



The word 'Autumn' is written in a flowing, cursive script. The letters are filled with a gradient that transitions from a warm orange at the top to a bright yellow at the bottom. The background is a light gray.

Calvert Green Community Newsletter 2015

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Welcome to the CGCA Autumn newsletter.

Our AGM signals the end of one financial year and the start of the next with the resignation of one Committee, and the election of a new one – hopefully by the time this newsletter is published the various roles have all been filled.

My personal thanks go to Karen Ford, Stef Bone and Jackie Hirst who have done such a fabulous job over a long spell, and who have kindly offered to remain Committee members.

A very special thank you is reserved for Kathy Moore, our current Treasurer, previously Chair, Secretary etc! who is stepping down to enjoy even more holiday time – Kathy has spent an incalculable number of hours helping at community events and raising funds for the hall – you will be sorely missed Kathy.

In addition we have been able to call on the help of lots of residents, too numerous to single out, but whether it is 300 club Organisers and collectors, Youth Club helpers, Bar Staff, BBQ chefs, DJ's, Father Christmas, Firework Marshalls, Caterpillar helpers, Christmas Choir organisers, and many many more I may have missed – your help is very much appreciated.

Next year promises to be exciting as the plans for development of the hall (which we support) come to life.

Regards

John Hopkins—CGCA Chairman

Community

THANK
YOU!

**To Nikki Gregory and Debbie Hudson
for once again supporting the CGCA with the
300 club subs. We very much appreciate your
support and the support of the collectors.**

CGCA 300 Club—Still Time To Join!

When you join 300 Club you are helping greatly with financial support for the village hall and community activities which are all run for the benefit of the community.

**£50 prize to a local resident every month for a just a
£12 subscription for the full year.**

If you would like to join or have any questions please contact Debbie on 730488 or Nikki on 730954 or e-mail thecgca@gmail.com



CGCA 300 Club Winners

£50 prize to a local resident every month!

**August. P Ford. Kiln Close
September. . Cotswolds Way**

Congratulations



CALVERT GREEN NHW



Firstly I would like to thank Karen McMahon for her sterling efforts toward NHW. I have now updated the PCSO contact details as they have now changed

Also there is now a Facebook page Calvert Green Neighbourhood Watch this will give updates relevant to our community issued by Thames Valley Police Join the group and keep up with news in our area.

I have ordered window stickers for those who want to put one in your home window. When they arrive I will post on Facebook and let everyone know

Our community police officers are
PCSO Hopkins, Mathew Wareham, Haley Morgan
Contact them on 101 or by email at
buckinghamanddistrictnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Are you already a member or would like to become a member of NHW Contact me details are below. I would also like to get input on setting up a street watch with local people what thoughts people have. Reply on the FB NHW page please

David Russell, the coordinator for Calvert Green would like to update his records and ensure he has an up to date list of members' contact details. David will then be able to ensure the contact details are still correct for the street co-ordinators, and appoint new ones if necessary. To ensure you are still on the register, update your details, or add yourself to the register, please contact David at david-russell@sky.com leave a message

Remember you could qualify for a discount on your house insurance if you are a member of a NHW. You can also register to receive alerts by email or phone by signing up to Thames Valley Alerts via www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Classes & Groups in the Village Hall

Check out the website WWW.CALVERTGREEN.COM for full details

Monday	Caterpillars Toddler Group (Term Time Only)	10am
Monday	Circuit Training	7pm
Tuesday	Step by Step Dance (Every 2nd Tuesday)	7:30pm
Tuesday	Women's Institute (Every 3rd Tuesday)	7:30pm
Tuesday	Pilates	9:30am
Wednesday	Hatton Academy (Term Time Only)	7:00pm
Thursday	Musical Minis (Term Time Only)	9:45am
Thursday	Circuits	7:00pm
Thursday	Tap Dancing	8:00pm
Friday	Jumping Jims	9:30am
Sunday	Karate	10:30am



Feel free to turn up
to any class to find
out what it's all



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Calvert Green Caterpillars Baby & Toddle Group (Ages 0 to 4)

Calvert Green Village Hall

- ▶ Tea, coffee, biscuits
- ▶ Toddle snack and drinks
- ▶ First session free
- ▶ £1.50 for first child (£2.00 total for family)
- ▶ Everyone welcome to this friendly group

Every Monday 10am to 11.30am (term time)

Events planned for the 2015 Autumn / Winter

- 2/11—Fireworks and Health Visitor
- 9/11—Diwali—Jam jar tea light holders
- 16/11—Shape mosaic
- 23/11—Cotton wool snowmen
- 30/11—Shaving foam/Snow play
- 07/12—Christmas Wreaths and Health Visitor
- 14/12—Christmas Party with biscuit decorating



