



KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Christmas is a joyous time and I am rather hoping that despite the on-going pandemic, I can start the festive 'feeling' with this Christmas Edition of Kilve News. We have two pages of Christmas Greetings from villagers who have kindly donated some £425 for the Watchet & District Dementia Alliance. A 'Christmas issue Happy Page', including details of the amazing generosity that the village has given to the 'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal' in aid of the Quantock Food Bank. Enjoy a wonderful month and from all of us on the Kilve News Team, we send to each and everyone of you our collective best wishes for a

'Very Happy Christmas'.

Robbie

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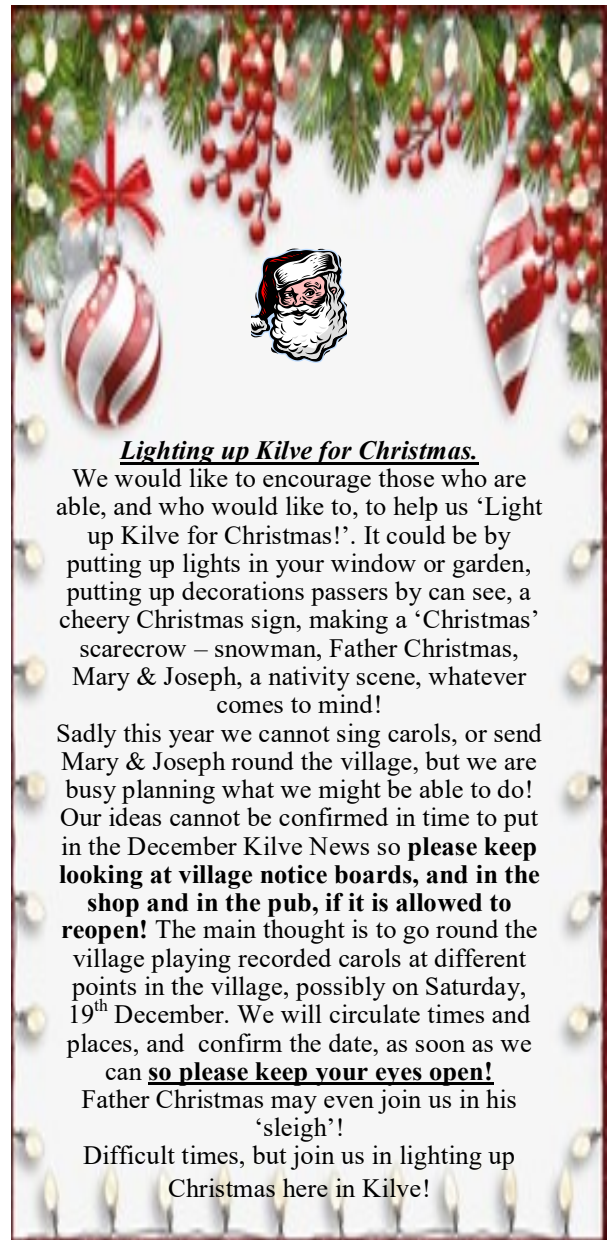


CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

at Kilve Stores

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1st

See 'Shop News' for details



Lighting up Kilve for Christmas.

We would like to encourage those who are able, and who would like to, to help us 'Light up Kilve for Christmas!'. It could be by putting up lights in your window or garden, putting up decorations passers by can see, a cheery Christmas sign, making a 'Christmas' scarecrow – snowman, Father Christmas, Mary & Joseph, a nativity scene, whatever comes to mind!

Sadly this year we cannot sing carols, or send Mary & Joseph round the village, but we are busy planning what we might be able to do! Our ideas cannot be confirmed in time to put in the December Kilve News so **please keep looking at village notice boards, and in the shop and in the pub, if it is allowed to reopen!** The main thought is to go round the village playing recorded carols at different points in the village, possibly on Saturday, 19th December. We will circulate times and places, and confirm the date, as soon as we can **so please keep your eyes open!**

Father Christmas may even join us in his 'sleigh'!

Difficult times, but join us in lighting up Christmas here in Kilve!



JOHN COOK

It is with much sadness that we have to report the death, at the end of October, of John Cook.

John was well known throughout the village and was a great supporter of village life.

On behalf of the village we would like to extend to his wife, Kath, and the family, much sympathy at his time.

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Kath has asked us to convey a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the village and neighbouring Holford for their kind messages and support.



ST.MARY'S KILVE SUNDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 13th
11.00am EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 25TH
10.30am
CHRISTMAS
MORNING
FAMILY SERVICE



ON THE MOVE!

Our collective best wishes are extended to Nicky and Nick Thorne who have moved to their new house 'The Cider Barn' in the centre of the village from the farmhouse in Lilstock. A real joy to have you that bit closer. Someone else who has been on the move is Suzy Gacon who has moved all the way from Number 18 Millands Lane to Number 11.

