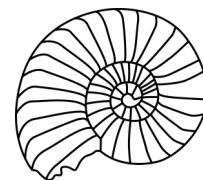


KILVE NEWS



Issue 356

May 2022

EDITORIAL

We seem to be heading into the season of events — fetes, dog shows, open gardens, and of course the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations, quite apart from the regular meetings and lunches. You can find details of all of these in this month's issue.

By the time you read this, the inaugural meeting of the Quantock branch of the University of the Third Age (u3a) should have taken place. A small group of enthusiasts has worked hard to achieve this, and we wish them every success. The next meeting will take place in Holford Village Hall on Monday 23 May at 2pm. For more information, contact Karen Scott (07910 706916).

Kilve Court have kindly been printing Kilve News for many years. Their equipment now is so good, and the turnaround so fast, that I have decided to change the deadline for contributions to the 18th of the month, not the 15th. As long as I am organised, this should still give enough time to get copies out to everyone before the end of the month. Let's hope I'm right!

Jenny

Contact the Editor on 01278 741663

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or text on 07745 805006

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

The next gentlemen's lunch is on Tuesday 3 May at The Hood, at 12.30 for 1pm.

To book, please contact Arthur on 01278 741429 or Art_1948@yahoo.co.uk



THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE DOG POO FAIRY!

This is unfortunate, because she would have found quite a lot of work in Kilve in the last month or so.

Local dog owners are generally very good at clearing up after their dogs, which is why the recent unsightly deposits have

been so noticeable, particularly in Sea Lane and the track by Park House. Indeed four local dog owners have asked me to mention it.

Apart from being ugly, and unpleasant to clean off your boots, dog faeces can be a health hazard, particularly for small children.

Please remember to pick up after your dog!

STANDING TOGETHER



FROM KILVE TO KYIV

After a break of two years because of Covid restrictions, the annual Malt Tasting was held at the end of March. This event has always been staged to bolster church funds, but this year it was the unanimous decision of St Mary's PCC to donate any money raised to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Ukraine.



The evening was well supported and those attending are to be thanked for their generous contribution to the success of the evening. A big 'thank you' too to Tracy and Phil Wales who not only cooked a very enjoyable Hogmanay supper but did it free of charge. Thanks are also due to Western Fuels who, through the village heating oil scheme, donated £100. The PCC would also like to thank Lisa and Jamie Scott and the Hood Arms for donating malts for the evening, Kilve Village Hall and the many others who gave raffle prizes and auction items.

Congratulations to organiser Mark Walton and his band of helpers who with all the generous support within the village raised a spectacular sum of £1400 which has since been forwarded to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Robbie



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

BIG LUNCH TICKETS

A very good response to the first issue of tickets for the Big Lunch on Sunday 5 June. May we remind you that tickets will again be available at the Village Hall on the morning of SATURDAY 30 APRIL from 10.30 am.

The organising committee appreciate that not everyone can manage to attend and collect tickets on a Saturday morning and so we have arranged the following additional dates for collection of tickets (at the Village Hall):

- Monday 9 May 10.30 to 11.30 am and again 6.30 to 7.30 pm
- Thursday 12 May 6pm to 7 pm

AND as a last resort, if you are unable to make any of these times please contact Robbie on 01278 741594 and he will arrange for them to be delivered to you.

When collecting and paying for your tickets would you please tell us three things:-

1. Any vegetarian or special dietary requests.
2. Whether your household will be entering the Scarecrow Competition.
3. Whether you might wish to avail yourselves of the evening barbecue being organised at the Cricket Club on Thursday 2 June.

A JUBILEE VILLAGE COMPETITION

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JUST TO REMIND YOU ...

