

# Holford news & views



October 2022

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It seems strange to think that it is only a few months ago that we were celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was such a jolly day and then some time later came the sad news the Queen had died. It seemed shocking even though we all realised that at 96 years old the inevitable would happen. The Queen has been such a part of all our lives, indeed some of us have never known another monarch. So much has changed over those 70 years that we can only be amazed contemplating how the world has changed. For many, Her Majesty reflected a stability and calm presence through all kinds of upheavals and dramas. The words 'duty' and 'service' were much in evidence in the reporting at the time. In the worst of the covid

pandemic she appeared on television to reassure us that all would be well in time. I, like many, thought a lot about my own parents (now long gone) during the time of mourning and now much we miss our loved ones no longer here and I am sure many of us thought about our own mortality and what kind of legacy we would leave behind one day. Perhaps that is something good to think about as we move on with a new era of the Royal Family.  
Emma Cavendish

## Editorial

What an eventful summer we have had so far ... national news has us wondering what will happen next, local events keep us entertained.

Our Jubilee celebrations went very well. We now have a template for future events.

I hope you enjoyed a holiday if you were able to get away this summer, let us have a 'postcard' from ..... For the next HNV

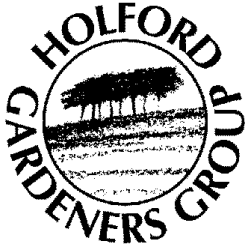
Events are planned for October and into the autumn at the Village Hall. Keep an eye on the calendar and book anything you might fancy. We have enjoyed several evenings recently and will certainly attend more before Christmas.

We are always ready to welcome newcomers to Holford, it is more unusual to say goodbye. Phil and Pauline Hill have moved to Dartmouth. I do not suppose that they will be attending training courses at the naval college but they will be swapping our 'green oasis' for expansive sea views and tall ships. They have contributed much to life in the Quantocks, I hope that they will settle well into their new home and enjoy making new friends.

Good luck to everyone starting a new school, college or job this autumn. An exciting time .... I miss the pleasure of setting up for a new class, planning new projects, activities and visits.

Christine Mew - Editor

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Glorious weather on August 6<sup>th</sup> brought many visitors to the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Show run by Holford Gardeners Group. The floral exhibit numbers were slightly less than in 2021 but hardly surprising after the past dry months. The Art and Craft classes were well supported and showcased a wonderful selection of local talent. The 'Overall Winner of the Show' was Ailsa Robbins with Mike Copleston as runner-up. Cream Teas at Glen Close rounded off an enjoyable afternoon.  
For Group membership details tel: 01278 741173

### **HOLFORD FLOWER SHOW 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022 GROUP WINNERS**

GROUP H: JUNIOR

5 Years & under: Winner Tristan Tennant  
9- 12 Years: Winner Adelaide Tennant

GROUP A: THE MARGARET UPSON AWARD for FLOWERS & CONTAINER PLANTS

Winner Davis Toogood  
Runner Up Sally Simpson

GROUP B: THE ALAN DATE AWARD for FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Winner Ailsa Robbins  
Runner Up Mike Copleston

GROUP C: HOME-CRAFT TROPHY

Winner Mike Copleston  
Runner Up Loise Russ

GROUP D: FLORAL ART TROPHY

Winner Sally Bult  
Runner Up Pam Campbell/ Sally Simpso

BEST FLORAL EXHIBIT

Winner Sally Bult

GROUP E: PHOTOGRAPHIC TROPHY

Winner Lorraine Tildesley  
Runner Up Keith Edward

GROUP F: ART TROPHY

Winner Ailsa Robbins  
Runner Up Mike Copland

GROUP G: HANDICRAFT TROPHY

Winner Ailsa Robbins  
Runner Up Julie Braybrook

Max no of Entries Pam Campbell

### **OVERALL SHOW WINNER ON POINTS AWARDED**

**WINNER**  
Runner Up

**AILSAS ROBBINS**  
Mike Copleston



## Holford Flower Show Winners 2022



## Au Revoir to the Hills - Pauline & Phil!



In more than one way, we say 'cheerio', 'farewell', 'tata' to the Hills of late Shurton, Holford, Strington and Kilve as they leave the hills of Somerset and head for their new home in sunny South Devon!