On behalf of the village we wish you all much joy and happiness in your new homes



VACANCY

KILVE PARISH COUNCIL

**Do You have an interest in
village life? Why not consider
joining the Parish Council?**

Becoming a Parish Councillor is a great way to help your community and getting involved in what is going on around you.

We currently have a VACANCY on the Parish Council and welcome hearing from anyone interested in taking on this role. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk at shirley.rushent@btinternet.com

The Parish Council is invited to comment on local Planning Applications, Highway/Road Safety issues, long term planning and wider community involvement strategies. Kilve Parish Council has 6 councillors along with one vacancy. All councillors live or work in Kilve.

The parish council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. Its work falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the parish

READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

Emma Donoghue's novel "The Pull of the Stars" proved to be a really good choice and "enjoyed" by all bar one! It is set in 1918 Dublin in a Maternity/Fever ward during the 'flu pandemic and made for a fascinating if harrowing read. It was well written and we loved the characterisation. The whole book took place in a frantic 3 day time slot and gave a very interesting insight to life in those times.

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.



POPPY DAY APPEAL

In our last issue we mentioned how difficult it was going to be for this year's appeal, and we asked for your support in donating in the collecting tins which had been placed in Kilve Stores and the Hood Arms..

We are truly delighted to tell you that your response, as ever, was generous 'to a fault' and a total of £303 was raised for the appeal. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed and special thanks to Matt, Charlotte, Paul, Tracey and Simon who organised the village response.



TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 86 December 1995

A report stated 'The Antique and Collectors Fair held in the Village Hall on November 19th was considered a success by all who attended, whether as buyers, sellers or just interested parties.

The profit on the day amounted to £353 which goes towards the restoration of St Mary's Kilve'.

This was the very first Antiques Fair which was to become an annual fund raising event for St Mary's and in latter years for helping other village organisations too.

this month
25
years ago

HELPING HAND

St Mary's P.C.C. are looking for a few kind people to enroll on their roster for cleaning the church. It doesn't have to be a long term commitment, even one or two hours in a whole year would be helpful. If you would like to find out more how you can help, the church wardens Arthur Williams and Frances Mayor would be pleased to receive your call. Arthur maybe reached on 741429 and Frances on 741268



Stogursey CHARIS COMMUNITY CAFÉ

We are still planning to open a new cafe run by the Community for the Community in the Youth Club, Stogursey. Please watch this space for a taster session – date and time to follow!

Our Christmas Issue 'Happy Page'

In these uncertain times, we thought a page of 'good news stories' might be just the tonic you are looking for.

For starters, a picture that would gladden anyone's heart!.



At the beginning of November, Penny Hammond and Barry Jordan of Putsham Mead got married in Gretna Green. The sudden impact of the 'second lockdown' precluded any celebration with their family and friends. We are sure that the whole village will join their friends in wishing them many congratulations and much happiness.

Our next picture is of a very reluctant poser for our camera shot! Pat Woolley...known affectionately as the lady who 'gets things done'!



'When the first Lockdown started I realised that masks were in short supply so decided to get to work and make some using my extensive stash of fabric. I am not sure how many I have made but it must be at least 200. They have been distributed not only in Kilve but to friends in Devon, family in Cheshire and my daughter's school in Birmingham. It has kept me occupied and as people gave voluntary donations has also raised funds for the Air Ambulance, a little over £100 to date but possibly more as some people put their donations in the box at the shop. There are still masks available, please help yourself, they are in our conservatory, Streamside, Sea Lane, donations to the Air Ambulance.'

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You are a star, Pat!



.Another lady who has been busy during the lockdown is Joy Orritt. She has been busily making battery operated clocks using some old favourite records. Originally intended for the 'Antiques Fair', that never took place, these lovely clocks are now on hand as a 'must have' Christmas present. Priced at just £8 each and all the proceeds being donated to St .Mary's Kilve.



Anyone interested in supporting Joy's fund raiser and purchasing a clock should contact Joy on 01278 741672 **Yes, you as well, Joy!**



Last but by no mean least , a picture that justly demonstrates the goodness and generosity of the good people of Kilve. Realising that any inclusion in this issue of the Annual Shoe Box Appeal would be a little late for the hard working people at the Quantock Food Bank, posters were put up around the village and posted on line asking people if they would like to donate a little 'Christmas Cheer' for those less fortunate. The response, together with the usual generous donations for the Food Bank, was, as ever, a testimony to the kindness that prevails throughout our village. A car boot crammed full of hundreds of food items and 'Christmas fayre'. Well done and thank you!!!!

And these are for all you kind people of Kilve!!



KILVE STORES CHRISTMAS NEWS

The last Kilve Stores News of 2020 which can only be described as a somewhat turbulent year to say the least!

However, we are still having the Kilve Stores Christmas tree this year but, unfortunately, we will not be able to have our usual switch on night.

We plan 'hopefully' to 'Go Live' on Facebook at 7pm on 1st December and do a virtual switch on and then post the video online for everyone.

The shop is full of Christmas treats, cards, beers, wines, and champagne all at special prices. A lot of our stock is bought in from local suppliers so by supporting Kilve Stores you are also supporting local business which is fantastic for them during tough times.

We are once again happy to take orders for all your Christmas drinks, anything bought by the case will be discounted by 10% and you can collect in-store or we can deliver. Please place orders by Sunday 13th December. See Matt for more details!

We can also order in any Glenmore bakery products including mince pies, Christmas puddings etc. Ask Matt or Charlotte for more details.

And do not forget to stock up on coal, free local delivery for bulk order and still at 2019 prices!!

Like I mentioned earlier, 2020 will never be forgotten. It is fantastic how most of the villagers pulled together to get everyone through this difficult year. The shop remained open and stocked throughout lockdown serving our community to the best of our ability. With Christmas fast approaching its time to take a few days off.

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	8.00am – 11.00am
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Sunday 27 th	Closed
Monday 28 th	9.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday 29 th	9.00am – 12.00pm
Wednesday 30 th	9.00am – 12.00pm
New Year's Eve	9.00am – 12.00pm
New Year's Day	Closed
Saturday 2 nd January	Closed
Sunday 3 rd January	Closed
Monday 4 th January	Back to normal hours



These are our opening hours over Christmas and New Year. The shop and post office will be open on the days advertised. Fresh bread, milk, fruit & veg will be delivered daily and Newspapers will be available on these days.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and loyalty throughout 2020. I say this a lot but, without this we would not have a shop and post office in the village.

We wish everyone an incredibly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Happy Christmas from the all at The Hood Arms and while it looks certain we are going to be enjoying Christmas at a Social Distance this year, this is not going to deter us from doing whatever we can to bring family, friends and work colleagues together. This of course will be subject to Government rules and regulations and ensuring we all remain safe. The Christmas Decorations will be up, the beer will be flowing, the mulled wine will be warming, the food will be amazing and fires will be roaring! We will be opening the doors again on the 3rd December and have detailed below our opening times. We will also continue to offer our Takeaway Menu.

Christmas Day, we invite the village again to join us for a Christmas drink on us to wish you all a Happy Christmas and thank you for all your support throughout what has been a difficult year. We are asking that you call us in advance to reserve a table for Christmas Day drinks and are taking bookings now. Similarly, while Works Christmas Parties may only happen on a limited basis this year, why not replace this with a Family Christmas Party at The Hood. We are happy to accommodate families and social bubbles and will be offering some festive favourites Hood Style on the menu and specials board. Again, we would recommend booking sooner rather than later and if rules change we can amend bookings accordingly.

December Opening Times:

Monday	6.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Tuesday to Saturday	12.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Sunday	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Christmas Week:

Christmas Eve	12.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Christmas Day	11.00 am to 1.00 pm (drinks only)
Boxing Day	12.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Sunday 27 th December	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Monday 28 th to Wednesday 30 th	12.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm
New Years Eve	5.00 pm to 10.00 pm Details TBC
New Years Day	Closed



Cllr Steve Collins

The Parish Council (PC) has still not been notified with regard to the retrospective planning consents that are required regarding the redevelopment of the parking area. I have on behalf of the PC and the community formally escalated to the Somerset West & Taunton District Council Planning Department who have assured me that they will be contacting the Luttrell Estate in order to rectify the situation. I will continue to pursue the issues as the land owners cannot continue to ignore their statutory responsibilities.

The PC **Code of Conduct** has been drafted which is the first of the documents and procedures being written to support the update of the Standing Orders.

(Details may be found in the adjacent column)
Kilve Parish Council now has a **Facebook page** and a Facebook group to enable us to share information in a quick and effective, modern and accessible way. If you want to post community information on them then please do.

Hinkley Point C Main Site Forum was attended and demonstrated the COVID controls they are implementing to keep workers and the local community safe. There are 4500 people currently on site with an intent to increase peak numbers in the coming years. Progress was reported as good with tunnelling, mud dredging and pipe installation going well. Road works in Shurton including road closures are to construct an emergency access route. The Combwich Wharf works are targeting the reactor 1 dome component arrival in February next year.

