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EDITORIAL

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who kindly returned the 'survey form' regarding the future distribution of Kilve News.

The overwhelming majority (in the order of 20-1) would like to have a printed copy. Typical comments were that although the pictures etc. are much clearer on the website, so many remarked how they liked to have a printed copy, which was good 'for sharing' and much easier for reference.

I have, therefore, decided that for the foreseeable future we shall continue to deliver a printed copy to all households within the village. (I am conscious that if we try to segregate those not wanting a printed copy it will cause extra work for our wonderful team who undertake the delivery.) Please remember that Kilve News will also always be available on line at:-

www.kilvillage.co.uk

We endeavour to get it posted on line a couple of days before the 1st of the month .

With regard to our last issue I must apologise that certain pages and pictures were not of our usual standard but this was due to a technical difficulty with the printer at Kilve Court.

My last thought for this month:-

Stay strong, because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.

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WELCOME!

It is always a pleasure to welcome new residents, but this is probably a first, because we would like to welcome someone who has spent much of her life here in Kilve!

Great Beats has been the home of the Semple family for many many years and daughter Nicola together with husband Richard and son James have now moved back to Kilve and made it their permanent residence. It's a joy to welcome you back!

Another different welcome., this time to Pat and Sarah Hayward who are naturally very excited to have finally moved into Kilve Mill after 2 years of renting it out to holidaymakers. A big welcome to you too.

Finally, this month our apologies to Brian and Michaela Justice of Apple Tree Cottage. We welcomed them last month but were misinformed about both their first names and surname!

KILVE READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

Most of the Group met up on Zoom for the October meeting and talked about "The Bird Watcher" written by William Shaw. This was a run of the mill thriller and although enjoyed by most was not particularly exciting. It was well written but the majority of the characters were not very inspiring. This book did have the misfortune of following the previous month's read, which had been so enjoyable, and had probably coloured our thoughts. However, the novel described the Kent coastline and atmosphere beautifully and one particular character redeemed the book. So all in all a reasonable read. The Group will continue with meetings on Zoom until such time as "normal" life resumes!

Unfortunately, the Group is at full capacity and there is currently a waiting list.



Robbie

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for December
Contributions for the 341st edition to
Robbie, or the Village Stores
(marked Kilve News)

Please **NO LATER THAN**
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If you have reports, adverts or contributions to hand before the deadline please let us have them as soon as possible. It greatly helps having them well in advance of the 15th.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from Steve Collins

New Councillor – A warm welcome to Simon Blackley who was recently voted onto the Parish Council. He is already hard at work on council business, see below.

Kilve Beach Car Park - Cllr Steve Collins

Many thanks to all of the people who have contacted me regarding the car park concession that we agreed with the East Quantoxhead Estate. Many of you will be aware already that the landowners do not have the required planning consents for the redevelopment of the car park so the concession is currently on hold until this is resolved. The Estate will be submitting retrospective planning permission and once the Parish Council are in receipt of the proposals it will formulate a formal response to the relevant Authorities. This will be based on the report that the PC compiled following the meeting held at the cricket ground with villagers in August and the subsequent meeting with Hugh Luttrell.

Those who have not already done so and would be interested in taking advantage of this facility can still let me know by providing a name and vehicle registration number, ideally by email (steve.collins1@sky.com) or by phone (741077).

Councillor Responsibilities - Cllr Steve Collins

Councillors have agreed on specific areas of responsibility that will enable a more effective way of handling Council business. Although still in its early development a broad outline of these areas and the councillor responsible are described below. More details will be forthcoming once individual councillors become more familiar with their portfolios.

Finance – Cllr Steve Collins

Political (District & County Council Engagement) –

Cllr Steve Collins

Planning – Cllr Bruce Eyley

Training – Cllr Simon Blackley

Well Being – Cllr Elizabeth Grigg

Environment – Cllr Greg Glendell

Public Engagement – Cllr Simon Blackley

Policies & Procedures – Cllr Bruce Eyley

Councillor Resignation The Parish Council (PC) has had to say goodbye to Alan Keen who recently resigned. Alan served the community as a councillor for 9 years, 7 of which were as Chair. So, a big thank you to Alan, his extensive knowledge of PC matters will be sorely missed. The past and present members of the PC will join me in wishing Alan all the best for the future.

Updates on Wellbeing: Cllr Elizabeth Grigg In early March 2020 the Parish Council (PC) gave me £200 to be spent on supplies from Kilve Stores for the Quantock Foodbank, Watchet. This money was intended, initially, to be spent on providing food for vulnerable children during the school holidays over the year, when free school meals are not available. (A parishioner also gave me £10). Then of course Covid-19 came along and the country was in 'lockdown' from mid-March. At that time it was more convenient to donate £100 in cash towards the Foodbank. But in August Matt (Kilve Stores) was able to spend £60 on supplies from Kilve Stores.