Erl and I could not let this occasion go by without showing our appreciation to the couple who helped us so much in the early days when running the Holford Gardeners Group...(HGG for those that don't know!) but we must mention the first time I met them back in the late nineties. Pauline walking their little grandson in his pushchair around the lanes of Holford and then getting to know Pauline more when she and I used to frequent the village hall every week for 'keep fit'...and Pauline certainly did that! Being of a similar height, we were often paired and I've never known such a strong person, whisking me around the hall during the dance routine, her strength was amazing, she had a grip like a vice and then I discovered why, she was a gardener!

Come forward in time to 2003 when the HGG was formed, Erl having coerced Pauline on the committee was a huge asset, having worked in a garden centre some years before we knew her, she knew her plants and shrubs and best of all, she knew all the Latin names and of course, there's nothing better than having someone like that to make a garden group look even more professional!! As the group was brand new, there wasn't the money to pay for speakers or indeed, the hire of the village hall to hold our meetings. Pauline suggested with the support of Phil and Phil's late mother, Millie, to open up their garden at Cernbrok here in Holford one morning selling plants and cuttings, offering coffee and cakes and inviting other garden clubs to attend. A good few people turned up and by the end of the morning, we had enough funds to pay for the hire of the village hall for a year, and to help pay for a couple of speakers. The rest is history. In time, when they moved to Kilve and established a wonderful garden there and hosted the summers garden party for the group, that without their contribution, it would have been a very different story, so Erl and I would like to say how much their commitment to the HGG from those early days until only just recently when Pauline retired, has been very much appreciated. I am sure the current committee feel exactly the same.

You'll be missed, Pauline and Phil.... so our fondest wishes go with you in your new venture and we wish you every happiness in your new home and we believe, that there's no doubt there will be another new beautiful garden established very soon.

Erl & Mo Plomgren - September 2022

## Pauline and Phil Hill



September saw the end of an era with the Hills leaving Kilve for the sunny climes of Dartmouth. About 40 years ago they moved from Surrey to run The Castle of Comfort with Phil's parents. After 3 years Phil and Pauline moved to Shurton Court and then to Strington. When Phil's mum, Millie came back from Hastings they all lived at Cernbrook in Holford.

2003 saw their last move in West Somerset to Kilve where Phil used his skills in renovating and creating a lovely home at Higher Hill Cottage. Throughout their time here Pauline and Phil had various dogs invariably re-homing or rescuing them. The trio now with them is Molly (a lurcher found abandoned and starving in Strington), Juno (a terrier who much preferred living with them) and Rufus (Chihuahua cross who didn't want to live in Australia).

Both Pauline and Phil were stalwart supporters of St Mary's Church in Strington having served on the Parish Parochial Council for over 30 years. Both had served as secretary and Phil was a churchwarden for many years and was invaluable in helping with running repairs of the church.

Pauline was an inaugural member of Holford Gardeners Group, joining the committee and chairing the Flower Show committee from its first one in 2005 till 2018. When Erl stepped down as chair of the Group in 2013 Pauline stepped up to the role. She may have been technologically averse but she kept a good handle on proceedings with a good sense of humour, and we enjoyed very good cakes!

When Sue Wicks started up Holford Art Group Phil went along and over the years we could all see his progression – visitors to Flower Shows and exhibitions would see the imagination and flair he put into his art. No doubt Phil will be missed by the Group as he was one of the mainstays with Sue having moved away. There was no limit to Phil's skills as I am sure people will remember the chicken he created out of old tins for a Show entry – quite a few people tried to commission their own to no avail.

Both Pauline and Phil are very much missed by everyone who knew them. Our first meeting back in 2003 was not auspicious as Pauline asked me 'why didn't you like our house?' She then realised that Cernbrook wasn't for us as we had moved to Corewell. We soon became good friends, working well together on Gardeners Group committees. I will certainly miss her and our chats over coffee and peanut cookies.

Gae



### **Holford Christmas Card Delivery Service. Early advice!**

Keith and Sue Edwards will be continuing with the Christmas card delivery service in Holford this year.

