

# Holford news & views



June 2022

## Editorial



Like many other towns and villages across the United Kingdom, Holford sits quietly in its place going about its business without a fuss until drawn together for a special occasion, usually involving a significant national event.

This summer however, like it or not, we are all aware of two contrasting events, the nightmare in Ukraine and our own celebrations to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. What a contrast.

I make no apology for being very glad that we live in a country, separated from Europe and the rest of the world by sea and that we live in a parliamentary democracy, guided by tradition and the royal family. There have been many problems over the centuries but we have managed to stay on an even keel, survive and succeed.

Fortunately, this special event is, for most people, a happy time, celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne. We are fortunate to have been able to live in relative peace, safety and harmony since 1945 aided in no small part by the calm, steady leadership which Philip and Elizabeth have provided. We cannot see into the future but can raise a glass to an example of extraordinary service and sacrifice given by Queen Elizabeth the Second.

Holford will rise to the occasion at the beginning of June and the Parish Council is sponsoring daytime events on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> followed by an evening of music and dance sponsored by Holford and District Village Hall. Volunteers on the Jubilee Team are planning and preparing events to be enjoyed by us all. Gates will be decorated with scarecrows, fancy dress worn, bunting draped, hats, and crowns designed, made and displayed, games played, meat roasted, cakes eaten and lots of live music. The Plough is putting on events on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and providing bars on the Bowling Green and in the Village Hall on the Saturday. Volunteers still needed to set out and tidy up so it's not too late to join the Jubilee Team. Contact Mo Plomgren or Emma Cavendish. The full programme of all events is on Page 2 of this newsletter. **If you haven't already booked your Hog Roast please hurry - final numbers have to be with the butcher by June 1<sup>st</sup>! Contact Jenny Swash on 01278 741206**



If you have decided to be away at the beginning of June but still wish to contribute to the festivities, contributions (e.g. crown designs) can be left with villagers co-ordinating each event.

**A special thanks to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to plan the JUBILEE WEEKEND.**

A very busy time to take us into the summer. I can almost smell the flowers wafting in from the flower show (August). Their schedule and entry form are inside this issue. Lots of different categories for adults and children so why not submit an entry or two?

Christine Mew - Editor

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Programme of Events to celebrate our  
Queens Platinum Jubilee  
Sponsored by  
**HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Scarecrow Competition - display from 27<sup>th</sup> May - Judged on 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**The Plough Inn, Holford**

The Great British Menu - a selection of special dishes to celebrate all things British, served all day! The Queens Platinum Jubilee Pub Quiz - Teams of 6, all for Charity, starts at 7.45pm.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**The Plough Inn, Holford**

Royal Ascot at The Plough Inn - A Charity race night fit for a Queen, prizes galore including best dressed and best hat! Fun starts at 7pm, more details to follow.

**Bookings required for both nights 01278 741624**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2pm - 4pm & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 12pm**

**Holford & District Village Hall**

Multi-Media Art Exhibition (Incl. display of local photographs) A fun display of items crafted by local people, all exhibits welcome to the hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June between 10am - 12pm. Viewing with refreshments 2pm - 4pm.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 12 pm Viewing/coffee morning, presentation of prizes for Crown and Scarecrow competitions. (Exhibits removed at approx. 12 - 12.30pm)**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Holford Bowling Green 1pm – 5.15pm**

Live Music from **Mean Feat** 2pm, Hog Roast (call 01278 741206 **asap** to reserve £6)

Cash Bar provided by The Plough Inn. Fun games for all – with prizes!

Stalls: Craft/Art/Cakes/Produce/Vintage/Plants/Jewellery etc.,

Tombola (donations of prizes to Jean Pearce 01278 741798) Children's Fancy Dress judging at 4pm. 4.15pm music from Alfoxton Buddhist Community for you to join in.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm - 9pm**

**Holford & District Village Hall**

Barn Dancing, Ceilidh, music by 'Hopping Mad' - a caller will guide you through the steps.

