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# KILVE NEWS



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## EDITORIAL

As I put together this July edition of Kilve News, the Prime Minister has just announced an extension of 'Lockdown Restrictions'. I am sure this will be a disappointment to many but we must all be happy in the knowledge that the vaccine programme is having the desired effect and as we approach July 19th, do remember to 'Put on a Happy Face'!



*Robbie*

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Well known and long time residents of Kilve, Mair and Arthur Williams of Millands Lane, had a very special day on which to celebrate, when on Saturday June 12th, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of everyone in the village we offer them many congratulations and hope that they enjoy many more happy years of married life.



## 'A NEW FOUND FRIEND'

from Robbie

I would be telling a real 'porky pie' if I said that pigeons were a favourite bird of mine, but in the last few weeks I have rather changed my mind. In mid June I awoke one morning to find a 'friendly' racing pigeon peering through our kitchen window. By coincidence, some few days later, Simon (Blackley) called and promptly told me that I was not the only person this pigeon had befriended. It first made 'landfall' at the 'Old Rectory' on May 25th and four days later was handed over to a caring Claire Walton at Park House. She in turn contacted the owner (having gleaned the information from the rings on the birds legs), and it evidently had been released with three other pigeons in Newbury, Berkshire and given 'full instructions' to find its way back to its owner in Swansea. Obviously my new found feathered friend had heard what a nice place Kilve is and it would seem that a 'staycation' in West Somerset was the answer.

Coo, coo, coo coo!



This month we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Nick and Gill Parsons who have just moved in to 'Jamara' in Sea Lane. We hope very much that you have along and happy stay in Kilve.



Kilve parish council have concluded their report on the proposals to have our minor roads in the parish designated as 'Quiet Lanes'. By the time you read this, the report will have been sent to Somerset County Council. SCC have responsibility for highways and transport issues in Somerset. Kilve parish council looks forward to working with SCC to develop the Quiet Lanes proposals for our village. The report will be made available on the parish council's website at: <https://kilvevillage.uk/> and on our Facebook page. Printed/ paper copies will also be available. We intend to arrange a meeting in Kilve village hall as soon as Covid restrictions have been lifted to allow public meetings. As soon as we have more details these will be posted on our website and in the next Kilve News. Stay tuned!

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## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 92 July 1996  
It was reported that Kilve Cricket Club were knocked out and then promptly reinstated in the National Village Cricket Championship, when on losing to Marshfield by six wickets, it was found that their opponents had accidentally fielded an ineligible player.

this month  
**25**  
years ago

## READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

The book chosen for the June meeting, again on Zoom, was "The Almost Nearly Perfect People" by Michael Booth. This is a non-fiction book, describing life in the Scandinavian countries – five in all as he included Iceland. Interestingly, some members found it absolutely fascinating and others gave up in the beginning! It was rather a long read, but contained some very amusing and interesting anecdotes. The author is British and married to a Dane. Needless to say it is not the wonderful area to live as depicted on the title page! With apologies to Scandinavians.



Unfortunately, the Group is at full capacity and there is currently a waiting list

## OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for AUGUST  
Contributions for the 348th edition to  
Robbie, or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News)



**Please note**

**NO LATER THAN JULY 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.

## THE BIG MATCH



In the hope that this edition of Kilve News reaches you before the end of June, we would like to take this opportunity of reminding everyone of the big sporting event at the Cricket Club on Saturday June 26th. The whole event including music, stalls, raffle etc. (as advertised in last month's Kilve News) is scheduled to take place within the appointed guide lines including signing-in with your friends and adhering to social distancing.

**The cricket match itself is scheduled to start at 2pm**

**Hope to see you there!**

## Kilve Village Hall News

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A big thank you to everyone that donated plants and came along to the coffee morning / plant sale in May, I am delighted to report that the hall made £124.

The committee would also like to thank Joy and Colin Orrit for their kind donation to the Hall funds from selling tomato plants.

