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EDITORIAL

It's such a relief to see the days lengthening and the spring flowers appearing, isn't it? *Hygge* is all very well in its place, but after what seems like months huddled in front of the fire, I'm ready for a change.

Preparations are going well for the Easter Fair on Monday, 1 April; as always, volunteers are needed for setting up, parking cars, and working on stalls or in the kitchen. Do contact Robbie Rutt if you can help, or Joy Orritt if you have items for the village stall. Contact details for both are on the back page. The new stalls sound enticing!

Have you walked (or driven) past the Chantry recently? It looks lovely now that the daffodils and blossom are out. I had a photo ready for this page, but decided that the one on the right was perhaps more important. I've squeezed it in on the back page, though.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Do remember that I'm always grateful for contributions.

Jenny

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This isn't the sort of view that I normally like to put on the front page. It was taken locally in February. You are probably aware that Somerset Council is considering closing Williton Recycling Centre. It seems likely that that would lead to more fly tipping. All the local parish councils oppose the closure, and they have jointly written to Somerset Council to object. There isn't space here to print their letter, but you can read it on the village website <u>www.kilvevillage.uk</u>. They make some strong and valid points; let's hope they prevail! (In this case, thankfully, the Council removed the rubbish within 24 hours of being notified. Well done to them.)

EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

Do you remember the 3-day power cut caused by Storm Eunice? It made us think about how we could be better prepared if it happened again: things like having an "emergency kit" containing blanket, torch, batteries, matches, candles, portable gas stove, camping lantern, etc.

Have you checked these preparations recently? For example, do the batteries in your emergency torch still work? Do you still have gas canisters for a stove?

And apart from a village emergency, it might be helpful to think on a personal level about what could happen if you had an accident or were taken ill suddenly. Would anyone know how to contact your nearest and dearest? Who would know about any medication you need? You could write a card showing the phone numbers and addresses of people to contact in such an event (perhaps with their relationship to you), and keep it in a prominent place in your home, such as inside the front door or by your landline. You could also add a list of any medications that you are taking.

There is a system known as ICE – In Case of Emergency, which allows you to specify one or more people to contact. You enter their name and phone numbers on your phone under the heading ICE or 1CE. If you use the numeral 1 in place of the capital I, the entry will appear at the beginning of the list of contacts on your phone. Emergency workers will know what the abbreviation means. This all sounds very morbid, but taking precautions such as these could save time or even lives.



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A few years ago, I started a group of volunteers who would help villagers who found themselves in a bit of an emergency situation. We can't do everything but if you lose your dog, have woken to find your house flooded, or something similar, we can help.

As the village has changed since I first started the group, I am in the process of updating my database of names. If you would like to be added, please let me know by email (<u>kelly78stone@hotmail.co.uk</u>) or phone (01278 741149).

Kelly

HOOD ARMS NEWS

You may have noticed we are temporarily closed on Tuesdays as well as Mondays due to currently having only one full time chef. This is only short term and we are actively trying to recruit another chef. When we do we will reopen Tuesdays and hopefully even Mondays! We apologise for any inconvenience and if you know any chefs who may be interested do let us know.

In the meantime, don't forget our Guest Chef Evening on Saturday 2 March where we will be welcoming John Godfrey (previously of the Castle Hotel and Deer Park) to provide us with an evening of fine dining with a set five course tasting menu. There will be a wine flight provided by Averys for anyone interested. We are now also taking bookings for Mothering Sunday (10 March) and Easter Sunday (31 March) so book early to avoid disappointment! See you soon and thank you for your continued support.

Paul and Tracey

QUANTOCK U3A Monday 25 March at 2pm

Holford Village Hall

Trees in the Landscape

exploring how and why the landscape of the Quantocks has altered over the last 300 years, and implications for the future.

Presented by Dan Broadbent, Historic Heritage Officer, and Jem Gibson, Wildlife Officer, Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme

All welcome

READING GROUP

Paul welcomed us to The Hood Arms at the beginning of February for our first meeting of 2024.