Free Entry by pre-booked ticket only, contact Alan 01278 741711 to reserve. Cash Bar provided by The Plough Inn. Please bring a plate of 'finger food' to share, sandwiches, sausage rolls, nuts, crisps etc.,

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 5pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Holford,**  
**Bell Ringing**



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Holford**  
**Festival Evensong**

**HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP**



**FLOWER  
SHOW**

**Saturday**

**AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**

**2pm -4.15pm**

**HOLFORD AND  
DISTRICT  
VILLAGE HALL**

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VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>

7.30 pm

**'Kews Victorian Gem'**

A Talk by Gena Merrett  
Smith

Members £1.00 Visitors  
£2.00

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

JULY 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

MEMBERS GARDEN MEETING

Tel 01278 741173 for further  
details

**HOLFORD JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

**CHILDRENS  
FANCY DRESS  
COMPETITION**



**Theme 'ROYALTY'**

**Holford Bowling Green**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 4pm**



To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

**HOLFORD**

**ROYAL THEMED**

**SCARECROW COMPETITION !**



Join in the fun and have your  
scarecrows displayed from  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** for judging on  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Winner announced at Coffee Morning  
in the Holford & District Village Hall 4<sup>th</sup> June

## **Children's Art competition for the Queen's Jubilee.**



***Entries should be no bigger than A3.***

***Any original creations in 2-dimensional media accepted.***

***Prizes awarded in 2 categories- 3-11, 12-18 yrs.***

***Entries should be marked with name, age and (adult) contact details.***

***Entries can be delivered to –***

***Ramblers, TA5 1RY or Holford Village Hall***

***Any questions or digital submissions please contact-***

***editorholfordnewsviews@outlook.com***

***Closing date June 2nd.***



**CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE WITH US**

**THURSDAY 2ND JUNE**



**FRIDAY 3RD JUNE**



**ROYAL ASCOT AT THE PLOUGH INN**

**BUMPER RAFFLE  
PRIZES TO BE WON  
SPECIAL JUBILEE  
OFFERS (ON  
COCKTAILS AND  
PIMM'S)**

**TOTE OPENS AT 8PM - 8 RACES WITH MONEY TO BE WON**

**CALL 01278 741 624 OR ASK AT THE BAR TO BOOK YOUR TABLE**

**OPEN TILL LATE ACROSS THE BANK HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS  
SERVING FOOD ALL DAY - THURSDAY - SUNDAY 12-9PM**

## Richardsons' Ramblings

As many of you will know dogs are a lifelong passion of mine but I also have a love of horses ever since I was a pony mad teenager in Suffolk. There was no possibility of me choosing piano lessons over horse riding! I spent all my spare time at the stables mucking out and grooming, riding whenever I could. I went with the owners to shows and even warmed up a 16H ex racehorse ready to go in the show jumping ring and that was bare back!

I have long been a supporter of World Horse Welfare (WHW) 'adopting' various horses and now sponsor Glenda Spooner Farm near Somerton, being 1 of 4 stable yards in England and Scotland. The founder, Ada Cole was so upset by the condition of horses waiting on docks for transport to slaughterhouses that in 1927 she founded a charity which in 1937 became The International League for the Protection of Horses (ILPH), becoming WHW in 2008.

Over the years I have been invited to several Supporter Days where we go behind the scenes, meet horses and their grooms. Recently I went to the first they had been able to hold since 2019 and as always it was very well run. Assistant Farm Manager Zara took us round telling us so much about the horses' stories and their rehabilitation programmes with a view to re-homing where possible. It was interesting to hear from Field Officer Sarah and particularly about how they cope with the large groups of unhandled horses that is sadly becoming more frequent.



With the large herds various horse charities get together along with RSPCA and the police if necessary. It can take several days to catch horses and examine them. Invariably there has been overbreeding as stallions and colts have not been gelded – sadly there are animals that should never have been bred. Recently Glenda Spooner Farm agreed to take in 10 ponies but also ended up with 2 mules – they are hoping the Donkey Sanctuary in Devon will take them on! Quite often the horses are un-named so a trio of colts ended up as Mr Darcy, Mr Bingley and Mr Bennet.

