
KILVE NEWS



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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

EDITORIAL

Thank you all so much for your donations accompanying your Christmas greetings for this issue. As I was typing them in, I realised that the collective generosity of people in Kilve has featured in almost every issue this year. Since March, you have raised over £8300 for local, national and international charities. The money has come from cream teas, coffee mornings, malt and gin tastings, specific collections and now the Christmas greeting donations. This is an amazing amount for a small village in the present economic climate. Thank you.

You may remember the transport questionnaire in October's Kilve News; the crisis contingency planning committee now has a list of people prepared to use their vehicle for the benefit of the community in the event of a major crisis. If you did not reply before, but you would be willing to help out, please let Brian House know. You can email him on brian.moonrakers@gmail.com or leave your reply in an envelope at the shop for him.

The joint ladies' and gentlemen's Christmas lunch is on 13 December. The men are also having their normal monthly lunch on 6 December, but the ladies won't have their usual last-Thursdays-of-the-month-meeting; I expect they'll all be relaxing at home, having lovely meals made for them.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Jenny

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or text on 07745 805006

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Rob and Jenny Priestley, who have moved in to Hillcrest. And surely there couldn't be a better time of year to welcome Mary and Joseph — Mary Ashworth and Joe Yorke, who now live in Higher Hill Cottage.

We hope you will all have a long and happy time in Kilve.

THE SPICE BOYS GET TO WORK



At the beginning of Curry Night they were all clean and tidy, prepared for a calm evening serving their gourmet offerings. At the end of a very successful evening, they didn't look quite so polished! Whereas the gourmet offerings had been well and truly polished off. You can read Sarah's report on p11.

MALT TASTING

The village annual Malt Tasting Evening will be held on Saturday 28 January at the Village Hall. This year we are raising funds for urgent repair work to the eastern churchyard wall, which is starting to fall into Sea Lane.

Once again there will be a vegetarian option of the traditional haggis supper. Wine and non-alcoholic options are also available for non-whisky drinkers.

As in previous years we would appreciate any prizes for our auction and raffle. Raffle tickets can also be bought in advance, if you are unable to join us on the evening.

Full details are on page 9.

Mark Walton

Christmas at St Mary's

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The joint ladies' and gentlemen's Christmas lunch will take place at the Hood Arms on Tuesday 13 December at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Please let Kelly or Arthur know if you would like to attend.

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FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

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WINTER & CHRISTMAS DATES

Wed 7 December: Christmas Crafts

Wed 21 December: Christmas Celebrations

Wed 4 January: Forget-me-Not Café 4th Birthday

Wed 18 January: Coffee, Chat & Home Made Cake

Wed 1 February: Coffee, Chat & Home Made Cake

Helen and Rose would like to thank everyone who has supported the Forget-me-Not Café throughout the year, especially Kay, Rosemary, Dot, Lynne, Rosamund, Jane, Sylvie, Philippa, Kelly, you are all wonderful.

And thank you to everyone who has helped our fundraising efforts including HPC, and SPS for buses for our trips out — it is very much appreciated by all of us in the group.

We wish all our friends and supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 for a cuppa and see what the Café is about.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

REMEMBRANCE AT ST MARY'S

One of the highlights of the Remembrance Sunday flower display at St Mary's was this poppy cascade, created by Joy Orritt while she was having to rest because of severe back pain. The flowers were made from some old red banqueting roll that was previously used in the village hall as Christmas table cloths, the black centres coming from a spare piece of material.



Claire Heather donated a mosquito net for the backing cloth, and Sally Quinn lent Joy the heart cutters to draw the shape of the petals. Everything recycled!

The church looked beautiful, as usual, thanks to the very talented flower team.

(See another photo on p5.)

Thank you to all who generously gave to this year's Poppy Appeal, with collections made at St Mary's, Kilve Stores, The Hood Arms and The Plough. The total collected was £409.31.



CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Do you provide a valuable or unusual service to residents? What is special about your business? Do you have any interesting anecdotes?

We are considering introducing a series of articles featuring local businesses. We don't envisage them as extended advertisements, but rather as a way of letting readers know the range of enterprise that exists in Kilve and its environs.

If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please email me on jakent@btinternet.com.

