
KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

I was wondering what to put on the front page of this issue when the King's Birthday Honours list was published. Problem solved! Many congratulations to Robbie on this recognition of his long years of service. Some of his achievements are described opposite.

This month, we have good news about the Hilltop Jubilee path (see below), and some detail from Pam Cuff about the pastoral reorganisation involving St Mary's. There is a letter about the continuing problem of dog poo in Sea Lane, and if you are interested in signing up to Kilve Neighbourhood Watch, there is a form on the back page.

Finally, there's something nasty on page 3 — the American skunk cabbage is threatening our stream. Is it unkind of me to warn you to beware of invaders from Holford?

Jenny

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HILLTOP JUBILEE PERMISSIVE PATH

Kilve PC's grant application for some fencing works on the path has now been approved, which means we can now go ahead with the works. The path is 432 metres long and will allow walkers, cyclists and horse riders off-road access between the bottom of Rowditch Lane and the Cider Barn in Kilve village. We have a contractor who has already agreed to do the works and we hope to start this very soon.

We are most grateful to the farmers and landowners for allowing permissive public access here. The grant is from a government scheme called *Farming in Protected Landscapes*. Its aim is to support access and biodiversity measures in national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty (the Quantock Hills AONB).

The parish council would like to thank the staff at the AONB offices in Broomfield for supporting us with our grant application.

Greg Glendell

KILVE VOICES

The singing group now has a permanent slot at 3—4.30pm on the penultimate Thursday of the month, in the Village Hall. £1 each to cover hall hire and refreshments.



To make the date easy to remember (for some of us, anyway), it's the week before Ladies' Lunch.



ROBBIE RUTT, BEM

As you may have seen, Robbie was awarded a well-deserved British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday Honours list in June.

His services to the village began when he was landlord of the Hood Arms, some 40 years ago, and have continued through a variety of roles since. He was a parish councillor for some time, and has for many years been treasurer to the parochial church council, where he has developed very impressive fund-raising skills; starting with finding the money needed to restore St Mary's, he has continued to lead the drive to maintain the church. This involved setting up the first Antiques Fair, some 25 years ago, and establishing the annual gin and malt tastings, all of which raise valuable sums.

Robbie's skills have been put to use in other spheres too; he has been instrumental in celebrating the Millennium and previous Jubilees, culminating with leading the organisation of the village celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee last year.

Some residents will know Robbie best as the former editor of *Kilve News*, a role he held for 24 years. During his time, the newsletter grew from a hand-duplicated two pages to the full colour printed and online version that we have today. Over the years he has also been involved in Neighbourhood Watch, raising money for the Quantock Food Bank, and many more bodies too numerous to list here. A public servant indeed.

Many congratulations, Robbie!

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POND LIFE — AMERICAN SKUNK CABBAGE

(Information received
from the AONB)

This plant was imported from the USA and became a very popular choice for bog gardens. Unfortunately, it produces many seeds which spread along streams or boggy areas and out-grows our native plants. It has been illegal to import it or sell it since 2016.

They are very difficult to destroy in a sensitive site, and several protected areas and nature reserves have had severe problems which are very difficult to defeat without causing harm to the native flora.

Towards the end of the summer last year, three plants were found in Holford Glen. The Glen is an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) which normally means that the introduction of alien species is illegal. Rangers did their best to remove the three plants and four others. It was late in the season, so the plants were getting difficult to find as they die back over winter. Somerset Wildlife Trust were warned about the situation because of their reserve further downstream. They went out a few days later and removed a further nine plants.

The plants are spreading down from the stream in Holford Combe. Three large plants have been identified up towards Combe House, which we hope have been dealt with.

The stream from Holford comes through Kilve on its way to the coast. If it flows through your garden, please look out for the plant. If you think you might have it in your garden, then please get in touch with Andy Stevenson, AONB Ranger, andrew.stevenson@somerset.gov.uk, or 07836 794835, so that he can advise on what action to take.

Pat Hayward



ST MARY'S KILVE — PASTORAL REORGANISATION

Pastoral reorganisation has been initiated nationally in the Church of England because of financial constraints, hence the need to reduce the number of stipendiary clergy.

As of now we are acting 'as per' the proposal for the pastoral reorganisation of Quantock Deanery, the Bishop having ratified the proposal and sent the relevant papers to the Church Commissioners. Our Deanery was selected as a pilot scheme, and so we are the first deanery in our Diocese to reach this stage.

What this means

We have now completed all bar the final stage of the consultative process for the pastoral reorganisation of Quantock Deanery. The Church Commissioners will now forward papers to be attached to all the Church doors within the Deanery for a fixed period of time, after which if there are no objections the reorganisation will become permanent and licences issued according to the new arrangements.