Several years ago WHW built a new visitor centre, café and indoor arena. At past Supporters Days we have gone into the stands above to watch the ponies go through their paces but at this last one we were able to go into the arena itself. It was so lovely to see Mowlan, Mac and Picadilly so beautifully turned out and behaving impeccably. When I receive the newsletters I never read them late at night as it is so sad the abuse and neglect that so many horses have to endure, but it is heart-warming to see how their lives are being turned around by WHW.

Please visit [www.worldhorsewelfare.org](http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org) – the charity also helps horses abroad (and are helping in Ukraine), particularly working horses, ponies and mules.

Gae



## Coronation Chicken



There are many recipes out there for this dish, but Jane's is pretty special! Use whatever amount you like, there is no fixed rule and taste the sauce as you go! (Mo P)

Poach chicken thighs (or chicken breasts) in chicken stock, then gently sauté some finely chopped onions, softened - not browned. Add a tikka gel mix (similar to a stock pot) or medium curry to the onions, heat gently for a couple of minutes.

Once cooled, add mayonnaise, mango chutney and apricot conserve, salt and pepper, then mix chicken in with the sauce, sprinkle over flaked almonds, serve with Rice-A-Roni rice, around the edge.

Fit for a Queen!

With thanks to Jane Allum



## Quiz

*answers on Page 15*

1. In how many movies has Harrison Ford played Indiana Jones as of April 2020?
2. What type of film was made in the Almeria desert of Spain during the 1960's?
3. Who sang the United Kingdom's winning entry *Save Your Kisses for Me* in the 1976 Eurovision Song Contest?
4. *Ode To Joy* is from which composer's ninth symphony?
5. What is the name given to the traditional French clown with whitened face and conical hat popular in seaside shows?
6. What nationality are singers Bryan Adams and Anne Murray?
7. Although it was critically acclaimed, which 1980 epic western from director Michael Cimino was one of the biggest box office flops of all time?
8. Usually depicted with a two-faced head, who was the Roman god of beginnings and transitions?
9. Finland has two official languages. One is Finnish, what is the other?  
a. Russian b. English c. Swedish d. Esperanto
10. The following lyrics are all from songs with the word "Smile" somewhere in the song title. Can you name the song? One point for each correct answer.
  - a. I can't laugh and I can't sing I'm finding it hard to do anything
  - b. You've done it all, you've broken every code
  - c. Light up your face with gladness, hide every trace of sadness, although a tear maybe ever so near



# Schedule of Classes and Entry Form

## Annual Flower Show

2pm-4.15pm Saturday 6th August 2022. Holford Village Hall

### 'The Margaret Upson Award'

#### Group A. Flowers and Container Plants

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Rose                                | 1 single bloom                         |
| 2. Lilies                              | 1 stem                                 |
| 3. Sweet Pea                           | 5 stems                                |
| 4. Mixed Herbaceous Perennials         | 5 stems ( <i>different varieties</i> ) |
| 5. Pansies or Violas # see below       | 5 heads                                |
| 6. Hydrangea - Lace Cap                | 3 blooms                               |
| 7. Hydrangea - Mop Head                | 3 blooms                               |
| 8. Annual Flowers                      | 3 stems ( <i>different varieties</i> ) |
| 9. Dahlias (any variety)               | 3 stems                                |
| 10. Vase of Cut Flowers any one colour | 5 stems ( <i>min 3 varieties</i> )     |
| 11. Scented Rose                       | 1 single bloom                         |
| 12. Potted house plant                 | Max 8" pot                             |
| 13. Cacti and succulents               | Max 8" pot                             |