The post box will be in the church porch from the 6th to the 15th December and the cards will be delivered around the village towards the end of the second week. Cards can also be left at "Westering" or "Lady Charles House" between the same dates, to be included in the delivery.

Please make sure that a house name/No. is included on the envelope to aid delivery. Just a name is frequently not sufficient. Although there is no charge for this service, donations are very welcome and the monies collected will be given to the Friends of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.  
Sue & Keith Edwards



**British Heart  
Foundation**

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### **Royalty Quiz**

1. In 2002, it was revealed that which member of the royal family did a 'wicked Ali G. impression'?
2. Which member of the royal family has won an Olympic silver medal?
3. Which actress has played Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother, each in separate performances (a movie and a TV series)?
4. Who played Queen Elizabeth I in two separate films, released in 1998 and 2007?
5. Which of these foods are royals NOT forbidden from eating? Shellfish, rare meat, white chocolate, garlic.
6. At a royal engagement, if the Queen moves her handbag from one hand to another, what (reportedly) is she giving her staff a secret sign to do?
7. William and Kate met at university. What subject did they both major in?
8. How old was the Queen when at her coronation?
9. Who was the first person to be monarch of both England and Scotland at the same time?
10. In 2009, Michelle Obama broke a rule of etiquette when interacting with the Queen. What faux pas did she make?

*Answers on Page 10*

## Welcome to:



### **Barrie Palmer BEM and Lesley Mallon, of Gwyndene, Back Lane, Holford.**

Lesley was born in Manchester but lived most of her formative years in Blackpool, where her parents ran a B&B. As a teenager they moved to Cardiff. On completing her college studies as a shorthand typist, she worked for various banks, then an entertainment agency working with the likes of Cliff Richard, Des O'Connor and Joe Pasquale. On moving to Taunton Lesley worked in the office at M and S and when Barrie started with the RSC, Lesley managed to get a transfer to M & S in Stratford-Upon-Avon, working on menswear and kidswear, but even managed to sort out a couple of bras for Judy Dench, who was appearing as Mistress Quickly in Merry Wives of Windsor the musical! (Judy was looking for a good balcony bra!!) In 2016, Barrie Joined Lesley in M and S on short term contracts between theatre work. They both continued working there until 1<sup>st</sup> April this year, Lesley completing more than 25 years' service.

Barrie is responsible for the cancer centre at Musgrove Park Hospital, The Beacon Centre. He started a Campaign in 2000 to have a centre built in Somerset, as he had been taking friends of his to Bristol for radiotherapy treatment. His charity, SURE, The Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy

Equipment has now raised in excess of Five and a half million pounds providing all of the equipment for the unit and as a result has made the unit a National Centre of Excellence. Barrie was recognised for his work in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List by being awarded the British Empire Medal. That was presented last year by the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset. In May this year both Barrie and Lesley attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Whilst waiting to go into the garden they received a message and photo of their second grandchild Ruby, who had been born at 1pm that day!



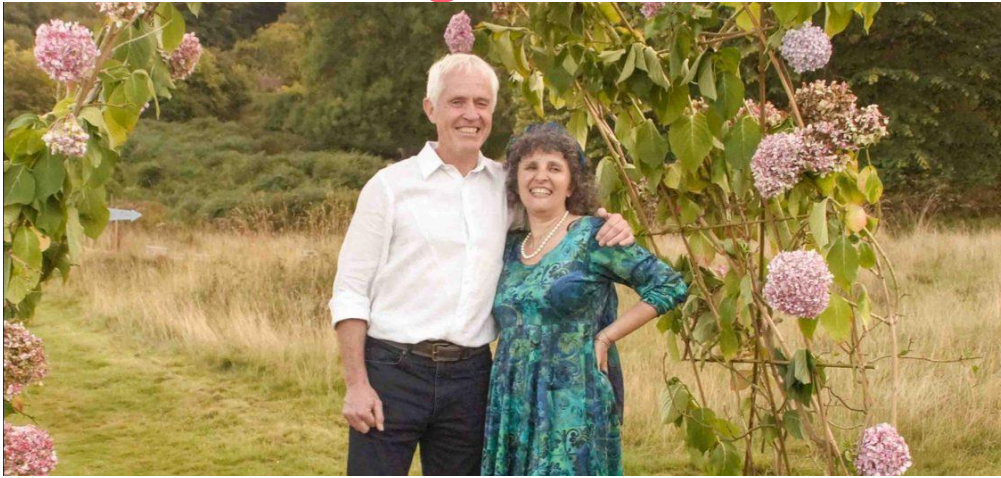
Barrie is a Freemason, a member of the Emergency Services Lodge here in Somerset and also the Chelsea Lodge in London, which is the entertainers lodge, with members such as Rick Wakeman, Freddie 'Parrotface' Davies and Roger DeCoursey and Nookie bear! This year Barrie was appointed as the Provincial Grand Membership Officer for Somerset, so if anyone is interested in joining, please let him know!