Thursday 2 June

5.00pm: CRICKET MATCH

Kilve Village versus the Kilve Cricket Club (see p12)

9.45 pm: LIGHTING OF THE JUBILEE BEACON

Prior to the lighting of the beacon you are invited to bring your own picnic (and don't forget to bring chairs, rugs etc.) on the headland and/or avail yourselves of the facilities being offered at the Cricket Club: barbecue - burgers, sausages, halloumi priced at £2.50, and a very good value licensed bar.

Friday 3 June

Afternoon: CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT

Village Hall

6.30 to 9.00 pm: CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Village Hall

Saturday 4 June

4 pm: FLORAL CASCADE

At St. Mary's Church, with afternoon tea and cake

5 pm: Songs of Praise

Evening: VILLAGE NIGHT AT THE HOOD ARMS

Hog Roast with fish and vegetarian options. Live music, celebrations and fun.

Sunday 5 June

10 am to 3pm: CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Kilve Court Outdoor Centre

12 noon: THE BIG LUNCH

A get together at Kilve Court Outdoor Centre for everyone in the village, including visiting family and friends. Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm.

The only function you will need a ticket for is the Big Lunch. There will be, at each event, the opportunity for you to give a donation to help defray costs, and, of course, your support for **THE RAFFLE** which will operate over the whole week-end would be greatly appreciated.

Monetary donations may be made by contacting Sheila. Offers of help and any other queries may be directed to any of the organising committee.

2-5 JUNE 2022

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

How well do you know Kilve?

Why not enter our free family treasure hunt? There are 3 routes: short (approx. 0.5 mile), medium and longer (approx. 3 to 4 miles) Suitable for all ages (short route accessible by all).

Collect your questions / route guide at the Cricket Match on 2 June, or from one of the organising committee any time over the Jubilee weekend.

Return completed sheets at the beginning of the Big Lunch (or sooner) to Sheila Collins (Putsham Farmhouse).

Winners will be announced at the Big Lunch - with prizes!

CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT

To be done from home and put together in the Village Hall.

Simon (Blackley) will be contacting all families with the necessary details and materials.



YOUR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Sheila Collins (741077)
Alison and Bruce Eyley (741317)
Simon Blackley (741549)
Robbie Rutt (741594)

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Any suggestions or ideas are always welcome.

AN AREA STEEPED IN HISTORY

From Joy London Brown

Recently I spent a few weeks in an Oncology ward in a Bristol hospital which resides on St Michael's Hill, a very steep hill in a very old area of the city and very close to the ever fascinating and charming Christmas Steps!

It's tucked away so many people will walk straight past the entrance without realising the treat they have missed! Over the years Christmas Steps with its medieval buildings has been home to many unusual shops too! Clock maker, shoe maker, stamp collector and dealer, brass and woodwind shop, a bow and arrow establishment, antique shops and rare sook shops plus a 100 year old fish & chip shop which sadly is no longer there! I wonder how these shops will have fared through our recent Covid crisis?



At the time of the Siege of Bristol during the English Civil War of the 1640's the steps were renamed Lonsford's Stairs after a Royalist officer by that name was killed and honoured, but why the name Christmas Steps no one really knows for sure. One idea is the stained glass window of the nativity scene to be found in The Chapel of the Three Kings of Cologne, which is at the top of the steps.

This was once a bustling area with ships sailing along the river Frome almost to the bottom of the steps. Barrels were rolled down the steps to the waiting sailing ships below!

Christmas Steps goes uphill in three parts, the main Christmas Steps from the bottom by The Centre and going up to the chapel and crossing Perry Road/Upper Maudlin Street, and then crossing the small Old Park Hill road.

These second two parts of Christmas Steps run uphill almost adjacent to St Michaels Hill and are mostly just houses! From my hospital ward window I looked out onto these fabulous old rooftops with their gorgeous ornate chimneys, and wondered if this was in fact the top half/ third of Christmas Steps that I was seeing?



There are so many people in Kilve with links of some sort to Bristol that I thought this article and Joy's sketches and photographs would be of interest. Perhaps someone knows the answer to her question?

