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A hundred plus days of lockdown and the question was how do we celebrate the 4th July and the proposed easing of lockdown. Stay at home, was the obvious answer, but we managed to spoil ourselves by tuning into a live 'streaming' of a concert given back in 2015 by the American singer James Taylor (David is his number1 fan!). This wonderful artist ('discovered' by the Beatles, no less, when he was in this country back in the 1960's) included in his concert the great Carole King song 'Just call out my name'. Looking back on these last 100 days and remembering the sacrifices of all those in the NHS, Carers and all the other Key Workers, not forgetting everyone here in Kilve who have been so wonderful, friendly and helpful, I have to confess that we shed a tear or two, and now we want to share the words with you.

Robbie

'You call out my name'



When you're down and troubled
And you need some love and care
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night



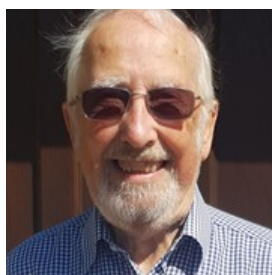
You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend



If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your door



You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah, to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes, I will



This is certainly one name that needs calling
this month!

Many Congratulations & Very Best Wishes
to

Stan Eynott
who celebrates his 90th birthday
on Friday August 7th



A FEW MORE 'NAMES TO CALL'. TWO 'HEART WARMING STORIES' OF CARING PARAMEDICS AND NHS STAFF

A MOTHERS STORY

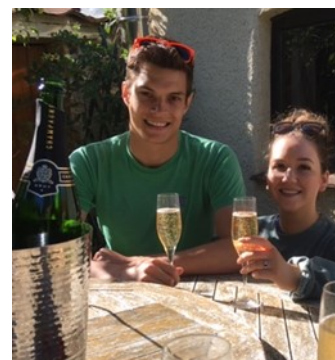
Mini-moon in Kilve – why not!

After setting their wedding date 18 months ago for 4th July 2020 my daughter and her fiancé, Stephanie and Tom, like any other couple started counting down the days. Then COVID arrived and weddings were cancelled. Planning stopped! But, as front-line NHS workers (both are Paramedics in London), they were pragmatic about it and focused their efforts on their work, knowing that beating the virus was more important.

Imagine their delight therefore when Boris announced in late June that small weddings could go ahead from 4th July, under strict social distancing measures.

They obtained a special license to marry a week before the planned date and the Vicar pulled out all the stops to re-arrange the church (widening the aisle so Stephanie could walk down 2m apart from her father), decorated it with bunting and pot plants.

It was a memorable event, tears of joy flowed amidst hastily assembled wedding outfits, including a substitute wedding dress (planned one had not been able to be fitted!), lockdown hair and long drives to (and from) the church for the few guests. A mini bottle of prosecco for each couple by a windy Lee-On-Solent beach front was the extent of the celebrations. But what a lovely afternoon.....two weeks in Antigua has to wait for now, so the Bride and Groom opted for two days (and nights – permissible from 6th July) in Kilve. What more could the newlyweds want: beautiful countryside walks, the sea, and endless wine (Steve and I had organized personalized wine for the original planned reception for 90+) and the supportive village spirit of Kilve: many thanks to Pat Woolley who kindly made a small wedding cake which we were able to share together and to Julie Hunn who hastily framed my keepsake cross stitch once I'd been able to add the date!



Sheila Collins

(A big warm hug and many congratulations to Stephanie and Tom, from all of us in Kilve')

A PATIENTS STORY

Many of you will know that I recently spent nine days in Musgrove Park Hospital.