Both of their families live in Taunton and the travel time from Stratford to Taunton, on a good day when the M5 is open is 2 hours. They decided that they needed to be back in Somerset. They eventually found, for them the perfect house next to the Plough! They both said that they love their house, the village of Holford and the locals that they have met so far. Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly.

**Lesley and Barrie – September 2022**

**As dictated to Mo Plomgren our tenacious reporter!**

## Greetings from Alfoxton and congratulations!



As the seasons slowly change, the land is slipping elegantly into its Autumn dress. The rain gods have returned, the sky is a crisper shade of blue, and the breeze carries thistle down and insects with a gentle chill.

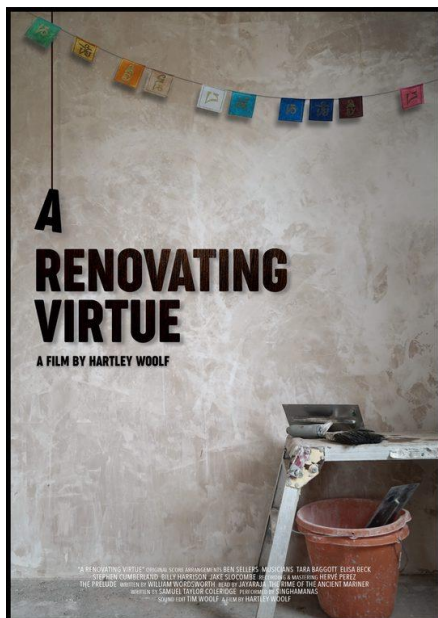
What a summer we've had: some very successful retreats including a visit from the South London sangha and a Mindful Communication retreat led by Jayaraja; a spectacular dance performance by State of Trust inspired by Coleridge and his anti-slavery lectures; an impromptu performance by spoken word artist Pete the Temp; and best of all, a wedding party for newlyweds Jayaraja and Lilamani, for which Alfoxton became the site for a miniature festival hosting around a hundred people.







The Shepherd's Hut made her maiden voyage across the land to her new resting place amongst the trees and will now be available for solitary retreats. Also, inspiration is running especially high lately with four of our community members recently asking for ordination. We wish them all new levels of depth and beauty in their practice; may it be of great benefit to themselves and many others.



## Rolling out the red carpet

Looking ahead, the Alfoxton documentary, *A Renovating Virtue*, is finally coming to public audiences (that means you!) with Q&A screenings organised at Buddhist centres across the UK. We had a very successful premiere at the local village hall with many questions and compliments from our kind and supportive neighbours. Look out for further emails from us with screening dates and venues.

So, not a lot going on really. Life here remains as boring as ever. Warmly wishing you a blissful end to the Summer and an Autumn full of delight,

# Village Hall news



It was good to see the Annual Flower Show return to the Hall after the "Covid Hiatus" with a large turnout from exhibitors and visitors. The 2023 Show will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.August with the set up on Friday evening, entries having been received and registered on Wednesday the 2nd.

Regular activities running through the month include iPad Training, APS, Yoga, Pilates, Karate, U3a Calligraphy, Table Tennis, Art, Craft plus Coffee and Cake (on the first Saturday morning of each month)

Ali and the Swing Cats performed on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Fun was had by all, some even danced ! There were also some very smart and beautiful fancy dresses.

