



Calvert Green Community

Newsletter 2016



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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, which will hopefully coincide with the arrival of some appropriate Spring weather to go with it!

Since our last newsletter Father Christmas visited Calvert Green, along with his many helpers, dogs with carts, and collectors. A large thank you to all involved, and especially Winslow Rotary Club, as we were presented with a cheque for £370 to go towards events within the community.

As well as making the hall available for Clubs, meetings and private parties we are planning a number of community events this year to keep our funds topped up ready for the proposed hall extension - let's hope sufficient funding can be obtained so it can be built.

Keep your eyes and ears open for all local activities - we hope you find something that suits you, but if not we are always open to suggestions.

Regards

John Hopkins—CGCA Chairman

**THANK
YOU!**

To Tony Pringle, Winslow Rotary and the various willing helpers for supporting the annual Santa float visit.

The collection raised £370 Which will benefit community groups and event. Many thanks to those who opened their doors and donated.

CGCA 300 Club Winners

£50 prize to a local resident every month!

November 2015—Sian Carter

December—Thelma Watson

January 2016 — Juliette Cleverdon

February—Tina Blacker

March— Laura Black

Congratulations





Calvert Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Issue 01



Be alert when out and about

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016 I hope 2015 was good for you all.
This year I would like to get our NHW going and to get more of us involved in it.

To join the scheme sign up at :

[http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/your_local_area/
neighbourhood_watch_schemes/9437/?postcode=MK182FR&page=1](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/your_local_area/neighbourhood_watch_schemes/9437/?postcode=MK182FR&page=1)

The more people we can get involved the better.

As I am putting this together sad to report 2 break-ins to motor vehicles has happened in two days. We need people to be aware of strangers and unknown vehicles around Calvert

I would ask that people who walk their dogs to be more aware of things going on around them whilst walking their dogs. Parents when you take your children out to the play grounds or walking around the streets also to be aware as well.

Joggers you may want to increase your distance by adding streets you do not run down. Cycle riders may want to do the same ride down extra roads also

Having looked at other NHW sites I have seen they can get sponsorships from companies who are both local and large companies as well to create a web site for Calvert. If any company would like to be a part of this we need help creating a web site making it live and maintaining the information on it as well.

We have a Facebook page already which gives information from Thames Valley Police Alert web site. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/631452180330870/>

A little reminder do not leave anything of value on show in motors. If nothing in the glove box leave it open.

Park under lights where possible and restrict entry into the motor where possible. Make doubly sure the motor is locked before leaving it.

David Russell

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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
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)



**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**



AFTERNOON TEA CLUB

IN THE HALL 2.30-4.30pm

THURSDAY 28th April & 26th May

£2.00 per person to
include cakes and beverages

ADULTS ONLY

We hope you will come along and enjoy a
cuppa and chat. A chance to meet friends
and make new ones.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Saturday 16th April

7:30pm—late



**Adrian and Peter are back for the Annual
Calvert Green Music Quiz**

A Fun Social Evening at Calvert Green Hall

£6 Per person

CGCA Bar & Raffle

Ticket Price Includes a Fish & Chip Supper

Book in advance for this popular event

Maximum of 6 per team



Community



Calvert Green Street Party

Sunday 12th June

Bring Your Own Picnic

The CGCA will decorate the Village Hall Car Park & part of Cotswolds Way as well as running a Beer, Wine & Pimms tent.

We look forward to another great community event for all your friends and family.

Calvert Green Youth Club

Restarting April 2016



Moving to **Last Friday of the Month**

6:30-8:30pm

£2.00 per child

Tuck Shop

8 years +

Club Dates

Friday 29th April—Premier Sports Night

27th May

24th June

Break for Summer

30th September

TBC

Please contact the CGCA via thecgca@gmail.com if you are able to support the club and join the parent helper rota



Community

Further Events on the CGCA agenda



Social Bingo Night

Friday 13th May 7pm



Football—Euro 2016

We hope to show as many England games as possible on the Big TV in the hall with the CGCA bar

England vs Russia—Saturday 11/6 @ 8pm

Slovakia vs England—Monday 20/6 @ 8pm

Fireworks

Sunday 6th November

Calvert Green Parish Council

Community Update (Chairman B Pethick)

We have been without a Parish Clerk from the end of December, but our new Clerk will be starting with us on the 1st March. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Karen McMahon and Jackie Hirst for the work they carried out during their occupation of this position.

There are many challenging issues for the P.C. to undertake in 2016 and there are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors which really need to be filled. Anyone interested in this important role, please contact us. parishclerkcalvergreen@gmail.com

Detailed reports are given at the Parish Council meetings including HS2, Transport, Broadband, our open spaces and infrastructure and road markings, the Hall extension and future housing development within our Parish, and I would urge our residents to attend and express their views and requirements whilst getting first-hand knowledge of the latest situations. The next meetings are:

Monday 4 April

Monday 16 May (AGM)

Community Hall Extension (Cllr Swan)

Unfortunately for reasons beyond WREN's control, the Board meeting which was scheduled to take place on the 27 January 2016 has had to be postponed. The meeting involving the Board members will now take place on the 2 March 2016. We will be notified as to the outcome of our WREN Grant application within a couple of days of the meeting, and if successful will then commence design and then build of the new Hall Extension, albeit later than originally envisaged.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you haven't already done so, can we recommend you join Calvert Green's Neighbourhood Watch. David Russell is the Calvert Green Representative, and regularly attends the Parish Council Meetings. Although he is not a Councillor, David is voluntarily working hard for the community and will be holding a specific NHW meeting at the Hall 8pm Tuesday 23 February.

