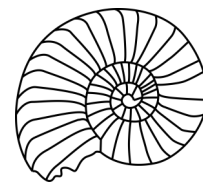
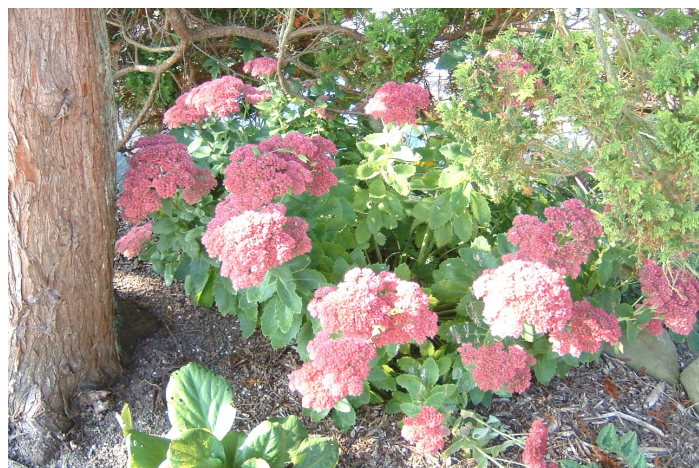

KILVE NEWS



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November 2022



EDITORIAL

The last month was a sorrowful time for the village, with the loss of four noted residents within a few days of each other. Robbie knew them all well, and has written the tributes that you will find on p3.

If this reaches you before the end of October, you still have time to send Brian House your completed transportation questionnaire from last month's Kilve News. He needs them before Tuesday 1 November so that he can analyse them before the next meeting of the crisis contingency planning committee. And remember that any suggestions for the work of the committee are welcome.

Jenny

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IMPROVING OUR LANDSCAPE

Do you have any ideas for projects that would help to improve the landscape and amenities of the village?

The Quantock Hills AONB has funding available for community-based projects through the Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund (GQLDF). This is financed by EDF with a view to mitigating the impact of the Hinkley Point C development.

Examples of projects which have already been funded in the area include pond creation and restoration, planting of orchard and woodland trees, and wall restoration.

If you have any suggestions for projects in Kilve, please let the Parish Council know.

THE ROWDITCH LANE PATH

As most of you will know, I have been trying for some time to arrange for the permissive bridle way from Rowditch Lane to Kilve to be opened.

The landowners signed the legal agreement for this some time ago; so we will get the path. But other aspects are beyond my control. I had been told we needed to apply for planning permission since the path opens onto a lay-by on the A39 at Kilve. This lay-by was thought to be owned by highways; hence the need for planning permission and highways approval. The lay-by is in fact not owned by highways, but privately owned, so I am contesting the need for planning permission.

Further updates to follow!

Greg Glendell

QUANTOCK FOOD BANK UPDATE

As you can imagine, the demand for the food bank is at an all-time high. We've done several deliveries over the last few months; this is all down to our generous locals who donate cash each month or buy goods through the shop to pass on. I have just ordered over £800 worth of much needed stock which will be delivered by Elizabeth Grigg.

How it works Marlene, who runs The Quantock Food Bank, emails me with a list of products that are in short supply, I buy the stock required at cost price and Elizabeth delivers.

Where does the money come from? Lots of kind people have set up a monthly standing order and donate money directly into a Food Bank account run by us; we also have lots of lovely cash donations left in the shop.

How can you support the Food Bank? The best way is cash donations, this way we can buy the precise items they are short of; you can donate via bank transfer, standing order or by leaving cash in an envelope marked Food Bank at Kilve Stores. Or picking up a basket and buying a few bits is fantastic too.

Any extra help or donations in November will be greatly appreciated. We like to do a big delivery early in December to include Christmas treats and chocolates for the children.

If you would like more information on how to donate, pop into the shop or email mfhirst@hotmail.com.

A massive thank you from everyone at The Quantock Food Bank, Elizabeth Grigg and Matt Hirst.

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AFFECTIONATELY REMEMBERED

October has been a very sad month in the annals of Kilve with the passing of four long standing and respected members of our community.



Mac McLeod of Hilltop had been a resident for some 35 years and over the years had played a very active role in village life. A serving member of the Village Hall Committee, Mac will be remembered for the weekly dancing classes which he and his wife Brenda introduced to the village and, of course, for their formation of the celebrated Quantock Line Dance Team.

Ed Heather, also of Hilltop, was a great supporter of many village activities and in so doing supported his wife Claire in the many roles she undertakes in our village. Ed was a great cyclist in his younger days and will be remembered for his infectious personality. If one was fortunate to be in his company, for example, sat next to him at the monthly gentlemen's lunch, one could be assured of a most enjoyable time.

Joy Brown of Hunts Lane was a renowned artist. As well as a dab hand at making beautiful pottery, her paintings won praise over a wide area of the West Country and many a budding artist in Kilve, Holford and the surrounding area will have enjoyed her great knowledge and the tuition which she so readily gave to those who attended her art classes.

Phyllis Lemon of Sea Lane had lived in Kilve for most of her life and, having celebrated her 99th birthday back in June, she was Kilve's oldest resident. What an innings by a truly remarkable lady! Phyllis would be one of the very first to support any activity in the village and in her time she was a stalwart member of the Women's Institute, the Mothers' Union and St. Mary's church.

On behalf of all the village we extend to all four families our heartfelt sympathy at this time.

I know too that they in turn would like to thank all their neighbours and friends for their messages of condolence and support at this time, not least to Rev. Pam Cuff who has worked so hard in administering pastoral care.

Robbie

An exhibition of Joy Brown's paintings and pottery is being held in

Holford Village Hall
On Sunday 30 October
10 am until 4pm.

Items will be available to purchase and there will be an opportunity to choose items in return for a donation, with all the proceeds being given to charity.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Goodbye to Ed Heather

We gave Ed a wonderful send off on 13 October. Thank you to everyone who sent good wishes, or joined me and my family in Sedgemoor Crematorium and our village hall. We heard a eulogy from Giles, one of Ed's stepsons, sleeves rolled up to show he meant it, and an Ode to Ed, written and read by our friend Chris. So much admiration and affection for Ed, who deserved it, I know.

Claire Heather.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Continuing the practice of recent years, next month's issue will provide you with a chance to send Christmas greetings to friends within the village and at the same time support a local charity.

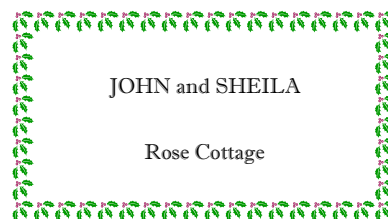
The greetings will come under a general heading:

'To all our friends in Kilve, Holford and East Quantoxhead

Best wishes for Christmas

and a Peaceful and Happy New Year'

Underneath this heading will be individual boxes such as this example:



If you would like to include a greeting, please let me have your first name(s) together with your house name. You can give it to me directly or leave it at the shop in an envelope marked *For the attention of Jenny (Christmas Greetings)*.

In return for this service we would be grateful if you would kindly consider including in the envelope a donation to the Somerset branch for young people with dementia. Thank you.

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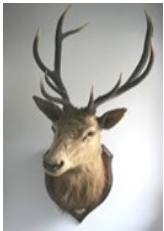
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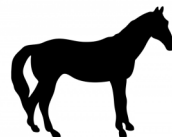
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Along with plenty of laughter, my class provides a relaxing and friendly way to learn Tai Chi and it is a joy to watch all my students learn and progress through my teaching and encouragement.

We meet at the Village Hall on Mondays, from 11 am until 12 noon, during term time. If you fancy learning

something a little bit different, then come and join us — the first class is a free taster. Contact me on bev.taichi1@btinternet.com for more information.

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

Staying warm and well this winter

This year, more than ever, many people will be extremely concerned about the rise in fuel costs and the coming winter months. Please do get in touch if you are struggling with fuel costs — we want everyone to be warm and well this winter! Alternatively, you can contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy and their Home Energy team on 0800 082 2234. They are on hand to deal with fuel debt, help find cheaper fuel, provide aid in switching suppliers and much more.

Are you over 60, or do you rely on electricity for medical or mobility reasons or have a hearing or visual impairment or a long-term health condition? Sign up for the priority services register here: <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register>. There is advice on the website for registering with your other utilities too such as water and gas.

Hundreds of older people in Somerset are forced to choose between heating and eating every winter. Village & Community Agents can help with keeping warm by distributing Surviving Winter grants to those most in need. Funding comes from people who are financially able donating their winter fuel payment to SCF — if you are able to do this please visit: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/special-projects/surviving-winter>

Crisis Fund Appeal

The CCS Crisis Fund is distributed by our Village and Community Agents to help people in crisis situations. A small grant can make a huge difference in a person's life — **and we need your help now more than ever!**

Some recent examples of where the Crisis Fund has helped:

- supporting a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died in a road accident
- buying children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer
- buying half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home
- buying a washing machine for a carer who was struggling to keep up with washing demands
- buying food and drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown. The Agent went shopping for the client to ensure she could eat and drink until the food bank was open

We are asking YOU to get involved any way you can with sponsored runs, bake sales, walks — setting yourself any kind of #CrisisFundChallenge — or by simply and very kindly donating! Text **WESTSOMERSET** to 70460 to donate £10 or visit <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/westsomersetcrisisfund/>

For a free confidential chat you can ring your local Village Agents:

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We thought we would do a follow up to last month's article in Kilve News, which explained how the current climate affects a small village shop: electricity prices, inflation, delivery costs by suppliers and reduced profit margins etc.

The article has become a hot topic of conversation. A lot of customers were surprised by the delivery fees we must pay, and minimum spends with most suppliers. Since the article, we have noticed more people coming into the shop and spending more — we're really grateful.

Also, credit & debit card costs. We would like to encourage our local customers to use **cash** if convenient for two reasons. Firstly, we can bank cash for free through the Post Office, which saves us on our card processing fees, and secondly, to keep the Post Office in the shop we must generate a certain amount of revenue from Post Office transactions each year. If you withdraw cash from the Post Office to spend in the shop, it helps both areas!! Win, win.

While we appreciate and are sincerely thankful to everyone who supports the shop by picking up a basket, we are once again reaching out to the people who don't visit us as often as perhaps they could, or customers who only pick up a paper. Any shopping you do with us really could make the difference this winter.

If there are items we don't stock in the shop that you would buy, please let us know, we're always happy to try and source new products.

Remember the Post Office services: cash and cheque deposits, cash withdrawals, bill paying, electric key meter charging, most parcel and letter posting and home shopping returns.

We also have a good selection of fresh meat which arrives Wednesdays and Fridays, a lot of which is price marked '2 for £7.00'. We still have compost in stock, smokeless coal, Flo Gas, monthly special offers and promotions, Mega Deals etc. Rest assured that we're working hard behind the scenes to find cheaper suppliers and negotiate costs to secure the shop's short- and long-term future for hopefully years to come.

Changing the subject, **Kilve Stores Christmas Tree**. We have been saving all year for our Christmas Tree as always but were concerned about all the other costs involved with the tree night etc. Luckily, when I had to replace our lights a few years ago, I purchased LED lights, so even though they will be on for approximately 500 hours over the festive period this should not be too much of an extra expense. So we have decided to carry out our annual Christmas Lighting Up Night as usual; the tree will provide seasonal cheer and light up the village throughout December into the New Year.

We plan to switch the lights on, Friday 2 December. More information will be in the shop closer to the time.

Once again, thanks for reading our write up and thanks to everyone who supports us and the shop.

Matt Hirst

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The cheese and wine evening on 14 October seemed to be a great success — thank you to all who came. The level of interest in the Village Calendar was very encouraging: over 50 photos submitted and over 50 votes made. Thank you to all those involved, especially our village photographers!