We thanked Sue (Hares) who has

decided to step down from leading the Group. She was a founder member and has steered the Group for 14 years: time for a break! We are glad that she will still be taking an active part in our gatherings. Alison (Eyley) is taking over from Sue with myself standing in for her when necessary, as on this occasion.

Our book for discussion this month was *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. The novel is based around the real WPA Packhorse Librarians programme set up by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1935 and operated until 1943. The librarians delivered books on horseback to the rural inhabitants of the very deprived area of the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky. The book tells the fictional story of a small group of women who answered the call for new librarians to join the scheme.

It was a tough environment in many ways, not just the testing terrain they had to traverse when delivering books. The women faced and overcame many challenges in an area of extreme poverty and lack of education, often reading to both adults and children who had not learned to read. They had to endure hardship, intolerance, misogyny and sometimes violence.

It is a story with strong believable characters and is a tale of friendship, love and books.

This book had the rare distinction of being enjoyed by all of us and we would recommend it to anyone looking for a good read.

We are currently in the process of selecting our books to read in the coming year. How fortunate we are to have so many books readily available to us whether it's hard copy, on audio or Kindle.

Tessa Franklin





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KILVE GOLF KLUB



Kilve Golf Klub's 18 hole season started with seven players taking on the Channel course at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club. A very challenging course, but with superb views across the channel and excellent club house facilities. Even the rain held off until the 19th hole! The winner on the day was Steve Payne, seen here negotiating his way out of a bush!

The next 18 hole match is at Yeovil on Thursday 21 March. In the meantime if you would be interested in finding out more, why not join our 9 hole competition at Cannington on Thursday 7 March? We have a special rate of £15 for 9 holes, or 18 if you are feeling brave!!

Mark Walton 01278 741095 or 07711 008304

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm

Strawberries

a talk by Dave Simpson



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FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ



Jubilee Rooms Castle Street, Stogursey

Every other Wednesday 10.30am until 12.00 noon

Forget-me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family, and friends.

There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or, if preferred, just a quiet chat over a coffee.

The Café runs twice a month, planned so that it is open the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café. We have been running for more than 5 years and we celebrated our birthday in January. Many friendships have been made over the years.

Please come along and see what we do.

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

Free entry, but a donation towards the running costs of this volunteer-run café would be welcome.

People from all the surrounding villages are welcome.

What we did in January and February

We celebrated our 5th Birthday in the Jubilee Rooms with a beautiful afternoon tea which was provided by our lovely friends Sue and Charlotte, with help from Darcie, so a very big Thank You to them. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with delicious food.

Valentine's Day was celebrated too.

Thank you once again to all our volunteers and supporters; we could not do this without you all.

FUTURE DATES Wednesday 13 March Wednesday 27 March Wednesday 10 April Wednesday 24 April

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 <u>cuttellhelen@gmail.com</u> Rose: 07507 374234 <u>rosechalk@icloud.com</u>

Don't forget

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www.kilvevillage.uk

KILVE NEWS



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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S



Services for March

- 3 Mar 11am Family Service
- 10 Mar 11am 11am Mothering Sunday Service
- 17 Mar 11am Holy Communion Service **at Nether Stowey** (Rev'd Nicki Bradford's leaving service followed by a bring 'n' share lunch in the Church Centre)
- 24 Mar 2pm Deanery Service with Bishop Michael at Stogumber
- 31 Mar 11am Easter Day Holy Communion Service

As well as the above services, there are Lent groups and Lent lunches being held around the Benefice to which all are invited. Please contact me (741229) for further details. Also, if anyone is unable to attend the Deanery Service with Bishop Michael on 24 March at Stogumber, there will be a Communion Service at 9.30am at St Mary's Holford on that day.

If anyone would like to attend any of the above but would need a lift, please let me, Arthur or Frances know and we will try to help.