In the meantime!

We begin to work as a Group Ministry, with the incumbents as acting rectors of their new groups of parishes. The *Quantock Coast Benefice* no longer exists; its former parishes, including Kilve, are shown in **bold** in their new groupings below:

- *Quantock Gate Parishes* (Rector — Revd Alison Waters): Cannington, **Fiddington**, Otterhampton with Combwich, Stockland with Steart Bay, **Stogursey with Stolford**
- *Quantock Towers Benefice* (Rector — Revd Nicky Morgan): Bicknoller, Crowcombe, **East Quantoxhead**, Monksilver, Nettlecombe, Sampford Brett, Stogumber, **West Quantoxhead**
- *Quantock Villages Benefice* (Rector — Revd Eleanor King): Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, **Holford with Dodington**, **Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock**, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, **Strington**
- *Watchet & Williton* (Rector — Revd Mark Phillips)

For further information

Please contact one of the Churchwardens or a PCC member. We are hoping to have an open meeting in the Village Hall in the not too distant future to answer any questions, and we hope that the Revd Eleanor King will be able to attend.

I am sure you will appreciate it has been a long and complicated process we have had to go through, and there are still a few things to finalise, but we look forward to getting to know Eleanor and her team, and to the potential benefits of working as a Group Ministry.

Pam Cuff

July services: 2 July 11am Holy Communion, **9 July** 11am Family Service, **16 July** 9.30am Morning Worship.

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EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Committee has now finalised its plan for reacting to emergencies affecting the village (such as a major power outage or extreme weather conditions) and has submitted it to the County Council with an application for a grant to enable us to buy the equipment we will need.

We have also produced a handout for each household in the village, and you should receive a copy with this issue of *Kilve News*. The handout contains information for your use in an emergency. It gives the contact details of members of the Emergency Planning Committee, together with other useful phone numbers. It also sets out how we will let you know what is happening.

Please keep your copy of the handout safe and somewhere that you can find it if needed. If you move away, please leave it behind for the new residents.

The Committee is grateful to Kilve Court for their help in producing the handout.

Can I also remind you that one way of disseminating village news is the *Kilve Help and Information* email service provided by Pat Woolley. If you haven't already signed up, you can do so by emailing Pat on pwkilve@yahoo.co.uk.

Jenny

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WHATEVER IS GOING ON HERE?



Hands on heads...have all these adults gone back to school? Believe it or not it was taken at the Gin Tasting evening at what can only be described as a humorous break in proceedings.

On a more serious note the PCC would like to thank all those who supported the event and although the final total is still to be announced over £500 was raised for church funds.

Robbie

A CRY FROM THE HEART

I have been driven to request that the person who owns a big dog and walks past my home daily, will please pick up the dog's poo and dispose of it himself! I have now picked up about eight times, three being just this morning when my poor gardener went to trim outside my fence and found the offending dollops which I had to remove with a garden spade.

My neighbours have also had to remove dog poo from outside their gate; it's disgusting to look at and so irresponsible of this person to let his dog do his business and then walk off and leave it behind.

You are a local person, that I do know, not a visitor, so from now on please pick up your dog's poo and dispose of it yourself. IT IS YOUR DOG, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Thank you.

*Kath Cook,
Badgenben Lodge, Sea Lane*

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

We had a very successful and fun day at Burton Springs/ Yellow Door Cottage Fete on May 28th and we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Jenn, Gareth, Amanda and Stan for hosting this wonderful event. The sun shone and it was good to see everyone enjoying themselves.

A massive £640.15 was raised, so thank you everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and helped out on the day with great enthusiasm. This will enable us to have a lovely Christmas Party with plenty of treats.

We are also planning a summer trip out (the date to be confirmed).

SUMMER DATES

Wednesday 5 July

Wednesday 19 July

Wednesday 2 August

Wednesday 16 August

Wednesday 30 August

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READING GROUP

Coffin Road, a thriller written by Peter May, was the first book in a long time that we all enjoyed. It was described as a "proper" book with a beginning, middle and end.



It was in fact the second book written by this author that the Group had read. His favoured location for his novels is the Scottish Isles, and this one was set on Harris/Lewis, which was beautifully depicted in the novel. It was felt that this book was more enjoyable and better written than the first one we had chosen (about 6/7 years ago). Peter May has written many thrillers over the years and people had certainly enjoyed the others that they had read.

The plot centred around bee research and involved the environment, pesticides and many current issues. It was well written and with some very satisfactory twists which kept one guessing throughout. The only criticism really was the twists perhaps became a bit too clever and were found to be a bit confusing for some of us! But one just had to go back and reread the odd section. However, this in no way detracted from the novel.