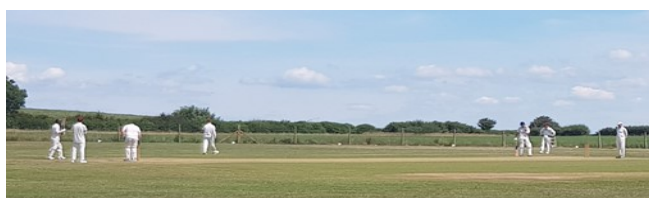
I want to sing the praises of the hospital and its staff - the kind and careful paramedics who took me to A and E. and everyone I encountered there - porters and cleaners, doctors and nurses, technicians, all of whom took the trouble to ask permission before any procedure. The cheerful carers who helped me wash and dress, in particular a very young man who didn't bat an eyelid at helping an old woman with these intimate encounters. I saw the same young man patiently feeding a lady who couldn't feed herself - people who made sure that if I had missed a meal I would not go hungry and porters who walked cheerful miles to get me to where I needed to be. Someone who found my hearing aid batteries and Jackie the receptionist who was determined that I would not run out of audio books and rang Somerset Sight and the RNIB to see what could be done. (In the event she arranged for my grandson to collect spares from my house and deliver them to the ward). Nurses worked long shifts wearing uncomfortable masks, stayed cheerful and patient, and they made me better!!!

May I please add a thank you to all those who sent me emails, pictures and good wishes and made sure the grapevine was working well! Thank you all.

Sheila Sharp

(Sheila we are SO glad that you are now home, safe and well!)

SPORTING MOMENTS



Good to see our Cricket Team back in action, even if play has to be interrupted every six overs for hand sanitising!



We are also please to announce that 'everything being equal', the annual cricket match between the Club and a village 'Invitation team' will take place on Sunday August 16th staring at 1pm.



As you will all know, it was hoped to have a celebration for VE day back in May. However, the Coronavirus made this impossible. With the slight easing of restrictions, it is now proposed that a small celebration should take place which will coincide with VJ on Saturday August 15th.

This will take place down in the corner of the wild meadow adjacent to the church and will include the unveiling of a commemorative bench.

The proposed programme is as follows:-

10 30 am Assemble at the 'Wild Meadow'

10.40 am Introduction

10.56 am Sounding of the 'Last Post'

11.00 am Two minutes Silence

11.03 am A toast to the 'Armed Forces'

'We'll gather lilacs'

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It is VERY much hoped that you will be able to attend and in order to assist with the arrangements you are kindly asked to read the following.:-

1. It would greatly help to know how many people are likely to attend, and you are asked to contact Pat Woolley (741157), Mark Walton (741095) or Robbie Rutt (741594) to indicate your intention.
2. Nick and Jackie Dawe have very kindly consented to allow villagers attending the ceremony to park in their private yard adjacent to the church. Anyone who would like a lift is asked to indicate this when making contact (as above).
3. Social distancing will, naturally, be observed and seating will be available for those requiring the same.
4. Mark would very much like a little assistance in 'setting up', a little earlier on that Saturday morning and any volunteers are asked to contact him asap.



NINETY YEARS ON!

As you will have seen from the front page of this month's Kilve News, Stan Eynott will be celebrating his 90th birthday. We asked Stan if he would like to pen a few thoughts of his remarkable life and this is his contribution.

'Just a few passing memories over important dates that influenced my first ninety years!

For the first eight years of my life I was brought up in India during the Raj. My father, being a Sergeant in the Royal Corps of Signals, was the wireless operator who managed to contact London to inform them of the total destruction of the City of Quetta the Capital of the Baluchistan in the north-west corner of India. A quote from a book, entitled 'Thirty Seconds At Quetta', tells us that the summer population of the City was approximately seventy thousand souls, most of whom died within the first thirty seconds of the earthquake, the epicentre being the heart of the City.

My memories of the events are as clear today as they were in May 1935. I must mention that without the help from the R.A.F. daily air drops. It was their first attempt to supply life saving help on such a massive scale. For a young boy it was a most exciting daily event. In reality they saved our 'bacon'.

The full story of this awful disaster would take me much longer to attempt to describe, enough for now.