And don't forget our fundraising Easter Fair on Easter Monday, 1 April, from 10am to 4pm at Kilve Court. We'll look forward to seeing you all there!

As for further details of the Pastoral reorganisation, the Church Commissioners are meeting even as I write this, so hopefully I will have more detailed news to offer in the next *Kilve News*.

Wishing you all the blessings of this special time of year,

Pam Cuff

EASTER LILIES

There has been a long tradition in Kilve to donate lilies in the church at Easter in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is £3.50 for a lily.

If you'd like one please contact Sally Quinn on 07710 420337 or Joy Orritt on 01278 741672 by 22 March.

THE DEANERY SINGERS

The Deanery Singers are meeting again to rehearse for a service on Sunday 19 May, including selected choruses from Handel's *Messiah*. The first rehearsal will be held on Thursday 7 March in the Church Centre in Nether Stowey at 7.30pm. Roger Stacey will be conducting and music will be provided.

New singers are always welcome; if you are interested in taking part, please contact Sarah King (sarahrking14@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01278 734777 to let us know you're coming.

GRASSKUTEERS NEEDED!



Our beautiful village church, St Mary's, situated at the bottom of Sea Lane, continues to be an attraction for visitors, who are always complimentary about the well-kept churchyard. The secret to its year round appearance is a small dedicated team of Grasskuteers.

This team of villagers, on a voluntary rota, cut the grass fortnightly through the summer, as well as a couple of "clear up" sessions in the spring and autumn. We really would like to gain a few more volunteers to the team this year, to be able to continue keeping the churchyard looking so good year round. If you can spare two mornings (two hours) a year, then please contact me.

Lawnmowers are provided. You would work in a team of three, on a day to suit your team. We are holding a new season launch evening on Thursday 14 March, at 7pm. Refreshments (wine) will be provided in the village hall, where you can meet other members of the group. And we will be having a spring churchyard clean up on Monday 25 March at 10am. Please bring secateurs, rakes etc.

Please contact me on 01278 741095 or 07711 008304 or <u>mtwalton@btinternet.com</u>.

Mark Walton

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Garden – Spring tidy-up POSTPONED due to weather – CAN YOU HELP?

We need some help to blitz our garden area for the year, ready for Open Gardens Day etc. We are going to have the guidance of Brian Ward to do this, but please come and join us – bringing secateurs and trowels perhaps! Watch out for an email via *Kilve Help and Information* (Pat Woolley) when this looks possible given the weather.

Our next meeting is Monday 11 March at 2pm — do join us if you are interested in what's going on help is always needed for the events below. If you have ideas for the future please do get in touch: <u>kvh@hayward.uk.net</u> or via any committee member or the village hall post box. Our AGM is coming up – and all current officers will be standing down as usual – if you would like to be involved please let us know so we can get you elected! If you can get involved please let us know, or come along to the meeting on the 11th.

Hiring the Village Hall

Did you know that it only costs £7.00/hr for a villager to hire the main hall for non-commercial use, or £4.50/hr for the Denovan Room? The hall has a public address and sound system and a well-equipped kitchen — it's a great place for a kids' party or a special celebration. To book check out the website: <u>https://kilvevillage.uk/village-hall/</u>. Or go direct to our NEW booking system: <u>https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Kilve-Village-Hall</u> or email: <u>kilvevhbookings@gmail.com</u>.

100 Club

The winners for January were:

- 1 Edre McElwee
- 2 Tessa Franklin

Don't forget to join – standing order information is on the village website.

Things to look forward to

Thursday 21 March 7pm for 7.30: Cri du Canard – a French bal, in association with Take Art. French dance music and simple dances. $\pounds 12/\pounds 10$ concession. Bar will be open. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Tickets on sale now at Kilve Stores or on-line (<u>https://takeart.org/event/the-village-bal-with-cridu-canard for link</u>) / <u>kvh@hayward.uk.net</u>.

