

Holford news & views



January – February 2020

Editorial



Holford News and Views was an invaluable source of information when we moved into Ramblers nearly five years ago. I hope to continue in that vein as I take on the position of Editor. Thank you to everyone who has provided encouragement and support whilst I work my way through 'initial training'. Until I have learned the basics I do not intend to make any changes but do let me know if

there is anything you would like to see in the HNV in the future and it will be considered. Emma continues as Publisher.

Happy New Year and Happy New Decade. **Christine Mew**

Lottery

More people are needed to join our Village Lottery. The cost is £10 per annum which is collected in January. Prizes one of £20 and two of £10 are paid out each month and the rest goes to the Village Hall. **Elaine Tavner 741129.**

Christmas Post Thank you all so much for supporting the Christmas post. We have raised £200 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. A big thank you must go to Erl, Mo, Sue and Keith for their help in delivering the mail. Keith and Sue will be taking over from next year and so Tony's post box will still be in use. Happy New Year **Liz Guttridge**

Fitness Classes

For those of us who need to improve our physical fitness after the long Christmas and New Year indulgence there is an answer.

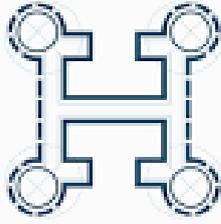
Classes in the Village Hall. On Monday evenings you can work on Aerobics, Pilates and stretch exercises with Sian 6.30 till 7.30pm.

On Wednesday afternoons join Michelle for similar work 'music and movement' 2.30 till 3.30pm.

Whatever your issues or fears Sian and Michelle are ready to help. There is even time to laugh. Get into a routine 'You know it makes sense!'

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HOLFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Stewart Tavner, Chairman.

Report :

This will be my last report as Chairman but I'm pleased to be handing on the reins to a rejuvenated committee consisting of Sheila and Mike Wise, Graham McKinley and with Penny Aldridge and Andrew Mew continuing in their previous positions. After two years helping to run the society I'd like to thank David and Mo Young and Midge Wise for all their hard work and wish the HHS all

the best for the future. We've had some excellent speakers (as well as a few weak ones!) I thought the Summer parties were great as well as the Christmas Meals and cider nights. I'll still be attending the talks and future get togethers with great interest! The last talk we had was on the 27th of November when Helen Kearney gave a short talk on the History of Herbal Medicine followed by a chance to buy some of her interesting alternative remedies and treatments. Judging by the brisk trade there were no shortage of punters ready to try a more natural approach to self medication! The Christmas Meal was at the Plough on the 10th December in the new conservatory. Chris and the team did us proud and everyone had a really good time. Short speeches and presentations were in order! I wish the HHS a successful future and may I wish all its members a Happy 2020.

Membership is excellent value at £5 (great members Christmas supper and Summer Garden Party!). Members £2 and non-members £3. Free refreshments. Please contact Membership Secretary, Penny Aldridge, for more information.

Desiderata

Go Placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, for they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself to others you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the Universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy. Max Ehrmann

Reports :



Following the group's AGM in November Rodney Glew gave a very intriguing talk about *Growing Up on a Country Estate* in Sussex from 1940 to 1957. As with all other big estates at the time it had farmland, woods, orchards, gardens, its own timber mill and hot houses. Fresh food and flowers were provided throughout the year making the estate self-sufficient.

Rodney could remember the 1.5 acre front lawn being mown by mowers pulled by horses wearing wooden footplates so their hooves did not mark the grass. Gypsies seasonally came to work, harvest potatoes and other crops. 'Gentlemen of the road' who seemed to be all WW1 veterans, and possibly traumatised by their experiences, would seek work in return for food and washing facilities.

The estate does not exist now. Rodney realised later on that during WW2 the estate was not quite the same as other estates. There was plenty of diesel to run generators and many of the staff were soldiers, some with guns. There were many important visitors, including one slightly rotund gent smoking a large cigar who gave the young Rodney a shilling to 'clear off' to leave him undisturbed in the garden! Draw your own conclusions as to meetings that took place there.