All in all a really good, relaxing and enjoyable read — to be recommended.

Sue Hares

FOOD BANK

At the end of June, Elizabeth Grigg delivered £906 worth of much-needed supplies to the Quantock Food Bank, all funded by donations from people in Kilve. Giving money through Kilve Stores means that Matt can buy exactly what the Food Bank requires, and they are very grateful to you all, especially in these hard times.

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

The next gentlemen's lunch is on
Tuesday 4 July at The Hood Arms,
at 12.30 for 1.00pm

To book, please contact Arthur
01278 741429 or Art_1948@yahoo.co.uk

*Here's to the
Ladies who lunch*

The next Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) meals are on Thursday 29 June and Thursday 27 July, at 12.30 for 1pm at the Hood Arms. **Please note the changed time!** 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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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 112, July/August 1998

Planning was well advanced for a Flower Festival to be held in St Mary's Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We will be on the eve of this year's Open Gardens when you read this — so hopefully the sun is shining, and you are bringing all your plants and cakes to the hall at 9am on Saturday and lined up for a stint helping out! And bringing all your friends and relations on a tour of the gardens.

We have sadly had a resignation from the committee — Kate Lindley is standing down after much valued service on the committee. Thank you, Kate, for all your hard work — hopefully we still see you often at our events! So we are looking for at least one new recruit — and ideally 2 or 3 more to boost our numbers. If you would like to get more involved, please, please do let us know! We have one meeting a month, usually on the second Monday for a couple of hours.

100 Club

The winners for May were:

Jeannie Moggridge

Claire Walton

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

Kilve's Got Talent

How about a talent show? Have you got a hidden talent you'd like to share — song, dance, poetry, sketch, comedy? Let us know if you'd be interested in this, and we will put out a more formal call for entries in a future issue of *Kilve News*.

Things to look forward to

Saturday 24 June 10.30am: Coffee Morning — please note we have had to increase the charge after reviewing our costs: £1.50 for tea and coffee, £1 for cake still though.

Saturday 1 July 10am – 4pm: Open Gardens and plant sale. 10 gardens — £5 per adult (includes a map) — all funds raised for the village hall. We will need plants for the plant sale, so do save your extra seedlings / split your perennials for that, and we will need volunteers to provide and man the refreshments / map sales at the village hall on the Saturday!

Saturday 29 July 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 26 August 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 30 September 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 14 October: Village Food Event — cuisine tbc. If you are keen to be a village chef (à la Spice Boys) get in touch!

Saturday 28 October 10.30am: Coffee Morning

Saturday 18 November 7pm: Ceilidh / Barn Dance with Hopping Mad, including a ploughman's supper. Music and easy dances to join in. Bar will be open. £15 – including supper. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time.

If you have any ideas for the future please do get in touch: kvh@hayward.uk.net or via any committee member or the village hall post box.

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Sarah Hayward

NEWS FROM KILVE COURT

Kilve Court is now in its busiest season of the year seeing hundreds of children pass through our doors on their school residential!

Expect to see lots of groups wandering up and down to the beach with their instructors as they learn all about the fantastic geology of our beautiful coastline.

We are thrilled the lake is maturing very nicely and paddle board groups are loving the sunshine!



During the school holidays we will be running a 'Healthy Happy Holiday' programme on some days. This is a government led initiative for children who receive free school meals, allowing them to have a day's activity and a healthy, hot meal.

Also, we have our regular Summer Activity Camps, booking for which can be found on the SSE Outdoors website — sseoutdoors.co.uk.

At the end of July, we will have a large group on site hiring the whole centre privately.

Claire Prior

YOGA CLASS

Unfortunately, the yoga classes in the Village Hall have been discontinued, as the teacher has had to move away from the area for family reasons. We shall miss Sookhi and her teaching, and send her our best wishes.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 29 June 12.30 for 1pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Saturday 1 July 10am—4pm Open Gardens and Plant Sale, KVH and elsewhere

Tues 4 July 12.30 for 1pm Gentlemen's Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 15 July 10am—12 noon Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH

Tues 18 July 6pm Holford Gardeners Group

Thurs 20 July 3—4.30pm Kilve Voices, KVH

Thurs 27 July 12.30 for 1pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 29 July 10.30am—12 noon Coffee Morning, KVH

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for August 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 JULY

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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Kilve Neighbourhood Watch is actively supported by the Avon and Somerset Police and by Kilve Parish Council in promoting and actively improving personal safety, security and crime prevention. In addition, we work with other voluntary organisations: public and private sector bodies concerned with reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and improving the safety, well-being, security and resilience of communities and the general public.

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