

Holford news & views



March - April 2022

Editorial



I have just taken a covid test following a week of worry (cold symptoms), very relieved that the test was negative. It is, I suppose, a sign of the times that hitherto things which we ignored have become significant.

I have been part of the community speed watch team since it began, several months ago. I'm looking /hoping that other people might volunteer to take over. Please let me or Mo Young know if you are willing to join.

I always browse through emails before beginning to type anything new. This morning I was struck by the stark contrast between a beautiful garden in Holford and

scenes of destruction in Ukraine. What will it take to change minds I wonder?

Plans for our Jubilee celebrations are coming together, Emma Cavendish is co-ordinating the timetable of events with the help of a team of volunteers. There is a poster/flyer being circulated and you will find it on Page 3 of this newsletter. if you have questions or contributions, contact one of the team. Lots going on and mostly free to all. Including this one for the kids out there!

Design a Crown competition - Open to all school aged children - Prizes will be available

- Using crayons, paint, felt tips, collage
- On A4-A3 paper or card
- Entries should be clearly labelled (name, age or school year, contact details)
- Entries to me at Ramblers no later than the last week in May.

Christine Mew

You will no doubt be aware that there are to be Council elections in May this year. This time there will also be a chance for you to vote for councillors on your own Holford Parish Council. This would normally happen every 4 years but has been brought forward by one year due to this major re-organisation.

Holford Parish Council is allowed 7 councillors. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor you will need to apply to Somerset County Council for an application form and to submit your application to them by the cut off date (April 8th). Please feel free to contact any of the councillors or the Clerk to discuss what is expected of a councillor and what time you would be committed to giving. It is a voluntary post and if elected the term of service would be four years but a councillor is not committed to the full term. Please contact the clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk for information on applying.

There is a valuable document available from the National Association of Local Councillors called 'It takes all sorts' which is a good introduction to what is involved in being a Parish Councillor [file \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://file.nalc.gov.uk) No experience necessary except life experience, time and a willingness to get involved.

Village Hall News :

The Hub is proving more popular now but will take a break after 30th March.

The Craft Group (1pm-4pm on Fridays) continue to produce some lovely things – cross-stitch, knitting, felting, quilting, crocheting, stamping, card making, the choice is yours.

£3 a session including tea/coffee and the occasional cake! Don't forget to submit your entries for the multimedia art exhibition on Friday June 3rd in the village hall.

Brain Workout Quiz



Good luck – answers on page 10

1. In video games, Vice City and San Andreas are part of the long-running series called Grand Theft... what?
2. In geography, what is the name of the US state that joined the union in 1959?
3. In world leaders, which political campaigner was imprisoned on Robben Island in 1964,
4. In film soundtracks, the title song from which 1984 supernatural comedy includes the lyric "if there's something strange in your neighbourhood"?
5. In UK landmarks, which castle and royal residence is located in the postcode area AB35?
6. In music, what is a small, four-stringed Hawaiian guitar that is derived from a Portuguese instrument?
7. In TV, the dramas Waterloo Road and Ackley Bridge are both predominantly set in a what... school or hospital?
8. In chemistry, which element that can be used to make poisonous compounds has the chemical symbol "As"?
9. In sport, the US gymnast who became the individual all-around world champion for a fifth time in 2019 is who?
10. In theatre, Albus and Hermione are characters in the West End play titled Harry Potter and the ... what?
11. In popular culture, the date May the Fourth is known informally as what... Star Trek Day or Star Wars Day?
12. In cooking, what "T" is a yellow spice used in curry powders that is sometimes known as "Indian saffron"?
13. In geography, the hill called Arthur's Seat and the shopping area of Princes Street are in which Scottish city?
14. In TV, in 2015, the former footballer Dion Dublin became a presenter on the property programme *Homes Under the...* what?
15. In charities, the World Wide Fund for Nature logo based on an original design by its founder, Sir Peter Scott, depicts which mammal?
16. In food, what is the basis of the dessert crêpes Suzette, and is traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?
17. In cinema, the Little Tramp character that features in the 1931 film 'City Lights', is played by who?
18. In nature, the name of which Roman goddess precedes "fly-trap" to make the common name of a carnivorous plant?
19. In medicine, the abbreviation "ENT" stands for what
20. Who was the only president of the United States to have a degree in economics?