JK

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from Steve Collins

Permissive path from Rowditch Lane to the village

The Parish Council has spent decades attempting to gain approval for the permissive path. Now councillor Greg Glendell has been successful in gaining approval from the landowners for this to become a reality. Many thanks to Greg for his outstanding achievement; he has agreed to see this through to completion over the coming months.

Annual Village Meeting

This has been scheduled for Saturday 18 June in the Village Hall. More details will become available shortly.

Kilve village crisis contingency plan

Following the massive disruption for villagers following storm Eunice in February the Parish Council believe that it would be useful to develop a formal contingency plan in the event that a similar event occurs in the future.

Despite the fantastic response by so many villagers to the situation we were hampered by the inability to secure support from many external organisations. In future we need to have formal mechanisms for providing the necessary assistance for those significantly affected, in particular the vulnerable in our community.

The Parish Council will be looking to establish the required contacts with all support functions; this will initially be achieved through communicating with the relevant directorates at Somerset County Council, including Emergency Planning.

In addition, the Parish Council would like to set up a community team to determine what we could implement ourselves. Discussions have already started with the Village Hall to see if we can jointly fund the installation of a generator so that the Village Hall could act as a community crisis facility if required. We also need to ensure that we are aware of all the vulnerable residents, as well as liaising with the pub and shop as a means of ensuring that all avenues are explored.

If anyone has a particular interest in being involved in this initiative then please let me know.

Parish Council election

All existing Parish Councillors except one have submitted their nominations for re-election. We have already been advised by the District Council's returning officer that these councillors will be appointed without being contested as we will still have fewer councillors than the Parish is entitled to.

At the Parish Council meeting on 17 May, the business will mainly be taken with the formal appointment processes, plus selecting the Chair and vice Chair, along with agreeing the financial accounts. All are of course welcome to attend.

Recruiting for the outstanding councillor vacancies will start after 5 May. If anybody is interested then please contact any of the councillors, listed below, or the Clerk. Contact details can be found on the village website.

Councillors: Elizabeth Grigg, Pat Hayward, Simon Blackley, Bruce Eyley, Steve Collins.

Clerk: Karen Scott.

KILVE FLORAL CASCADE

(Sponsored by Kilve News)

Our cascade is looking absolutely fantastic thanks to all our sewers. We have regular and occasional help and our lovely tea lady, Pam, keeps us well fed and watered!



In early April we were joined by our younger helpers, Charlotte, Dotty, Minnie, Freya and Erica. The girls beautifully decorated stones with jewels and crowns to add to our display.



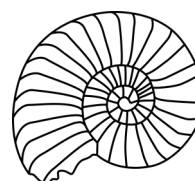
Please join us if you can. It is a lovely, chatty couple of hours with hot drinks and cake provided! Only very basic sewing skills are required. Non-sewers are also very welcome. This is our village project and we want everyone to feel involved.

As we are approaching the end of the main sewing, please let us have any flowers you would like included ASAP.

Thank you for your continued support.

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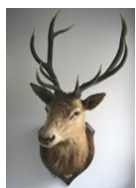
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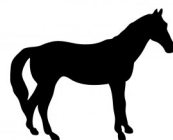
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KILVE READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

The Group appeared divided after reading Robert Harris's *The Second Sleep*. 3 people really enjoyed the book and the rest hated it! Interesting.

It was a dystopian tale set in the year 1468 concerning the legacy left by "The Ancients". Set on Exmoor it explored our future In the current climate it proved to be a very unsettling novel. Certainly a new genre for Robert Harris!

Unsettling is right! I read the book shortly after its publication, and haven't liked to reread it since.

JK



We are so lucky to have such a fabulous pub in our village who offer amazing menu choices for our LWL meals!! Thanks to all at the Hood for doing everything to make our Thursday lunches so wonderful every month.

The next meals (after 28 April), will be Thursday 26 May & Thursday 30 June.