Jenny

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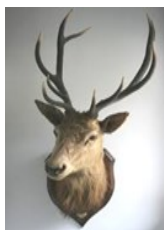
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A REMARKABLE LIFE REMEMBERED

Phyllis Lemon was born in Stringston and moved to Kilve when she was 9. The family soon became involved in Kilve's activities, a trait which Phyllis would continue for a further 90 years. She left school at the age of 14 and went to work in the Hood Arms before being taken on as a kitchen maid at Kilve Court for Mrs Cooke Hurle. It was while she was at Kilve Court that she met Grace Thorne, a friendship that would last for some 80 years! Village life was disrupted by World War II and Phyllis joined the NAAFI, first at St. Audries and then at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain. There she met a young soldier, Arthur, and they were married in Kilve church in 1945. After a spell of living in Lancashire they moved back to Kilve in 1950 to live with Phyllis's parents. Arthur sadly passed away in 1969 and in 1973 Phyllis married Leslie, a good friend of both her and Arthur.

Phyllis loved village life. She enjoyed arranging flowers, attending the WI and Mothers' Union and from an early age she was so talented in sewing, embroidery and tapestry. Her enthusiasm for crafts was reignited by the idea of creating a floral cascade to commemorate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A visit to Phyllis was always a treat, as she always knew how to brighten someone's day and always had an amusing story to tell.

Her funeral was a service of thanksgiving, held in St. Mary's, the church she had worshipped in for 90 years and the capacity congregation was testament to the high esteem in which she was held.

99 years of a life led to the full by a most charming and amazing lady.



This photograph shows a Remembrance wreath made from poppies that Phyllis knitted, in front of the candlestick made from the wood of the Judas tree that she planted in the churchyard.

Robbie

A THANK YOU

As you will have seen in last month's issue an exhibition of the late Joy Brown's paintings and pottery was held at the end of October, with all the proceeds going to charity.

It created a great deal of interest and Joy's daughter Sharon and her family would like to thank everyone who so kindly supported the event. They are truly delighted to tell you all that a total in excess of £1500 was raised and the proceeds are to be divided between three charities:

- Dorset and Somerset Ambulance
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

PHYLLIS LEMON

Phyllis' family would like to say a huge thank you to all who sent messages of sympathy after the sad death of their Mum and Granny on 9 October.

For the love and support shown by Mum's friends and neighbours during her stay in hospital and after her passing, it means such a lot.

To those who attended the funeral service and generously donated to her favourite charities, St Mary's Church and the Smile Train. The total raised was £615.

To Nicky for conducting the service, the moving tribute *Memories of Phyllis* by Pam and Brenda for playing the hymns.

Thanks to Sam and all at Grandfields who provided Mum with such a wonderful send off.

To Janet and Dave for the lovely spread in the Village Hall.

I know we will all miss her very much and Kilve will never be the same!

*God looked around His Garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best*

A HELPING HAND

As we reported earlier in the year, a few of us in the village are anxious that within our small community there may be people who are struggling with the excessive rise in food and energy prices. We can't possibly promise to find a complete solution but there are ways in which we can help practically.

Economic conditions have worsened in the last few months, so if you are in such a position you are invited to get in touch and we will certainly do our best to help. We must emphasise that any enquiry will be dealt with in the utmost confidence.

Please contact Robbie and David:

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Text 07850 102874

Email davidandrobbie@talktalk.net



The first Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) meals for 2023 are on Thursday 26 January and Thursday 23 February, at 12 noon for 12.30pm at the Hood Arms.

If you would like to join us, just contact me. I send out the menu each month for you to choose and pre-order your lunch.

Kelly (741149)

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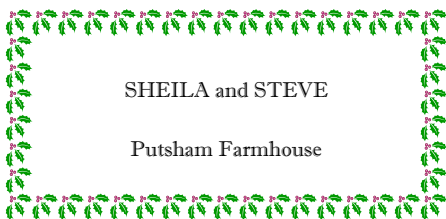
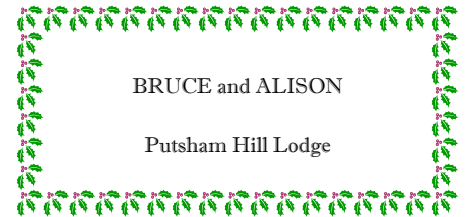
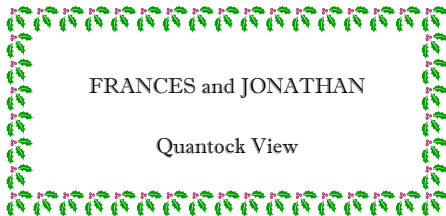
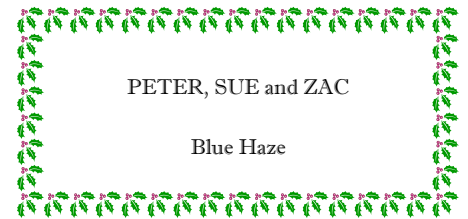
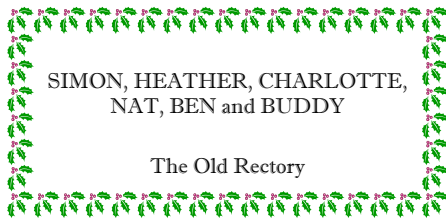
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HOOD ARMS NEWS

We at the Hood Arms are looking forward to our first Christmas for a couple of years without Covid restrictions (or the threat of them) dampening our celebrations!

