

Winter Newsletter 2015



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CGCA—welcome from the Chairman

I hope you enjoy the first Community Association Newsletter of 2015, and my first as Chair. A big thank you goes to my predecessor, Jenny Blakeley for her time on the Committee and the hours she put into producing this magazine – good luck to Karen and Helen—who has agreed to follow on as Editors.

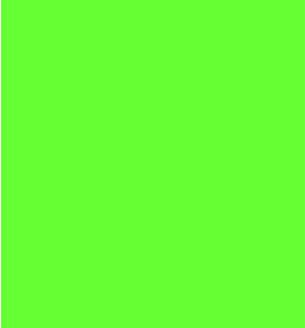
There are 5 people on the main CGCA Committee – Kathy Moore, Karen Ford, Stef Bone, Jackie Hurst and myself, who are helped by numerous other volunteers within the Village assisting us with Caterpillars, Youth Club and helping to run the various events we put on to benefit the community. If you would also like to be included when we ask for a helping hand, an email to 'thecgca@gmail.com' would be much appreciated. To those who have already given or offered their help in the past, thank you – I hope you had fun doing it!

Within these pages are a mix of information, Community events and supporting advertisers and we hope you can find what you need. This and other information can also be viewed on 'CalvertGreen.com' as well as the CGCA group page on FB.

Happy reading

John Hopkins—CGCA Chairman

Community



Calvert Green Community Information

Information from your Parish Council, Community groups and more



Events

What is happening when



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Community

Refuse collection dates

Waste

4th & 18th Feb; 4th, 18th
Mar; 1st, 15th & 29th Apr

Recycling

11th & 25th Feb; 11th &
25th Mar; 8th & 22nd Apr

Garden

2nd & 16th Feb, 2nd, 16th,
30th Mar; 13th & 27nd Apr



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CGCA 300 Club Winners

£50 prize to a local resident every month!

October. J. Hirst. Cotswolds Way

Nov. C. Kantecki. Kiln Close

Dec. A. Scarlett. Sandstone Close.

Jan. B. Brown. Tudors Close.

£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



CALVERT GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our community police officer is Samantha Calvert. Contact them on **101** or by email at

Samantha.Calvert@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Are you already a member or would like to become a member?

Karen McMahon, the coordinator for Calvert Green would like to update her records and ensure she has an up to date list of members' contact details. Karen 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 Karen at

kmcmahon372@gmail.com or call on **01296 730724**.

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

Monday

- 10am Caterpillars Toddler Group
- 7pm Circuit Training

Tuesday

- 7.30pm Step by Step dance (Every 2nd Tuesday)
- 7.30pm Women's Institute (Every 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesday

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Thursday

- 10am Musical Minis
- 7pm Circuit Training
- 8pm Tap Dancing

Friday

- 9.15am Jumping Jims soft play
- 7pm Youth Club (fortnightly)

Sunday

- 10.30am Karate



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

Join **Calvert Green Social Sports Group** on **Facebook**

Find a badminton partner, running buddy,
someone to go cycling with, play a round of
golf, or to get a team to play football

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Calvert Green Caterpillars

Baby & Toddle Group (Ages 0 to 4)

Calvert Green Village Hall

Every Monday 10am to 11.30am (term time)

- ▶ 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

Events planned for the 2015 Winter/Spring Term

12th Jan – Health Visitor; Crafting = Shape Train

19th Jan – Crafting = Clothes Peg Magnets

26th Jan – Crafting = Play Dough

2nd Feb – Health Visitor; Crafting = Fruit Skewers; Soft Play

9th Feb – Crafting = Chinese New Year - Sheep Signs

Half Term

23rd Feb – Crafting = Painting with different Textures

2nd Mar – Health Visitor; Crafting = Cotton Wool Sheep

9th Mar – Crafting = Finger print poem

16th Mar – Crafting = Plant tomato and Decorate pot – Soft Play

23rd Mar – Crafting = Easter Bunny Mask

End of Term



Calvert Green Youth Club

Fortnightly from Friday January 16th

Annual Membership £5

YC Subs £1.50 Members, Guest £2.50

Members can bring one non-member to the club

YC will be held fortnightly (subject to hall availability)