Finally, the Defibrillator training scheduled for the 6th November will not now be taking place and will be rescheduled once restrictions are lifted

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Policy & Procedures – Cllr Bruce Eyley Kilve Parish Council now has a Zoom account that allows meetings to be held virtually. Councillors and parishioners are now quite adept at using it. Recent meetings have been very effective and well attended. There is a Kilve Parish Council Facebook group and a new Facebook page relating to County, District and Parish Council issues.

Local Lanes Traffic Kilve Lanes Traffic subcommittee has been established with the aim of improving the experience of all road users who share our roads. Bruce Eyley, Greg Glendell, Pat Woolley, Graham Keating and Karen Scott are members.

Hinkley Update The Hinkley Point C Community Forum met via Zoom on 24th Sep 2020. Covid-19 controls include on-site resting, temperature monitoring and limited bus pickup points to prevent workers standing in groups in public places. Numbers on site are 4,500 which is still below the start of year peak. The Office for Nuclear Regulation said they were satisfied with the arrangements. The construction schedule has been impacted but progress is being made. Tunnel boring machine Mary is 2km out under the Bristol Channel. Unit 1 now has rooms constructed and the turbine support steelwork is being erected. HPC has 653 apprentices and has had 200,000 student interactions so far. They have created key stage 2, 3 and 4 on line lessons that have been popular during lockdown.

FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

Autumn is here and the winter flu vaccination programme is in full swing – it's especially important this year to get your flu vaccine if you are eligible for the free treatment, and maybe consider paying for one if you aren't. This year the flu vaccine is being offered on the NHS to:

Adults 65 and over

People with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk groups from 6 months of age)

Pregnant women

People living with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list)

Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2020, children in primary school & year 7 pupils

Frontline health or social care workers

All of the Flu Sessions for West Somerset Healthcare will be held at Watchet Surgery this year as a means of providing as Covid-19 secure an environment as possible.

Watchet surgery was closed to patients at the height of the pandemic and was used by the practice as an administration hub to enable safely socially distancing for staff. The site was used by office workers and clinical staff conducting remote telephone consultations with patients. It was opened to patients from 1 September, but only for them to attend for routine nurse and Healthcare Assistant (HCA) appointments. GP's are on site but only for telephone and video consultations. Poorly patients who need to be seen are asked to attend for a GP appointment at Williton surgery. The flu clinics at Watchet have been carefully planned so that there is a one way system through the building and 2m social distancing whilst patients wait. Patients will have temperature and symptom checks on arrival.

So far the receptionists have not experienced any issues booking patients in for their flu jab appointments and the first few clinics are already full.

You can have your NHS flu vaccine at: Your GP surgery or local Hospital A local pharmacy offering the service Your midwifery service if they offer it for pregnant women.

Somerset CCG are also looking at one-stop shop type locations where people can get Covid testing, flu vaccinations, Covid vaccinations & anti-body testing.

If you have your flu vaccine at a pharmacy, you do not have to inform a GP. It's up to the pharmacist to do that. Full details are here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

THANK YOU from St Mary's P.C.C.

A very BIG and appreciative thank you to everyone who so kindly donated to our appeal during 'Gift Week' As was mentioned in Kilve News last month, the P.C.C., like so many other organisations, have found it extremely difficult to balance the books', as a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic . The response to our appeal and been very gratifying and 'heart warming' in as much that a total of £1655.00 has been donated. This will enable us to continue our obligations in the day to day running of St. Mary's and we extend a huge thank you to everyone who gave us such generous support.

Something of a 'red letter' day for the church when were able in October to hold our first service since the 'lockdown'. The Harvest Family Service was well supported and our picture taken that Sunday features the 'Harvest Loaf, placed on the altar. It was such a wonderful piece, which had been very finely crafted by Pat Woolley.

The Feast time of the Year
By Dora Goodale

This is the feast-time of the year,
When plenty pours her wine of cheer,
And even humble boards may spare
To poorer poor a kindly share.
While bursting barns and granaries know
A richer, fuller overflow.
And they who dwell in golden ease
Blest without toil, yet toil to please.



This month's sporting action

On Saturday October 10th , Dan Sefton very kindly arranged golf day at Minehead with the Kilve golfers battling it out against the village cricket team. 15 "brave souls" tackled the course in very windy conditions. The first group was the youth of KCC, Ethan and Rio versus the experience of Bruce & Mark for the villagers. Their match was halved. The final result was a 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 win for Kilve CC.

