



KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Not only a New Year but the start of a new decade. Like many of you, I am sure, I just wonder where the last twenty years have gone. The new Millennium promised so much and I am sure many good things have happened in the last twenty years and yet I truly feel that there have been many lost opportunities as well. Here's hoping that this will be the start, not only of a bright New Year, but the start of a fabulous decade.

On behalf of all of us here at Kilve News I extend to you, your family and friends

'Very best wishes for Good Health, Peace and Happiness in 2020.'

Robbie

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To all you very, very kind people of Kilve who so generously responded to this year's Christmas Appeal for the West Somerset Food Cupboard. We filled not one but two cars to take the hundreds of items to our friends at the food cupboard. A very big thank you from Pam and myself and, of course, from Marlene and her team down in Watchet. Please be happy in the knowledge that your generosity and thoughtfulness will enable many families within our West Somerset Community to enjoy a much happier Christmas than would have otherwise been the case. Our 'uncensored' pictures of the month show one of the cars about to deliver the goods to Watchet and the second picture, also taken in Watchet, when the Kilve News 'Christmas Greetings' cheque for £305 was handed over to the Watchet and District Dementia Group.



The much acclaimed annual
MALT TASTING
SATURDAY
JANUARY 25th
AT 7 pm
Tickets £20.
(Wine Ticket also available)
Including supper
from Alan Hopper
(741349)
A fund raising event in aid of
St. Mary's Kilve



Forthcoming Events

This list is a summary of the events listed elsewhere in Kilve News and relates to the whole District of Kilve, Holford and East Quantoxhead.

January 2020

Thursday January 2nd (and all Thursdays in the month)
PILATES
Kilve Village Hall 11am to 12 noon

Thursday January 2nd (and all Thursdays in the month)
TABLE TENNIS
Holford & District Village Hall 7 pm

Monday January 6th (and all term - time Mondays in the month)
TAI CHI
Kilve Village Hall 11am to 12 noon

Monday January 6th (and all Mondays in the month)
SHORT MAT BOWLS
Kilve Village Hall 7 pm

Tuesday January 7th (and all Tuesdays in the month)
PILATES
Kilve Village Hall 6 to 7pm

Tuesday January 7th
READING GROUP
The Hood Arms 7 pm

Thursday January 9th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Kilve Village Hall 2.30pm

Wednesday January 15th
KILVE VILLAGE LUNCH
Kilve Village Hall 12.30 pm

Saturday January 18th
VILLAGE MARKET
East Quantoxhead Village Hall 10 am

Tuesday January 21st
HOLFORD GARDENERS CLUB
Holford Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday January 25th
COFFEE MORNING
Kilve Village Hall 10.30 am

Saturday January 25th
MALT TASTING
Kilve Village Hall 7 pm

Thursday January 30th
LADIES' LUNCH CLUB
The Hood Arms 12.30pm for 1pm

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WELCOME

This month it is our pleasure, on behalf of the village, to welcome Penny Hammond and Barry Jordan who have just moved into their new house in Putsham Mead.

We hope, very much, that they have a long and happy stay in Kilve



ST.MARY'S KILVE
SUNDAY SERVICES
JANUARY 5th
11.00 am EUCHARIST

JANUARY 12th
11.00 am FAMILY
SERVICE

JANUARY 19th
9.30 am EUCHARIST



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1st
KILVE CRICKET CLUB
'PRESENTATION NIGHT'
6 FOR 6.30PM

Licensed Bar
Light Supper

For any further info please contact
Peter Stone on 741149

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& Bright Flame Smokeless Coal at
Low discounted prices!
Cheapest supplier in the area
Free delivery
Special Wine and Beer of-
fers
Monthly MEGA deals!
National Lottery Newspa-
pers Magazines
Logs and kindling



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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 77 February 1995
We still have lots of fund raising events here in Kilve and a report back in 1995 read as follows:-

'A quick check through back issues of Kilve News shows that this last year, 17 specific fund raising events in the Kilve, Holford, East Quantoxhead area raised a total of £4750. As the Editor remarked 'That's a pretty impressive total...we all deserve a pat on the back!'

this month
25
years ago

READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

The read for the December meeting was "The Night Stalker" written by Claire Donoghue.

This proved to be a very entertaining choice, not least because it is set locally. The bodies at the centre of this murder mystery were all dumped around Dead Woman's Ditch! There were a number geographical errors which caused much amusement, but when all's said and done "it is fiction". Unfortunately, the Book Group has now reached it's full membership and will be unable to take any new members for the time being. There is currently a waiting list. All meetings take place in 'The Hood' and commence at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The Contact for the group is Sue Hares 741360.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The next gentlemen's lunch date in 'The Hood Arms' has been arranged for Tuesday February 4th. Further details will be forthcoming from the co-ordinator, Arthur Williams, who may be contacted on 741429.