# Heads shown flat (with short stems) - in oasis or on water

### 'The Alan Date Award'

#### Group B. Produce

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 14. Herbs ( <i>5 named varieties</i> )                 | Small arrangement                       |
| 15. Runner Beans                                       | 5                                       |
| 16. Longest Runner Bean                                | 1                                       |
| 17. French Beans                                       | 5                                       |
| 18. Tomatoes   | 5                                       |
| 19. Cherry tomatoes                                    | 5                                       |
| 20. Courgettes   | 2                                       |
| 21. Potatoes   | 3                                       |
| 22. Beetroot   | 3                                       |
| 23. Peas, MangeTout or Sugar Snaps                     | 5 pods ( <i>1 variety with stalks</i> ) |
| 24. Carrots  | 3                                       |
| 25. Cucumber   | 1                                       |
| 26. Chillies   | 3                                       |
| 27. Raspberries  | 5                                       |
| 28. Dish of Fruit ( <i>1 variety-not raspberries</i> ) | 5                                       |
| 29. Plate of edible produce - max 8" diameter plate    | 5 different fruit and/or vegetables     |
| 30. Medley of the Onion family                         | 5 different items                       |
| 31. An Unusually Shaped Vegetable                      | 1                                       |

### 'Home-craft Trophy'

#### Group C. Home-craft

32. Fresh fruit jam i.e. raspberry \*
33. Fruit Jelly\*
34. Jam of your choice\*
35. Mixed fruit jam [not 32,33 or 34]\*
36. Marmalade\*
37. Lemon or Orange Curd\*\*
- \* 38. Vegetable Cake- max 8" diameter or max 2lb tin
- \* 39. Victoria Sandwich -max 8" (raspberry jam, castor sugar dredging)
- \* 40. Fruit Cake- max 8" diameter (to your own recipe)
- \* 41. Flapjacks x3
- \* 42. Chocolate Brownies x3
- \* 43. Savoury Scones x3
- \* 44. Biscuits x 5
- \* 45. Gluten free cake [with ingredients listed] max 8"

\* Please note classes 38-45 incl. are required to be covered in cling film

\* Minimum 340g/12oz jar \*\* No Metal lid - min 113g/4oz jar

### 'Floral Art Trophy'

#### Group D. Floral Art

- |  |           |                                     |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 4 'Crown' [Jewel colours]                  | max 8"x8" | } 24" x 24"<br>Height<br>un-limited |
| 47 'Green'                                 |           |                                     |
| 48 'Roll out the Barrel' [any accessories] |           |                                     |

Certificate for 'Best Floral Arrangement'.

Arrangements may be brought to the hall assembled.

No arrangement to exceed the measurements given.

No artificial flowers or plant material to be used in any of the arrangements.

### 'Photographic Trophy'

#### Group E. Photography

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 49 Land or Seascape             | } Max 7" x 5"<br>unmounted<br>& unframed |
| 50 'Portrait' - single/multiple |  |
| 51 'Sport'                      |  |
| 52 'An Architectural Delight'   |  |

### 'Art Trophy'

#### Group F. Art

Ready to hang & unsigned

- |                     |              |                            |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 53 'Waters Edge'    | } Any medium | Max 12" x 14"<br>Ex. Frame |
| 54 'Flight'         |              |                            |
| 55 'Majesty'        |              |                            |
| 56 'Shades of Grey' |              |                            |

### 'Handicraft Trophy'

#### Group G. Handicraft

Needlework

- 57 Patchwork Article
- 58 Bunting [at least 2 metres in length]
- 59 An item of Cross Stitch
- 60 A Soft Toy [fabric/knitted or crochet]

Craft

- 61 Handmade Special Occasion Card
- 62 Doorstop [any material]
- 63 Summer Wreath
- 64 Bookmark [any material]

#### Group H. Junior

Under 5 years

- 65 Decorated Cupcakes x 3
- 66 Make a Royal Crown

5-8 years

- 67 Decorated Cupcakes x 3
- 68 Make a Royal Crown

9-12 Years

- 69 Decorated Cupcakes x 3
- 70 Make a Royal crown

Holford Gardeners Group  
**Flower Show 6/8/2022**  
**Rules and Competition Procedures**