Not too hard this time!

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Holford Parish Council welcomes you to *Join the Party!*

Ably assisted by the Jubilee Team of volunteers

Please join the volunteers to make this a very special day*

Make a Royal Scarecrow and decorate your front gate! Bunting needed!

Wear a crown! Dress for a royal garden party if you wish!

For school children, a prize for the best crown design submitted to Chris Mew at Ramblers by the end of May

Saturday June 4th 2022

Provisional Program

Afternoon events from 1pm on the Bowling Green

All **free** events except where specified

Prizes for best crown (worn!), best scarecrow and best decorated gate.



Live Music from **MEAN FEAT**

Hog Roast (£6 per person reserve yours*)
Bar (courtesy of the Plough – pay as you go!)

Craft and Garden stalls**

Games Duck Race



Tombola (small charge) donation of prizes welcome after May 1st to Jean Pearce



FREE!

Early evening event from 5.30pm in the Village Hall

Music from **HOPPING MAD**, Dancing and drinking many a toast to the Queen
Thanks to Alan for organising this and the Plough for running the bar

Warm up acts!

Friday June 3rd in the afternoon and Saturday morning

Multimedia Art Exhibition (submissions welcome on Friday)

Historical Photograph exhibition thanks to Peter Grandfield

** to volunteer or book a stall
Contact the Jubilee Team Mo P
plomdove4145@gmail.com or
EmmaCavendish01@aol.com

* Register your interest in a
Hog Roast with
Jenny Swash 741206
To be sure of availability
book early!

Book evening bash
FREE! Limited numbers
alan.falkingham@me.com



VILLAGE HALL ENTERTAINMENT ROUND UP!



**Get in touch - your opinion
matters**

The Hall is considering putting on more regular entertainment events. So far, we have provided theatre and a range of music. These 'acts' won't appeal to everyone. But people who do come to the concerts tell me they really enjoy them.

Tickets are usually around £8 to £10 - which I think is good value. But what do you think?

If you would like to see a particular type of entertainment at the Hall, get in touch with me. Please ensure you have support from other people who would buy tickets: we cannot act on just a whim. And be prepared to help as there's a lot involved!



WÖR

Date: February 18th 2022. Storm Eunice nearly blew us all away! Those of us who ventured out to the Village Hall that evening were definitely blown away by some incredible music from Belgian band Wör. (Pronounced 'were' in English, but with a rolling R). You can read more about them [here](#).

I admit I was unsure about what sort of sound we would get from the

lineup of Baritone Sax, Fiddle, Bagpipes / Soprano Sax, Accordion and Acoustic Guitars (6 and 12 string). It was both powerful and rhythmic: one minute a solid block of sound hitting you in the chest, the next a gentle sonic cloud drifting around the room. Strong melodies with, at times, heavily syncopated rhythms. Quite bizarre - but thoroughly enjoyable!

The standing ovation said it all. If you weren't there, perhaps you should have been!

What's next? The Queen's Jubilee celebrations! Saturday 4th June...

Full program now available in this issue – come along and make it a great day!

Remember - please let me know what you think about future entertainment.

Alan Falkingham

chair@holfordvillagehall.org

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And dates for your diary ...

Saturday 4th June - Hopping Mad! - Barn Dance fun for everyone



steps - then you're off!

FREE entry but you must have a ticket: limited numbers for Health & Safety reasons - so make sure you get yours when they become available. Licensed bar.

Hopping Mad are experienced local musicians who have played this sort of music for many years.

You will be guided through each dance by the 'caller' - slowly at first - until you've learned the

One minute you'll be dancing a traditional Scottish Reel, then an Irish Jig and then perhaps a folk dance from Israel - or Romania!

In between dances, as you get your breath back, the band will play a range of folk melodies as you sip a glass or two of something refreshing. There's a licensed bar.