Ladies lunch - the next Ladies Lunch will be at The Hood Arms, Kilve, 12.30 for 1pm, on Thursday the 30th January. Please note this is a fifth Thursday as the normal fourth Thursday is the day The Hood is due to re-open after their New Year break. Please let Pam Cuff know if you would like to attend. Tel. 01278 741229. Email pam.cuff@hotmail.co.uk

KILVE W.I.

The January meeting of the W.I. will be held on Thursday January 9th when the guest speaker will be Pam Campbell with a talk on 'Moths'.

The February meeting will be held on the 13th when members of the Conquest Riding School will be talking about 'Riding for the Disabled'.

If you would like any further information your contact is the W.I. Secretary—Mrs Sue Ayshford who may be contacted on 741215



HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP



Tuesday January 21st
at 7.30pm

'Back from the Brink'

Simon Blackley

HOLFORD VILLAGE HALL

Members £1 Non Members £3.50

'THE HOOD ARMS' KILVE



Opening Times

Bar

Tuesday to Saturday

12noon to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm

Sunday

12noon to 3pm

Food Service

(Reservations recommended)

Tuesday to Saturday

12noon to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm

Sunday 12 noon to 2pm

(Closed Mondays)

Tel:- 01278 741114

Website :- www.thehoodarms.co.uk

EAST QUANTOXHEAD
VILLAGE MARKET

and

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY JANUARY 18th and

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15th



Jack RIP

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbours and fellow dog lovers for the love, care and support during the last few weeks. My beloved Jack was diagnosed with two life threatening types of auto immune disorder on the 28th November. He died in my arms on Saturday 7th December. The vets at both Quantock and Langford were brilliant. Jack was hospitalised and required an urgent blood transfusion, sadly his body was not able to cope and he deteriorated very quickly. I told him we were going for a walk in the woods, one of his favourite walks and then he slipped away. He was the most beautiful dog inside and out and will be greatly missed by all.

You never know when your pets might need urgent medical care and so I urge all dog owners with healthy dogs over 25 kilos to consider becoming a blood donor.

More information can be found on the pet blood bank at www.petbloodbankuk.org

There are no words to explain or describe the loss of a pet so please bear with me if I seem a little distant in the future.
Suzy Gacon

Village Agent Reporting from Izzy Silvester

A Very Happy New Year and New Decade - Welcome to 2020!

January – are you glass half full or half empty? Do you start the New Year with resolutions and excitement or shiver with the horror of bad weather, no money and dark nights? Take the half full- option and embrace a more positive mind set to support you through the harsh winter months when life can be most challenging.

You don't need to pay a fortune on diet and detox kits, heating or a holiday to survive winter. Appreciate the beauty of winter to keep you feeling upbeat. Look for the joy in the beautiful sunrises, you may already be at work when they happen but at least it is not at 4am like in June! Watch the murmurations of the starlings and take a walk to see the flooded fields or look out of the window at the winter birds or the different weather formations. Think log fires and walks or time to snuggle under a duvet, with a hot water bottle on the sofa and not feel guilty about watching the TV or reading a book all day! Get excited by planning the work you are doing in the garden for next summer or researching where you want to go on holiday. Eat local and simple foods. Making cheap, homemade vegetable soups keeps you warm and full throughout the day. They can be whipped up in about 15 minutes and cost far less than a detox plan and the heating on! Driving can be tricky over this period, the rush hour is in the dark and the roads can be filled with ice, floods, potholes and wet leaves. We have many deep ditches on the sides of our roads which fill with icy water at this time of year. Not a pleasant place to be trapped in your car! If you would like more advice and lots of tips then I can thoroughly recommend the AA advice internet page.

<https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter>



Visit one of our Talking café's where one of our agents will be available to direct you to support suitable for your circumstances. They run in Minehead at the Beach Hotel every Monday from 10-1.00. I am available on Tuesdays in the new pavilion in Williton 10-12. Remember it is always better to talk and get ideas and support from others, rather than keeping it to yourself.

Please phone me Izzy Silvester your village agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or e mail me on izzy@somersetccc.org.uk. I do only work part-time so it may take a little time to get back to you.

PAST INCUBENTS AT ST.MARY'S

For many years the list of past incumbents of St. Mary's Kilve has been full. Now, thanks to some lovely artistic work from Bette Gill it is hoped, very shortly, to get the list up to date. St Mary's PCC extend to Bette many thanks for her work and we hope to get a picture into Kilve News when the project has been finished.



HAPPY ST.VALENTINE!