- \* All classes are open to all exhibitors & ages excepting classes 65-70 incl.
- \* Entry by completed form ONLY. One form per person. Exhibitors may only have 1 entry per class.
- \* Entry fees per class: Classes 1-64 - 30p Classes 65-70 - 10p
- \* All exhibits must be the bona fide work and property of the person exhibiting. All exhibits in classes **1-31** must have been grown/produced by the exhibitor. **Please name the varieties if known.**
- \* All exhibitors to supply own equipment i.e. vases, paper plates, etc. The Committee cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits or receptacles.
- \* Please complete the Entry Form provided and send with the correct fees (make cheques payable to 'Holford Gardeners Group'), to :-

**Westering, Holford, TA5 1SD (Opp. The Plough)**

**By 12 noon on Wednesday 3rd August**  
 or at-  
**Holford & District Village Hall (A39 Holford)**  
**on Wednesday 3rd August between 6.30pm and 8pm.**

**NB. Entry Forms & Fees only accepted by above dates & times.**

\* **ONLY EXHIBITORS** to deliver and arrange all exhibits between **9.00am** and **10.30am** on the morning of the show, at no expense or risk to the organisers. **No exhibits will be accepted after 10.30am.**

\* Judging will take place commencing 10.45am on the day of the show. No unauthorised person will be permitted in the hall during this time.

\* The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry they feel does not comply with the rules.

\* The Show will be open to the public from 2pm to 4.30pm.

\* To determine 'GROUP' awards, points will be awarded for each class as follows:- **1st prize - 4 points, 2nd prize - 2 points, 3rd prize - 1 point**

\* Presentation of trophies and certificates at 4.15pm.

\* Removal of exhibits to commence **after presentation ONLY.**  
**EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING THEIR EXHIBITS, CARDS, ETC.** Exhibits remaining after 5.30pm will be disposed of.

\* Any objections must be lodged with a Committee Member before the close of show, in writing. The Committee's decision will be final.

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CLASS NUMBERS AS PER SCHEDULE OVERLEAF

PLEASE CIRCLE THE CLASS NUMBERS YOU WISH TO ENTER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70

**ENTRY FEE - 30p Classes 1- 64 10p Classes 65- 70**

Name of Exhibitor .....

Address .....

.....Tel Number .....

I declare that the proposed exhibits in the above classes will be produced by me and I agree to abide by the Rules and Competition Procedures.

Additional Entry Forms email: [gilljones47@hotmail.com](mailto:gilljones47@hotmail.com) or ring 01278 741173

**Thank you and Good Luck**



# VILLAGE HALL - ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

Part of The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in Holford 2022

Traditional Folk Dance & Ceilidh Band

Folk Dances from Europe and beyond!

**HOPPING MAD!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**  
AT  
**HOLFORD & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL**

5:30 PM TO 9:00PM

**FREE ADMISSION**  
for Holford & District Residents

Limited Numbers - max 80  
**You must get your tickets in advance**  
from Alan on 741711  
or  
alan.falkingham@me.com

Licensed Bar

Book Now!

## QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Saturday 4th June

Elsewhere in News and Views you will find information about the Jubilee celebrations taking place on the Bowling Green and around the village of Holford. From 5.30pm onwards there is a free evening of Barn Dancing, or as some prefer to call it - Ceilidh.

**Hopping Mad** is a bunch of local musicians which, over many years, has provided hundreds of people with great fun and enjoyment. They have performed barn dances for many local Somerset villages. Their experienced 'caller' guides you through each dance - step by step - and then sets you free to dance. In between, as you gather your breath, the band will play popular folk tunes.

You need a ticket! If you haven't already got one call me on 741711. There may a few left. At the time of writing over 75% have been allocated.