**Saturday July 1st
Klezmer Music from Zeffe**

Somerset band ZEFFE will play Eastern European Klezmer music in the Hall. Look out for the poster. Listen [here](#).

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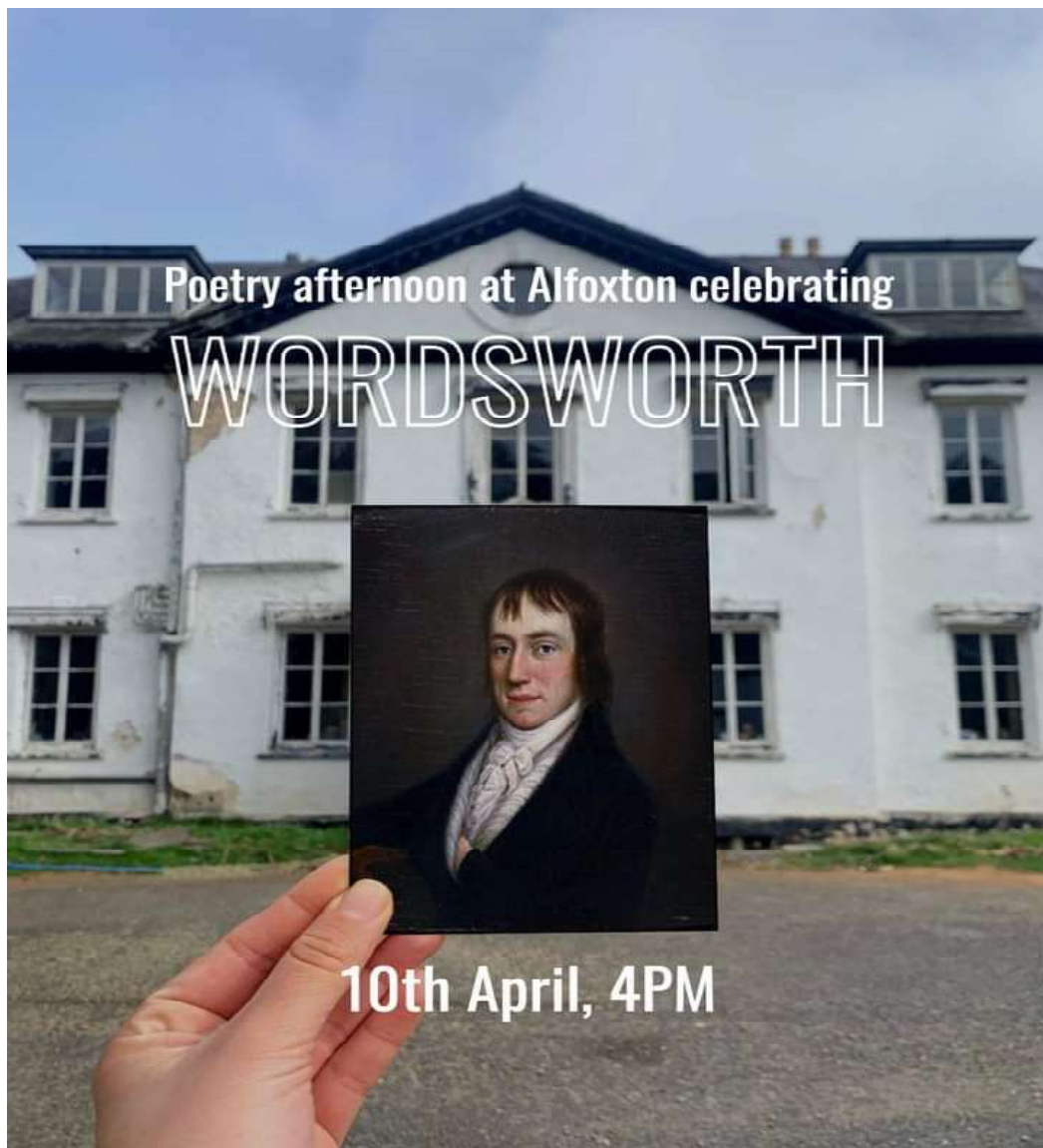


Tickets £8 adult (£6 under 15).
Tickets will go on sale in May.

