

First with the latest messages from Houlton, Rugby

TAKE A FIRST LOOK AT ST GABRIEL'S CofE ACADEMY



Canon Linda Wainscot, Director of Education for Diocese of Coventry, Headteacher, Andrew Taylor and Richard Coppell, Development Director, Houlton

Hands up, who wants to take a look at Houlton's new primary school?

St Gabriel's Church of England Academy recently opened its doors to prospective children and parents with a series of information days in October and November. There was the chance to see inside the freshly completed school building, and the opportunity to meet Headteacher, Andrew Taylor, ahead of the September 2018 intake.

Mr Taylor said: "We've been delighted to welcome the community and showcase our school's fantastic new facilities." He continued, "Throughout December, I'll also be running a series of informal Headteacher

meetings, giving everyone another opportunity to meet us, gain a sense of the environment we will provide for our pupils and hear about our passion for providing an outstanding education for every child."

Don't miss the chance to meet our new Headteacher, at one of our informal meetings in December.

As part of its single form entry setup, St Gabriel's CofE Academy will offer 30 places for reception children in September 2018, as well as a mixed age intake for older

children. And staff are already preparing to welcome not one, but two new pupils – three-year old twins, Aryian and Reevan Gill.



Tina and AJ with twins Aryian and Reevan

As the very first applicants to the school, parents Tina and AJ are excited to establish their family within the community. Tina commented: "The school's outstanding facilities, with plenty of open space both inside and out, together with Mr Taylor's teaching ethos, are the ideal fit for our boys."

Tina will be having a busy time at Houlton – she will also be running 'Relax Kids' classes in The Barn at Dollman Farm. More details will follow soon on our website.

Headteacher meetings will run throughout December on Thursdays between 1-3pm.

For more information about St Gabriel's CofE Academy, please visit stgabrielshoulton.org.uk



MORRIS HOMES SALES CABIN NOW OPEN!



The Dunham 2



Receive a warm welcome at the Morris Homes sales cabin

Home-hunters can now get a real taste of things to come at Morris Homes' Houlton development, The Beacons.

Morris Homes' collection of high specification 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes – in addition to a handful of stunning 1 and 2 bedroom apartments – has been designed to blend seamlessly into the idyllic setting at Houlton and now, for the first time, you can get a detailed insight into what the new homes will offer.

The sales cabin delivers in-depth information about each house being built at The Beacons, with floorplans and specifications to see – as well as a look at how the site integrates with the rest of Houlton.

The friendly and helpful team are on hand seven days a week to answer all your questions and show you why the carefully planned development has become so popular already.

The cabin, which hosted a busy launch day on the 21st October, also provides the opportunity for you to secure your favourite plot by placing a deposit – a recommended first step to purchasing a property within this sought-after development.

With a reputation as a responsible and professional development partner in the regeneration of

local areas, Morris Homes offers decades of experience in building sustainable communities – an approach that aligns perfectly with Houlton's overall vision to become a wonderfully peaceful place to live.

Head over to the sales cabin and you'll soon begin to understand why Morris Homes is one of the UK's largest privately owned housebuilders, with well-renowned developments throughout the North and Midlands.



For more information, go to morrishomes.co.uk



The Handcrafted Delights team

CRAFT FAIR ORGANISERS THRILLED BY EVENT SUCCESS

The recent Craft Fair held at The Barn at Dollman Farm proved to be a huge success, with visitors able to browse and buy a wide range of quality handmade arts and crafts from local producers.

Event organisers Vikki and Ellen from Handcrafted Delights of Rugby, were 'blown away' by the response: "We were

completely shocked at how many people turned up. We are already looking forward to being part of the Christmas celebrations at Houlton in December."

There's a full Christmas programme coming up at The Barn. Turn to the back page to put all our December crafting dates in your diary.

BUILDING THE FUTURE AT OUR LEGO EVENT



The October half term saw over 200 local children visit our free LEGO™ event – joining experts from Bright Bricks to help make an amazing LEGO™ mosaic of Houlton. The children also had the opportunity to build their very own dream homes from LEGO™ bricks, with several sessions running throughout the day.

It was a fantastic opportunity for children and parents alike to get to know each other better and the day was such a success that Bright Bricks will be back in December! See our back page for details.



DAVIDSONS HOMES' SHOWHOME NOW OPEN

The Newstead, Davidsons Homes' beautiful 5-bedroom detached showhome, opened at the end of October with a launch event that included guided tours, delicious baked potatoes and frighteningly good Halloween-themed treats – but there's certainly nothing spooky about this gorgeous new home.

As an indication of the kind of quality you can expect from a Davidsons home, The Newstead is an impressive showcase of the high build quality and exquisite specifications on offer. And as a sign of things to come at the development, the showhome delivers an exciting glimpse into the future of life at Dollman Meadow, Houlton.

Set proudly within the development of stunning 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes, the showhome has a team of dedicated sales assistants to guide you around and provide you with everything you need to know about choosing and designing your dream home.

It's all part of the housebuilder's promise to deliver fantastic customer service, which was reflected in the company receiving a five-star HBF award for the fifth year in a row.



The front door is now wide open to visitors – from 10.30am-5.30pm, 7-days a week – so be sure to call in soon.



JOIN THE *Christmas Spirit* AT HOULTON



DECEMBER DIARY DATES

SATURDAY 9TH

Visit our **Craft Fair**, see the **Christmas lights** switch on and enjoy some festive carol singing. There's even a **live broadcast from Rugby FM** from 11-1pm.

SUNDAY 10TH

Catch up with the Handcrafted Delights team as the **Craft Fair** continues into its final day. 10am-4pm

MONDAY 11TH

Join us for **wreath-making** at The Barn and create your own decorations for this year. 2pm-4.30pm and 7pm-9.30pm, £35pp.

TUESDAY 12TH

Bright Bricks are back with another **LEGO™ session**, perfect for little builders! 4pm-7pm, FREE

WEDNESDAY 13TH

Children are welcome once again, this time for **gingerbread decorating**. 4pm-7pm, FREE

THURSDAY 14TH

Get creative at our **Christmas felting workshops** and create beautiful festive decorations. 10.30am-12.00pm and 7.30pm-9pm, £20pp

FRIDAY 15TH

Discover the valuable tips and tricks you need to enter a **competition**, at a **hosting** event. **TBC**
Times, price?

SATURDAY 16TH

Visit **Father Christmas** and his real-life reindeer Santa arrives 11am, meet the reindeer 11am-2pm

SUNDAY 17TH

Father Christmas is with us for a final day, so be sure to visit before he dashes off to begin his Christmas preparations. Santa arrives 11am, meet the reindeer 11am-2pm

For more information or to reserve a place at one of our events, email galina.bardarska@urbanandcivic.com or call **07393 013064**.

COMING SOON:

Hansford Park

BY CREST NICHOLSON

Houlton's third housebuilder, Crest Nicholson, is due to open the show village at the Hansford Park development in January 2018. The stunning collection of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes, will offer a combination of contemporary design and classic construction techniques, with sustainable materials and state-of-the-art technology.

Crest Nicholson is one of the UK's leading developers, with over 50 years of experience in creating award-winning homes.

Find out more at crestnicholson.com

