
KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

As you will read opposite, the Easter Fair was extremely successful. Robbie's piece gives you all the details, but I think praise is due to Robbie and Gill for getting the fair going again after a three-year gap, and to Lizzie, Nicky and Sheila for organising and running the kitchen operation. Those of us who "volunteered" for the kitchen worked in two-hour shifts; those three were there all day and did a magnificent job.

And speaking of hard work, after eight years as Kilve News Treasurer, Claire Walton is standing down. I am particularly grateful to Claire for her knowledge and efforts during my first year as Editor; I had enough to do learning about the editorial side, without dealing with the finances as well! Jackie Skinner has agreed to take over as Treasurer, and I look forward to working with her. Thank you both.

Finally, is summer ever going to arrive? After a wet March and a cooler than average April, I may not bother to put my winter clothes away this year.

Jenny

Contact the Editor on 01278 741663
e-mail jakent@btinternet.com
or text on 07745 805006

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Owing to a diary mishap (surely better than a wardrobe malfunction?) the defibrillator training session has had to be rearranged. It will now be held at the Village Hall on Friday 16 June at 2pm.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For more details please contact Elizabeth Grigg on 01278 741645 or 07765 994013.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 110, May 1998

The Antiques Fair organisers reported a very successful day, raising a total of £1441, of which £460 came from the village stall.

Plans were proceeding for the production of *Our Village*, a play written by Sheila Sharp, who created a role for everyone who wanted to take part. The play was set in a Quantock village in the 19th century. (It was performed to great acclaim in the Village Hall the following winter.)

this month
25
years ago

I'm not quite sure how this arrived in the herb bed, but it's very pretty.



EASTER FAIR — THANK YOU!

It is always good to hear of reports where communities get together to complete certain projects, and thus it was, on Easter Monday.

St Mary's has been standing here in Kilve since 1265, and not surprisingly needs quite a lot of TLC, which in turn means expensive maintenance. The Easter Fair has, for many years, provided that much needed financial support and the PCC grabbed the opportunity to re-instate this annual fund-raising event after an enforced absence of three years.

The PCC would like to extend a **huge huge** thank you to Karl Watson and his wonderful staff at Kilve Court (without whom none of it would have been possible) and to the army of village volunteers who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, on the village stall, attending to car parking and the other sundry duties that required help.

Every project needs a team leader and special mention must be made of Mrs Gill Parsons, who headed the organisation of the event, and who, without doubt, ensured its success.

It is with immense pleasure that, on behalf of the PCC, I can reveal that the magnificent sum of £4454 was made.

The Times newspaper recently did a survey on the best place to live in the U.K. I know of a little West Somerset village and its inhabitants who could easily lay claim to the title!!

Robbie

(See left for evidence that the fair is of long standing, and that Kilve is a generous village.)

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KILVE CELEBRATIONS

The Coronation brings another chance to admire the Floral Cascade, which will go back on display at the Church.

Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day

Morning Village Hall opens at 10am, with the big screen showing of the Coronation at 11am

May Fair on Christopher Robin Green (Village Hall Car Park), to include:

- **Stalls:** home produce for sale (cakes, jams, chutneys), plants, veg, flowers, crafts, artwork
- **Games:** coconut shy, stocks, Maypole dancing
- **Local musicians**

Wanted: produce for tables, any other ideas

Evening The Hood Arms will open at 5pm, serving food from 6—8pm, (buffet menu/hog roast); live music

Sunday 7 May: Cricket Match

Village Cricket Match 2pm at the Beach Ground; bar, BBQ and live music afterwards

Monday 8 May: Volunteer Day

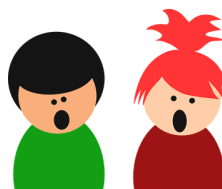
Please contact Simon (simon30p@live.com) or Bruce (bruceeyley@aol.com) with any suggestions.

Simon Blackley



Beautiful Easter flowers from St Mary's, East Quantoxhead

KILVE VOICES



The first meeting of the singing group has been arranged for Thursday 18 May from 3—4pm in the Village Hall. Please come along. There will be a £1 charge to cover hall hire and refreshments.

If you have an idea for something to sing please let either Sarah Hayward, Gill Parsons or Kelly Stone know — we have a Whatsapp group set up too. Otherwise just come and join us and we will see how it goes!

NB — this is for everyone and the more voices we have the merrier! Big thanks to the Ladies Who Lunch who took hold of this and made it happen.

Sarah Hayward

DOG POO — AGAIN...

Some residents of Sea Lane have asked me to remind dog owners/walkers to pick up after their dogs. Once again the mess is particularly noticeable in Sea Lane, but it is unfortunately widespread throughout the village.