As always, everyone is welcome – please just let me know....I'll send menus out for pre-order nearer the time.



Kelly (741149)

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HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Tuesday 17 May 7pm

Somerset Federation of Garden Clubs
AGM

Followed by a talk by Dr Tim Upson
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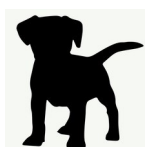
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Please note

NO LATER THAN 18 MAY

If you have reports, adverts or contributions ready before the deadline please let us have them as soon as possible. It really does help having them well in advance of the 18th.

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VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

from Izzy Sylvester

May is National Walking Month in the UK, and a great incentive to get outdoors in Somerset, kick-start some healthy summer habits, or encourage you to move a bit more than normal!

In Somerset, we are blessed to have 35 miles of our coastline on the South West Coast Path route. Why not set yourself a spring-summer challenge to walk it? Find more information here: <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walk-coast-path/south-west-coast-path-national-trail/area/somerset-and-exmoor/>.

Do you enjoy walking alone or with friends, or would you like to meet new people while you walk? The Get Outside in Somerset campaign has grown massively, with a website packed with local groups you could join, and a Facebook group where you can share your favourite places to go. Why not inspire others to follow in your footsteps? Visit <https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/activities> and select walking from the dropdown list for ideas!

Wednesday 11 May is Somerset Day — a now well-established celebration of all things Somerset! Hang your bunting with pride and join in many of the activities running this month, including the Somerset Day Trail. They showcase some fabulous destinations to visit on the 2022 trail challenge, and you could WIN one of four prizes by submitting an interesting/wacky/fun photo of your days out or home-set-up with the Somerset flag (or bunting) flying — more here: <https://somersetday.com/2022-somerset-day-trail-map/>

Help with food

As you may know, Community Council for Somerset (CCS) Village Agents were instrumental in the distribution of food to all corners of Somerset during the pandemic. Our role as primary distributor has come to an end, but the many community groups we supported are still going strong!

If you need help with food, please do still get in touch with your local CCS Agent, who will then connect you to your local group for premade meals or food boxes. Complete our online form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p88y4z6> or call 01823 331222.

If you are part of a Community Group, the Smart Community Food Resilience Grant Fund is open for applications until 31 May. Community groups, charities, organisations and agencies supporting or directly working to develop food resilience in Somerset communities can apply. Visit: <https://smartcommunities.online/new-food-resilience-grant-fund/>

HIS Church provides pallets of food for groups to purchase and use. For more details, costs and delivery contact: Christine Wylde on 07771 707477 or email: hisfood@hischurch.org.uk

Fareshare redistribute surplus food from some of the UK's top food companies to more than 10,500 charities and community groups. To join the scheme for regular delivery please contact: <https://fareshare.org.uk/>

Talking Cafes in May

CCS Village Agents are back in a Talking Café at over 16 locations across Somerset. It's a great place to drop in if you have a problem and don't know where to turn. Or if you are feeling lonely or isolated and would like a cuppa and a chat, just drop in! Come and visit us in Williton Talking Cafe every Tuesday 1-3 at Williton Pavillion. Remember there is a **Community Lunch in Williton Pavillion every Tuesday at 12 noon** for only £3. Please book your ticket at the Talking Cafe in Williton or go the parish office.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

100 Club

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Adults Cakes 1st Pat Woolley; 2nd Alison Eyley

Bread Making Brian Woolley

Diary dates

30 April AGM 10.am followed at 10.30 by Coffee and Cakes

28 May Coffee Morning (Coffee & Cake), Plant Sale and Table Top Sale (table hire £3) — sell your unwanted gifts, crafts, jams, pickles etc. Set up time for sale goods 9.30

3 June — Jubilee Weekend Friday afternoon Children's events; Friday evening Cheese and Wine Evening hosted by Hall Committee (see pp 2-3)

18 June Kilve Annual Village Meeting

25 June Coffee Morning

2 July 10 — 4 Open Gardens / Art & Crafts in Village Hall

Further information from Ailsa (01278 741609) or members of the committee.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 100 May 1997

The Parish Council had pledged £12.50 for research into tick-borne diseases (even now of concern in areas like this), but it seemed probable that the project would fold because of a lack of money.