## ZEFFE - EASTERN EUROPEAN KLEZMER MUSIC - Friday 1st July

Mix violin, double bass, clarinet and accordion playing Eastern European traditional music mixed with Gypsy tunes from the early part of the 20th century and you have Zeffe; a 4 piece band playing mostly instrumentals with a few songs here and there. It's not often you get chance to hear this music. If you liked Wör and Tango Calor you'll probably like these guys. See poster for details. Tickets on sale now! £8.00.  
[www.holfordvillagehall.org](http://www.holfordvillagehall.org)

### More events later in the year:

#### Friday 15th July - STACKED WONKY -

Children's Theatre - but for all ages.  
Make a note!! **Look out for publicity**

#### Saturday 24th September - ALI & THE SWINGCATS

perform a return gig after last year's sell out 'Speakeasy'.  
Tickets on sale July.

**Sept / Oct / Nov** - look out for announcements of 'singer songwriter' and folk artistes.

Alan Falkingham T : 741711

\*\*\* Holford and District Village Hall \*\*\*

**KLEZMER**

MUSIC NIGHT WITH

**Zeffe**

Klezmer, Balkan and Gypsy Music Styles  
PLUS GEMS OF THE GENRE

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM FRIDAY

Concert starts 8.00 pm

**JULY 1ST**

TICKETS £8.00 online / £6.00 under 15  
WWW.HOLFORDVILLAGEHALL.ORG  
OR CALL 01278 741184 / 07843 348057

Holford & District Village Hall - TA5 1SD  
Licensed Bar



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COME and JOIN IN  
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## The Holiday of a Lifetime



Having always wanted to see the Northern Lights and with 3 previous attempts cancelled by Covid we finally set off on our cruise on March 24<sup>th</sup> . All passengers were triple vaccinated and the Crew double jabbed and everyone was LFT tested at Southampton before we were allowed to check in , what could possibly go wrong ?

After a day on the calmest North Sea we had ever seen we arrived at Bergen , where Jean's Grandfather was born , and spent the afternoon shopping with an Ice Cream to keep us going in the Spring sunshine.



The next sea day was rough and Jean was not feeling too good it was not seasickness but suspected food poisoning from the Ice Cream ( Mike had a different Flavour and was ok ) !!! The onboard medical team quickly prescribed Antibiotics and it cleared up in 2 days . We pressed on north, crossing the Arctic Circle to arrive in Alta for a 2 day stay . Here we visited the Igloo Ice Hotel and Alta Cathedral in a snowstorm , it was a Dry Cold and we were glad we had purchased Snow Boots for the excursions.

We would have liked to go Husky

Sledding but were too old to get the Winter Sports insurance cover !!!



From Alta we cruised to Tromso where we went to an Organ Recital in the Arctic Cathedral and did some more shopping .

Jean was feeling as though she had a cold on our return to the ship so we were both given PCR tests and Guess What - Jean's was positive !! This meant that we were transferred to an Isolation Cabin for the remaining 4 days of our cruise . It was not too bad as the cabin was large with a balcony and all our meals were from the main menu , delivered by room service . We soon discovered that there were about 18 other couples in isolation , with nobody very unwell thanks to the Vaccine.

We had not managed to see the Northern Lights while in port as it was cloudy and frequently snowing but managed to get the picture below through a break in the clouds from our Cabin Balcony .



It truly was the holiday we will never forget !  
Jean & Mike Pearce .

PS Both of us managed to fall down on icy surfaces but without any serious harm ( Several passengers had broken bones !)

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 5 - 4 movies, and an episode of "Young Indiana Jones"	7. Heaven's Gate
2. Spaghetti Western	8. Janus
3. Brotherhood of Man	9. c. Swedish
4. Beethoven	10. a. Can't Smile Without You (Barry Manilow)
5. Pierrot	b. Make Me Smile (come up and see me) (Steve Harley)
6. Canadian	c. Smile (Charlie Chaplin/Nat King Cole)

## **Outgoing Holford Parish Council Chairman's final Report May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Local Government re-organisation : One Somerset goes ahead and the new unitary council will be in place in 2023. The Chairman joined a group of local parish councils members for a Zoom meeting to interrogate some of the team involved in the changeover to the Single Unitary Council. The 'One Somerset' website has lots of information but it can be challenging to get any answers from the team setting this up. We will just have to wait and see.