The committee hosted a social evening the week before Christmas when 40 enjoyed a super buffet whilst catching up on the gossip. Mike set three very different quizzes – *Kings & Queens* picture quiz (places rather than people) plus *General Ignorance* and *Musical*. There were a few 'who's Taylor Swift?' but as Mike said, he needed to cater for the younger members! Three different teams won and raffle proceeds of £42 went to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.



Church News

It was lovely to see so many of you in the church over the Christmas period. We hope you all enjoyed the services and singing and I am pleased to report that after the Carols we were able to send £140 to the Children's Hospice in addition to the boxes of food taken to the Food Bank. A big thank you to you all.

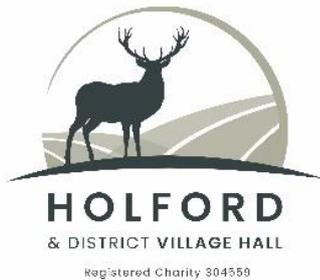
Now on to 2020!

On 29th February we are having a Barn Dance in the Village Hall. Tickets will be £10 each to include a ploughman's supper. BYOB! We do hope lots of you will come to this fun evening (the band are very good!).

Both of these events are fund raisers to try to keep the church solvent during the year - we definitely need it!!

In addition, the Lent Lunch will be on Wednesday 11th March where all proceeds will go to the Deanery Mission Appeal.





NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL

This Christmas was the first with our new hall open, and many thanks go to Mark and Marilyn Kellaway for the Christmas decorations. We would like to wish everyone a very happy 2020 and hope many of you will enjoy using the hall over the coming months. There is something for everyone with regular events including IT, Aerobics/Pilates/ Stretch, Coffee and Cake, Music and Movement, Karate, Garden Group, Table Tennis, Coffee and Play, Art and Craft and the History Society.

Other recent successful events held in the hall include:

Blue Dimpsey - another lovely evening of blues and jazz was enjoyed by all present.

Art and Craft Christmas Party - marbling in the morning followed by Christmas lunch enjoyed by all.

Digital Marketing Workshops - our village hall proved to be an excellent venue for Cosmic to hold two Digital Marketing workshops, with people attending from village halls and community shops and organisations across Somerset

Xmas Coffee morning - with many thanks to Brian and Theresa Gay for supplying the sherry.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Take Art: Paprika 30th January 2020, 7.30pm

Following the amazingly successful Take Art production, Mountain Music, held last October, we are very pleased to welcome Paprika on 30 January 2020. For tickets contact 01278 741249 / 07843 34807.

Paprika is the UK's leading Balkan Band hailing from Romania, Serbia and the UK and perform traditional Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical Music. "Expect fiery melodies, foot tapping rhythms and lilting laments"

Take Art:

At Home with Will Shakespeare, Pip Utton 22nd February 2020 7.30pm

Pip brings to life the ultimate bard, giving us the chance to spend time with the great (but somewhat mysterious) man. This is a fun show, both moving and engaging. For tickets contact 01278 741249 / 07843 348057.

Route 60+ Wednesday 5th February 2020 10.00am – 12.30pm

A free presentation supported by Somerset Road Safety for older drivers, offering coping strategies taking into account the increased amount of vehicles on the road and helping you to drive safer for longer.

Greek Night Saturday 7th March 2020 7.00pm

Join us for a Greek Mezze – a taste of sunshine! Bar, music, dancing and authentic Greek dishes – only £20 per head. For tickets contact 01278 741184

Iolanthe – Saturday 14th March 2020 7.30pm

A popular Gilbert and Sullivan production performed by Somerset Opera.

For information about one-off events or performances please check the Village Hall website or 'holfordhallmarketing@gmail.com'. There are also notices posted around the village.



Chris's Pie Recipes!

Now that the HN & V's is under the new editorship of Chris Mew, a couple of her tasty recipes seemed a fitting start to our recipe column for 2020! Mo (Plomgren)

Sausage Meat Pie

Utensils: Bowl and a deep ovenproof dish

Ingredients:

A sleeve of sausage meat, 2 large onions, 2 large cooking apples, shortcrust pastry for the top, (ready made will do!)