Although we all continue to endure challenging times with rising costs and austerity measures, we plan to do our best to provide the warmest of welcomes for friends, family and loved ones, and a place where all can come together at this festive time and celebrate as has always been traditional. The hardships of recent years, if nothing else, have emphasised the importance of friends and family, spending quality time and creating happy memories.

With this in mind, we will be open as follows during the Christmas period and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

Saturday 24 December, Christmas Eve — Lunch 12 noon to 3.00pm and Evening 6.00pm to close

Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day — Drinks only 11.30am to 1.00pm

Monday 26 December, Boxing Day — Brunch 11.30am to 2.30pm

Tuesday 27 December to Friday 30 December — Lunch 12 noon to 3.00pm and Evening 6.00pm to close

Saturday 31 December, New Year's Eve — Evening 7.00pm to close — Theme: Wild Wild West (Somerset)

Food service will be 12 noon to 2pm on a lunchtime and 6pm to 8pm on an evening.

We will be closed New Year's Day and Monday 2 January, reopening on Tuesday 3 January as normal.

We are offering a Christmas Party Menu not just for work parties but for gatherings of family and friends, together with other social groups. This will be available on the lead up to Christmas on December 9, 10, 16 and 17 (Fridays and Saturdays). Please let us know if you would like to reserve a table and we will send you a copy of our menu for pre-order.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support through these difficult times, enabling the Hood Arms to remain at the heart of the community. In 2023, we are planning coffee mornings, more themed evenings, events and celebrations of special occasions to provide more opportunities for the village to enjoy. Watch out for more information in future editions of *Kilve News*. We would also welcome any suggestions for anything else you would like to see at the Hood Arms next year.

Paul Cuff





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The last Pantry before Christmas is Thursday 22 December, so if there are any further donations we would be grateful to receive them by Monday 19 December.

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Marlene



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For information about joining please contact our Membership Secretary, Dave Simpson — dave@simbright.co.uk

For information on u3a in general — <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Our next meeting will be held at 2pm on Monday 23 January in Crowcombe Village Hall. Our talk will be on *Dark Skies*, by Ben Totterdell from Exmoor National Park.

Non members are most welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Do think about joining. Quantock u3a is very relaxed and friendly and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Mo Young

NON-KILVE SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Readers in other villages have for some years now paid a subscription to receive Kilve News. Historically this has been a minimal sum, but our printing costs have recently risen dramatically, and the subscriptions no longer cover the cost of producing each issue. We have therefore reluctantly decided that we will have to increase the subscription rate for readers outside Kilve to £5 a year, payable in January.

Kilve News is available to read without charge on the village website (www.kilvevillage.co.uk). And all households in Kilve will continue to receive their free copy of each issue.

We are very disappointed that this increase is necessary, but hope that you understand the reasons behind it.

Jenny

MALT TASTING EVENING



Saturday 28 January 2023

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Calendar

The Kilve Village Calendar 2023 has arrived. Look out for copies at Village Hall events and in Kilve Stores or use the contacts below. The photos included came from Simon Blackley, Ben Collinson, Alison Eyley, Sarah Hayward, Graham Keating, Dave Lindley, Trevor and Margaret Stanton, Gillian Whitehead and Pat Woolley — well done! Also a huge thank you to everyone who submitted pictures — it was a fantastic effort. Next time it will be even better. Pre-orders will hopefully have all been delivered by the time you read this — but if not please contact Sheila on kilvehvtreasurer@gmail.com.

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!

Kilve Curry Night — spiced up our lives!

Wow, what a night! Our Spice Boys (Dave, David, Barry, Graham, Neil and Pat) did us proud. With support from the KVH gang we managed to sell over 70 meals, ran out of take away packaging (thanks to Paul and Tracey at The Hood for bailing us out) and had a lot of smiling faces. Those who stayed at the Village Hall to eat seemed to be having a fantastic time. We haven't quite worked out how much we made on the night, but the general consensus seems to be "let's do that again!" I know some ladies were keen to do a "girls themed night" — so ideas, please, and we'll learn from Friday, and do it all again even better! Thank you to everyone for their support! (And apologies to those who missed out.) If you have any feedback from the evening, or suggestions, please send them to kvh@hayward.uk.net.