The next entertainment in the Hall features Sally Ironmonger and Brian Carter on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.October with an evening of "Songs and Smiles" and BYOB. Tickets, £8 each, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hdvh](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hdvh)

Other dates for your diary :- Harvest Supper 15<sup>th</sup>.October, "Halloween Make and Sew" Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. October

Further information on activities, dates etc. is available on the Village and Village Hall websites :-

[www.holfordvillage.com](http://www.holfordvillage.com) and [www.holfordvillagehall.org](http://www.holfordvillagehall.org)

## Andrew Mew – Chair

**HOLFORD**  
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7PM FOR 7.30PM SATURDAY  
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Quiz answers from Page 6

1. The Queen Mother
2. Zara Tindall
3. Helena Bonham Carter
4. Cate Blanchett
5. White chocolate
6. To help her finish the conversation
7. History of art
8. 27
9. James 1
10. She hugged the Queen



We are really pleased to welcome Nick Hart to Holford and District Village Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Nick is an award-winning singer and multi-instrumentalist whose work with English folk song is rapidly gaining him a reputation as one of the most acclaimed performers of his generation, His considered approach to accompaniment is informed by a deep respect for the nuances of traditional song and his captivating live performances are a testament to the importance he places on story telling,

“ Uncluttered, great singing that reminds me of the very best English roots singers ..... this is the real deal ” Mike Harding.

£11 Adults, £8 Child/Student/ Low Income, £28 Family Ticket 2+2

Tickets from [www.takeart.org](http://www.takeart.org) or ring

Ann 07843 348057 or Helen 07849 408753

## Richardsons' Ramblings

A very sad time to be writing this article with the passing of our dear Queen. I was fortunate enough to be at a Guide Dogs for the Blind event which she attended – more about it and Guide Dogs in another *Ramblings*.

This time I am your roving reporter having been to Dunster's Country Fair and Show – luckily both were on moderately warm days which was much better for animals and humans alike. There were a lot of horses at the Fair with some very cute Shetlands being shown by some children as young as six. Then there was the Shetland Grand National in the main ring, with Pony Club games following the judging with some very gutsy participants jumping on and off with their mounts still trotting. The odd rider nearly fell off trying to pick up bean bags whilst in the saddle. Quite fun to watch unless you're a bored Airedale!



At the Dunster Show the main attraction for me was Jonathan Marshall and his majestic black Friesian stallion Amadeus. Jonathan has been a stunt rider in *The Huntsman* and *Game of Thrones*, and Amadeus was Lloyd's Bank's first black horse for their advert having been filmed on Saunton Sands. The performance was perfectly timed to music and I found it very emotional, so easy to see why Jonathan is a motivational speaker. He also does talks taking Amadeus along – now wouldn't that be something in Holford Village Hall?



Part way through he also flew his falcons with Duchess flying through Amadeus' legs. We watched both performances and if you ever get the chance do go and watch Jonathan.



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I couldn't resist taking the above photo and assume nobody was in the dog suit! There was quite a delay in proceedings as the hounds and children could not be separated very quickly as everyone is invited into the ring to meet the hunts – quite a few adults were sat down cuddling hounds!



I ended up sitting through Jamie Squibb Freestyle FMX waiting for Amadeus to reappear and thought 'how boring'. I couldn't have been more wrong as the stunts were incredible. My photos do not do the 2 motorcyclists justice – Mike had wandered off with the better camera.



Earlier in the day we spent time looking over the cattle and sheep with Mike very interested in Dexter Heifers and 'no' we are not having one! We felt very sorry for the judge who had 18 Exmoor Horn Breeding Ewes to go over – an hour later he had agreed with our first placing! Not everyone was as interested in proceedings. There was a bit of a commotion when a young bull broke loose from his handler and butted his stable mate – the cry 'shut the gates' went up!  
*Gae*

## **'Welcome to Holford' - Richard and Michele at Mayfield**

We have had a very warm welcome to the village, everyone has been so friendly, so a huge thank you for making us welcome, we are loving village life.