Individual awards went to Dan Sefton who won the stableford competition with 34 points. James Payne for the longest drive and Mark Walton who eagled the 2nd hole.



Wind in Minehead.....rain in Kilve!

Last month we showed you a photo of the 'Kilve Court Boating Pool' under construction. We had so much rain last month that 'Mother Nature' had her own ideas of how the pool should be filled!



And, sunny(?) on Mars!



KILVE BEACH CAR PARK

your opinions do matter!

by Graham Keating



Photo taken about 5 years ago



Photo taken October 2020

You may already know that the Somerset West and Taunton Planning Department has ruled that the East Quantoxhead Estate should have sought formal planning permission, before making any changes to the car park. Permission was required for the Change of Use of the land shown in these photos and for the erection of the new signage, ticket machines and camera. The Estate, it appears, was wrongly advised by the parking company, Premier Parking Ltd and in the meantime, our beautiful environment has been damaged. The Estate will now, we understand, apply for retrospective planning permission to keep the new arrangements in place; the alternative would be for them to return the area to its original state. This is actually good news for the many villagers who have expressed huge dismay at the visual damage to this part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the destruction of the wildlife habitat along either side of the road.

After a very constructive meeting with the Parish Council at the cricket ground in August, we can now have our voices heard directly by the local authority.

Once the application is lodged, there will be an opportunity for anyone to express their views about it, or raise objections, on-line. The Parish Council and the AONB officer will have an input into the planning process but this is such an important moment for local democracy to be heard so, if you have a view, please do make sure it's registered. Details of the application, once it's lodged, will be posted on the village website, the Parish Council Facebook page and can be also found by following this link:

<https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning/find-a-planning-application/>

At the time of writing (13th October) the application hasn't been lodged but the deadline for it is, we believe, early November.





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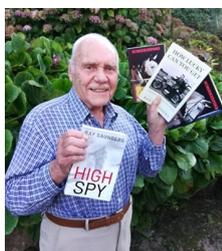
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THE FOOD CUPBOARD

Your continuing support is so greatly appreciated. I received a very heart warming letter from Marlene and her colleagues at the Quantock Food Bank not only to thank the people of Kilve for their generosity but especially to say that once again, we had provided exactly what they wanted. I must mention too, our particular thanks to Matt and Charlotte at the Village Stores who very kindly provide all our purchases for the Food Bank at cost price. May I remind you that donations in cash or kind may be left at the Village Stores, and I am very happy to collect at anytime. Thank you. Robbie



He's 'Fully Booked up' again!!

Having previously written a series of horse keeping books many years ago and more recently his own autobiography 'How Lucky Can You Get' (mentioned in the July edition of Kilve News) Ray Saunders of Pardlestone Lane has just launched his first novel.

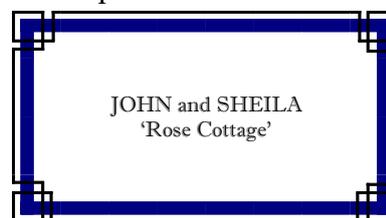
High Spy is a tense spy thriller about the adventures of the indomitable Matt Sands, an Englishman not yet past his prime, and with a taste for fine food, drink and women. Whilst taking a European holiday, skiing in the Swiss Alps and looking for action of a different kind, his confidence and bravado cause him to stumble upon and, become caught up in, an international kidnap plot involving murderous professional villains and a beautiful and very capable CIA agent. He discovers some useful skills of his own, as danger abounds while he fights for his life and that of others, attempting to do the right thing but, of course, also get the girl. Set in the 1960s, it contains all the atmosphere and style of that bygone era.

The book is available from the publisher Pegasus and also from Amazon and all other major outlets online or order in store.

The follow up 'Spy and Spy Again' is due for publication early next year so there's more in the pipe line to come. Could this be where Ray now aged 91 hangs up his pen set? Not a bit of it! He is busy presently writing the third novel in the series!!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As has been the practice for the last few years, we are again, next month, printing a page of 'Christmas Greetings', whereby people in the village, instead of sending cards, could send their greetings to friends within the village and at the same time support the Watchet & Quantock Dementia Group. The greeting will come under a general heading 'To all our friends in Kilve, Holford and East Quantoxhead' Best wishes for Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year' Underneath this heading will be individual boxes such as this example



If you would like to be included please place your first name(s) together with your house name and leave it in an envelope at the shop or to me personally addressed 'For the attention of Robbie (Christmas Greetings)', and we will do the rest!

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