Calvert Green Youth Club



Hoping to restart January 2016

In order for YC to restart in 2016 we require more volunteers to step forward. If you can help in running the club, even just one session a month, please get in touch via

thecgca@gmail.com

Run and supported by the CGCA

**To Book the Calvert Green Village Hall
visit the CGCA website**

www.calvertgreen.com/bookings

**The calendar will detail the hall availability
plus full details and cost**

Calvert Green Parish Council newsletter update

Update from the Chairman:

Firstly, we welcome Jackie Hirst as our Parish Clerk. In the interim, Jackie will share this responsibility with Karen McMahon, who geographically is unable to continue, but will eventually take over fully as our Parish Clerk, and is already fulfilling the varied tasks for the Community. The Parish Council wish to record their sincere thanks to Karen for the exceptional service she has given.

Also we warmly welcome the return of Jim O'Rourke, as a Parish Councillor, whose professional skills will make a great contribution to the Parish Council.

Again, we are grateful to David Russell who has taken on the role of Area Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch from Karen. There is a separate NHW update within this newsletter from David.

There are, as usual, many issues for the PC to undertake; the HS2 petition, future development, the Neighbourhood Plan etc. It is critical that we have the support of the Community at our Parish Council meetings to voice their opinions and requirements, and join in discussions relating to the issues already mentioned. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 3rd November at 8.00pm in the Hall, and may I urge residents to attend as, as many important items requiring your information and input will be on the agenda. Thank You

Update from the Vice-Chairman:

Landfill

FCC Environment are currently tipping in the valley between pits 4 and 5 and shouldn't be as visible as they have been over the last few months. Rail deliveries of spoil continue to arrive on site up to 3 times a day Monday- Friday. The site is currently accepting waste trains twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Due to reducing landfill input to the site, FCC has a planning application with the Environment Agency and planning department to change the use of pit 6 to non-waste. This will allow for soils and construction waste as well as bottom ash from the incinerator. There is space for approximately 10 million tonnes of fill in pit 6. The parish council is petitioning for the 2 million tonnes of HS2 tunnelling waste to be placed in pit 6, rather than on the fields outside of Calvert Green as currently proposed by HS2.

At the last parish council meeting a complaint was raised that more clonking noises were noticeable in the day. FCC believe this could be because there is now a third train during weekdays that has smaller containers, causing the grabber to scrape the sides more. They will investigate if anything can be done to reduce the noise.

There have been no odour complaints since April which is the best period on record. It is hoped that this will continue.

HS2

The Parish Council now has its HS2 Petition hearing confirmed as Monday 19th October in the Houses of Parliament. Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council will be petitioning before us and will cover district and county-wide impacts. We will be delivering a joint petition with Charndon Parish Council which will focus on the cumulative impact on Calvert Green. Essentially we will be covering the following petitioning points in respect of this:

- Fair compensation
- FCCL siding Relocation at former Calvert Railway Station
- Satellite Maintenance Compound at former Calvert Railway Station
- Materials store at former Calvert Railway Station
- Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD)
- HS2 service access road from Brackley Lane
- Inappropriate dumping of excavated waste on agricultural
- Safeguarding of the new landfill access road from the A41
- Ecology
- Noise and Vibration
- Air Quality
- Hydrology
- Code of Construction Practice
- Construction Traffic, Road Closures and access to amenities and services

We will have the opportunity to deliver a presentation to the select committee, most of whom attended one of the two visits to Calvert earlier in the year. HS2 and its defence team will also be in attendance to challenge us and justify their proposal.

We will update you all following this session and hope that it is sufficient to influence the select committee sufficiently to adopt the changes we are petitioning for.

General reminder:

It would appear that a resident is putting some of their own household rubbish in the waste paper bins by the basketball court on Tudors Close green, as well as in the large Community Association bin in the car park. Please could we remind you to refrain from doing this as the Community Association have to pay to have the large bin emptied, and the basketball court area of the green has rubbish blowing everywhere as a result of the overflowing waste bins.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings:

Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 8 pm.

EfW Update

Now in its 24th month of construction, cold testing has commenced and hot testing is programmed for the end of October. During two weeks of October there will be short emissions of steam vapour from the chimney caused by inflow testing to remove any particles and protect the turbines. There will be no particles released to the air, only steam.