100 Club

The winners for October were:

Heather Blackley

Brian Ward

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

Events to look forward to

February (date TBC) Friday 7pm: Sweetheart evening — Songs and Supper – more information will follow

Sat 25 February 10:30am: Coffee Morning (Coffee and cake)

Fri 3 March 7 for 7.30pm: Rwkus — live music. More details will follow

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://killevillage.uk/about-kilve/village-hall/>)

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

The next gentlemen's lunch is on

**Tuesday 6 December 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

November's meeting enjoyed Patrick Gayle's novel *Friendly Fire*. This was a different genre for us, and told the tale of Sophie, a very bright young girl from a children's home, who won a scholarship to a prestigious, mostly male, boarding school. She managed to keep her background secret and became friendly with two of the boys, one of whom was Jewish. The book explored the lives of the three young people in the 70's.

This coming of age story, covering the issues of homosexuality, Judaism, snobbery and puberty, was written through the eyes of Sophie; it was beautifully told and proved to be a most pleasurable read. The last chapter travelled forward to the later lives of the three young people and really tidied the whole novel up. It was felt that more of the books we read should have that style of ending. All in all a very good read and thoroughly to be recommended.

Sue Hares



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP



Tuesday 20 December 7.30pm

Holford Village Hall

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

Tel 01278 741173 for membership information

DIARY DATES

- Sat 26 November 10.30—12 noon** Coffee Morning (Coffee and cake), KVH
- Sun 27 November 1.45pm** Festive music with the Weston Area Rock Choir, £5, EQVH
- Fri 2 December 6.00pm** Lighting of Christmas Tree, mulled wine and mince pies, Kilve Stores
- Tues 6 December 12.30 for 1.00pm** Gentlemen's Lunch, Hood Arms
- Tues 13 December 12.30 for 1.00pm** Ladies' and Gentlemen's Christmas Lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 17 December 10:30am—12 noon** Christmas mulled wine and mince pies; Calendars if any are left, KVH
- Sun 18 December 2.30pm** Christmas Carol Service, mince pies and mulled wine, St Mary's
- Tues 20 December 7.30pm** Holford Gardeners Group Christmas Social, Holford VH
- Fri 13 January 7pm** Bingo Night, KVH
- Mon 23 January 2.00pm** Quantock u3a, Crowcombe VH
- Thurs 26 January 12 for 12.30pm** Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 28 January 10:30—12 noon** Coffee Morning (Coffee and bacon baps), KVH
- Sat 28 January 7.00pm** Malt Tasting, KVH

THANKS FROM MATT AND CHARLOTTE

We just want to thank everyone who has made an extra effort in supporting the shop and Post Office during October and November after our write ups in *Kilve News*.

We asked you if you could to withdraw cash from the Post Office and then pay for your shopping in the shop with cash. We have seen big increases in Post Office cash withdrawals in October and November and a decline in card transactions in the shop. This has earned us extra commission in the Post Office and reduced our card processing fees by 25% in October.

We really appreciate your kind support and taking the time to read our write ups. In return, we are now stocking a wider range of goods suggested or requested by you. Win-win again!

We now have lots of Christmas treats in the shop, all competitively priced. Come in and have a look, and if you don't see what you want, we can try and get it for you.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And don't forget the Christmas Tree lighting at 6pm on Friday 2 December, with mulled wine and mince pies!

Matt and Charlotte Hirst

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for February 2023.

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



Please note:

NO LATER THAN 18 JANUARY

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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KILVE FROM ABOVE

If you're still looking for that special Kilve Christmas present, here's an idea. Graham Keating has flown his drone to take some aerial photos of



Kilve and Hilltop and is donating the picture files to raise funds for the village. For a suggested donation of £10 you can receive a picture file of your choice (there are six different views to choose from) and all proceeds will be split equally between Kilve Village Hall and St Mary's Church. The picture files are about 3.5MB each, so can be printed up to A3 in size at a printer of your choice.

The full selection of six photos is shown on the Kilve Community Facebook page, with details of how to order and donate. Alternatively, you can view them as printed copies at the next KVH events, where there will be an order form.

Graham says that the photos were all taken within the restriction of the Civil Aviation Authority rules for drones. His licence doesn't allow him to fly closer than 150m to any buildings so unfortunately, he can't take close-ups of individual properties in the village.

HALLOWE'EN FUN IN THE RAIN!



Thanks to everyone who helped make this Hallowe'en so special (despite the torrential rain)!! With 11 children, more than double last year's trick or treaters, we certainly had a great time!

Looking forward to being able to organise again next year.

Kelly