


KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Fingers crossed, it would seem that despite reported rising Covid figures, that things are gradually taking a small step back to normality. I would like to give a gentle reminder to you all that should you be arranging any event in the next few months that we are always happy to include it on our pages in Kilve News. Details regarding times for acceptance are to be found on page 3.

In the meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and, as always, stay safe and well

Robbie

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Lunch Club is Back!

Our photo was taken in August, at the first lunch since February last year. 19 people enjoyed a delicious meal and some much-needed company with time to catch up with all the news and have a chitchat.

The next one will be on

Wednesday 15th September

The menu will be 'Spanish Chicken' and seasonal vegetables, Apple Crumble for desert, followed by tea or coffee. The vegetarian option for this month will be 'Stuffed Peppers'. Please let Pat know if you have any allergies or intolerances as these can also be catered for. The price is still the same at £6 a head. Maximum number 28, Everyone in the village is welcome. Tickets will be available at coffee morning or give her a ring to book your place. Note: if, having bought your ticket, you are unable to attend, please notify Pat by the previous Friday as it is necessary to order the ingredients. The ticket money cannot be refunded after this day.
(Pat Woolley, Streamside, Sea Lane. 741157)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Two family run businesses here in Kilve have won a prestigious 'TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Award'. The 'Hood Arms' and 'Pardlestone Farm' have taken the award for 2021, showing that our small village of Kilve can offer world-standard hospitality. The award celebrates businesses which consistently deliver high quality experiences to travellers and diners around the world. It placed these two businesses in the top 10 per cent of their type worldwide and highlights Somerset's Quantock Hills as an exceptional holiday destination and, of course, our village of Kilve. Speaking from a good deal of personal experience I (Robbie) know just how much hard work and dedication is needed to attain such recognition and on behalf of us all we offer many congratulations to

**Mark Belcher and Ann Hardy
and
Paul and Tracey Cuff**

Hello from Hampshire.

'Many of you lovely Kilve people know that we have relocated to Dibden Purlieu after 14 very happy years in Kilve. A difficult, but right decision for us. We're now settled with our daughter, son in law and granddaughters while we look for a house nearby. Not an easy task. We have swapped strolling along peaceful Sea Lane to the beach with walking into the New Forest with a lively puppy! Peacocks have been replaced with ponies. Of course we miss our chats with you dog owners and no doubt some of you have already met Woody and his humans who now live in Jamara! We will be making regular visits back to Somerset to visit our son and family so hopefully we will keep in contact, and of course Jim still plays golf with Kilve Golf Klub. In September we're off on the Queen Elizabeth cruising around the British coast - another advantage of living close to Southampton! With our love to you all from Jim and Janet Hatt'

QUANTOCK FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is undergoing a large reorganisation at the moment, in that they have had to move out of the large hall which they were using at the Methodist Church. They have therefore asked all donors if they would temporarily halt food deliveries until such time as space is made available. They would very much welcome cash donations in the meantime, (this will enable them to buy foodstuff as and when required), and we would like to remind you all that you can make a direct BACS payment to the Food Bank. Their bank details are:- Account Number 57167575 Sort Code 60 14 30

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 93 1996

It was reported that the recent Flower Festival held at St Mary's in aid of the Church

Restoration Fund raised a magnificent sum of £1918.

Also interesting to note, that this issue welcomed to the village, Mr and Mrs Short who had moved into Mill House and Mr Norman Pinn and his wife who had moved into Putsham Mead.

this month
25
years ago

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for OCTOBER Contributions for the 350th edition to Robbie, or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News)



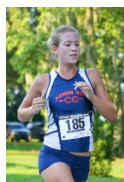
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NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15th

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.

GOOD LUCK CHARLOTTE

As you will have seen in our August edition, Charlotte Hurst is undertaking a Half Marathon run, in aid of Cancer Research on Sunday September 12th. With thanks to so many people who have already sponsored Charlotte, we would just like to remind everyone that donations can still be made either at the Village Stores or at the Just Giving page online.



GROWING YOUR OWN VEG

Would you like to grow your own vegetables but do not have room in your own garden to do this? Why not use an area of my kitchen garden as an allotment, no charge! I have three usable raised beds and an area of garden to grow climbing plants such as runner beans etc.



I live in Sea Lane Kilve, so if anyone is interested please call me, Kath Cook, on 01278741505



When did you last see a Hedgehog?

Our picture this month is courtesy of Pat Woolley and features a hedgehog which visits her and Brian about once or twice an evening.

The Hedgehog

by [Edith King](#)

The hedgehog is a little beast
Who likes a quiet wood,
Where he can feed his family
On proper hedgehog food.

He has a funny little snout
That's rather like a pig's,
With which he smells, like us, of course,
But also runts and digs.