Please just bag it and bin it. Dog poo can be put into ordinary litter bins; there are bins in the Village Hall car park, at the top of Sea Lane and in the beach car park, and the Parish Council is investigating further provision. And if you don't go past any of these, take it home with you. Please! There can be no excuse for putting it into someone else's garden, as has happened on at least one occasion. Your dog's poo belongs to you.

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

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HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Saturday 20 May
10am—12 noon



PLANT SALE

Holford and District Village Hall

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East Quantoxhead
Sunday 28 May 2—5pm
 Teas available at
 East Quantoxhead Village Hall

DO YOU NEED CARE OR SUPPORT?

It can sometimes be difficult to know where to start if you need to find care, whether for yourself or for a relative, and whether at home or in a long-term residential setting.

For example, if at home, would you be looking for hourly homecare, 24/7 live-in care, overnight care, or a private care assistant? Or might you need residential care, nursing care, or a combination of the two?

Penny Jordan has recently come across a website called **Pairly.com** that can help you find the care you need. The website lets you specify exactly what you need in terms of care, and it will then offer you links to providers who can offer the care you need when you need it.

The website is simple and clear to use, the agencies that it lists all have CQC reports, and the carers are all registered.

Penny has spoken to people who have used the website, and the feedback is that it gets care packages from providers in the community really fast. So why not give it a try if you need to find support?

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We also offer a friendly and confidential chat if you need it.

Please note that our guests with memory issues must be accompanied by a family member, friend or carer.

All are welcome to come along for coffee and a chat. Helen and Rose look forward to seeing you soon.

SUMMER DATES

Wednesday 10 May
 Wednesday 24 May
 Wednesday 7 June
 Wednesday 21 June
 Wednesday 5 July
 Wednesday 19 July
 Wednesday 2 August



For more information please contact:

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Burton Springs / Yellow Door Cottage Fete will take place again on **Sunday 28 May**. There will be lots to do and see including stalls/games, dog show, bar, music, food available all day. Forget-me-Not is holding a fund-raising tombola which was a big success last year. Any unwanted gifts or donations for prizes would be very welcome. Thank you.

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RICHARD MORSE

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of Richard Morse.

Popular figures within our community, Richard and his wife Margaret lived in Millands Lane for many years. On Margaret's death, Richard moved to Wellington, though he often returned to Kilve for the monthly village lunch.

Richard will be long remembered for his production of revues and entertainments (such as *March Madness*) which were performed to packed houses in the Village Hall. By popular demand each show included the sketch 'Goodness gracious me!' in which Richard starred with Margaret. It was always a 5-star performance, which will remain in the memory of all who saw it.

On behalf of the village we extend much sympathy to all of Richard's family.

JOHN DERRICK

John Derrick, co-owner of The Hut in Sea Lane, has passed away peacefully after a very short illness. His wife Sue and children David, Mike and Michelle were by his side.

John had only recently been staying at The Hut in January carrying out refurbishments. His ashes will be brought to The Hut later in the year to rest alongside his parents, so that they can be reunited & rest in a place they held so dear.

I am indebted to John's daughter Michelle for this sad news; Graham Keating's article last year emphasised how much The Hut meant to John and his family.

COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 20 May

10am—12 noon



Café / Bric-a-brac / Books / DVDs

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

READING GROUP

For the April meeting we enjoyed a meal at The Hood after having discussed *The Amber Keeper* by Freda Lightfoot.

This proved to be an interesting book for group discussion: a family saga covering early 20th century Russia and 1960s England, with the emphasis on the Russian revolution in the early 1900s. Grandmother/granddaughter relationships featured heavily in the family aspect of the novel. The tale involved strong female characters and proved an interesting insight into life in St. Petersburg and the hardships suffered during the unrest.

The English part of the narrative sadly proved rather tedious. The group also felt that there was a missed opportunity in explaining how the 20th century heroine (an English nanny) escaped from Russia. It was a bit confusing the way the book switched between the two story lines, especially as the characters were all quite similar in their relationships. Once again we felt that the end had been hurried as the book was becoming rather long and the author was fed up with it! This is not the first time we have made this criticism. Nevertheless, it was a well-written (always important to the group) novel and contained some interesting information.

Sue Hares



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Tuesday 16 May 7.30pm



Therapeutic Horticulture

a talk by
David Tansley

Holford and District Village Hall

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

A warm welcome to all

Contact **01278 741173**
for further details on the Group

Here's to the Ladies who lunch

The next Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) meals are on Thursday 27 April and Thursday 25 May, at 12 noon for 12.30pm at the Hood Arms.

