
KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Living in Kilve, we can enjoy the sight of the Quantock Hills, and the more energetic of us enjoy walking them as well. Do you have any views on the management of the Hills? The National Landscape Partnership are asking for your opinions in an online survey. Details are on the back page.

Two tributes to Bette Gill, who died last month, appear on page 3. Bette had played an active role in the village for many years, most recently unveiling the memorial bench to her late husband Peter at the opening of the Hilltop Jubilee Path last September. We send our sympathies to her family.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council, the Village Hall committee, and a kind reader, who have generously made donations towards our printing costs. Thank you all.

Lots of advance notices in this issue – starting with the Easter Fair at Kilve Court on Monday 1 April. Don't forget!

Jenny

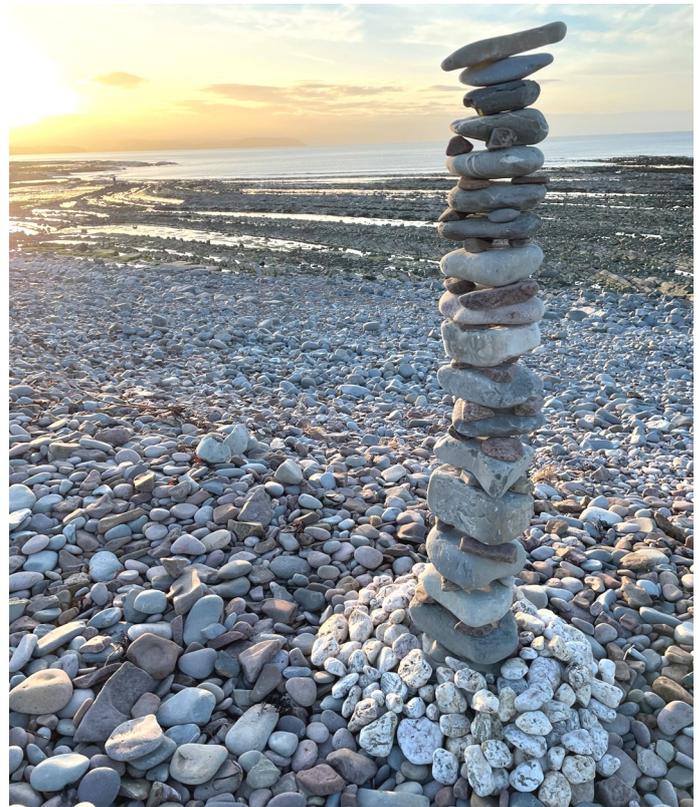
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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Last month's issue mentioned the value of having information available that would be useful to emergency services in the event of an accident or sudden illness.

The Lions Club, a charitable organisation, has produced a pack to do precisely this. Known as *Message in a Bottle*, it consists of a form to be filled in with relevant personal, medical, and contact details, together with a bottle to keep it in, in the fridge. A sticker is provided to go on the outside of the fridge, thus notifying any emergency personnel that the information is there.

Thanks to Pat Woolley's contacts, the village now has a supply of these useful packs, which are available at the monthly KVH coffee mornings. So if you haven't already got a pack, why not collect one now?



Many thanks to Graham Keating, who took this amazing photo in early March. Some of you will have seen it on the Kilve community Facebook page, but I asked Graham for a copy so that everyone could enjoy it. Any ideas who created it?

SAVE THE DATE!!

The ever-popular Kilve Court Family Day is on Saturday 11 May 2024 and, as always, we are extending an invitation to all Kilve village residents to come along and join us!

To come along (free of charge!) you need to email sseoutdoors@somerset.gov.uk with your name and the number of guests you intend to bring. We will add this to the free entry list that will be held at the gate on the day – all you and your guests have to do is give your name at the gate!

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Claire Prior
Kilve Court

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BETTE GILL

It is with sadness we report the passing of Bette Gill. Bette and Peter were long standing members of our village, always keen to join in. Bette loved her garden and we were privileged to have many Coffee Mornings and Garden Parties there. It was in fact where the first 100 Club draw took place.