The next important date I can recall was June 1939. My father had just retired from the Army after twenty six years service. We had a nice new home, not far from my grandparents. The first four weeks were quite exciting, but then at three o'clock on the Sunday morning came a loud knocking at the front door. A policeman gave a telegram to my father telling him that he was to report to the Signals Regiment in Manchester a.s.a.p. We, the family, had to go to live in married quarters associated to the Signals Regimental Barracks. Chaos ensued for a while. Nevertheless being an army family, we did as required. We moved in just in time to be able to endure the Christmas Blitz of Manchester. We survived but the four Victorian houses in front of us didn't! Sadly we never had time to get to know them.

In July 1944 I left school, due to family problems and I subsequently started my working life as a G. P.O. boy messenger. I was employed in the Registry in Central Telephone Exchange.

The conditions were I would work, were 48 hours a week plus two three hour sessions of Night School.

If you failed to attend night school without an acceptable excuse you would most likely be awarded the D.C.M. You're fired!

In the summer of 1946. I sat the Civil Service entrance examination and passed okay. As a result I was offered three choices of future carriers. Train to be a Civil Service Clerk, a Sorter of Telegraphs or train to be an Engineer, taking a three year Technicians course. For me it was the third option.

In 1949 after completing my training in September I was called up for National Service. After a medical fitness test which I was passed A1, I was posted to the 7th Training Regiment Royal Signals Catterick Camp in Yorkshire.

The standard eight weeks of square bashing, weapon training and field craft.

We were all sorted out by the Personnel Selection Officer. I transferred to the 2nd Training Regiment for six months Training in Telecommunications.

I was asked to take an advancement test, the results of which meant that I was trained up to be a Telecoms Instructor which carries a full Corporals Rank plus six months back pay for being an unpaid Lance Corporal. I was subsequently promoted Sergeant after further training. After completing my full time two and a quarter years soldiering I was transferred to the Army Emergency Reserve with the liability of being called back too the U.K. Land Forces Signals Regiment stationed at Chester. This happened four times. I was kept on this reserve for total of sixteen years. I was a National Service man and never took the 'Kings Shilling'!

My first visit to Kilve was in August 1951 I had leave from the Regiment, so I came down on a bicycle and passed through the village on several occasions. I'm sure I would have had a pint at the Hood.

In 1952, I met the love of my life, Margaret. My soul mate.

In 1954, Margaret and I got engaged.

In August 1955, we got married and had our honeymoon in Torquay. The start of 64 years of the happiest of marriages.

Sadly after suffering an incurable lung disease for more than three and half years, Margaret died peacefully in Musgrove Park Hospital in the autumn of 2018. The whole of the Nursing staff were to be congratulated for their personal and professional care they gave to my Margaret.

On the subject of Nursing care Margaret's history of working for the N.H.S., started off as a probationary at the age of 16.

At age 17 she started her three years training to become a trained S.R.N. After a few years she was made Sister in the Orthopaedics Ward. After the birth of our daughter Jane, Margaret had a break from nursing to look after Jane until she was ready to go to school.

Margaret returned to Nursing and went on a three months course to become a District Nursing Sister which she really enjoyed. After a few years, she was promoted to Nursing Officer in charge of District Nursing. She did well in this post and after numerous Staff College courses, she was offered an interview for the vacancy of Deputy Director Of Nursing Services. A V.I.P. post!

To cut a long story short Margaret became D.D. of N.S.

As for me I did attain the rank of Engineer in my late twenty's and nine years before I retired I became Engineer in charge of the Towns Telephone Exchange. On my last day of service there was a party held for Margaret and I in the General Managers office, all kept secret from us. My chief called me at home to say we were wanted at the G.Ms office at 2 o'clock and the official car was arranged to collect us. Surprise indeed. At his office the G.M. greeted us and there also were ten or more of my old engineering friends. What's going on I asked? A bouquet of flowers was presented to Margaret and the G.M. then said 'I am the Queens representative and I have been commanded by the Queen to present to you the Imperial Service Medal which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to award to you, in recognition of the meritorious services which you have rendered. Wow! I was so surprised and proud to receive such an honour.

