



Theale Vineyard blooms in the June sunshine

Theale Carnival and Fete

Finalise those costumes; get baking, growing and making - the Theale event of the year is nearly upon us.

Theale Village Community Association (TVCA) is now in the final stages of preparing for the Theale Village Carnival and Fete which will take place at North Street Playing Fields on Saturday July 18th from 12 noon until 6pm.



With something for everyone, this not-for-profit event aims to bring the whole community of Theale together and give local groups - including the Scouts,

St John's Ambulance, Army Cadets, Theale Church and pupils from both the primary and secondary schools - an opportunity to raise awareness of their activities. Any profits from the event will be divided and invested back into local community groups. There will be displays from Urban Stylez Dance Crews and Reading Tae Kwon Do squads, fairground rides plus traditional games and a variety of independent traders as well as a Grand Raffle. The highlight of the day will be the carnival procession around the arena featuring a Hollywood theme so don't forget to enter your group and start getting creative with costumes for lots of movie mania!

Theale Primary School

The special meeting of Theale Parish Council scheduled for June 30th, which was called to decide whether to release land on the North Street Playing Field for a new primary school, has been postponed. A date for the postponed meeting has not yet been set.



The postponement is because information provided to the parish council for that project appears to differ with information provided to support the renewal of planning permission for the temporary modular classrooms.

IKEA

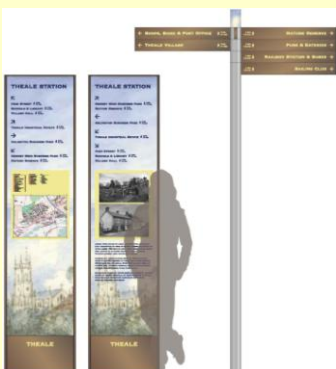


As we all now know, in April 2012, West Berkshire Council resolved to grant planning consent for a new IKEA store at Pincents Lane Retail Park, Calcot, redeveloping a number of derelict and rundown retail and leisure units and creating up to 400 new jobs.



The three existing tenants vacated the site in January 2014 and work began to dismantle these superstructures. Demolition works on the site were completed in June 2014. IKEA are extremely pleased that during the demolition, 97 per cent of construction waste was recycled, which means that over 3,000 tonnes of waste was diverted from landfill. In the ever changing retail environment IKEA state that they want to provide their customers with a simple, convenient and enjoyable shopping experience. As such, they have reviewed the design and layout for IKEA Calcot, Reading, and have decided that a slightly smaller store, re-planned with shopping ease in mind, will offer their customers a better in-store experience. An IKEA spokesperson said, "As we await final approvals on our plans for the IKEA Reading store from the West Berkshire Council, we are taking steps to set up and prepare the site for the store build. Over the coming weeks, RG Group, our construction management company, will install a small site set up for contractors and complete the final site preparation steps. As soon as we receive final approvals from the Council we will provide further information such as key construction dates for the store build."

Wayfinders



The whole scheme is now approved and signed off. There was a delay in two small areas; one was securing permission at Arlington, and the other at the Station by the new station building. Both of these issues have been resolved. The wayfinding is scheduled for commencement of installation on the 3rd August, but it takes a further two weeks for it all to be finalised - foundations need to be set etc especially for the monoliths.

Theale Station



Although the new ticket office and retail outlet are completed, there are still delays to the work

being finished with progress being hindered by the legalities between FGW and Network Rail.

New Roof for Holy Trinity

As many of us know, Holy Trinity Church Theale is a beautiful building, having been consecrated in 1832. It was modelled on Salisbury Cathedral and was once sketched by the artist John Constable. It is now a Grade 1 listed building which means that essential repairs are necessary but costly. Made aware by MP Alok Sharma of a new £15M building fund launched by the government last year, an application by the church resulted in Holy Trinity being given a cash grant of £85,200. The money is to be used to restore the roof and upgrade the drainpipes.

What's On

Theale Carnival and Fete - Saturday July 18th
from 12 Noon until 6 pm

Major Roadworks at Pincents Lane commence on 20th July for 10 months. This work is required to provide better access to the proposed IKEA store.

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