

New chess club for Holmfirth

A NEW chess club has been formed in Holmfirth.

Members play at The Farmers' Arms and have entered the Huddersfield League under the name of Holmfirth Farmers.

Secretary Andrew Dearnley said: "A very positive response has been received via a local Facebook page to recruit new members and we already have 12 players.

"We are trying to encourage players of all standards to join and it is anticipated a junior section of the club will be formed once we are more established, with three junior players already interested.

"Wednesday will be the main club night but we are going to be flexible for other evenings, from time to time, as we grow, possibly a match night and a club night."

The club has been set up by team captain, Steve Westmoreland, and Andrew, who are both very experienced players having played at Huddersfield Chess Club.

"This is the first new chess club in the Huddersfield League for many years," Andrew added.

Contact 07956 052406 if you're interested in joining.



Jack Bradbury with the Exercise Waterloo Ride team at the start at Land's End (left) and at the finish at John o' Groats.

Injured soldier completes cycling challenge as part of rehabilitation

By Josh Timlin

AN injured soldier completed an epic cycle challenge as part of his rehabilitation.

Exercise Waterloo Ride is a regiment-wide training exercise organised by the 1st The Queen's Dragoons Guards to help its injured and medically downgraded soldiers regain fitness – by cycling the length of the UK from Land's End to John o' Groats.

And Penistone-born Jack Bradbury, 33, a Royal Engineer attached to the regiment, was invited to take part in the lengthy

ride from Cornwall to Caithness.

He completed the 874-mile, 12-day journey despite being hampered by an ankle injury.

"It came completely out of the blue, I overheard a conversation and thought it was just a good way to get back to fitness," said Jack.

"At the beginning it was absolutely horrendous, we went uphill and down dale, the terrain was almost like a Toblerone.

"But then the confidence started to grow and by the end of it I was welcoming it, rather than just trying to get through

each part.

"I'm quite lucky that I have an ankle injury that didn't really stop me. Some of the guys had knee injuries which meant they were having to struggle."

Jack, who went straight into the Army following his time at Penistone Grammar School, says his fight against a chronic ankle problem is 'nothing heroic' and took the challenge on as a way to regain fitness while continuing to push himself.

He joined 12 other servicemen on the exercise, during which the group cycled more than 80

miles a day.

Commanding officer of the exercise and regiment captain Tom Crossman-Kelly said: "Jack did very well considering he didn't even know about the event beforehand.

"It was a complete accident that he turned up to the first meeting.

"But he was a really strong rider despite never doing any endurance cycling before. He was one of the top performers."

Tom added that Jack would soon be returning to full fitness following the exercise.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to our new Parish Council

THE new Parish Council for the next four years met for its first Full Council meeting of the Civic Year.

Fourteen councillors were re-elected and we welcomed eight new councillors to the Council.

All of our 12 wards now have a representative, with one remaining vacancy in Uppertong which will be filled by co-option at the special council meeting on June 17.

Our members are:

- Brockholes – Coun Michael Pogson.
- Fulstone – Coun Di Hall and Coun Donald Firth.
- Hepworth – Coun Tom Dixon.
- Holmfirth Central – Coun Glyn Barker and Coun Rachel Hogley.
- Honley Central and East – Coun Pat Colling, Coun Ben Lockley and Coun Sarah Sheard.
- Honley South – Coun Joe Sweeney.
- Honley West – Coun



Sean East and Coun Charles Greaves.

- Netherthong – Coun James Dalton and Coun Judith Roberts.
- Scholes – Coun Mary Blacka and Coun Paul Dixon.
- Upper Holme Valley – Coun Kath Bellamy and Coun Trevor Bellamy.
- Uppertong – Coun Bernie Feeney.
- Wooldale – Coun Paul Davies, Coun Jason Brook and Coun Darryl Gould.

All the councillors signed their declarations to formally become parish councillors and they then elected Coun Trevor Bellamy as chair

and Coun Rachel Hogley as vice-chair for the forthcoming year.

Councillors joined the Standing Committees with chairs appointed as follows:

- Finance and Management: Coun Paul Dixon.
- Service Provision: Coun Michael Pogson.
- Community Asset Support Committee: Coun Tom Dixon.
- Publications and Communications: Coun Rachel Hogley.
- Planning: Coun Judith Roberts.
- Staffing: Coun Di Hall.

Meeting dates for forthcoming meetings for

each of these committees will be published on our website shortly and contact details for each of the members are also available on www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Our members reflect a range of political perspectives with representatives either independent or from the Conservative Party, Labour Party, Green Party or Democrats and Veterans Party. As unpaid representatives we will all be working hard over the next few years to do the best for our community and help the Holme Valley to thrive.

Parish Council vacancy – Uppertong Ward

THERE is an opportunity to be co-opted onto Holme Valley Parish Council to represent the Uppertong Ward until May 2023

If you are passionate about your local community and want to make a difference, why not become a Parish Councillor.

If you are interested please contact Liz Bennett at the Parish Council on 01484 687460 or e-mail Clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

The closing date for expressions of interest is June 12. Please submit a letter describing your reasons for applying and your suitability for this role, including your address and contact details.

You will be invited to attend a special council meeting on June 17 when you will be asked to give a brief presentation to councillors.

Farewell and thank you to our previous councillors

WITH the Parish Council elections, we said goodbye to a number of our parish councillors and would like to thank them for their contribution over the last few years.

Thank you to Greg Cropper, Stephen Baggott, Tim Walshaw, Royston Rogers, Donna Bellamy, Daniel Yates, Elena Bunbury and Greg Christoffi and we wish them well in the future.



Coun Di Hall presented a cheque to Cancer Research UK as her chosen charity in her parting act as chair of the Parish Council before handing over the role to Coun Trevor Bellamy.