In September 1991 Margaret and I (with Margaret's mother, Olive) came to live at Millstream. We enjoyed a very big welcome to Kilve and times were good!



SHOP NEWS from Matt

All is well at your favourite village shop.

Stock levels are practically back to normal now, so you should find most things you could possibly need in-store.

During the lockdown fruit & veg increased in price quite dramatically, I am pleased to report that availability and prices have now returned to competitive levels. Lots of local new season produce also available, if we haven't got what you want, please let us know and we can order it in for the following day, our Fruit & Veg supplier stocks practically anything you could ever want.

Premier promotions were all but suspended at the start of lockdown however, we are starting to see more deals in-store this month, hopefully by August our special offer shelves will be full of deals and promotions again.

One promotion to note for July and August is fresh English Strawberries, £1.19 for a large punnet or 2 for £2!! Fresh stock available every Tuesday and Thursday.

We are still busy with home deliveries, we are hoping to focus on mid-week deliveries in the coming weeks rather than Fridays and Saturdays which are exceptionally busy in the shop, again we will keep you updated.

We had no choice but to reduce our opening hours in March due to staff shortages and time needed to re-stock and re-order each day.

We are pleased to say that Margaret is now back in the shop.

We have learnt a lot from the lock down, one notable example is the time we spend working each week and how that effects family life. Closing at 4.30pm has been great for us, spending more time together, and having those extra few hours each day has made a big difference.

With that in mind our new hours will be:-

Monday to Thursday 7.30am – 5.00pm

Fridays 7.30am – 6.00pm

Saturday 8.00am – 4.30pm

Sunday 9.00am – 1.00pm

We will review the hours again for the winter months. Hopefully everyone will continue to shop within this time frame, and we don't inconvenience anyone with the new hours.

All you bread making fans out there, we have a huge range of bread flour in-store now, anything not stocked that you would like, please let us know and we will add it to the range.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone that has supported Kilve Stores, throughout the last few months especially. Hopefully, we have provided an efficient, calm service to everyone throughout this challenging time.

We have noticed an array of new customers, and increased spending from locals which we very much appreciate. With lockdown easing and more supermarket delivery slots available, it would be fantastic if everyone continued that extra custom moving forward into the winter.

The last few months proves how vital a village shop is to the community and should not be taken for granted, imagine village without **Kilve Stores & Post Office!**

Until next month, thank you once again for your support.

THE CHANTRY TEA ROOMS

We are very pleased to report that the Chantry Tea Rooms are open one again. Always very popular with visitors to Kilve beach and for those of us who like to indulge in a very good Somerset Cream Tea. Currently they are offering a 'take-away' service between the hours of 11 and 4.30 pm If you wish to know more information, please contact Jackie and Nick on 741457



FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT - IZZY SYLVESTER

Out on Bikes: During lockdown, many people have taken the opportunity to get their family out on the bikes to enjoy the quiet sunny lanes. It's a timely reminder not just for cyclists to be car aware, but for drivers to 'Think Bike' and really slow down on country lanes. This time of year navigating windy, narrow lanes, your view may be obstructed overgrown hedgerows. Avon and Somerset Police have excellent advice for cyclists here, from being safe on the road, to keeping your bike safe : <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/staying-safe-on-the-road/staying-safe-on-your-bike/> <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/staying-safe-on-the-road/staying-safe-on-your-bike/>. RoSPA provides further advice for motorcyclists on their website here: <http://orlo.uk/TQLKZ>

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from Alan Keen

I am very sorry to inform you that Pat Woolley has resigned from the Parish Council. She was a very active Cllr., a credit to the Parish Council and will be missed by us all. Pat will continue to be one of our 'neighbourhood watch' coordinators. As we now have a casual vacancy to fill any applications should be made to Shirley Rushent please. Incidentally, our tally of women Cllrs. now goes down to one, which is a very poor representation of women in our parish.