Cllr Elizabeth Grigg

We are waiting to hear whether the Parish Council (PC) insurance will cover our pending Kilve GNS. In the meantime, during lockdown two, I have offered the prescription pick up and delivery service, via Neighbourhood Watch, for Cannington Healthcare Centre, Quantock Medical Centre (Nether Stowey, Lloyds Pharmacy (Williton) and Watchet Pharmacy.

I spent £50 PC money and Matt (Kilve Stores) very generously spent £118 on eggs, fruit and vegetables, which I delivered to Watchet on Tuesday 27 October, during the school half term holidays. Marlene Mason (coordinator of the Foodbank) and I packed 40 parcels for those vulnerable young families, who would be nutritionally deprived during the break from free school meals, and therefore immunocompromised.

At the moment we are concerned that many of these children are lacking vitamin D, which will further immune compromise them, especially during winter. We are trying to negotiate with West Somerset Healthcare Practice to supply some sort of supplement for them.

There is an overwhelming amount of information on COVID-19 and updates are produced daily. Cllr Bruce Eyley summarises some information on Facebook and Pat Woolley sends the information I send to her via Neighbourhood Watch.

But rather than overwhelm everyone with information overload daily, there are excellent websites that keep you updated should you wish:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/> plus

And: coronavirus.data.gov.uk which gives information on the incidence of COVID-19 nationally and locally.

The defibrillator is still being checked daily, has recently had new electrode pads and is about to have some electrical connection work done on the cabinet heater. This ensures that the defibrillator and battery stays at a constant temperature should we have a harsh winter.

Keep safe and well.

A wooden gate across a road with a 30 speed limit sign and a 'Quiet Lane' sign. The gate is made of light-colored wood and has a red rectangular sign on top. The 30 speed limit sign is circular with a green border and a white center. The 'Quiet Lane' sign is rectangular with a green background and white text and symbols, including a car, a bicycle, a horse, and a person walking. The road is paved and curves to the right, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage.

Following the Beach Car park meeting in August the Parish Council has set up the Kilve Lanes Traffic subcommittee. Bruce Eyley, Greg Glendell, Pat Woolley, Karen Scott and Graham Keating are making some progress finding out what is possible. Quiet Lanes is a national initiative to enable all road users to enjoy the rural environment safely.

This concentrates on giving more priority to 'vulnerable road users including cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and users of mobility scooters.

The plan is to raise awareness, gather evidence to make a strong case and then to apply and implement Quiet lanes status.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN KILVE, HOLFORD & EAST QUANTOXHEAD BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Sheila & Steve
Putsham Farmhouse



David and Robbie
Grantchester



Matt, Charlotte, Ysabel,
Georgia, Baxter, Doris
and everyone at
Kilve Stores



Edre & Neil
Wayfarers

Alan & Annette
St George's

Ray, Richard & Grant
Pardlestone Barton

Alison & Bruce
Putsham Hill Lodge

Claire & Mark
Park House



Ailsa
Putsham Mead



Penny & Barry
Putsham Mead

Sheila
Putsham Mead

Bette & Peter
Little Orchard



Neil, Jenny & 'Jago'
Millands Lane



Dorothy
May Cottage
(Carhampton)

Elizabeth & family
Great Hanger House

Stan
Millstream

Grace
1 Old Ham

Shirley & Mike
Mill Close

Pat & Brian
Streamside

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN KILVE, HOLFORD & EAST
QUANTOXHEAD BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Mary & Andy
4 Old Ham



Pam & Roger
Millands Farm



Douglas
and 'his humans'
Adam, Tracy, Addy &
Izzy
The Old Post Office



Joan
Millands Lane

Nigel & Trish
Crooked Acre

Dianne & Graham
Parkhouse Cottage

Sally & Stacey
Tudor Cottage

Frances & Jonathan
Quantock View



Margaret
Bears Leet
Millands Lane



Trevor & Margaret
Church Cottage South

Erl & Mo
Holford

Ed & Claire
Oakdene



Nick & Nicky
The Cider Barn



Brian Irene
& 'Barnaby'
Millands Lane

Mair & Arthur
Alberfene

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Kilve Village Hall News

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As a result of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, the Hall shall remain closed for all activities for the remainder of this year, 2020.

The committee will continue to meet and review the situation over zoom and any comments or enquiries in the meantime can be addressed to

chairkvh@gmail.com

In the meantime, stay safe!

Regards

Tony

**COFFEE MORNING and the
KILVE LUNCH CLUB**

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 began in July.

Kilve residents can join at the coffee morning, at Kilve Stores or ring Claire Heather on [01278 741654](tel:01278741654)

(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 October were:

Bob Ormesher and Wendy Brandon

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be a **COMBINED** issue for January **AND** February

Contributions for the 342nd edition to Robbie, or the Village Stores

(marked Kilve News)



Please note

NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th

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 12th.

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