If you would like to join us, just contact me. I send out the menu each month for you to choose and pre-order your lunch.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Congratulations to the PPC on a very successful Easter Fair! Our AGM is before the Annual Village Meeting on 29 April, and then we are looking forward to our Open Gardens event: please complete the form below and post in village hall box, sign up at the AGM or email if you'd like your garden to be included.

We hope to include the event on the Open Gardens website, so we need more than 7 gardens (we had 10 I think last year — and despite the weather it was a lovely thing to do).

There is also a request for feedback on a movie night and the next TakeArt event. If you have ideas for future please do get in touch: kvh@hayward.uk.net or via any committee member or the village hall post box.

100 Club

The winners for March were:

Steve Collins

Sheila Sharp

If you would like to join the club please contact us — the more members the bigger the prize and the funds raised!

Village Hall AGM

All residents are welcome to our AGM on Saturday 29 April at 9.30am, where we will elect a new committee and report on the past year, together with the accounts and our plans for the future.

Please come along — new committee members and ideas will be welcomed.

Movie night

Movie nights of late have not been well-attended – so we'd like some feedback from you on what if anything you'd come to see. Please complete the form overleaf and return it.

Things to look forward to

Saturday 29 April 9.30 am (NB early start!): AGM — come and get involved; followed by refreshments and the Annual Village Meeting. Another chance to have a practice round the Maypole!

Saturday 6 May (KVH opens 10am): Coronation weekend — big screen community showing of the ceremony in the hall; refreshments; traditional May Fair in the Christopher Robin field, with music and maypole dancing, coconut shy, village stocks, produce stalls.

Saturday 27 May 10.30am: Coffee Morning — with bacon butties!

Saturday 24 June 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 1 July 10am—4pm: Open Gardens and plant sale — please complete the form below if you'd like your garden to be included. We'd also like to have a Sunday morning tour for those participating if you can. £5 per adult (includes a map). All funds raised for the village hall.

Saturday 29 July Saturday 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 26 August Saturday 10.30am: Coffee Morning

For more information and tickets etc. contact: Claire (01278 741654), or kvh@hayward.uk.net

To book the hall: kvhbookings@gmail.com (forms are here: <https://killevillage.uk/about-kilve/village-hall/>)

Please do complete the form below and overleaf and return it to us; it will help us enormously in our planning.

Sarah Hayward

Village Hall Events: please complete (both sides) and return to VH Committee

Name:

Open Gardens Registration — Saturday 1 July 10am—4pm

Address:

Contact tel and / or email:

Any access issues? Y / N Please describe:

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Can you accept dogs on leads? Y / N

Would you be able to open on Sunday 2 July 10—12noon for the participants to wander round? Y / N

Next TakeArt event

Take a look at the menu of options here: <https://takeart.org/rural-touring/promoters>

And let Sarah know what takes your fancy asap – kvh@hayward.uk.net

P T O

DIARY DATES

Thurs 27 April 12 for 12.30pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 29 April 9.30am Village Hall AGM, KVH

Sat 29 April 10am Annual Village Meeting, KVH

Tues 2 May 12.30 for 1pm Gentlemen's Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 6 May 11am Big screen showing of Coronation, KVH; May Fair, Christopher Robin Green

Sun 7 May 2pm Village cricket match, followed by bar, BBQ and live music, Beach Ground

Tues 16 May 7.30pm Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH

Thurs 18 May 3pm Kilve Voices inaugural session, KVH

Sat 20 May 10am—12 noon Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH

Sat 20 May 10am—12 noon Holford Gardeners Group Plant Sale, Holford VH

Thurs 25 May 12 for 12.30pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 27 May 10.30am—12 noon Coffee Morning with bacon butties, KVH

Sun 28 May 2pm—5pm Court House Gardens open, East Quantoxhead

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for June 2023. Please send contributions to the Editor (contact details below) or leave at the Village Stores (marked Kilve News).



Please note:

NO LATER THAN 18 MAY

If you have reports, adverts or contributions ready before the deadline please let me have them as soon as possible. It really does help having them well in advance of the 18th.

Please send contributions in a Word or Publisher file, or just as text in the body of an email. I sometimes need to adjust sizing and layout to fit, and I cannot do this with text contained in PDF and JPG files.

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Movie night

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What time/night is best (circle those you'd come to):

Thursday evening / Friday evening / Saturday afternoon / Saturday evening / Sunday afternoon

Refreshments: what would you buy?

Ticket prices: what would you expect to pay (film admission only)?

Adults: Children: Family: