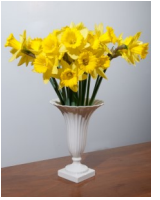




KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Last month I included a survey for the 'Kilve Quiet Lanes' project and I am so pleased that so many of you took the opportunity to take part. A great encouragement to the organisers and when you 'turn the pages' you will see an update and the name of the lucky prize winners.



Spring is in the air and hopefully with the continuation of the vaccination programme and the lowering numbers of Covid cases, we might all have the opportunity of enjoying Easter, spring and all the joy that this season normally holds for us all. In the meantime...

Stay safe and well'

Robbie

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WELCOME!

This month it is a pleasure to welcome Tracy and Phil Wales together with their daughter Emily, who have moved in to 'Sunnyside' Millands Lane and Jim and Heather Morris who have moved in to St George's in Sea Lane. On behalf of the village we extend to you all a very warm welcome and hope that you will have many happy years in Kilve.



A LADY CALLED SHARON

During lockdown, both recently and last year, I have been confronted with the question of how to produce Kilve News, particularly when I have been officially shielding. As ever, Kilve Court came to my rescue and instead of me minding a copying machine for 3 hours in the office at Kilve Court, the team there came to my rescue and have been doing all the work for me. I owe them a very big thank you and not least to Sharon Costley who has been responsible for the whole 'production line'. Sharon is retiring this month after a long period of service at Kilve Court and in thanking her for all her help I would like, on behalf of us all, to wish her many, many happy year of retirement.



Thank you Sharon!

MARION BURTON

It is with much sadness that we have to report the passing of Marion Burton. Marion, who had spent a good number of years in the village with her late husband Lou. will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the village we extend much sympathy to her family, who in turn have asked us to include the following message.

'On behalf of the family we would like to thank the people of Kilve for welcoming both our parents into their community. They enjoyed 17 years of a full and happy retirement together in Kilve, loving walks on the Quantocks and down by the sea-shore. Mum was involved with the local WI, the short-mat bowling club and a regular on Exmoor Extroverts trips.

We completely understand that, due to COVID-19, many people who would have like to have attended her funeral weren't able to.

We are collecting for Dementia UK and St Margaret's Hospice in Mum's memory. Anyone who would like to make a donation may do so at

www.marionburton.muchloved.com or send a cheque to Grandfield & Son, Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater TA5 1HZ . Thank you'.

JOHN YOWLES

We have also been informed of the passing of John who lived with his wife in Millands Lane.

We extend our collective sympathy to his wife Erica.

A THANK YOU from NORMAN

'My family and I would like to thank all those wonderful people of Kilve who have shewn us such kindness and sympathy over the passing of Margaret. It is so good to know that she was admired and loved by so many

Thank you'

EASTER LILIES

There has been a long tradition in Kilve to donate lilies in the church at Easter in memory of loved ones. The suggested donation is £3.50 for a lily and if you would like to be associated with this idea, you are asked to contact Simon Blackley

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On one of my many 'restricted walks' during this latest lockdown, I was passing by the Chantry ruins when I was approached by a fellow Kilve resident who remarked that it would seem that English Heritage were about to embark on some more work at the Chantry. They also enquired of me if I knew more about the history of the Chantry and particularly when it became so derelict. Well, some 16 years ago I printed in Kilve News an article which originally appeared in the Illustrated London News of November 25th 1848 and I thought that so many of you who have moved in to the village since my last article in 2005 would be interested in it being published once again. All the spellings, capitals and punctuation are as in the original publication.



REMAINS OF KILVE CHANTRY.

'Fire is a ruthless destroyer of the works of man: today it levels the newly-built dwelling to a heap of ruins; tomorrow it leaves a pile of architectural beauty a blackened shell.

The picturesque view we have engraved is an illustration of the latter class. It shows the remains of the curious old Chantry of Kilve, near Nether Stowey, Somerset on the banks of the Bristol Channel. This edifice was destroyed save the outer walls, in an accidental fire which took place a week or two since. The flames were first seen issuing from the chimney of the farmhouse adjoining the Chantry; an alarm was instantly given, an gentry, farmers and peasantry hurried to the spot. But in an incredibly short space of time the whole place was on fire, owing to the combustible material in the interior, which was used as lumber rooms, and filled with empty casks and much dry wood, the roofs also being of oak. The wind also blew strongly from the North-west, indeed almost a hurricane, so that in less than two hours, the Chantry and the farmhouse were in ruins.