Michele has a love of riding and her first pony was a Quantock Hill pony, he was rounded up and sold to her parents, she learnt to ride the hard way, with lots of bruises(!) but eventually, both she and her pony made good progress. She has her own small business called Quantock Wildflowers and sells incredible wildflower seeds which have remarkable results. She is hoping to become 'the Go-To person' for supplying wildflower seeds in the area. Michele is a companion carer, a private nanny and a qualified aromatherapist. Now we have moved to Holford, she is hoping to find this kind of work in the area.

I work in the Business Communications area as a sales person supplying internet based telephony and video conferencing solutions worldwide. I'm also a keen sportsman and have joined the Plough Darts team which will be fun!



Louis (18 years old) achieved outstanding 'A' Level results and is a hard working lovely lad due to go to Uni in Cardiff in a couple of weeks to take a Business Degree. Already works in the Plough and does odd jobs for our lovely local neighbours!

Maisy (15 Years old) is an incredibly sociable lovely young lady still attending school to do her final GCSE year. She has started working for the Combe House Hotel and has already received some great compliments about her work there!

We love the country and the beauty of the Quantock Hills and we especially enjoy walking to the 'deer' field with binoculars to watch the deer and just recently saw a large herd, which was very exciting.

Thank you all again for making our move here to Mayfield, in Holford so special, we look forward to joining in events and meeting more people.

**Richard and Michele**

# ***Bridgwater Flower and Craft Show***

After an absence of 3 years due to the sad loss of their secretary followed by Covid we were pleased to see the show resume at the end of August.



Having only just managed to scrape a few horticultural entries together for Holford Show (due to slugs blackfly and hot sunshine) we decided to only enter the Photographic section. This was well supported together with the Art , Craft , Flower Arranging and Home Baking but the Flower and Vegetable sections entries were well down from previous years presumably due to the weather.

Fortunately the judge liked our photos and we were pleasantly surprised to find Jean had 2 firsts and 1 third and I had 3 seconds and 1 third and were delighted to find that they gave prize money !

Mike Pearce



## Ratatouille chutney recipe

For those of you with a glut of greenhouse produce and a decent one for all those courgettes!

This is a classic chutney, delicious with bread and cheese and a dollop can even be added to a curry for a bit of extra zing.

Makes 2½ litres

But you can always halve the quantities

- 500ml cider vinegar
- 400g brown sugar (soft light/dark brown sugar)
- 1 tbsp mixed spice
- 2 tbsp yellow mustard seeds
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 good sprigs rosemary, leaves removed and chopped
- 4 onions, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1kg courgettes (small or large), diced
- 1kg tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 4 eating apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 300g sultanas
- Maldon salt

### Method

Put the vinegar, 300ml water, sugar, herbs and spices in a very large pan. Heat, stirring, until the sugar dissolves. Add the rest of the ingredients with a good pinch of salt.

Bring back to a simmer and cook uncovered for two hours until darkened, thick and chutney-like. Stir regularly, as chutney catches easily and will ruin the flavour if it burns. It's ready when you draw a spoon through the mix and it leaves a visible trail of the pan!

Pour into sterilised jars while still hot, seal and leave in a cool, dark place for at least three weeks before opening.

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For what it's worth :

It's never too late or in my case too early, to be whoever you want to be.

There's no time limit. Stop whenever you want.

You can change or stay the same.

There are no rules to this thing.

We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it.

I hope you see things that startle you.

I hope you feel things you've never felt before.

I hope you meet people who have a different point of view.

I hope you live a life you're proud of.

I hope you find that you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again.

F. Scott Fitzgerald



We have been kept busy these past few months with our attempts to start a Community Review, trying to make sense of the proposed Local Community Networks and the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk. It was with much sadness that we received the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, just a few months after the joyous celebration of her 75th Jubilee. It was widely agreed that it was right to postpone our meeting in September during the National Period of Mourning, despite the greatly anticipated visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)**

The visit from the Avon and Somerset PCC, Mark Shelford, has been rearranged and he will now be addressing our parish council meeting on Monday 14 November. Please come along if you have any policing matters to raise with him.