7pm—9pm 8-15 year olds



Remember, if you can help in running the club, even just one session a month, please get in touch via

thecgca@gmail.com

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Calvert Green Community Association

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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

ON: THURSDAY MORNINGS (2 SESSIONS: 9.45AM -10.45AM)

AT: CALVERT GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Each structured session encourages cognitive, physical and emotional development through the use of music, instruments and stories in a relaxed, informal group setting. It concentrates on rhythm, song, sound and movement to encourage early communication, promoting confident, sociable and creative children. The programme encompasses many



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Calvert Green Parish Council newsletter update

Your Parish Council:

Chairman – Cllr Brian Pethick

Vice Chairman – Cllr Phil Gaskin

Councillors – Cllr Sarah Smith, Cllr Marie Swan, Cllr Carl Blakeley, vacancy x 2

Parish Clerk – Karen McMahon – email address: parishclerkcalvertgreen@gmail.com

Website – calvertgreenparish.co.uk

2015 Meetings will be at 8 pm in the Hall:

Tuesday 27th January

Wednesday 4th March

Tuesday 28th April

Tuesday 26th May

Tuesday 7th July

Tuesday 1st September

Tuesday 3rd November

Update from Chairman

Following the last Parish Council meeting a number of issues have been pursued by the Parish Councillors, including the problems with Broadband, the update on the proposed HS2 , adoption of the roads in the Steeples, adoption of Area 5 (fronting Sandstone and the Steeples.

An order has been placed for remedial work to the Petanque court, as soon as the weather permits . Also the extension to the Community Hall is now being re-instigated by the CGCA and Parish Council, in accordance with the wishes of the community, as expressed in the compilation of the Parish Plan.

The Parish Council would welcome all members of the Community to come and comment at January's meeting, or raise any issues pertaining to the wellbeing and future of this village. In addition to the items mentioned above, there will be other interests publicised and discussed. It is important for the Community to have an opportunity to speak with their Councillors' face to face.

Update from Cllr Sarah Smith

Path between the villages - This is a project that will connect the villages of Calvert Green to Steeple Claydon, Charndon and Edgcott, to provide much needed walkways that will enable villages to engage more freely with each other. An e-petition was created to generate public support for the project and received 144 signatures. It was then put on the agenda of the LAF held at Calvert Green in December 2014. Bucks County Council have decided that they need to carry out a feasibility study, which will be undertaken by Transport for Bucks in the new financial year as there is currently no budget to carry it out this year.

Update from Cllr Gaskin

HS2

We are still waiting for notification of our petition hearing with the Select Committee at the House of Commons. The Select Committee visit affected communities prior to the hearings and we are working with John Bercow, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council to ensure that there will be sufficient time for the committee to visit Calvert and understand the cumulative impacts of HS2 on Calvert Green. The likelihood is that our hearing will not be before April and could now be after the general election, which will add complication because the select committee may then change.

HS2 hasn't entered into any further discussion with us regarding our petitioning points. However they have been in discussion with FCC Environment Ltd (who manage the landfill site) with a view to possible changes to the relocation of the waste sidings. FCC has also agreed to support us at our petition hearing.

Landfill

Since early September, Brackley Lane has been closed to all HGVs. FCC Environment Ltd. (operators of the landfill site) has installed temporary bollards and a security guard is positioned at the Brackley Lane gates to prevent access by any devious drivers.

During December, Brackley Lane was repaired and is due to be adopted by Transport for Buckinghamshire.

