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But commuter convenience is just one aspect of Holmes Chapel's endearing appeal. It boasts a small, friendly village heart and a network of quiet and unimposing estates spreading outwards.

Just under 6,000 people live within the area surrounded by lush farming pastures.

Its compact nature mean that it retains that rural atmosphere and yet also has all the necessary amenities close at hand.

There are excellent schools – Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School scored the highest GCSE results in Cheshire last year – a contemporary library, a purpose built youth club, a splendid selection of family run shops on the central London Road plus a string of evocative pubs and a modern wine bar.

In addition, there is a compact, unimposing precinct complete with parking and boasting a number of business including a

supermarket, bank, off-licence and ladies fashion emporium.

There is an excellent health centre offering a variety of services as well as a Citizens' Advice Bureau, Volunteer Bureau and a Post Office.

Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre, featured on these pages, is one of the most active in the county and even Cheshire's top tourist attraction, Jodrell Bank, is situated within the immediate area.

The village's rich history remains evident at all times as the dominant church, St Luke's, is one of only three buildings in the area to have survived the great fire of 1753.

Evidence of this can still be glimpsed within the scorch marks on the lime trees within the churchyard.

The church itself is architecturally celebrated and is built from red Cheshire sandstone, the tower of which has survived since the 15th century.

Holmes Chapel is twinned with Bessancourt in France and the Holmes Chapel and District Twinning Association, formed in 1979, work hard to keep the twinning process active. In May 2006, 10 Bessancourt families visited the Cheshire village and a return trip is planned for May 2007.

Whether shopping, relaxing, dining or enjoying the sense of history, Holmes Chapel remains the perfect blend of the old and the contemporary.

## New to Holmes Chapel

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# Holmes Chapel

## Pirates Paradise offers the excitement of the high seas

THE ultimate and most exciting children's indoor play centre is now open in Holmes Chapel.

With more than 7,000sq ft of new, state-of-the-art equipment, the centre promises to be a truly magical experience for any child.

Based in Holmes Chapel, the play centre is themed around the magnificent Jolly Roger that takes centre stage.

Named Pirates Paradise, the centre has everything one could imagine and combines the very best, indoor, soft play centre for all children, from babies to 11-year-olds, plus a comfortable restaurant area for adults where they can relax while the kiddies burn off some energy.

Once aboard the Jolly Roger the adventure begins – dodge the canon balls that are fired from the ships in the distance (foam of course, health and safety is paramount!).

Climb to the top of the ship and go down the great 25ft wavy slide that offers a safe but quick get a way should any opposing pirates invade the ship!

In the distance a lighthouse can be spotted which will help warn when the little pirates are getting too close to the rocks.

To help set the scene, ambient music is played and a fantastic light display fills Pirates Paradise with moving shadows.

Packed with slides, tunnels, climbing frames, rope swings, bridges and of course balls pool, Pirates Paradise promises to be the best day out for miles around.

All of this plus there are three

individual party rooms which can be hired out from just £6.50 per child which includes full use of the centre plus one of the most memorable parties for years.

But it is not just for children; adults certainly haven't been forgotten here.

Pirates Paradise can offer the perfect retreat for every parent with the most relaxing coffee lounge around.

With sumptuous leather sofas and the fantastic aroma of freshly brewed coffee, any parent could not help but be transported to another place in time.

All of the deli style food is cooked on site with fresh bread made every morning.

With freshly prepared sandwiches plus home cooked favourites, the centre caters for everyone's tastes.

Furthermore, with WiFi connection and a plasma screen television, this coffee lounge is more like a trendy city centre hang out.

Pirates Paradise can be found at Unit 8, Manor Lane, Holmes Chapel and is open weekdays from 9.30am to 6.30pm and from 9.30am to 5.30pm weekends and bank holidays. The entrance fee is just £3.50 per child and for more information, visit the website [www.boredtotears.co.uk](http://www.boredtotears.co.uk) or call 01477 549008.



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## Volunteers helping to maintain high standards of the village

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centre and clearing up areas which have become untidy.

The volunteers planted and now maintain the plant border alongside the Wine Bar car park, and those around the village precinct and in Sutton Oaks. They also organises the

Christmas lights display in the village centre with help from various other groups.

The volunteers meet on one Sunday each month throughout the year and on one Tuesday evening each month during the summer months (Apr to Sept).

The Village Volunteers are always on the look out for new members. Details are available by logging on to [www.holmeschapeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmeschapeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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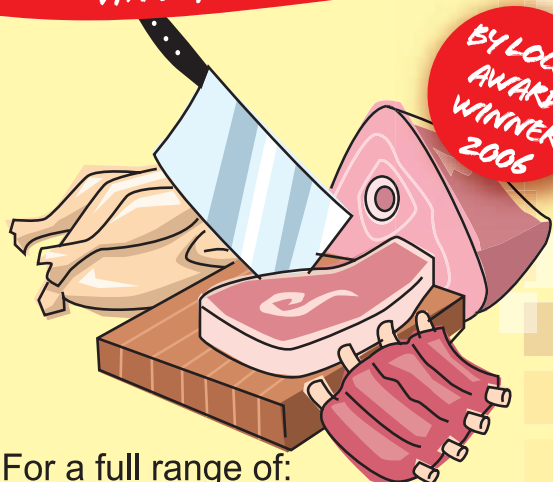
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## Events and activities and friendliness at the leisure centre

HELPING to encourage a sense of community and promoting all round fitness, Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre boasts a friendly atmosphere where the community can enjoy a full range of facilities and activities.

These include a fitness suite, multi purpose sports hall, special events venue, meeting room, floodlit tennis courts, a fully refurbished bar, fitness classes, short mat bowling, holiday play schemes children's parties and junior coaching courses.

In addition, the centre, in Selkirk Drive, hosts a full programme of special events which include toy fairs, children's karting and a number of musical and orchestral performances.

Fitness sessions at the centre include 50 Aerotone (an exciting programme and perfect for the heart rate and general toning - all ages are welcome), Tai Chi (beginners Chen-style Tai Chi which teaches basic stepping movement, meditation and 11 movement short form), circuit training and

Yoga, always a favourite and a beneficial way of keeping your body fit and stress-free.

Yoga involves stretching postures that help tone your muscles and eases tension on your spine and entire skeletal system. Yoga breathing helps revitalise the body and helps control the mind, leaving you calm and relaxed.

Anyone can practice Yoga - it requires no special equipment.

In fact, all you need is the will to pursue a healthier and happier lifestyle.

The Holmes Chapel Music Society is now into its 32nd season and hosts, on average, around eight professional concerts a year.

The acoustics and amenities at the leisure centre are particularly suitable for chamber music and the concerts are proving immensely popular, attracting audiences of up to 300 people.

The atmosphere is always friendly and informal and the performers are always encouraged to introduce the music and meet the audience afterwards.

The relaxed ambience is encouraged by the bar area, where musicians and audience are able to relax and chat with coffee or drinks.

Forthcoming performances include a Young Musicians Concert (March 10), Danel Quartet (March 17) and Camerata Ensemble (April 21).

Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre will also host and take the strain out of children's birthday parties, suitable for children of all ages and interests.

These are always reasonably priced and include bouncy castle and equipment parties (held in the small hall for two hours with a maximum attendance of 25), an equipment only party and a sports party.

For the latter you can select a sporting theme - basketball, football or racket sports - and the centre will provide all the relevant equipment and even supervision at an additional cost.

In addition there are circus parties, which include juggling, acrobatic and balancing skills and even football coaching parties, which provide the very best in professional coaching.

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