He wears the queerest prickly coat,
Instead of hair or fur,
And only has to curl himself
To bristle like a burr.

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HONEYBEE DIARIES

from Neil Wellum



Although I reduced to fortnightly hive inspections in August, one of my colonies insisted on remaining quite swarmy and I had to put it on special measures to prevent a swarm from issuing. I isolated the queen and a few helpers in a purdah box for 9 days, before repatriating her. I hope this shuts off the swarming impulse. If a swarm issued in August, it would be unusually late in the season and unlikely to survive the winter. The main summer nectar flow is over now, so the swarm would struggle to build up sufficient food supplies in its new home before the onset of bad weather. The colony left behind would also be weakened and struggle for the same reason.

I am somewhat baffled why one of my colonies should have been trying to swarm quite so late in the season. It has been a strange year for weather and with climate change increasingly making its presence felt, this poses challenges for the bees and beekeepers alike. We will all have to adapt to more changeable conditions in our latitudes.

I extracted some honey from my hives by removing some super boxes that contained ripe honey. Super boxes (supers) are small boxes which sit on top of the queen's brood nest box. The queen is kept out of the supers by means of a wire mesh grille called a queen excluder. She is too large to get through the grille, but the workers can get through to store their nectar and ripen it into honey. They put a bit of pollen up there too. Ripe honey has a water content that is below 20%. The bees work hard to ripen the nectar into honey, fanning it with their wings to evaporate the water. It is important that they do this for the winter. If they didn't, naturally occurring yeasts in the nectar would cause it to ferment and this would give the bees upset tummies, greatly weakening the colony and risking its chances of surviving the winter. It has been lovely to go out into the garden on a warm evening and smell the nectar being ripened into honey. You can also hear a steady engine-room-like hum coming from the hives as the bees fan their wings over the stored nectar. Once the bees determine that the nectar has ripened into honey, quite how, I do not know, they cap it off with wax to store it until they want to use it.

Fortunately for me, the bees have produced more honey than they will need for the winter, because I provided them with extra storage capacity in the form of the supers.

This year, I am sending some of the honey off for analysis at the Centre for Hydrology and Ecology. They are running a National Honey Monitoring Scheme and will do some DNA analysis, among other things. When I get the results, it will tell me what plants the bees have been foraging. The main aim of the monitoring work is to look at trends and distribution of plants and crops over time across the UK. This should build up a valuable database for use in horticulture and agriculture, as we face the challenges of our changing climate.

Now my attention turns to helping the bees prepare for winter. Are the colonies strong enough, or do some need uniting? Are there any signs of disease? Have they enough honey and pollen stores? Are Varroa mite levels within safe limits to reduce the risk of nasty virus outbreaks? Are the hives safe from robbing of honey by wasps and are they secure from the worst of the wintry weather? A beekeeper's work is never done!

U3A

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

u3a has members who draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no qualifications to pass – it is just for pleasure.

Learning is its own reward.

It's all voluntary; a typical u3a will be home to many activity groups covering hundreds of different subjects - from art to zoology and everything in between.

The u3a national body – the Third Age Trust - looks after all the u3as in the UK, providing educational and administrative support.

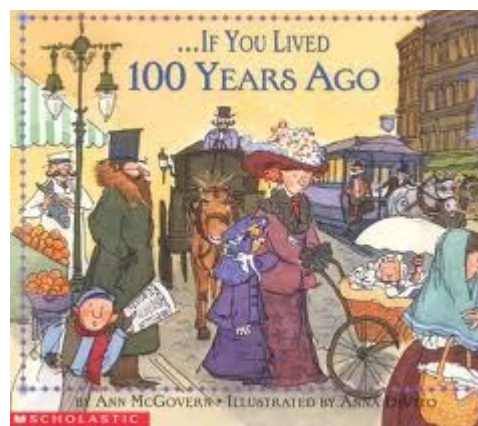
You are invited to attend an inaugural meeting, with the idea of starting a local U3A within our villages

Wednesday 15th September
Holford Village Hall
at 2pm

For more information

Email

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As you will all know so well, each month we feature a 'snippet' from an edition of Kilve News published 25 years ago.

The West Somerset Free Press can but put us to shame as they can delve back into their archives some 150 years ago. It was very interesting to read in their current edition (August 20th) that Kilve was mentioned twice

From 100 years ago -August 20th 1921

'Prospecting for oil was resumed at Kilve. Borings were taking place near the ruins of the old Priory'

and

From 50 years ago—August 21st 1971
Kilve Parish Council launched a campaign to find a flat acre of land as a village recreation ground. It wanted roundabouts, swings and somewhere to kick a football around.

(Some time ago I 'resurrected' an article about the 'Old Priory' and promised to give you all an update as to what their renovations were going to entail. Despite repeated requests to 'Historic England' no information has been forthcoming, the excuse being that their office is closed as staff are 'working from home'. —Editor)

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Kilve Sports Reports

Kilve CC clinch victory over Villagers.

A 3 run victory for Kilve CC gave them a 2 match lead and victory in this year's series. Kilve CC were invited to bat and a much improved fielding performance by the Villagers limited KCC to 144 runs.

The villagers started well, with Rio Rock and Barry Jordan both reaching 30 not out before retiring. The middle order put up a spirited challenge, but the run rate slowed. and it came down to them needing a 4 off the last ball. Man of the match was Barry Jordan, who took 2 wickets and scored 30 not. Rio's 30 not out and Pat Haywards 17 not out were other highlights.

Thank you to Richard Marchant who stepped in at short notice to join the Villagers team.

The final game is on Saturday 11th at 2pm, when the Villagers are determined to finish the season with a win. If you fancy a game, nets are on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 31st and Monday 6th September 6pm. Please come and support your Village team. Refreshments will be available on the day at the Sea Lane cricket ground.

Kilve Golf Klub

The society summer BBQ was held at Grantchester this month. It was a great success with 24 people enjoying the superb hospitality of Robbie and David.

The season continues with trips to Clevedon GC (September), Isle of Wedmore GC (October) and Weston super Mare GC (November) as well as monthly 9 hole competitions at Cannington. Followed by an end over season presentation evening early in December. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Mark Walton mtwalton@btinternet.com or telephone 741095.

Kilve Short Mat Bowling Club

After an enforced break of some eighteen months, Kilve Short Mat Bowling Club is back in action! The Club will be restarting it's weekly games on

Monday September 13th .

These are held in Kilve Village Hall every Monday evening commencing at 7 0'clock. The Club extends a very warm welcome to anyone who might like to try their hand at this fascinating game. Suitable for all ages, the Club provides all the equipment needed and the emphasis of the whole evening is to have a friendly and fun filled game with like minded people. Why not come along and try for yourself!

If you would like to know more, you are invited to contact Keith Edwards (741183) or Robbie Rutt (741594)

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Kilve Quiet Lanes News!

Since we last reported on the Quiet Lanes project, we have made some excellent progress. The formal application to Somerset County Council has been made (it's available on the village website: <https://kilvevillage.uk/quiet-lanes-proposal-update-on-progress/> (if you'd like to read it) and we have received an encouragingly positive initial response from the Council. We have a meeting scheduled with the Council's Service Commissioning Manager here in Kilve in mid-September, which will allow us to walk the lanes with him and demonstrate the challenges we face to improve safety for vulnerable road users.

Just getting to this stage has been the result of a huge commitment of time and energy from Kilve residents. We've kept a log of the voluntary hours that have been given to the project, not just by the Kilve Lanes Traffic Committee but also by those who helped with the traffic surveys and the filming of the video. Not counting the time spent by all of you who filled in the Quiet Lanes Questionnaire, we have already clocked-up over 310 person-hours (which equates to an investment of more than £4600, if we valued our time at £15 per hour)! That's quite an amazing voluntary commitment and we'd like to thank everyone who has supported the project so far.

Please come and find out more at the Annual Parish Meeting, Saturday 11th September!

We will be making a short presentation about Quiet Lanes at the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held in the Village Hall at 10.30 on the 11th of September. It will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have but, equally as important, it will give the Kilve Lanes Traffic Committee the chance to pass on your opinions at our meeting with the County Council a few days later. It's vitally important that the Council recognise this as a project with wide support in our community, so please do attend if you can.

If you are unable to attend but have comments or questions to put to the County Council, please contact any of the committee members.

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

After an involuntary break of two years Holford Gardeners Group finally staged their annual Flower Show on August 7th.

The show attracted almost 300 exhibits in classes ranging from Flowers and Produce to Art and Craft. Eight trophies were presented plus three junior medals and the overall show winner on points was won by Mike Kellaway. The rain showers even cleared at the right time to enjoy cream teas held in 'Glen Close' garden.

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Sept 21st at 7.30

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Warm Welcome to all

KILVE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** **SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER** **2021**



The Annual Parish Meeting is in Kilve Village Hall on
Saturday 11th September at 10:30

It is an opportunity to find out what has been happening in Kilve, and what is planned. There is time to discuss the key issues in our village.

We are looking for groups and interested parties to host a display table that explains to parishioners what great things those groups have been doing and are planning on doing.

During the formal part of the meeting there is an opportunity to present a report, debate key issues and contribute to future village activities.

We are looking for helpers on the day with organisation, refreshments, COVID control etc.

Please get involved and get in touch with Simon or Bruce

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