### **Parish Clerk**

We will be bidding farewell to our Parish Clerk, Hema Stanley, who has been an integral part of the Parish Council for many years and who has steered the new Councillors through our first months of learning the ropes. We are currently in the process of arranging interviews with our applicants and the successful candidate will hopefully be starting with us at the end of October.

### **Community Review**

In August we were successful in our bid to take part in the Somerset Council funded Smart Communities Community Review Project. Thank you to the kind parishioners who expressed interest in joining us. Unfortunately, the Parish Council have had to make the decision to withdraw from this project as there were not enough volunteers to sit on the steering group.

### **Speed Indication Device and 20 mph limit**

Thanks to the successful bid submitted by the previous councillors, we have now received a cheque from the Police Community Trust to cover the purchase of a SIDs which we hope to install on the A39, with permission from the Highways Authority. We hope this will contribute to the work by the Community Speedwatch Group to deter some of the speeding traffic on the main road through the village. We are also looking into the feasibility of getting permission to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph, as has been done recently in other parts of the County.

### **Combwich to Hinkley Point Shared Use Cycle Path**

Councillor Stuart Moffat attended the Public Consultation meeting about the proposed new 9.3km cycle path which will further connect the existing cycle routes from Bridgwater and Cannington. If you have any preference for this to go ahead, we would urge you to fill in the online questionnaire at [www.edfenergy.com/cycleway](http://www.edfenergy.com/cycleway)

### **War Memorial Trees**

We have had an offer from the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme to supply us with more saplings to replace the dead ones up at the War Memorial Trees. We would be grateful for any offers from residents to "adopt a sapling" to ensure they make it through any period of drought during their early stages.

### **Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund**

The Quantock Hills AONB Service are seeking applications from community groups for landscape improvement projects such planting orchards, trees or hedges, creating wild meadows, restoring ponds or heritage walls.

For more information you can visit [www.quantockhills.com/quantock-grants-and-funding](http://www.quantockhills.com/quantock-grants-and-funding) or call Katie Read on 07977 412249

**Local Community Network (LCN)**

The Public Consultation on the development Local Community Networks will be running until 17th October. These LCNs will replace the current District Councils as a way of representing local communities as Committees of the new Unitary Council. The boundaries, roles and names of the LCNs are still undecided but it appears there will be no devolution of assets and services to them. The current consultation keeps Holford grouped with other parishes from current West Somerset District Council, but the size of these groups varies across the three options. We will keep you informed as things develop, but if you want to know more about this in the meantime or have any questions, there will be a public engagement session at West Somerset House, Williton on 10th October from 10-4pm.

**Portway Play Area**

Falcon Housing expect to be finishing the work at the old play area this autumn, with the levelling of the ground, reseeding with grass and installing seating and a basketball hoop.

**Mountain biking on the Quantock Hills**

We have had complaints of antisocial behaviour from mountain bikers on our local tracks, and particularly during the event in September. We will be contacting the event organiser but also raising the issue at the Joint Advisory Group for the Quantock Hills AONB, to ensure all visitors to the hills are respectful of other users, residents, the environment and the law.

**Somerset Council Customer Panel**

The New Somerset Council are inviting residents to join their new Customer Panel to help shape the future of council services by taking part in research such as online surveys, one-to-one interviews, usability tests and discussion groups. No special skills required. You can register via the website link

<https://playbook.somerset.gov.uk/our-customer-panel/>

or by calling 0300 123 2224.

**Coffee Mornings**

We will continue to have a presence at the monthly coffee mornings for parishioners to discuss any issues or concerns. Our representative on the day will not be able to resolve anything themselves but will be able to raise these at the next meeting.

Emily Heckscher  
Chair  
Holford Parish Council

## 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**

31<sup>st</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.  
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!

### **Winners**

#### **August**

Winner: Margaret Baker  
Runners-up:  
Mr & Mrs Pocock; Sharon Koppa

#### **September**

Winner: Tim & Polly Tilsley  
Runners-up: Tim Tennant;  
Pauline & Phil Hill

**October:** Winner – Pauline & Phil Hill  
Runners Up – David & Ann Steer and  
Gareth & Katherine Weed

### **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

## **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	

### ***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 November 14<sup>th</sup>**

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