Bette was an active member of Kilve and District WI for many years, up until Autumn last year still enjoying our lunches at the Castle of Comfort, and she never failed to thank the committee for their hard work.

Jennie Mundy

When we came to live in Kilve, Bette and Peter took us under their wings and told us about life in the village, as we were both townies. One day Bette said to me "I am going to make a 'lady' out of you", which I thought would be great fun.

The story continues; Bette was a very good artist and I was most impressed with her portrait of Grace Thorne. It was very beautiful and captured Grace completely.

Bette knew how to throw a terrific party with lots of good food and wine, which was always around Christmas time. I used to help as 'staff' because I was still in training to be a 'lady' and she would gently tell me off if I got things wrong. Bette was very attractive and I loved her style which was very ladylike. I was always hoping to be like her one day.

Bette also had lots to do with the WI and Kilve Village Hall. She painted a lovely picture of Kilve Beach which she showed me. At the time I was on the Village Hall Committee and I asked her if I could print some copies and have them framed to present to retiring members of the VH Committee. The original is still on the wall in the VH.

I'm sorry to say Bette did not make a lady out of me, it was just too big a job!

Bless you Bette on your journey.

Ween Cullimore

READING GROUP

This month's book was *Shuggie Bain*, the 2020 Booker Prize winning novel by Douglas Stuart.



It tells the story of young Hugh Bain, known as Shuggie, and his alcoholic mother Agnes. The book takes place in some of the poorest areas of Glasgow in the 1980/1990s and is set against a background of pit closures, unemployment and poverty where domestic strife, alcohol and drug abuse are commonplace.

Life isn't easy for Shuggie growing up, trying to keep up with school while he cares for his mother during her drunken episodes and taking on many responsibilities at home.

The book provides a social documentary of difficult times but is also the story of the love and devotion of a boy for his complex and damaged mother.

The Group felt it was a compelling and very well written book but a bit too depressing for some. The harsh reality of the story didn't make for a comfortable or easy read and it came over as a grim, realistic reflection of society.

Booker Prize winning novels have made for interesting discussions in the past and this one was no exception.

Tessa Franklin



COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 20 April

10am—12 noon



Café — Bric a brac — Books — DVDs

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Jubilee Rooms
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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.

There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or, if preferred, just a quiet chat over a coffee.

The Café runs twice a month, on the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café. Please come along and see what we do. People from all the surrounding villages are welcome.

Please note that our guests with memory issues must be accompanied by a family member, friend or carer.

Free entry, but a donation towards the running costs of this volunteer-run café would be welcome.

FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 10 April

Wednesday 24 April

Wednesday 8 May

Wednesday 22 May

We will be at Burton Fete on Sunday 26 May with our annual fund raising Tombola. A traditional village fete with lots of extras!! Lots to see and do for children and adults, including a dog show and live music. Hoping to see you there.

For more information please contact:

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Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm



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*A talk by Chris Sperring,
Hawk and Owl Trust*

Holford and District Village Hall

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

STRANGE SPRING BLOSSOM

It was a lovely early spring day. There was a bright light in the sky, which we haven't seen very much at all of late. My wife and I decided to walk down Sea Lane to the beach with our dog. The hedges are really coming into bud now, but about 400m down the lane, my eye was caught by a black dog poo bag (with contents) hanging in the hedge, then another and another and another....

Mixed emotions followed, including anger and dismay. By the time the walk was over, we had noticed a lot of such bags on both sides of the lane, mostly within a stretch of 150m. I had been thinking the dog poo problem in Sea Lane had got better. But only because it was finding its way into a bag and then into the hedge, it seems!