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QUANTOCK FOOD BANK

from Matt Hirst

I would like to introduce you to Marlene, the driving force behind The Quantock Food Bank.

She visited Kilve Stores in early April to collect 240 hot cross buns and 110 packs of party biscuits, all paid for with your kind cash donations. She arranged an Easter party for the children of families having to use the food bank. After the party each child left with an Easter Egg also bought by your fantastic donations last month. Then at the end of the month, Elizabeth Grigg delivered from Kilve washing powder, toilet rolls and coffee. With the world in such a mess, it's great to know that we can spread a little happiness and help families in our area.

Marlene has asked me to thank everyone who has donated cash, treats and general groceries to The Quantock Food Bank, help that she really appreciates.

Anyone wishing to help, please contact me and I will provide details. Thank you all very much.



In April, Watchet Town Council presented The Quantock Food Bank with the Millington Shield, to highlight their valuable contribution. I hope to have more information next month about changes in the activities of the food bank. In the meantime, as Matt says, every donation helps their work.

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FANCY TRYING SOMETHING NEW? Kilve Short Mat Bowls Club needs YOU!

The last two years have had a devastating effect on our club and, sadly, we have lost a number of members. Without new members our club is in real danger of closing, which would be a real loss to our local community.

Why not take this opportunity to try a sport that offers some gentle exercise and good humoured competition? Suitable for men and women, young and mature, beginners and experienced players – all are welcome. It's definitely better than sitting on the sofa watching re-runs on TV! And we are on your doorstep so little to no travel time or fuel costs – what a bonus!



Club night is currently on Mondays starting at 6:45pm in Kilve Village Hall.

We are, however, considering a possible move to an afternoon in the hope that numbers will increase. To trial the viability of such a change, and to give people a chance to try their hand at this great activity we are holding two taster sessions on

Tuesday 17 May and Tuesday 24 May between 3 -5pm.

Club night remains on Mondays so anyone who cannot attend the tasters, or who prefers an evening, would be very welcome to turn up at 6:45pm. There will be players on hand to show you how it's done. Our season runs until 27 June excluding bank holidays.

For more information, please contact Keith Edwards (741183) or Robbie Rutt (741594).

Don't forget, you can view all the editions of Kilve News plus much more information about the village on the Kilve village website:

www.kilvevillage.co.uk

JUBILEE CRICKET MATCH Thursday 2 June 5pm

A three-match series at Kilve CC Sea Lane ground will start on Thursday 2 June, when The Villagers team, a disparate bunch, will attempt to wrestle the Trophy from Kilve CC at the fourth attempt. The match will be followed by music and a Bar/BBQ before the lighting of the Jubilee beacon on the beach at 10pm.

If there is anyone new to the village, gents, ladies or children, who would like to play for The Villagers, please let me know (contact details below). All equipment and kit is provided.

We will be practising on Monday evenings from May onwards. The other matches in the series are on

- **Sunday 17 July**
- **Sunday 28 August**

Please come and support the players and enjoy the marvellous hospitality of Kilve Cricket Club.

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FORGET-ME-NOT CAFE

Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey
Every other Wednesday 10.30 until 12.00

SPRING DATES AND EVENTS

Wed 27 April – Singing with Stogursey Ukulele Group

Wed 11 May – Coffee and chat

Wed 25 May

Wed 8 June

Forget-Me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family, and friends.

All are welcome to come along even if just for a cuppa and a chat. There are a variety of activities such as music, singing, arts and crafts, quizzes.

For more information please contact:

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