There are now litter pickers, provided to us free by Hugh Davies, located in the churchyard for public use. People using them will need to put the collected litter in the bins or take it home with them. The neat way they are attached to the church wall is courtesy of Cllr Eyley.

The picnic benches at Kilve Beach car park have been repaired and repainted by Cllr Walton with the help of Graham Keating. Also the replacement memorial lilac bush has been planted and staked, hopefully all three lilacs will now be safe.



On the subject of Kilve Beach car park it is now managed by a security firm called Premier Park Ltd. based in Exeter. The pay meters have been moved, there are CCTV cameras in place and there is a proliferation of jolly blue and white notices telling visitors that the car park is on private property and to pay the appropriate parking fees (which are not unreasonable). Clearly all of this is meant to imply a significant change in the way the car park is run. You may approve, or not, but something like this shouldn't be a surprise - how these changes will affect the car park area and the village remains to be seen. Permits and/or concessions may be available to parishioners but this depends on the East Quantoxhead Estate management.

ST MARY'S KILVE

The PCC have carefully considered the guidelines and restrictions for the reopening of Churches, and have carried out a required risk assessment. Like many other small rural churches, we have decided for the safety of all, that it is not practical to reopen St Mary's Kilve before September. We will then review the situation for September. Any enquiries please contact one of the Churchwardens.

St Andrews Stogursey and St Ethelreda West Quantoxhead will hold a 10.30am service of Holy Communion - with restrictions - each Sunday in August, these churches being the largest in the Benefice and situated one at each end of the Benefice. It is hoped to continue with an online service but this may have to be held at a different time. We hope you will understand what a challenging time this is for all, and that we are doing our best and continuing to keep the situation under constant review. If anyone would like contact with one of the clergy or Churchwardens please do let us know. It is planned to publish an August parish magazine which will contain more information.



MORE SPORTING MOMENTS



Members of the 'Kilve Golf Klub' managed a July Outing to Oake Manor Golf Club.

If you would like a picture featured in our next issue, please forward it to the Editor.

Thank you

RE-UNITING PETS!

"The recently purchased pet micro chip scanner, reunited its first pet back with an owner. Otto, disappeared from Nether Stowey five weeks ago and started visiting Graham Di and Bertie the resident cat, at Parkhouse Cottage, for midnight snacks last week. Having caught him and successfully scanned his microchip, Otto's owner was located and promptly came and collected Otto.

The scanner is held by Mark Walton tel: 741095, if any other stray or lost pets arrive in the village."



THE HOOD ARMS NEWS

We are pleased to announce the reopening of The Hood Arms with effect from Thursday 16 July 2020. Like many pubs in the area, we are reopening on a gradual basis with a reduced menu. However, there will also be a daily specials board with some exciting new seasonal additions as well as a number of old favourites you will recognise.



Opening hours:

Day	Food	Bar
Thursday	17.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 23.00
Friday	12.00-14.00 & 17.00-21.00	12.00-15.00 & 17.00-23.00
Saturday	12.00-14.00 & 17.00-21.00	12.00-15.00 & 17.00-23.00
Sunday	12.00-15.00	

We are asking that all customers book in advance to avoid disappointment and details of our Covid Policy for Customers is available on request and will also be available on our website shortly.

We have undertaken a formal risk assessment and completed this in accordance with Government Guidelines to ensure that our premises is Covid Safe. If you have any specific concerns we will of course be happy to discuss these with you. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and will do all we can to accommodate all requests wherever possible.

We will also be continuing to offer a takeaway service on evenings and Sunday lunchtimes. However, this must be pre-booked 48 hours in advance.