After ruminating unhelpfully about this incomprehensible sight for a while, my logical brain kicked in and I resolved to do something about it. The following morning, we returned with a litter picker and sack and removed what we could - about 30 bags! A couple of bags sadly eluded my reach. Those we collected will now be handled and managed, as all our waste needs to be, by the local authority. Dog poo should be bagged and binned, either in the street bins, or at home. It is the most considerate way, with the local community and our lovely environment in mind.

The birds will be nesting in those hedges soon. Make the most of the weather and our beautiful countryside this spring, if you can.

Neil Wellum



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The next Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) meal is on Thursday 25 April, at 12 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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VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE

Supporting Somerset's communities with the impact of Fuel Poverty has been a top priority for The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) this winter. Our Village and Community Agents hosted 25 energy saving focused events across the County as part of National Energy Saving Week in January. They were joined by over 300 people and gave away 200 goody bags full of energy-saving, warmth-giving items donated by our partners. Several 'cooking on a budget' demonstrations were held and offered plenty of hints and tips with ingredients to take home, and many took part in free quizzes and raffles to win slow cookers, hot water bottles, warm bags and thermal cooking bags.

Our Knit for Your Neighbour campaign has been hugely successful with well over 250 hand-knitted, crocheted, sewn and donated blankets donated, 184 of which were distributed to the most vulnerable during our events. Thank you to everyone who continues to put so much time and creativity into producing these blankets for our campaign.

You can find lots of free energy advice and information at www.ccslovesomerset.org.

Don't forget, we are always here to support people with staying warm and well. If you are struggling, please pop along to your local Talking Cafe and have a chat with one of our Village Agents.

Your nearest Talking Café is at Williton Pavilion, 1-3pm every Tuesday.

PSCO Zack is with us every four weeks. His first talk is on 2 April about Home Safety and his second talk on 30 April on Fraud.

Contact me, your local Village Agent, on 07931 018045 or izzy@somersetccc.org.uk.

Izzy Silvester

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S



Services for April

7 April 11am Family Service
14 April 11am Holy Communion
21 April 9.30am Morning Worship
28 April 11am Holy Communion

The PCC will also be holding its APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) at the Village Hall on Saturday 20 April at 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

And don't forget our fundraising Easter Fair on Easter Monday, 1 April, from 10am to 4pm at Kilve Court. We'll look forward to seeing you all there!

Pam Cuff

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



An early notice that the annual defibrillator training session will be on Friday 5 July from 2.30 – 4pm at the Village Hall. It's always a useful refresher, so put it in your diary now!

Don't forget

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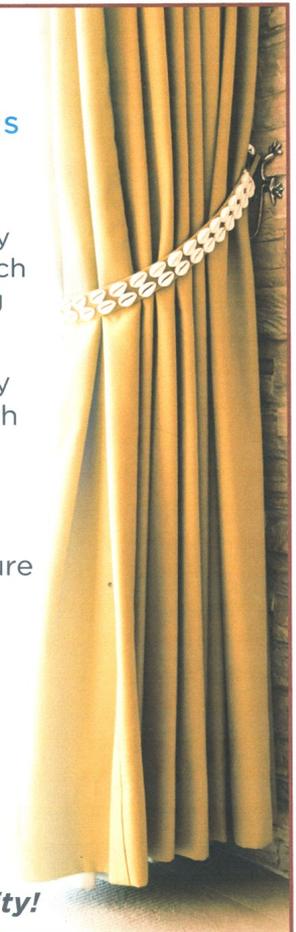
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Quiz Night was a great evening – some of the questions more bamboozling than others! The fish and chips were reportedly yummy, and the bar well-used! Thank you to Eugene for being our MC, to the village hall team for all the hard work to make the night happen, and to you for coming along to support us. The team would also like to thank Mandy and Janet who helped so much on the bar and with serving. The next event is the Village Bal with Cri du Canard – which will have happened by the time you read this.

Our next committee meeting is Monday 9 April at 2pm – do join us if you are interested in what's going on – help is always needed for the events below. If you have ideas for the future please do get in touch: kvh@hayward.uk.net or via any committee member or the village hall post box. Our AGM is on Saturday 27 April at 9.30am. All current officers will be standing down as usual – if you would like to be involved please let us know so we can get you elected! If you can get involved please let us know, or come along to the meeting on the 9th.