**Saturday 24th September
Ali & The Swing Cats**

makes a return visit. Speakeasy again!
The band
Fancy dress.
Tickets £8 available in July.





Come join us for an afternoon of poetry and celebration for William Wordsworth's birthday. We'll have readings of Wordsworth's work and some original poems by Graeme Ryan and members of the Alfoxton Community.

We look forward to having you here!

This is a donation based event. Alfoxton Park is a charity and works on the principle of 'dana' or 'gift' economy.



Traditional Folk Dance & Ceilidh Band

HOPPING

MAD!



SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

AT

HOLFORD & DISTRICT
VILLAGE HALL

5:30 PM TO 9:00PM

**FREE ADMISSION by
ADVANCE TICKET ONLY**

from Alan on 741711

Licensed Bar



Not at all seasonal but a very beautiful poem and one of my favourites EOC

Poem in October

It was my thirtieth year to heaven
Woke to my hearing from harbour and neighbour wood
And the mussel pooled and the heron
Priested shore
The morning beckon
With water praying and call of seagull and rook
And the knock of sailing boats on the net webbed wall
Myself to set foot
That second
In the still sleeping town and set forth.

My birthday began with the water-
Birds and the birds of the winged trees flying my name
Above the farms and the white horses
And I rose
In rainy autumn
And walked abroad in a shower of all my days.
High tide and the heron dived when I took the road
Over the border
And the gates
Of the town closed as the town awoke.

A springful of larks in a rolling
Cloud and the roadside bushes brimming with whistling
Blackbirds and the sun of October
Summery
On the hill's shoulder,
Here were fond climates and sweet singers suddenly
Come in the morning where I wandered and listened
To the rain wringing
Wind blow cold
In the wood faraway under me.

Pale rain over the dwindling harbour
And over the sea wet church the size of a snail
With its horns through mist and the castle
Brown as owls
But all the gardens
Of spring and summer were blooming in the tall tales
Beyond the border and under the lark full cloud.
There could I marvel
My birthday
Away but the weather turned around.

It turned away from the blithe country
And down the other air and the blue altered sky
Streamed again a wonder of summer
With apples
Pears and red currants

And I saw in the turning so clearly a child's
Forgotten mornings when he walked with his mother
Through the parables
Of sun light
And the legends of the green chapels

And the twice told fields of infancy
That his tears burned my cheeks and his heart moved in mine.
These were the woods the river and sea
Where a boy
In the listening
Summertime of the dead whispered the truth of his joy
To the trees and the stones and the fish in the tide.
And the mystery
Sang alive
Still in the water and singingbirds.

And there could I marvel my birthday
Away but the weather turned around. And the true
Joy of the long dead child sang burning
In the sun.
It was my thirtieth
Year to heaven stood there then in the summer noon
Though the town below lay leaved with October blood.
O may my heart's truth
Still be sung
On this high hill in a year's turning.

Dylan Thomas

Quiz answers

1. Auto
2. Hawaii
3. Nelson Mandela
4. Ghostbusters
5. Balmoral
6. Ukulele
7. School
8. Arsenic
9. Simone Biles
10. Cursed child
11. Star Wars Day
12. Turmeric
13. Edinburgh
14. Hammer
15. A giant panda
16. Pancake
17. Charlie Chaplin
18. Venus
19. Throat
20. Ronald Reagan

Why Men Are Just Happier People

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

- ✓ Your last name stays put.
- ✓ The garage is all yours.
- ✓ Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- ✓ Chocolate is just another snack.
- ✓ You can never get pregnant.
- ✓ You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.
- ✓ You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
- ✓ Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- ✓ The world is your urinal.
- ✓ You never have to drive to another garage loo because this one is just too icky.
- ✓ You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- ✓ Same work, more pay.
- ✓ Wrinkles add character.
- ✓ Wedding dress £5000. Tuxedo hire £100
- ✓ People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
- ✓ New shoes don't cut, blister or mangle your feet.
- ✓ One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- ✓ You know stuff about tanks.
- ✓ A five-day holiday requires only one suitcase.
- ✓ You can open all your own jars.
- ✓ You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- ✓ If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.
- ✓ Your underwear is £5 for a three-pack.
- ✓ You almost never have strap problems in public.
- ✓ You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- ✓ Everything on your face stays its original colour.
- ✓ The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- ✓ You can play with toys all your life.
- ✓ One wallet and one pair of shoes – one colour for all seasons.
- ✓ You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
- ✓ You can 'do' your nails with a pen knife.
- ✓ You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.
- ✓ You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24th in 25 minutes.