The Hunt There are on-going complaints about the local police inaction against poor Hunt behaviour. The Police had promised a meeting in February to include a member of the Parish Council and still no invitation. No doubt the new Parish Council will follow this up.

Planning : An outstanding issue for Holford PC is the demolition of the illegal Strawberry Field building. This should be done by the July deadline so needs monitoring. Falcon Housing have promised to update the playground and have begun by removing fencing and dangerous play equipment. This was some months ago and nothing has been done since.

The Environment : The Chairman and Councillor Copleston took part in a one day meeting on Carbon Literacy on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Somerset is the only council funding this training day at present. It was very detailed and comprehensive and it was a full day and quite challenging. This course will be repeated for new councillors to raise awareness of the issues and plan for reduction in the use of fossil fuels.

I'm sure you are all aware that there will be a four day holiday in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the daytime celebrations on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> and the new council will need to expand the number of volunteers to enable a successful day. A meeting held on February 28<sup>th</sup> discussed some ideas for the event. A maildrop has been sent out to tell Parishioners what is planned. An updated and hopefully (!) final program will be sent out shortly. The Holford and District Village Hall committee has agreed to fund the ceilidh in the evening and the Plough has agreed to run the bars. The Jubilee Team are badgering all local people to get involved. Unfortunately it is also half term and a lot of young families are off on holiday so the number of children around on the day (Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>) may be disappointing. Please volunteer if you can via Mo Plomgren or Emma Cavendish. As the current Chairman will have stepped down on May 9<sup>th</sup> the new Parish Council will be responsible for the overall management of the project. With this in mind it is suggested that the current Jubilee Team and the new councillors get together for a meeting shortly to discuss how to move forward. If you haven't yet seen the poster please ask for a copy.

Traffic issues continue to be a problem. The Community Speedwatch Team continues to monitor the main road. Some good news is that we have new, brightly coloured speed signage at the village ends. We were also promised a 'No Through Road' sign at the triangle and that hasn't yet appeared. We do now have a sign at the Corewell Lane junction to deter HGVs from turning down the lane. Councillors Plomgren and Copleston were successful in getting a grant to buy Speed Indicator Devices for the village but unfortunately the grant request to EDF for ongoing expenses after purchase was declined.

SWT has failed to get sufficient funds from central Government to upgrade our appalling bus services. The team at SWT tasked with laying out proposals were very efficient but they were only granted a fraction of the funds requested. Councillor Grandfield is the PC representative on this topic and will no doubt continue to fight for a better system around our area.

Rewilding of the grass verges on the A39 on entering the village from Nether Stowey has had mixed results. Laminated signs have been made to deter grass mowing in May (by SWT) but unfortunately the council's response to a request NOT to mow in May was unsuccessful as the mowing plans have been in place for some long time and individual requests for change fall on deaf ears. We have, however, altered the mowing regime for our contractor so that the inner edges of the verges can be left to seed and hopefully flower in peace.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the councillors for their hard work over the last four years that I have been on the Parish Council. Regretfully family and work commitments have meant that I need to step down. It has been an honour and a privilege to carry out the role of Chairman and I would like to welcome all our new (and one current) councillors to the Parish Council and wish them all the very best for the future. This report will appear on the Parish Council website.



**Update :** May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

At the May elections 6 people were elected to the Parish Council (unopposed). Only one councillor from the previous team, Peter Grandfield, remains. A 7<sup>th</sup> person was co-opted to the Parish Council so there is now a full contingent of councillors. We all wish them the very best for the future and previous councillors agreed to be available to the new team if they have any queries about on-going issues.