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

Regards

Tony

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### Upcoming events :

**COFFEE MORNING – 26<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**KILVE LUNCH CLUB - 14<sup>th</sup> July**

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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 latest winners were:**

Pam Cuff and Bob Ormesher

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### CONTACT INFO –GENERAL ENQUIRIES ETC

To book the hall contact Frances on 01278 741268 after 2pm weekdays only please or email [kvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:kvhbookings@gmail.com)

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I do so hope you are enjoying Neil's tales of his hard work keeping his bees happy. Read on.... 'the expression of learning about the 'birds and the bees' takes on a very new perspective!'. Editor

## HONEYBEE DIARIES from Neil Wellum

Warm, sunny weather has arrived in earnest after a cooler than normal spring. Thank goodness. I have continued to split colonies as part of my swarm control endeavours, so it has been a busy time for me. I am hoping to bring on two new queens from the latest two splits I have carried out. You may remember that, last month, I helped a new queen emerge into one of the first colonies I split. She seems to be doing well and is in her third week of laying eggs after mating. I have marked her thorax with a blob of white paint to make her easier to spot when I inspect the hive and to keep track of her age. There is a simple colour code procedure beekeepers can follow so they know the year in which the queen was raised. Last year it was blue, this year white.

Mating is a risky business for a new queen and her colony. She mates on the wing and must do so in roughly the first four weeks of her life, or it is too late for her. She only flies a few times in her life, first when she is mating and then a year or so later, if and when the colony sends out a prime swarm. Drones (male bees) have the sole function of mating with the queen. They may fly seven or eight times per day out to drone congregation areas (DCAs), waiting for a virgin queen to come along. The DCAs are typically between 10 and 40m above ground. Drones will fly 500m or so from the hive to the DCA where they meet up loosely with drones from other hives. (The comparison with teenage boys comes to mind.) DCAs tend to be the same from one year to the next, but nobody knows quite why or how they are chosen. They are often in places with strong geographic features like the edges of fields, or the sides of a grassy hilltop.

When the queen is ready to mate, she first needs to orientate herself with her hive to make sure she knows precisely where it is so that she can get back safely. She will then pick some fine weather and will fly to a DCA at least 1500m away, so that she doesn't mate with the drones from her colony. She needs to avoid this since they share the same mother and that would cause genetic inbreeding.

If and when she flies through a DCA, the drones will pick up chemical pheromones she releases known as 'queen substance'. Drones are so sensitive to the smell, they can detect a virgin queen from a range of 100m and they will fly in towards the queen forming a comet tail of eager suitors. Drones have the largest eyes of all honeybees and finally use their very good eyesight to couple with the queen. The act of mating is a dramatic and swift affair and the drone will drop to the ground in the process, physically paralysed by the exertion involved, there to die.

The queen will mate with a number of drones, perhaps 10 to 20, over the course of a few mating flights, so the majority of drones do not get to fulfil their primary purpose. The queen has a special organ which stores their sperm, keeping them alive and nourished for the rest of her egg-producing life, which can be two to three years.

So, my new white queen managed to mate during a weather period which was far from ideal and get back to her hive safely. Well done her.

I never cease to be amazed by the honeybee.



## SHORT MAT BOWLS



Have you ever thought about trying your hand at a game of Short Mat Bowls. Our very own Club, Kilve Short Mat Bowling Club is hoping to restart their once a week evening sessions and they would very much like to welcome new members. It is suitable for all ages and even for people with slight disabilities. The Club provides all the equipment needed and each Club evening the emphasis is on having a friendly game with like-minded people.

The Club has arranged for a 'practice' session for any one interested and this will take place on Saturday afternoon August 7th from 4pm.

Why not 'pop' in and find out a little more about it and even have a go.

Your contacts for the Club are

Kilve :- Robbie on 741594

Holford:- Keith on 741183



## PETALS FOR A BRIDE



Lizzie Spence at The Hood Arms is again on the hunt for hydrangea heads, lavender and rose petals to dry for her daughter Sophie's wedding on Sept 4th. Lizzie is very happy to cut and collect any, and if you are able to help, you asked to contact her on 07921 8751760

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