We are still finalising the photos, so you'll need to wait until next month to find out the photographers who made it into the calendar — by which time we hope it will be out on sale. An order form is on the back page. Otherwise look out for them at Village Hall events and in Kilve Stores, or use the contact below.

We are still looking into getting some better signage for the hall to raise awareness of its existence and events that are happening there. Is there anyone in the village with graphic design experience and time who might help with the design side? Contact Sarah Hayward on kvh@hayward.uk.net Many thanks!

100 Club

The winners for September were:

Sheila Collins

David Tansley

If you would like to join the club please contact us — the more members the bigger the prize and the funds raised!

Future events

Saturday 29 October 10:30am Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) Calendars may be on sale — with a following wind!

Friday 11 November 6—8pm Kilve Curry night – Eat-in or Take-away £6. No advance tickets (this is different from what we have previously said), first come first served. Bar will be open. Calendars will be on sale.

Saturday 26 November 10:30am Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake)

Looking ahead to next year:

February Friday — 7pm Date still tbc Sweethearts Evening — Song and supper Details to follow.

Friday 3 March Rwkus — live music Rwkus are a “contemporary jazz band from Bristol, influenced by various forms of jazz, hip hop, afrobeat, latin and electronic music” (according to their website).

Watch this space for Christmas bingo (date still tbc), quiz nights – and if **you** have any ideas or requests, please let us know.

For more information and tickets etc. contact: Claire (01278 741654), or kvh@hayward.uk.net

To book the hall: kvhbookings@gmail.com (forms are here: <https://kilvevillage.uk/about-kilve/village-hall/>)

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

The next gentlemen's lunch is on

**Tuesday 8 November at The Hood,
at 12.30 for 1.00pm**

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

READING GROUP

We reviewed two books at the last meeting of the Group. The first was Miriam Margolyes' autobiography, which promoted a hilarious discussion, despite the book being described as tedious. The book could have been greatly shortened, as it

contained much repetition, but also some very interesting information about the author's life as a Jewish lesbian educated in the 50's and 60's. As she studied English at Cambridge it was, as would be expected, a beautifully written piece of work. Overall not for the faint-hearted!

The second book was more in our comfort zone, *The Silent Patient*, written by Alex Michaelides. This was a thriller with the main subject serving a sentence for murder in a mental hospital. She had not spoken a word since the event and the narrator took her on as his challenge. It was a thriller with a difference and a good choice for a Group read.

Sue Hares



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Tuesday 15 November

7.15pm AGM



7.30pm ***English Coastal Path'***

A talk by Isobel Pring, ECP Officer SCC

Holford and District Village Hall

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DIARY DATES

Sat 29 October 10.30am Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake), KVH

Mon 31 October 7pm Halloween walk round village

Tues 8 November 12.30 for 1.00pm Gentlemen's lunch, Hood Arms

Fri 11 November 6—8pm Curry night — Eat-in or take-away, £6 on the door, KVH

Tues 15 November 7.15pm Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH

Sat 19 November 10am—12 noon Coffee Morning, EQVH

Thurs 24 November 12 for 12.30pm Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms

Sat 26 November 10.30am Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake), KVH

Sun 27 November 1.45pm Festive music with the Weston Area Rock Choir, £5, EQVH



Nick and Nicky Thorne's coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised an amazing £535 for the charity, thanks to the kindness and generosity of everyone who attended. And we got to see their amazing new house as well!

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for December and January.

Please send contributions to the Editor (contact details below) or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News).



Please note:

NO LATER THAN 18 NOVEMBER

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.

**Contact the Editor on 01278 741663
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It's nearly that time again & preparations are being made for the ladies & gents' Christmas lunch!

As always, it will be held at our wonderful Hood Arms on Tuesday 13 December at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Please could you let either Kelly or Arthur know if you would like to join us for some delicious food and lots of laughs!!

Kelly

Arthur

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Kilve Village Calendar 2023 Order form

Please complete the details below and hand to a KVH committee member or put in Village Hall post-box (probably not with cash) with your payment if possible, or pay by BACS — details below

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