TAKEAWAY/DELIVERY SERVICE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY 5.00 PM TO 8.00 PM

MAINS

- Sausage & chips £6
- Scampi, chips & peas £8
- Vegetarian sausage & chips £6 (v)
- Fish, chips & peas (Small £7 / Large £10)
- * Hood burger & skinny fries £10
- * Hood spicy chickpea falafel burger & skinny fries £10 (v)
- Creamy butter chicken curry & pilaf rice £10
- Summer Squash, chickpea & butter curry & pilaf rice £10
- * gluten free roll available on request

CHILDRENS MENU

- Sausage, chips & peas or beans £4
- Mini battered chicken fillets, chips, peas or beans £4
- Battered fillet of fish, chips, peas or beans £4

SUNDAY LUNCH ONLY 12.00 PM TO 2.00 PM

- Roast beef and/or roast pork, Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets, honey roasted parsnips, cauliflower cheese, & seasonal vegetables - £10
- Vegetarian nut roast, Yorkshire pudding, honey roasted parsnips, cauliflower cheese, & seasonal vegetables - £10

DESERTS

- Our famous recipe Sticky toffee pudding, caramelized banana clotted cream £4
- Strawberry and clotted cream cheesecake £4

All meals subject to availability and the menu may change.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for August
Contributions for the 338th edition to
Robbie, or the Village Stores
(marked Kilve News)



Please **NO LATER THAN**
August 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.

Kilve Reading Group from Sue Hares

For the meeting in July the Group met up on Zoom again.

The book up for discussion was "The Widow" written by Fiona Barton.

This was her first novel. A psychological thriller concerning child abduction.

Not a nice subject but the Group felt fairly well handled.

The book certainly divided the Group in opinion! It was well written but jumped between two time lines and four narrators, which made for quite a challenging read, but it was well organised and reasonably easy to follow.

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.



Kilve Village Hall News from Tony Mudge

The Village Hall committee continue to meet over ZOOM call.

We have managed to secure a government grant to help with the running costs and maintenance of the hall and as well as having the ladies' toilet re-decorated we have also decided to redecorate the main hall, the Denovan room, the hallway and the stage.

This work will be taking place during August and although this may delay slightly the re-opening of the hall, we hope that all will agree the end result will be worth it.

Watch this space for a re-opening date once this work has been completed and it is safe to re-open for all.

In the meantime, stay safe!

Many thanks

Tony

KILVE LUNCH CLUB & COFFEE MORNING - currently suspended due to COVID-19

100 Club

A fundraiser for the Village Hall, this monthly draw offers a lucky punter the chance to scoop the jackpot.

The 100 club is a way of paying some of the running costs of our fantastic village hall!

Just £2 a month gets you one number in the draw; 50% goes to the hall and 50% in prizes.

There are two prizes each month, drawn on the last Saturday of each month at the Village Hall Coffee Morning and a new period will begin in July.

Kilve residents can join at the coffee morning, at Kilve Stores or ring Claire Heather on 01278 741654 (Direct debit scheme or via cheque payable to 'Kilve Village Hall').

The draw continues to be made remotely at the moment via a random number generator and the winners for June were:

Charlotte Bland and Kate Lindley

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

Your continuing support is so greatly appreciated.

As you will all realise the demand for help has not diminished in anyway. 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

Sir Tom

I mentioned Capt. Tom More back in our May edition when he started his famous walk to raise money for NHS Charities and again in June when his heroic efforts had raised over £32 million! I know from the conversations that I have had that many people within Kilve supported and contributed to his wonderful fund raising and it is with great pride that we not only mention him again but include a picture of him being knighted by H.M. Queen on July 17th.

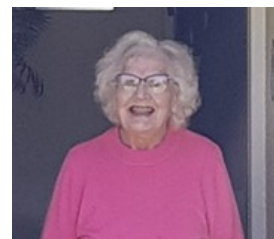
An amazing gentleman being honoured by our amazing Queen.



LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS, LEAST!

Another very special birthday to celebrate! Kilve's longest 'serving' resident, Grace Thorne who celebrates her 94th on August 1st.

Hearty congratulations and very best wishes to Grace on her special day from all of us in Kilve.



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