Saturday 23 March 10.30am: Coffee morning NB – a week early to avoid Easter weekend and the Easter Fair.

Saturday 27 April 10.30am: Coffee morning – VH AGM / Village Meeting, probably from 9.30am in fact

Saturday 25 May 10.30am: Coffee morning

Saturday 8 June 10am – 4pm: Open Gardens, with refreshments and stalls at village hall

Saturday 29 June 10.30am: Coffee morning

July TBC: Dog Show – more details to follow

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

To book the hall: <u>kvhbookings@gmail.com</u> (forms and online bookings are here: <u>https://</u><u>kilvevillage.uk/village-hall/</u>).

Sarah Hayward



A Village Bal with Cri du Canard! Thursday 21 March

Le Coin-Coin (Quack-Quack) is perhaps the most well-known Cri du Canard (Call of the Duck), but coming in at a close second is this newly formed trio of musicians. Grace Smith, Sam Partridge, and Dave Gray intertwine fiddle, flute and melodeon through an exploration of the traditional folk-dance repertoire of France, and have recently made their debut recording of self-penned dance tunes.

Put your best foot forward in this night of French dancing where the band will lead you through the steps. This music will make you want to move!

Get ready to take to the floor for some Schottisches and Bourrées, or just sit back and enjoy the energetic and joyful music!



The Chantry (from front page)

DIARY DATES

Sat 2 March Guest Chef Evening, Hood Arms

- Thurs 7 Mar 7.30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal, Church Centre, Nether Stowey
- **Thurs 14 Mar 7.00pm** Grasskuteers launch evening, KVH
- Sat 16 Mar 10.00am 12 noon Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH

Tues 19 Mar 7.30pm Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH

Thurs 21 Mar 3.00pm Kilve Voices, KVH

Thurs 21 March 7pm for 7.30 Cri du Canard, KVH

Sat 23 Mar 10.30am – 12 noon Coffee Morning, KVH

Mon 25 Mar 10.00am Grasskuteers spring churchyard clean up, at the church

Mon 25 Mar 2.00pm Quantock u3a, Holford VH

Thurs 28 Mar 12 for 12.30pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Mon 1 Apr 10.00am – 4.00pm Easter Fair, Kilve Court

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for April 2024.

Please send contributions to the Editor (contact details below) or leave at the Village Stores (marked *Kilve News*).

Please note:

NO LATER THAN 18 MARCH

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.

EASTER FAIR

As announced last month, the annual Easter Fair is to be held on Easter Monday, 1 April.

We would like to remind everyone that the Fair is very reliant on the help



given by the residents of Kilve, and volunteers are required in assisting stall holders in setting up their stalls, car parking attendants, kitchen helpers and manning the village stall.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please contact me, and indeed for any further information regarding the Easter Fair. You can email me at <u>davidandrobbie@talktalk.net</u>, or phone on

01278 741594 or 07850 102874. Many thanks.

Apart from the above, we hope very much that you, your family and friends will be able to come along and enjoy all that the Fair has to offer. As well as many old favourites we've got some great new stalls, including cider, cheese and some very interesting new craft stalls, and not forgetting our star-studded kitchen team who will be serving morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Robbie

This time of year, we come out of the new year celebrations and welcome the long awaited spring cleaning. So, all residents of Kilve, please can you rummage through your kitchen cupboards and drawers or jewellery and keepsakes for any items that can be sold on our village stall tables in the Kilve Court Easter Fair on Monday 1 April.

We welcome all jewellery contributions, cutlery, plates, cups and mugs. We also love handbags, scarves, clocks, picture frames and small items of furniture. Anything you are not sure about then please ring or email me and I can advise and help you. The sooner we receive any items will help us enormously. I look forward to hearing from you. My contact details are : <u>mumisbest1@hotmail.co.uk</u>, or phone 01278 741672 or 07711317903. Thank you.

Joy

Please send contributions as Word or Publisher text, 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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