An engine could not be obtained nearer than Williton, a town nearly six miles distant, and it arrive too late to be of any service in saving the buildings; but it was placed in the pond (shown in the sketch) and made to service on the ricks adjoining the Barton, as flakes of the fire were driven by the wind across, and speedily devoured stock to the value of several hundreds of pounds. Had the wind shifted at all from its point, and veered to the north, an ancient church, just opposite, would assuredly have been destroyed.

Of the history of the Chantry we find the following details in 'Collinson's History of Somerset'

'A.D. 1329. A chantry was founded in the Church of Kelve by Sir Simon de Forneaux (lord of the manor) for five priests, who were every day to say divine service for the souls of Sir Matthew de Forneaux, father an Sir Matthew de Forneaux, grandfather of the said Sir Simon; Alice, his wife; and Sir Henry de Umfraville, her father; for the endowment of which he had a license to amortise a house and garden at Kilve, a furlong of land at Stringston; another at Wembdon, and a field at Chilton trivet, together within the churches of Kilve and Stringston. This chantry was called 'Minister of Sodales Societatis of Kilve'

It is feared that the remains of the Chantry will be raised to the ground in a few months, but we join in the hope of our artistic Correspondent who has favoured us with a sketch, that the picturesque relic may yet be spared.'

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When I next see English Heritage at work on the Chantry, I will enquire as to their 'proposals' which hopefully will enable me to give you an update.

Robbie



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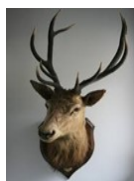
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KILVE QUIET LANES UPDATE from Graham Keating

Thank you, Kilve residents, your response to the Quiet Lanes survey was magnificent - we received no fewer than 80 completed surveys! That level of engagement, alone, will be very helpful in our discussions with Somerset County Council to prove the widely-shared concerns about traffic on our lanes. The information and comments that you've included in your responses are even more useful and we are in the process of combing through them - special thanks are due to Brian Woolley for collating them all.

The speed and number of vehicles, on all the lanes in Kilve, were, unsurprisingly, the most common concerns but there are many more comments and suggestions to work through; we'll make sure your views are included in our formal application to SCC. If you ticked the box asking to be kept updated with news on the project then you'll receive a message soon to give you more information but, don't worry, we won't send you lots of emails!

The next aspect of the data-gathering phase of this project is to record reliable data on the number of vehicles and vulnerable road users on our lanes. Just before the Easter weekend we are arranging for radar cameras, supplied by the Highways Authority, to be placed on Sea Lane and Hilltop Lane for a period of ten days. They will automatically record the number and speed of vehicles on a daily basis, so they should capture an expected peak of traffic over the Easter weekend as well as more normal, mid-week levels. They won't count pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders, however, so we will have some volunteers manually recording these on a couple of days during the camera survey.

Finally, you'll remember that surveys returned to us were entered into a prize draw for some fabulous Kilve prizes. Huge thanks are due to Paul and Tracey Cuff for generously donating two Hood Arms Sunday Lunch vouchers, each for two people, and to Steve Collins for donating a rather wonderful magnum of red wine.



The three winning entries, picked at random by Tracey Cuff, were: Ian and Sheila Pickering, Rachel Lewis and Mark Belcher. Congratulation to them all and thanks, again, for everyone who completed the survey.

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Continuing the lovely stories of the:- HONEYBEE DIARIES from Neil Wellum

Spring seems to be dragging its heels, with temperatures several degrees below average. Persephone needs to get her skates on!



The three honeybee colonies are trying hard to get going, but each time they have a day or two of fair weather, it turns chilly and often windy for another prolonged spell. This makes life very tough for them. March is perhaps their most perilous month. They have got through the winter and the queens have started laying eggs, but that means there will be new mouths to feed and keep warm. All that takes energy and the colonies will be drawing heavily on their winter stores of honey. They also need pollen, for the proteins and fats, and a lot of water, to make the rich liquid brood food to feed to the larvae. The eggs and developing brood need to be kept at a temperature of about 34-35 C (a lot hotter than your home's heating), or they will chill and die, so the bees will be clustering over them. They vibrate their wing muscles rapidly to generate the necessary heat. More heat, means more need for honey, of course.

The main thing a beekeeper can do is make sure the colonies are as healthy and well fed as possible. My earlier treatment for the Varroa mite has been successful and the varroa count is now extremely low in each colony, so I hope that promotes good health and reduces the impact of the viruses that the mites carry. I have also topped up the bees' food supplies by providing some light sugar syrup about 10 days ago. It's down to the bees now to get through this chilly period. My job is just to worry and curse the weather forecasts! At this time of year, I might expect there to be some 10000-15000 bees in each colony. It takes about 20 days, after emerging, before the new young workers will be ready to fly as foragers, so the much older winter bees have to keep their long service going for a bit longer yet. It's too cold to risk opening up the colonies, but if I could, I don't imagine there would be a single male bee (a drone) at present. They are not needed and would only be eating the valuable winter stores. The drone's only job is to mate with a queen from another colony and on the wing (more on that when you're a bit older).

