline is 16th June. This is a tremendous opportunity for the village to secure the future of our pub, and HBPC is very grateful to the CBS for all the work they have put into this.

Every year the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) runs a Village of the Year competition. Helions Bumpstead actually won it about 10 years ago! It is not looking for the prettiest village, but rather it is about community involvement, what we do and how we support one another. This year we decided to enter again, and have just had the first round of judging. We are quietly optimistic that we might get through to the final round, and will keep you informed of progress via our email list. If you are not yet on our email messaging system, please just drop me an email at the address below.

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BUY SHARES IN OUR COMMUNITY PUB IT'S REALLY EASY TO INVEST !

The opportunity to save the Three Horseshoes Pub by buying shares in the Helions Bumpstead Community Benefit Society is now open. By the time you receive this edition of the village magazine we hope we will have achieved the significant part of our community funding for the purchase of the Three Horseshoes through our share offer.

Thank you to everybody that has contributed so far with your fantastic generosity and encouragement.

We need to raise £ 435,000 in total to purchase the pub and cover all of the refurbishment and start up costs. Ideally as much as possible will come from the share offer as other funds may need to come from interest bearing loans. The minimum value we must raise to secure our grant funding from Plunkett Foundation is £ 280,000.

**By working together as a community we can ensure the long term future of the
Three Horseshoes**

To buy shares you will need to read the Business Plan and Share Offer Prospectus. All the information you need can be found at: www.helionscommunitypub.co.uk or please email us at helionspub@hotmail.com

The minimum investment is £100 (2 shares). Buying shares in the Society means you will be a member with an equal vote irrespective of your shareholding. Your involvement thereafter can be as much or a little as you wish: you can stand for election to the management committee, voted on by members, help with refurbishing the building and gardens, or you can "volunteer" to visit **your** pub to eat, drink and be merry, secure in the knowledge that it will still be there in ten or more years' time!

Why it is important to reach our target for a community purchase & invest early:

As soon as we have the funds to buy the pub we can complete contracts and renovation. We can move towards attracting a good tenant and opening the pub as soon as possible.

We can only apply for some grants once we own the pub. Our major grant and loan scheme, the More Than a Pub programme, will end this year. **Many other grant schemes are EU funded and so will not be available from March next year.** Applications for these will close as soon as the funds have been allocated to and there is a lot of competition as Brexit is nigh.

Most of the grants we are able to apply for require us to reach our minimum target of £280,000 and/or stipulate match funding. This means they will not support us for more than the money we raise as a community.

So please encourage your neighbours and friends to invest whatever they can afford and hopefully we will soon be the proud owners of our own pub.



DIARY DATES / EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
JUNE			
Tue 5th	10:30am-12pm	Village Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sat 9th	9am-12pm	Pub Share Offer Q&A Session	Village Hall
Sun 10th	4:30pm	Strawberry Tea	Gospel Hall
Mon 11th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Sat 16th	Application Deadline for Pub Shares		
Mon 18th	7:30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Sat 23rd	11am	Common Ground Village Walk	Meet at Village Green
JULY			
Tue 3rd	10:30am-12pm	Village Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Mon 9th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Mon 16th	7:30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Sat 21st	11am	Common Ground Village Walk	Meet at Village Green
AUGUST			
Tue 7th	10:30am-12pm	Village Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Mon 13th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Mon 20th	7:30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Sat 25th	11am	Common Ground Village Walk	Meet at Village Green
SEPTEMBER			
Tue 4th	10:30am-12pm	Village Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Mon 10th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
Mon 17th	7:30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall Committee Room
OCTOBER			
Fri 5th	7 for 7:30pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall

Please check times and dates with the organisers before attending events

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