Method:

Peel & chop onions, soften in pan. Peel and chop apples, mix with onion, place in a bowl. Divide sausage meat into three portions and using flour on your hands, shape the sausage meal into three rounds to fit oven proof deep dish. (Herbs may be added to the sausage meat before dividing if desired and to taste.)

Starting with the apple & onion mixture, alternate with the sausage meat until the ingredients have been layered equally.

Top with a round of shortcrust pastry, decorate as desired, using a little egg wash or milk.

Cook in oven for about 40 minutes at 180°/190° fan.

Winter serving with baked beans and jacket potatoes. Summer serving with salad.

Cheese, Tomato & Onion Pie

Utensils and method the same as for sausage meat recipe... (excl. sausage meat!) but alternate layers with a thick strong cheese sauce, thinly sliced onions (lightly cooked) and thinly sliced firm tomatoes, topped with a shortcrust pastry lid. Goes well with meat (lamb chops especially) or a nut roast.

**Aerobics Pilates and Stretch
with
SIAN
Monday 6.30 – 7.30pm**

**Music and Movement
with
Michelle
Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30pm**

**ALL WELCOME
HOLFORD VILLAGE HALL**



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Tuesday, February 18th 7.30pm

**Somerset's Moorland
Way'**

Peter Triggs

Tuesday, March 17th 7.30pm

**'Stumperies, Ferns &
Shady Friends'**

Andrew Tolman

All welcome

Members £1, non-members £3.50

Tickets : (01278 741173)

Kilve and District Women's Institute

We never thought we would come to this but after 77 years we are slowly grinding to a halt. When I first joined Kilve and District WI over 30 years ago there were nearly 50 members from Kilve, Holford, East Quantoxhead and surrounding hamlets. We are now down to under 20.

We appreciate that not everyone is able to come on Thursday afternoons but if you are able to join us please consider coming.

Each month we have a really good speaker followed by discussion over an excellent afternoon tea. In addition, the WI offers many other activities at local, County and National level.

So please, if you have ever thought you might like to give it a try, come and join us. Sue Ayshford

KILVE VILLAGE HALL 2nd THURSDAY EACH MONTH 2.30pm

where you will be warmly welcomed.

More information from Jennie Mundy T: 741649 Or Sue Ayshford T: 741215

Parish Council meeting January 13th 2020

Chairman's Report

Progress is being made on the resolution of the closure of the Portway Play Area. It has been confirmed that Falcon Housing does have a legal requirement, included in the planning approval, to provide a play area for the use of Holford residents' children not just those living at Portway. Falcon Housing has emailed proposals to enable the use of this area. This will be discussed and voted on at the meeting. Please contact the clerk if you would like further details of their proposal. Planning consent will be needed.

Legal documentation of the Dog Pound is awaited from the Land Registry following submissions from the Parish Clerk.

The reorganisation of the planning system at SWT has resulted in a delay in making decisions. After a request from the PC, SWT has confirmed that the Silk Mills development planning application is to be decided shortly.

A public meeting was held on Dec 2nd to discuss the new planning application received for the Strawberry Field site. The full details of the discussion are available on the PC website and the public can view the submitted Parish Council report on the SWT Planning portal.

After the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would support local residents in establishing rights of access to the Hunt and in view of the reports of anti-social behaviour the Police have been consulted on the best way forward. Councillors Copleston and Campbell will liaise and report on the issue. *See the minutes for full details to date.*

Replacement memorial trees have been planted including more substantial plants with sturdier tree guards in place. This has been jointly funded with Kilve Parish Council. The ongoing issue of road naming in the village will be shelved. It has been established that only road names that are in the official 'Gazeteer' can be used for road signs and not those in common usage. There is some local opposition for any signs being erected.

There are a number of grants available which Parish Councils may apply for. Almost all of them require public consultation before a grant can be awarded. With this in mind The Chairman is proposing that a questionnaire is distributed to Parishioners to find out what issues they would like addressed.