A honeybee colony is a good example of a super-organism. An individual honeybee can only survive as part of the colony and working for the greater good. The queen's job is to mate in the first few weeks of her life with drone's from other colonies and then lay eggs for the rest of her days. She may live for up to 3 years or so, much longer than any other bees in the colony. The workers do everything else and a 'summer bee' may live for up to 40 days maximum. Workers have an ordered set of tasks which changes throughout their life. I like to think of each job change as a promotion. When a worker first emerges from its cell, it is assigned to cleaning duties in the hive for the first 1-3 days: things like cleaning out the cells ready for new eggs to be laid and removing debris. Bees are very fastidious about their homes. The next job will be rearing brood and feeding the young larvae. This lasts from about 3 to 15 days. They can also specialise in looking after the queen, feeding and grooming her during this time.

The next job sees them meeting foragers returning to the hive with nectar and pollen. They take it and pack it away. They can also do the vitally important job of comb building, producing those perfect hexagonal wax comb cells. Their wax producing glands are at their most developed and productive between about 12-18 days.

Continued in the next column>>>>>

They can be given the task of ventilating the hive by fanning their wings rapidly near the entrance. From about 20 days they might have a short stint as guard bees, whose job it is to keep out intruders, which they do by loitering menacingly at the hive entrance. A bee from another hive will be sent packing. Then the top job, foraging. For the rest of their short lives, they will fly out whenever they can to collect pollen, nectar, water and propolis (a resinous substance they use a bit like we use Polyfilla, only propolis also has antiseptic properties and is dark orangey brown). I am occasionally reprimanded for leaving propolis about the utility room floor and work surfaces after a hive inspection!

I reckon my bees have probably had about 10 goodish foraging days in the past month, only 10. If they could speak, which they can't, though they seem to be able to do pretty much anything else, they would ask me to thank Arthur and Mair for their wonderful cherry blossom, along with anyone else in the neighbourhood with flowers like rosemary, hellebores, primroses and crocuses. They might also ask you to leave your dandelions when they arrive and treat them as wild flowers, rather than weeds. Let us hope for a warmer end to March and a lovely April





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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 89 April 1996

One of the leading articles from this edition was a report on the progress of the Church Tower Appeal. It stated:- ' Obviously some very hard work has been taking place as the fund has benefitted by the total of £2383 during 1995'.



READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

'Three Hours' written by Rosamund Lupton proved to be a real page turner and kept us on the edge of our seats for the whole three hours. Set around Minehead (rather distractingly), the story revolved around a school siege. Any more detail would give away the plot. Well written and good characterisation.

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.



OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for May Contributions for the 345th edition to Robbie, or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News)



Please note

NO LATER THAN APRIL 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 GOLF KLUB

New Season Open (taster) events for members, those who show an interest in the game of golf and visitors.

Covid restrictions permitting the 9-hole open is scheduled for Thursday 8th April

First tee off 15.00 hours, at Cannington. The 18-hole open is scheduled for a morning tee off, Thursday 22nd April at Minehead.

For confirmation of attendance or enquiries please contact the Klub Captain, Mark Walton via email:

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A HELPING HAND!

I often get enquiries from residents asking if I am able to recommend or know of anyone who can help out in the home with general housework etc., so I am more than pleased to tell you that 'Mr Viktor's' (many of you will have experienced 'Kilve's well known 'handyman' wife, Marzenna is available (including week-ends) for house work and also gardening help.

Marzenna may be contacted on **07526575043** and I am very happy to give a personal reference. Robbie



THE QUANTOCK FOODBANK

I often get asked if the Foodbank is still getting support and perhaps more importantly is it able, in these difficult of times, to cope with the demand.

To answer the support question, I am so pleased to report that it continues to receive lots of

donations and that Kilve village can be very proud of its efforts. The demand is as great as ever and Marlene Mason, who heads the wonderful team at Watchet, tells me in her latest newsletter that in the first two months of this year a total of 8254 people have benefitted from the donations which have been given and, of these, 4345 were babies and children. These figures really speak for themselves, and tells us all how important our support is.

In thanking you all for your support, may I remind everyone that donations may be left at Kilve Stores and, as usual, I am very happy to collect at anytime.