The new Councillors are Emily Heckscher (voted in as Chairman), Peter Grandfield (Vice-Chairman), Kate Court, Kate Hammond, Stuart Moffatt, Steve Mottershead and newly co-opted Terry Hayes.

Should you have any issues the new councillors particular responsibilities are

- Hinkley liaison (Stuart Moffatt and Kate Hammond)
- Quantock Hill AONB and Joint Advisory Committee (Peter Grandfield and Kate Court)
- Holford and District Village Hall Committee (Emily Heckscher)
- Watchet, Williton and Quantock Area Panel (Emily Heckscher and Steve Mottershead)
- Parish Maintenance and Playground (Emily Heckscher and Steve Mottershead)
- The Hunt (Emily Heckscher and Kate Court)
- Roads and Traffic (Kate Hammond and Steve Mottershead)
- Planning issues : All Councillors

The new councillors were advised that Simon Pritchard of the Somerset Association of Local Councils runs training courses for new councillors and is very helpful in giving advice on procedure. The Good Councillors Guide is also available on line.

If you have any local issues you want to draw to the attention of the Parish Council you can contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors. Their contact details are on the two notice boards.

These notes are for information only. The official meeting minutes are to be found on the Parish Council website including those of the latest meeting when Jubilee plans were discussed.

**Emma Cavendish** Past Chairman, Holford Parish Council

## Table Tennis



Thursdays  
7.30 - 9pm,  
in Holford and  
District Village Hall.

New members  
welcome to join us.  
Please just turn up or  
contact the Secretary,

Andrew Mew, 01278 741437 for further information.

Equipment provided

Members £2 per session - Non-Members £3

## **Kilve Short Mat Bowls**



Short Mat Bowls is a form of gentle exercise, a challenge to master and a sport with very little gender difference. It is also very sociable.

The club has struggled with low numbers after the pandemic and is in danger of having to close. We are considering moving our sessions from Monday evening to an afternoon session in the hope that numbers will increase, but we are reluctant to make the move without some idea of whether it would be advantageous or make matters worse.

If you would like to give bowls a try, then we will be pleased to have your company at an introduction session in Kilve Village Hall. Newcomers are always welcome at our normal Monday evening club nights at about 6.45pm. Our season ends for the summer on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

For more information contact Keith Edwards 741183 or Robbie Rutt 741594.



## **The Lottery is Rolling Again...!**

A big 'Welcome' to all members, new and old, and a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has joined in to support the Village Hall and all the great services and events it offers. Your support is really appreciated. If any reader is not in the Lottery or thinks they know someone who might join, then please, please consider and get in touch on the number below. Entry is only £15 per year for a great cause and a bit of fun!

After a break of three months, the Lottery is back with just under 100 members and bigger prizes (Winner £30 and two Runners-up of £15 each every month). As you probably know, the draw usually takes place at the 'First Saturday' Coffee Morning in the Hall when a full list of players and their numbers is available. The total income for the Lottery is split roughly 50/50 between the Hall and the prizes, that is, about £750 to each.

We'd also like to thank our dedicated team of ten Collectors who give their time to encourage membership and to collect subscriptions. Their efforts are invaluable.

Here are the prize winners for April and May:

April Winner: Sue Edwards; Runners-up: Kate Hammond and Rob & Mary Calligan

May Winner: Mark Kellaway; Runners-up: Corisande Tennant and Vanessa McDonnell

Thank you everyone.

Steve & Chris, The Lodge, Tel: 741752

## 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**

13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:davidyoung1934@talktalk.net)



## Lottery

**The Lottery is up and running again!**

### **Reminder :**

As part of the Jubilee celebration there will be a multi-media art and craft exhibition in the village hall on the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and on the morning of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.

All are welcome to submit their artworks to Wendy Grandfield on the morning of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://www.HolfordVillageHall.org)

**Bookings :** Emily Hecksher T : 741694  
or on line at [www.HolfordVillageHall.org](http://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 July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please send items for the next issue to

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