No wonder men are happier



Why we love our kitchen

It smells of toast, marmalade and freshly brewed tea. It's the busiest room in the house, in fact, it's almost never empty. It's where we learn to cook, flip pancakes, make gravy from a handed down recipe and invent our own creations which will never be handed down.

It's where you keep the family treats and hide the ones that are just for you. It makes you smile on Saturday morning and gives you a hug at Sunday lunch. It's where onions make you cry and friends make you laugh. It's where secrets are shared, lessons are learned and all the best chats start with...you wash, I'll dry.



Holford and District Village Hall 19th April at 7.30pm
'My way of Growing Fuschias'
A Practical Talk and Demonstration by Peter Holloway
Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00
A Warm Welcome to all

Holford and District Village Hall
Tuesday May 17th - 7pm [Doors Open 6.15pm]
Somerset Federation of Garden Clubs A.G.M.

Followed by Speaker Dr Tim Upson
RHS Director of Horticulture, Education and Communities
Refreshments available

Why not plant a commemorative rose for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

Royal Jubilee



Queen Elizabeth



Elizabeth



There are some gorgeous ones available including Elizabeth a new one from David Austin (other rose growers are available!)

Oil delivery Scheme

Time to stock up again?
For those wishing to make use of the community oil delivery scheme.

Orders will need to be placed by Monday for deliveries in the following week, usually on Wednesday

Please put these dates on your calendar

Mondays

9th May, 13th June and 11th July
but please pass orders any time at present as deliveries still taking at least a week.

**Contact : David Young
on 741249**

davidyoung1934@talktalk.net



Lottery

The Lottery is taking a break until May

Reminder :

As part of the Jubilee celebration there will be a multi-media art and craft exhibition in the village hall Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th of June until mid afternoon.

All are welcome to submit their artworks to Wendy Grandfield on the morning of Friday 3rd, you don't need to be part of the Arts and Crafts group. **ANY** kind of art is acceptable on any theme you like!

The hall will be locked over night but the village hall does not accept responsibility for items left there. Check own home insurance to see you are covered.

Children : all of school age
don't forget to give your designs for **a crown** to Chris Mew at Ramblers. Prizes for the best design in any media for the under 10s and over 11s!

Holford and District Village Hall

What's On? – Dates for your Diary



Now covid restrictions are lifted regular events are starting again.

For full details see the
Holford and District Village Hall website
www.HolfordVillageHall.org

Bookings : Emily Hecksher T : 741694
or on line at www.HolfordVillageHall.org

VARIOUS EVENTS PLANNED NOW THE VILLAGE HALL IS OPEN.

Weekly regulars Back on Track!

Mon	iPad and Computer Group	10.00 – 12.00
	Short Mat Bowls – Kilve Village Hall	7.00pm
	Aerobics, Pilates and Stretch	6.30pm
Tues	Pilates (occasionally History Society or Gardeners' Group	6pm – 7pm
Wed	Pilates The Hub	11am – noon 2pm – 4pm
Thu	Table Tennis	7.30 – 9pm
Fri	Art Group Craft Group	10.00 – 1 pm 1.00 – 4pm
Sat	Monthly Coffee Morning	

Refuse collections :

Every **three** weeks on Fridays

Collections a day later after Bank Holidays

Recycling collections every Friday

Collections a day later after Bank Holidays

We hope you have enjoyed this edition

If anyone has any articles, ideas, news, snippets etc please do let us have them.

before the deadline May 5th

Please send items for the next issue to

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