Robbie



PAUL SMITH

It has long been recognised that Kilve has been blessed with the most extraordinary and kindly postman. Just about everyone in the village knows Paul by his first name and so many of you, I know, can recount many a story of his kindnesses over the years. Some twenty plus years to be specific as 'Our very own Postman', and on

May 15th this year Paul is hanging up his 'postie' uniform and settling down to a well earned retirement.

I didn't feel the occasion should pass without a little recognition from us all in the village and to this end I am proposing to open a fund in order to present him with a farewell gift as a thank you for such wonderful service throughout all these years.

If you would like to be associated with this, you are invited to place your donation in an envelope, addressed to me and this may be left at the village Stores or if you care to contact me, I shall be very happy to collect. In order that arrangements can be made for its presentation, it would be appreciated if any donations are given to me BY Sunday **April 18th**

In the May edition of Kilve news I will advise you all as to how we intend to give Paul his gift, and in the meantime, not a 'word to Paul' please!

Thank you.

Robbie



VILLAGE HALL

The Hall remains closed until further notice.

The committee continues to meet over zoom and will review how the roadmap out of lockdown will enable us to re-open for activities.

Any comments or enquiries in the meantime can be addressed to chairkvh@gmail.com

The '100 Club' draw continues to be made remotely at the moment via a random number generator and the winners for March 2021 were:

Dave Lindley and Neil Wellum

THE HOOD ARMS 'UPDATE'

from Tracy and Paul

We now, at long last, have a light at the end of the tunnel and a pathway to reopening from the Government. We cannot wait to welcome you back and would like to thank you for all your support during these difficult times.

The plan is to open the beer garden from the 16 April, to start with on Friday evenings, Saturday lunch and evenings and Sunday lunch alongside our takeaway service, then the pub itself as normal from the 18 May. This of course is subject to no further changes from the Government.

We have also entered a team in the West Somerset Boules League, which starts on the 19 May and would like hear from anyone who is interested in playing.

The opening and operation of the pub will of course be subject to Government rules and regulations with the safety and welfare of both our customers and staff being of most importance.

Look out for additional takeaway service times, and our new takeaway and garden menu to follow shortly with the opening of the beer garden in April.

We are all very excited and look forward to seeing you soon.



EASTER AT ST.MARY'S KILVE



The church will be open on Good Friday afternoon from 3 to 5pm when the 'Easter Lilies' will be on display to enable people to spend a quiet few minutes in private prayer.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10.30 AM

A Holy Communion Service
It would be helpful, if you think you are likely to attend, if you could be kind enough to inform one of the church wardens (Arthur 741429 or Frances on 741268) as this will help with the arrangements for social distancing etc..

However, please note that you are most welcome to turn up on the day and hopefully we will be able to fit in everyone.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER.

(Restrictions permitting it is hoped that a Family Service will be held on May 9th and June 13th)

April Village Agent News

Spring is in full swing and so is the COVID-19 vaccine roll out! Hopefully by mid April the 40-50 year old age group will be invited to have their vaccinations.

If you are an unpaid Carer you are eligible to be vaccinated with the person you care for as long as you meet the eligibility criteria. We've put together a handy guide here:

<https://somerseccarers.org/news/unpaid-carers-vaccine-group-6/>

Please do register with your Doctor's surgery to let them know you are an unpaid Carer if you haven't already done so. Full details on the Somerset roll out of the vaccine can be found here:

<https://www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/health/local-services/health-services-during-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations-in-somerset/>

However, there will be many people still shielding and extremely isolated until restrictions are further eased in the summer. If this is you, have you thought about joining a Befriending Service? CCS has a NEW project called **CHAT TO CONNECT** for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) People.

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There are other similar services in Somerset too –

Age UK Somerset's Friendly Phone Calls service

Phone: 01823 345613 or email befriending@ageuksomerset.org.uk, or visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset/our-services/befriending-service/>

British Red Cross – Get help with loneliness: <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-with-loneliness>

Mind in Somerset are launching some 'Somerset Wellbeing Friends' groups which focus on tackling loneliness, improving life skills and promoting coping strategies. Phone: 01935 474875 <https://www.mindsomerset.org.uk/somerset-wellbeing-friends/>

The Silver Line Free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people

Phone: 0800 470 8090 <https://wwwthesilverline.org.uk/>

Crisis Fund

The Crisis Fund is distributed by our Village and Community Agents to help people in crisis situations and for whom a small grant can make a huge difference in their life. At this time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities this need is greater than ever.

We help when others can't, won't, or don't.

For free confidential advice and support contact your Village Agent Izzy Silvester on 07931 018045