



First with the latest messages from Houlton, Rugby
CONNECTING YOU NOW



One of the campaign illustrations that you will see around the town in 2017, illustrated especially for Houlton.



WELCOME TO THE FIRST EVER EDITION OF THE HOULTON SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

The site of Rugby's newest neighbourhood, Houlton, has been synonymous with communication since 1926, when the government of the day commissioned the construction of a radio station that could talk to the world.

In the following year, the world's first transatlantic telephone service opened, with a message broadcast to a receiving station in Houlton, Maine. The site later played a vital wartime role, disrupting enemy defences in WW2 and in maritime comms during the Cold War.

And in its latter years, it provided an accurate time signal, or 'speaking clock', allowing Greenwich Mean Time to be received all over the world.

Now, all eyes are on the future and The Houlton Signal will keep you up to date with all the latest news from Houlton. With a first phase of new homes, a primary school, café and community hub all underway, there will be plenty to share.
Stay tuned!

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There's a new neighbourhood in town. Or, at least, there will be soon. Houlton, Rugby's newest neighbourhood is starting to take shape.

The groundwork for the first of its homes has begun – and the houses themselves will begin appearing in 2017. Three housebuilders will be on the site by summer 2017 including Davidsons Homes, Morris Homes and Crest Nicholson.

DOLLMAN FARM COURTYARD

We look forward to welcoming you to the newly created Dollman Farm courtyard in the New Year for lunch or simply a coffee and cake and to see our progress. The old farm house has been completely refurbished and extended to home a new Visitor Centre and office. The old barn has been rebuilt to offer community and events space and the courtyard is completed by the Tuning Fork, Rugby's newest eatery (see opposite).

WALK, RIDE, DRIVE...

Those who travel down the Crick Road will have noticed its transformation. It has been realigned and there is a new footway and cycle path running alongside. Both the road and footpath will be open by the end of the year. On the theme of roads – the new road which will connect Houlton to Butlers Leap and into town is set to begin construction in Spring and should be completed by the end of 2018.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

We've been working with local resident and historian Malcolm Hancock to learn about the site's heritage and how it might live on in the future of Houlton. Malcolm was station manager at the old Rugby Radio Station and worked there from being an apprentice through to retirement. He has written a book, 'The history of Rugby Radio Station' and we are publishing this for him, available in January 2017.

SEPT 2017 – THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS HERE

Construction of St. Gabriel's is progressing well with the clock ticking for a September 2017 opening. A Head Teacher is appointed (see back page) and we are in the process of marketing the school to parents with reception age children looking for a school place.

Look out for more information on this and check out our story on the back page.

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

During 2016 we have planted around 17 species of new trees including some mature and semi mature willow and oak trees. We also created 40 acres of wildlife habitat. As we continue to build more new roads and install services, we are pushing on with the creation of our green corridors – planting more trees and creating further habitat for our resident wildlife and great crested newts.





READY TO ORDER?

The wait is almost over. The Tuning Fork, Houlton's stylish new eatery, is set to open in January 2017. Situated in the new Dollman Farm courtyard, The Tuning Fork offers delicious, exciting, wholesome new menus, as well as the opportunity to see the vision for the future of Houlton in our Visitor Centre and join a club or class in The Barn. There will be a whole raft of events taking place at Dollman Farm and The Tuning Fork in 2017 so keep a look out.



To view the full menu, go to www.thetuningfork.co.uk

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

How about starting your day with the delightfully quirky Eggs Hemmingway – poached free range eggs, toasted English muffins with smoked salmon, drizzled in fresh Hollandaise sauce? Or perhaps pop in for a leisurely lunch of Indonesian-style chicken satay with mixed rice and a crunchy, spicy carrot and peanut salad. If you're pressed for time, take a quick break with coffee and cake! Whatever you fancy, you'll find The Tuning Fork is definitely on your wavelength!



REMEMBER, REMEMBER...



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Houlton was the proud sponsor of Rugby's annual fireworks display, which took place on Saturday 5th November at Whinfield Park. The event was hosted by the Rugby Round Table and saw in excess of 6,000 locals witness an amazing spectacle.

This year's display carried the theme "Remember Remember", which paid homage to Remembrance Day and the marking of the 100th anniversary of the battle of the Somme.

Houlton has its own significant date coming up. January 7th 2017 will be the 90th anniversary of Rugby Radio Station's first transatlantic voice transmission to Houlton, in the state of Maine, USA.

Johanne Thomas, responsible for Communities and Partnerships for developers Urban&Civic said, "Sponsoring initiatives like this helps us to bring the story of Houlton to the people of Rugby. Its scale when complete will change the

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face of the east of the town and we want to bring everyone with us on this journey.

"That's why we have already supported the fantastic Rugby World Cup festival last year, the victorious Rugby in Bloom campaign this year and the Pride of Rugby awards. We will continue to support the town as the development progresses."

For more on the initiatives we're involved in, visit www.houltonrugby.co.uk

DAWN OF A NEW GENERATION AT ST. GABRIEL'S ACADEMY, HOULTON



The first of Houlton's four new schools will be opening its doors to pupils in September 2017. Named after the angel Gabriel, the Bible's great communicator, St. Gabriel's CofE Academy, Houlton will be a state-funded primary school for children aged 4-11 years. Upto 30 children will be welcomed into the first reception class, enjoying brand new, purpose-built facilities that will meet the need for additional primary school places in Rugby and offer parents a new option for their children's education. The school is a product of the partnership between the Coventry Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) and Houlton's developer, Urban&Civic.

If you missed our special information events about the school in November, don't worry. There will be further opportunities to meet the team and find out more information on Tuesday 10th January 10am-2pm and Wednesday 11th January 2017 4-7pm.

Please visit www.stgabrielshoulton.org.uk for more details.

Special information events

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GET TO KNOW
Joh

Urban&Civic's Johanne Thomas heads up the team at Houlton with regard to local stakeholder and community engagement. In other words, she and her colleagues are responsible for ensuring that everyone is kept aware of how Houlton will grow, complement and enhance the local area, one day becoming a genuine source of pride for the whole town.

The Houlton development not only has an exciting future ahead of it. Situated on the old mast site, famous for having been home to the world's most powerful radio transmitter, it has a rich and fascinating history. So Johanne's job has her looking to the future whilst never losing sight of the past.

Johanne regularly meets with local groups to keep them updated on progress of this huge project. With the groundwork underway for homes at Houlton, she's currently very busy marketing Rugby's newest neighbourhood.

If you'd like to talk about any aspect of the development of Houlton or for Joh to visit a group you are involved with then please get in touch. You can call on 07469 150 290 or email: Johanne.thomas@urbanandcivic.com

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