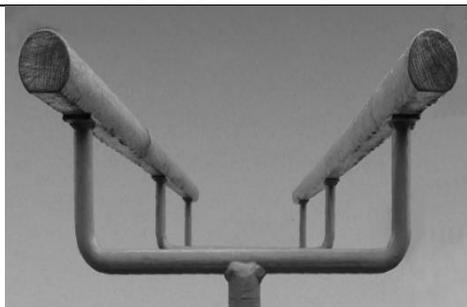
Councillor Copleston has been looking into the possibility of getting some of the roads in Holford designated 'Quiet Lanes' which would enable a reduced speed limit to be introduced. He will report on this during the meeting. *See the minutes for full details to date.*

At an extraordinary meeting on Dec 2nd it was agreed to increase the precept by £250 per annum to enable a small increase in the salary of the Clerk.

Holford Parish Councillors are:		
Emma Cavendish (Chair)	741 435	Angela Drummond 741 648
Stephen Campbell	741 329	Erl Plomgren 741 152
Mike Copleston	07711 985320	David Talling 741 116
		Mo Young 741 249
		Clerk : Hema Stanley 07818 015956

Feel free to contact any of the councillors if you have issues to raise. The official Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the website. If you do not have access to the internet you can request a paper copy from the clerk or any councillor www.holford-pc.gov.uk

CONUNDRUM



I decided that a nice easy one would be a good way to start the New Year, so here it is. I know many of you walk past this on a regular basis so no excuses. The observant among you who spotted the finial on the roof of Garden Reach up towards Combe House in the last edition were Keith and Sue Edwards and Mike Pearce.

If you spot it give me a call on 741130 for a mention in the next edition. *Mike Richardson*

Oil delivery

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 : 10th Feb, 2nd March and 20th April

Contact :

David Young on 741249

davidyoung1934@talktalk.net



Lottery Winners
November
 1st Anthony Salvidge
 Runners up : Erl and Mo Plomgren
December

1st Sue and Keith Edwards
 Runners up : Martin and Sue Howard

What's On? – Dates for your Diary Events in

Holford and District Village Hall

Unless otherwise stated

Bookings : Emily Hecksher T : 741694

or on line at www.HolfordVillageHall.org

Events in **The Plough Inn** will be advertised around the village

January 2020

Thu	30 th	Take Art 'Paprika'	7.30pm
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February 2020

Wed	5 th	Route 60+	10.00 – 12.30
Thur	13 th	Kilve and Distrit WI, Kilve Village Hall	2.30pm
Tue	18 th	Gardeners Group Talk	7.30pm
Sat	22 nd	Take Art : At Home with William Shakespeare	7.30pm
Sat	29 th	Barn Dance for Holford Church	

March 2020

Sat	7 th	Greek Night	7.00pm
Mon	9 th	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm
Wed	11 th	Lent Lunch	
Thur	12 th	Kilve and Distrit WI, Kilve Village Hall	2.30pm
Sat	14 th	Iolanthe – Somerset Opera	7.30pm
Tue	17 th	Gardeners Group Talk	7.30pm

Weekly regulars

Mon	Computer Club	10.00 – 12.00
	Short Mat Bowls – Kilve Village Hall	7.00pm
	Aerobics, Pilates and Stretch	6.30pm
Tues	Karate – (ex 3 rd Tues in month)	6.30 pm (1hr)
Wed	Music and Movement	2.30pm (1hr)
Thu	Coffee and Play Table Tennis	9.30 – 11.30 7.00pm
Fri	Art Group Craft Group	10.00 – 1 pm 1.00 – 4pm

Recycling collections every Friday

Collections a day later after Bank Holidays

Refuse collections : February 14th and 28th.

Collections a day later after Bank Holidays

If you have any other unwanted material languishing outside your property (ie from building work etc) there is a good recycling centre in Williton open Sat and Sun 9am – 4pm, Mon and Tues 9am – 5pm. For larger amounts of DIY materials charges may apply.

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 Mon 8th March

Please send items for the next issue to
Christine Mew, Ramblers

T: 741437 c.mews@outlook.com

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