There were 85 odour complaints in 2014 compared to 306 in 2013. A significant reduction which has been achieved by many factors including weather and additional gas wells and pipe installation. The Calvert landfill information website has now been updated at <http://www.fccenvironment.co.uk/calvert-landfill.html>

Update from Cllr Gaskin continued:

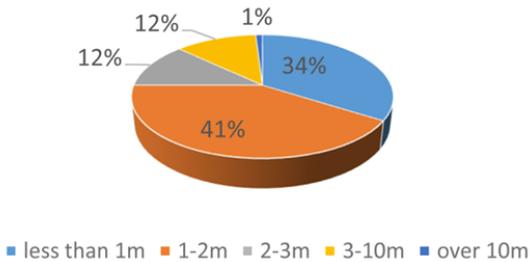
Broadband

We closed the broadband survey on 20th December. Thanks for the 208 people who took the time to respond – it's a shame that only half the parish completed it. I know that a few of you were frustrated by some of the questions, but the questions were compiled following advice from various parties to help maximise the survey's impact and usefulness.

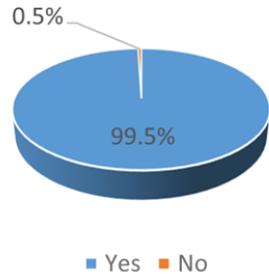
Now we have the results, we are starting to make better progress because we can demonstrate that Calvert Green residents get poor broadband, are dissatisfied and prepared to pay and change provider to get a better service.

Additional funding has been provided to Aylesbury Vale District Council for rural broadband and we are now in discussion to prioritise Calvert Green. Below are some of the results from the survey:

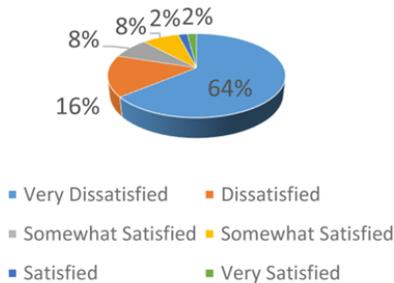
Calvert Green Broadband Speeds



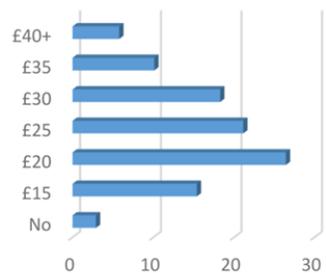
Interested



Satisfaction with existing broadband



Prepared to pay (per month)



CGCA Social Evening with



Friday 27th February

From 7:30pm @ Village Hall

All welcome, CGCA Bar
and an opportunity to socialise with
friends and neighbours

AVDC Play Around the Parishes



Monday 10th March

AM session exact timing tbc @ Village Hall

Free entry and activities

Funded by the CGCA and CGPC



CGCA Music Quiz

Saturday 21st March

From 7:30pm @ Village Hall

Get your team together and test
your music knowledge

CGCA Bar and Fish and Chips.

6 persons per team, £6pp

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 4th April

At the Village Hall

Join in with the annual Easter egg hunt
More details closer to the date

Future CGCA Events for your diary

Social Evening—Friday 1 May

Party at the Park—Saturday 11 July

More.....

Village BBQ—tbc

Village Family Fun Run/Jog/Walk— tbc

Rugby World Cup on the Big Screen—tbc

More Social Evenings, Karaoke , Bingo,

Race Night etc. —tbc

Christmas Shopping Event—tbc

Halloween YC Disco

YC Christmas Disco and activities

Youth Club Movie night

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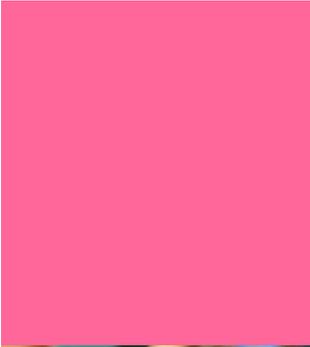


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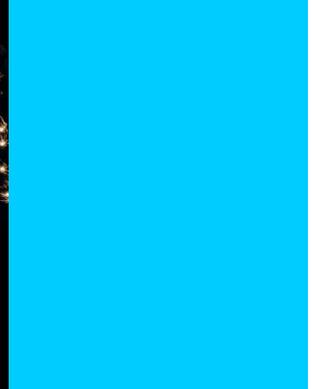


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