I had really forgotten that this issue was covering the month of February when through my mail box came a lovely little note from Sheila Sharp together with a very nice little poem entitled

'A PAUPER'S PROPOSAL'

Since I am yours, if you'll be mine
We'll have no need of Valentine
Or bottles of expensive wine
Or roses red, or violets blue
Or cards that vow 'I will be true'
For I'd be yours, and you'd be mine
As constant as the stars that shine
We'd have no need of Valentine.

To dear Sheila and all the other lovely ladies in the village



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from Alan Keen

One effect on us as we run up to the general election has been that our district and county councillors were both absent from our November meeting. Apparently they are not allowed to attend during an election campaign but Hugh Davies, as always, provided us with written information. I can only assume that their party political connections are suddenly raging and that we would be in grave danger of being subverted one way or the other. Lucky us - salvation when you least expect it.

The fate of the Chantry seems to be in good hands. Cllr Barry Whitehead invited Annie Evans of Historic England to our last meeting to provide us with an update. The good news is that the site should be open to the public late next year. There's been a delay in removing the large steel structure supporting the south wall as it has to be supported by new internal steel reinforcement, which is a specialist's task.

Teaching cats to cook is easier than dealing with SCC Highways, so hats off to Cllr Mark Walton for continuing the quest to make the A39 through Kilve safe. The HPC Community mitigation fund and Avon and Somerset road safety fund have been identified as possible sources of funding for improvements, with help from Hugh Davies. We need the support of the community on this one. Only a fatal accident or two would be likely to move SCC Highways from their present position, which seems to be one of do nothing as it avoids spending money.

On the web front Cllr Steve Collins has approached Somerset County Council for help. They have agreed to not only host our village and PC sites but to build prototype sites for us. This is great news as we want to improve the internet profile of the village. Look at Holford Village website to get an idea of where we are heading. At this point I would like to extend the usual time honoured seasonal best wishes to Cllrs Elizabeth Grigg, Steve Collins, Mark Walton, Pat Woolley, Barry Whitehead, Peter Gill and our Clerk Shirley Rushent and thank them for being Kilve Parish Council. And as 2019 comes to an end we wish you, our village community, well and good cheer over the Christmas and New Year celebrations - after all, 2020 is going to be a good one, isn't it?

KILVE VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.killevillage.co.uk

SEA LANE SPIRIT

from Olaf Chedzoy

Last year, I often took memories from my youth in Somerset as themes for my column. I am now going to highlight a time of my life where I was most fortunate.

I graduated in Mathematics at Bristol in the summer of 1950, did two years National Service in Coastal Command being demobbed on October 10th 1952. Doreen had trained as a teacher, and got a job as a teacher in Lancashire (Rawtenstall) starting in September, and I said I'd get something near at hand when I was demobbed – so we got married in August of that year.

Doreen had an uncle in Hollinwood, on the edge of Manchester and Oldham (where there were 270 tall factory chimneys: a far cry from Somerset!), so I started by calling their personnel Department on October 16th, and they invited me to call and see them the following morning.

There I was met by the Manager Mr Lunt (it's strange how one can remember odd things from 67 years ago) and he told me that he had two possibilities in mind. One was on the shop floor – I think it was a sort of trainee for the Transformer Division – and one in the Instrument Division. If I was interested in the second one, I would have to go there first, because the gentlemen who would interview me were going out. I hadn't got much option, so I was whisked away in a car for about a couple of miles, where there was a much more modern building with no tall chimney.

I hadn't any idea what the job was, but at the end of half-an-hour grilling when we didn't talk about mathematics, but instead followed some logical arguments, they offered me a job as computer programmer. Of course, at that stage I had no idea what a computer programmer was – and neither did almost everyone in the country. In fact, we didn't have any idea what a computer was.

There were only three in the whole of the UK, and the other two were simply research models: the one in Manchester had been engineered by Ferranti from the research model at the University. Ferranti were offering the computer for sale and were setting up a team to explore the potential problems which it could solve. This was being funded largely by the Government through research bodies.

The first few days at Ferranti changed not just my life, but my view of tackling problems. There was a realisation that as long as you could define – in logical terms – a procedure, then you could build equipment to do that work. Of course, you then realised that defining the procedure was a lot more difficult than it seemed! I have been asked to give a talk in London in January about what it was like learning about computer programming on a machine which would just fit in the Village Hall at Kilve.

So when you look at your latest phone, or tablet, before slipping it in your pocket, remember that we started with equipment which used 4,000 valves, used 27 kilowatts of power and had to be cooled by ducted air.

The University computer suite was in the middle of Manchester, yet when programmers used it at weekends, you were on your own with £100,000 worth of equipment. We never locked the door as we left – and I don't think there was a case of vandalism or deliberate damage.

Not many have that sort of luck to start a career.



Happy Feet Garden Tours June 21st - 25th 2020 Herefordshire and South Wales



Our trip to Herefordshire and South Wales next year has proved quite popular and as I write this, all our single rooms have been allocated, however there are a couple of twin rooms and double bedded rooms still available if anyone else would be interested.