Update on Broadband – Cllr Blakeley

I'm sure that I was not the only Village Networks customer who was disappointed that the previously promised upgrade to their network did not take place in early September, as they had indicated to me in July. I spoke to them for an explanation and was told that they shared my frustration, but they had been let down by BT, who had promised to install a fibre optic cable to their Westcott hub by the end of August. Unfortunately, when it came to the actual installation BT had underestimated the distance from their exchange and it fell outside of their remit. Village Networks were told they had to re-submit their requirements to a different department within BT, but this effectively re-started the whole process. They are currently investigating the possibility of using Gigaclear as an alternative supplier.

Speaking of Gigaclear; those that had registered their interest in taking up their service once available in Calvert Green may have been dismayed by an email that they sent out on Wed 16 Sep advising that it would be some time before they come to our area and suggesting that we take up Satellite as an alternative. I spoke to my contact there, Robin Band (the Campaign Marketing Manager), who told me that the email had been sent out in error and he had, in fact, just had a meeting with the colleague responsible for taking their network to Calvert Green. He was very confident that we will get the service; however the timings were now probably going to be in the New Year. Cllr Phil Gaskin independently emailed their customer service dep't and was told it would be May. I have since requested some clarification from Mr Band, but at the time of writing he has not replied. However, I would still urge anyone who thinks they might be interested in subscribing to a Fibre to the Property, Superfast Broadband service, to register their interest at www.gigaclear.com.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) appears at a glance to be taking a back seat to other pressing matters the Parish Council are dealing with, but everything that we are currently working on counts towards the Calvert Green NDP. This is not just about what the community needs today, it is about considering the local areas needs over the next 10 years. A NDP is primarily a document which allocates land for the future of a community, and should do more than address housing growth. Its policies must be in line with national guidance and must be deliverable. We need a strategy in place that may include for amongst other matters:

- Sports and Recreation
- Education
- Health
- Affordable Homes
- Retirement Homes (Senior Living)
- Live/work
- Retail
- Infrastructure
- Cemetery / Crematorium

As HS2 momentum increases, and after implementing the mitigation strategies, the impact to Calvert Green will not be unnoticed. Also, we cannot forget that two large tracts of land to both left and right at the head of Cotswold Way are owned by Housing Developers, and in some form or other will be developed over the next few years creating a greater strain on our existing rural infrastructure. We cannot stand in the way of change, but we can have a plan.

The NDP is being led by the Parish Council, but you do not have to become a Parish Councillor to become part of the NDP Steering Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Steering Committee please come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3 November, or alternatively e mail parishclerkcalvert-green@gmail.com providing your contact details and we will be in touch.

Community Hall Extension

You may have noticed the yellow signs indicating that we have recently submitted a new application for planning for the Community Hall extension. The previous planning approved design was not affordable, and could not be easily phased as funding became available, so it was decided jointly between CGCA and the Parish Council to redesign the project to incorporate the 'must haves' within the extension to meet a smaller budget. We have employed a local Architect practice with experience in similar projects, and the proposal for the ground floor layout was agreed between CGCA, the Parish Council and Espresso Architecture (see below), and includes a new toilet block, meeting room, kitchen, and bar areas, whilst creating an airy entrance lobby suitable for buggies and prams and wet coats. On the opposite side of the hall will be three large stores. The bar will open out onto a patio which will be great for use throughout Summer.

Over the next few weeks you may notice a number of surveys being undertaken to determine amongst other things the ground conditions, and this will enable structural and architectural designs to progress, and construction costs to be firmed up.

There is still a lot of work to be done to secure grant funding for the build and fit-out, with the balance of monies paid by the Parish Council and CGCA. Once funding is secured and the design progressed, works are expected to commence Spring 2016, and be complete by the end of the year. We're keeping our fingers crossed on all counts.

For further updates on the Community Hall extension, please come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3 November.



CALVERT GREEN FIREWORK DISPLAY

SUNDAY 9th NOV FROM 5:30pm

Fireworks start at approx 6.15pm.

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As this is by far one of the most expensive events that we put on and a free event to attend, we are asking for a little something back from the community. There will be donation buckets at the event and we would ask you to give generously

The CGCA follow HSE guidelines to promote a safe event. Parental supervision



MUSICAL MINIS IN CALVERT GREEN

Musical Minis, a pre-school fun time music group for babies and toddlers (birth – 4 years) runs sessions in Calvert Green

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The CGCA Christmas Fayre
Saturday 12th December
Calvert Green Village Hall 12.00-3.30pm



A chance to do a spot of Christmas Shopping and for the kids to meet Father Christmas

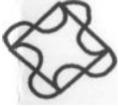
(no grotto this year, however Father Christmas will visit between 1-2pm to have a chat and his picture taken .

If you are interested in booking a stall please contact Karen via events@calvertgreen.com

Rotary Santa Visit to Calvert Green



Saturday 19th December—timings tbc



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