Village Hall garden – spring tidy-up: Thursday 28 March 10.00 – 12.00

We need some help to blitz our garden area for the year, ready for Open Gardens Day etc. We are going to have the guidance of Brian Ward to do this, but please come and join us – bringing secateurs and trowels perhaps!

Hiring the Village Hall

Did you know that it only costs £7.00/hr for a villager to hire the main hall for non-commercial use, or £4.50/hr for the Denovan Room? The hall has a public address and sound system and a well-equipped kitchen – it's a great place for a kids' party or a special celebration. To book check out the website: <https://kilvevillage.uk/village-hall/>. Or go direct to our NEW booking system: <https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Kilve-Village-Hall> or email: kilvehbookings@gmail.com.

100 Club

The winners for January were:

- 1 Pat Ormesher
- 2 Edre McElwee

Don't forget to join – standing order information is on the village website.

Things to look forward to

Saturday 27 April 9.30am: VH AGM / Village Meeting followed by coffee morning at 10.30am

Saturday 25 May 10.30am: Coffee morning

Saturday 8 June 10am – 4pm: Open Gardens, with refreshments and stalls at Village Hall. If you would like to have your garden included, or if you would like a stall, please let us know.

Saturday 29 June 10.30am: Coffee morning

July TBC: Dog Show – more details to follow

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Sarah Hayward



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DIARY DATES

- Thurs 28 Mar 10am – 12 noon** KVH Garden spring tidy-up, KVH
- Mon 1 Apr 10.00am – 4.00pm** Easter Fair, Kilve Court
- Mon 8 Apr 6.45pm** Short Mat Bowls, KVH
- Mon 15 Apr 6.45pm** Short Mat Bowls, KVH
- Tues 16 Apr 7.30pm** Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH
- Thurs 18 Apr 2.20 – 2.50pm** Mobile Library, Hilltop Lane
- Thurs 18 Apr 3.00pm** Kilve Voices, KVH
- Sat 20 Apr 10.00am – 12 noon** Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH
- Sat 20 April 11am** Annual Parochial Church Meeting, followed by refreshments, KVH
- Mon 22 Apr 6.45pm** Short Mat Bowls, KVH
- Thurs 25 Apr 12 for 12.30pm** Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 27 Apr 9.30am** KVH AGM followed by Coffee Morning, KVH
- Mon 29 Apr 6.45pm** Short Mat Bowls, KVH

KILVE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Fed up with sitting indoors watching TV? Come and join us on a Monday for a friendly evening playing bowls.

Short Mat Bowls provides gentle exercise and is suitable for all ages including people with slight disabilities. Don't worry if you have never played before, you will soon pick it up, and we are very understanding, as we all have to start some time.

We meet in Kilve Village Hall every Monday evening 6.45 to 9 pm, apart from June, July, August and bank holidays.

New members are always welcome. The club supplies all equipment needed and there is no charge for the first few sessions. Each evening we play two games with a short tea/coffee and biscuits break in the middle.

Why not come and give it a go? If you enjoy it and wish to continue, it is £5 a year to join and £3 per evening session.

For more information please contact Angela or Tony Russell on 01278 229688 or email kilvesmbc@gmail.com.

Tony Russell

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for May 2024.

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

Please note:

NO LATER THAN 18 APRIL

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

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WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE QUANTOCK HILLS?

The Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership are asking people who work in, live in, visit and enjoy the Quantock Hills to choose what they think are the most important issues that need tackling in the National Landscape.

Issues including nature, climate, social, economic, access and heritage are all being considered by the Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership as part of the review of the Quantock Hills National Landscape Management Plan which will cover the period 2025 – 2030.

You can give your views through an online survey which will be open until Sunday 7 April and can be accessed through this link:

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