The cost of the trip includes all coach travel, four nights' accommodation with breakfast and three course evening meals. The hotel, based outside of Chepstow has leisure/spa/golf facilities. All entry fees, guided tours, refreshments where applicable and gratuities (hotel/waitress/coach driver) are also included in the final cost. Pick up points along the A39 from Minehead to Bridgwater and to the M5 motorway service areas.

Proposed itinerary includes an optional tour of Hereford Cathedral gardens and the Mappi/Chained Library with afternoon tea (or an afternoons' leisure in Hereford for those not wishing to participate.) Other venues include a National Trust property, NGS gardens, small and large estates.

Sharing a twin bed room (or double bed) is £476 for National Trust members (£487 for non N.T. members.) The optional tour is £20 for Hereford Cathedral etc. All you need is pocket money for those plants you can't resist to buy, the odd lunch...and for your favourite tippie (or two) with your meal of an evening!!

Further details & booking form from: Mo (Plomgren) 01278 741152 email: plomdove4145@googlemail.com
More information on Happy Feet can be found on the following link: <https://www.holfordvillage.com/happy%20feet%202019.htm>



HAVING A GOOD TIME!

Some 32 diners enjoyed a festive meal when the Annual



Village Christmas Lunch was held back in December. The eight volunteers who cooked and served the meal worked extremely hard to ensure that everyone had a truly good time.

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Village Hall News from Tony Mudge

BONJOUR

It's a hello from me and thank you to Stacey for her stewardship over the last couple of years and my aim is to maintain the smooth running of our wonderful Village Hall.

Since coming to the village at the end of January 2019, we feel we have been welcomed by one and all and it's been great to attend a lot of the events and to meet many of our fellow villagers.

I will do my best to run KVH so that it can be enjoyed by all and to continue to see many of you supporting the events that the Committee have and will organize.

Many thanks

Tony

PS. Here's a pic for those that don't know me and if you have any thoughts or ideas for future events at the hall then please let me know ☐



**Happy New Year to all the village
from the KVH team,**

We look forward to continuing to bring you lots of activities throughout 2020!

FUTURE EVENTS :

Please see the list of regular forthcoming events for January on page 2 of Kilve News, and to highlight the following dates :

KILVE LUNCH CLUB – January 15th

COFFEE MORNING – January 25th

MALT TASTING – January 25th

The Lunch Club is run by village volunteers and is open to people of all ages. We are proud to say we have achieved a 5 Star rating for Food Safety.

Tickets are £6 for two courses plus tea or coffee. Tickets are available from Pat on 741157 or Kilve coffee mornings



A very big thank you to all who helped out at the concert which was held back on Saturday 8th December. A 'good time' was had by all and £174 was raised for hall funds.

CONTACT INFO –GENERAL ENQUIRIES ETC

To book the hall contact Frances on 01278 741268 after 2pm weekdays only please or email

kvhbookings@gmail.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kilvevillagehall

Village website www.kilvevillage.uk

THANK YOU AND WELCOME!

We could not let the occasion pass without endorsing, on behalf of all the village, Tony's thanks to Stacey for all her work as Chair of the Village Hall Committee over the past two years.

A very big welcome to Tony as he takes over as Chair, to Ailsa as Treasurer and to all the other hard working members of the Committee, we extend best wishes for all your future endeavours.

'Good Health!'

In my introduction to this issue, I extended to you New Year greetings including the words 'Good Health', so I thought for my derivation of phrases this month 'Good Health' might be rather appropriate. Why do we say 'Good Health' when we are about to drink alcohol, which is far from good for us? The answer lies in 19th century England and the deadly outbreak of cholera between 1848 and 1849. In particular. In August 1849 cholera reached epidemic proportions in the Broadwick Street area of Soho in London, resulting in 344 deaths in only four days. But there were almost none in the neighbouring areas. Local physician, Dr John Snow, suggested cholera was linked to drinking polluted water and proved this when he found that 87 victims, out of the 89 he examined, were known to have drunk from the Broadwick Street well. Snow called for the authorities to take the handle off the pump and almost immediately the outbreak was halted. For a long while afterwards the locals would avoid water and drink only ales and wines. When drinking they would toast each other with 'to your good health' knowing they were safe from the disease. Appropriately enough there is a pub called the 'John Snow' on Broadwick Street to this very day.



OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for March Contributions for the 332nd edition to Robbie, or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News)

**Please note
NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 15th**

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



GREETINGS

Our deadline was passed for inclusion on the Christmas Greeting page in our last issue, but we are most pleased to add these two extra greetings:-

To all neighbours and friends,
Best wishes for a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year

**Mel and Ali (Millands Lane)
Dorothy (May Cottage, Carhampton)**