HS2 (Cllr P Gaskin)

The Parish Council has now appeared twice in front of the HS2 Select Committee in Westminster. It is felt that the more recent appearance was better received by the Select Committee.

To date we have made some progress with the process. The following Assurances have been provided:

- No tunnelling spoil to be dumped on Shepherds Furze Farm on the outskirts of Calvert.
- Brackley Lane will not be used as a construction traffic route for the HS2 Infrastructure Maintenance Depot
- HS2 will work with FCC Environment (landfill operator) to move waste sidings approximately 1 mile south of Calvert Green, rather than the HS2 option just beyond Brackley Lane
- HS2 will work with East West Rail (now that the EWR schedule has slipped) to share facilities - hopefully removing the satellite depot and materials stockpile from just beyond Brackley Lane
- HS2 will consider realigning access to a pumping station off Brackley Lane - hopefully providing better screening from the HS2 line than the currently proposed plan.
- Construction of a pavement between Steeple Claydon and Calvert Green.

In addition to these points, HS2 has also agreed a £1 million mitigation fund for the Calvert area. Buckinghamshire County Council has tentatively agreed that this fund will be shared between Calvert Green, Charndon, Steeple Claydon and Twyford parishes. It is not known when this fund will be available, although it isn't likely to be before Royal Assent which is likely in October 2016. This fund should be available for the parish council to request funding for community projects.

Because the Select Committee is under pressure from the government to complete its process and contain spend, they have decided to block any further additional provisions (AP meaning design changes). Because of this, the waste siding relocation will be investigated under a Transport Works Act Order (TWAO). This doesn't offer us the same protection as an AP but we are hoping that the Select Committee will require HS2 to treat it in the same way.

HS2 –Continued

After Royal Assent, the HS2 railway will have all necessary powers to acquire land to start the construction and nothing can then be done to stop the project. The select committee has now finished its process of hearing from petitioners along the route. They will soon publish their findings and recommendations to HS2. We are hopeful that this will be supportive to our requests and provide direction to HS2 in our favour.

Before Royal Assent, there is one final process which is to petition the House of Lords. We are awaiting more information to better understand this process, but it is likely we will have this opportunity.

EWR (Cllr O'Rourke)

East West Rail project continues. Our ‘section’ of the planned rail link between Oxford and Cambridge is called ‘EWR2’ or ‘Western section phase 2’. As we know costs are, as may have been expected, already way higher than budgeted, and has placed the project in jeopardy. In a response to this, the government commissioned an investigative report (the Hendy report), and this was issued in November. Link below:

<http://networkrail.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/hendy-report.pdf>

Subsequently, an ‘Alliance’ has been formed, and contracts have been awarded in December 2015 to do a major study and re-cost of the EWR2 project. Their remit is to come up with an agreed working proposal, by this autumn, to get the project back on track. They are still pressing to get our section running by 2019. Link below:

<http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/2015/12/04/alliance-contracts-awarded-for-east-west-rail-phase-2/>

High Speed Broadband (Cllr Blakeley)

Hopefully everyone who has already signed up for Gigaclear’s Fibre Optic Broadband service will be aware that we passed the required number of sign ups just after the New Year. Gigaclear are currently in the planning phase and expect the permissions to be granted by April, at which point they will start the installation phase. They will be digging all the trenches and adding an outlet port for every property over the summer. They are expecting to go live in September.

It has taken a while, but at last we can see some definite light approaching down the tunnel, and will continue to work with all parties to ensure the un-adopted areas of Calvert Green around The Steeples have High Speed Broadband as soon as possible.

Landfill (Cllr P Gaskin)

Recent waste tipping has been in a valley by pit 4 which has meant that the operations have been less visible to Calvert Green residents. Landfill tipping is now complete in pit 4 – they are now capping the waste with clay and soil. FCC Environment is waiting for engineering works to be completed before allowing tipping in pit 6 which is much further away from Calvert Green.

A planning application to change the use of pit 6 to non-waste, such as construction waste and soils is currently being submitted.

Odour incidents have significantly reduced. In 2015, 18 complaints were made (as of 10/12/15) compared to 85 in 2014.

We complained that HGV drivers were regularly still attempting to use the Brackley Lane access to the landfill site, even though this access closed to HGVs well over a year ago. FCC refuses access to any HGV from Brackley Lane and is now banning drivers from site if they try to use this access.

Buckinghamshire County Council confirmed that a Section 228 notice for adoption of Brackley Lane was being posted in January. A 30mph speed limit will be enforced and Buckinghamshire County Council will then be responsible for the whole of Brackley Lane.

FCC is also now installing additional gates on site to prevent drivers from driving through the landfill site between the A41 at Woodham to Brackley Lane. This course of action was agreed after residents complained about vehicles attempting this late at night when the site was closed.



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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