
KILVE NEWS



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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of 2023, so a (belated) Happy New Year to you all. Last year finished with a flourish of generosity, as you can see from Mel's letter opposite. The Christmas greetings in our December issue raised £305, the Christmas carol service collection £150, and Graham and Dianne's mistletoe station £60. A good way to round off the year.

In the last issue, I mentioned that our printing costs had increased. This month I am very pleased to be able to tell you that the Parish Council has decided to make an annual contribution to our running costs, and the Village Hall Committee has also made a donation. This extra funding will help us to keep our books balanced, and we are very grateful to both organisations.

There are several major events already planned for this year, including the village celebrations for the Coronation and the return of the Easter Antiques Fair. You can read about both in this issue.

Jenny

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e-mail jakent@btinternet.com
or text on 07745 805006

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Louise Coyle and her son Wesley Glover, who have moved into Old Ham. We hope you will both have a long and happy time in Kilve.

A LOGO FOR KILVE

You may have noticed the new design at the top of this page. I previously used a stock ammonite picture, but wanted to find something that was specific to Kilve.

As the Village Hall was looking to renew its signage, it seemed a good idea to have an illustration that could be used there and possibly in other places as well. Steve Collins (chair of the Parish Council) and Elizabeth Grigg (chair of the Village Hall Committee) were keen, and Sue Hares was asked if she would create the design.

Sue has done the beautiful drawing shown above, and we are all really grateful to her for her time and expertise. It can't have been easy to design something that would reproduce well in several different sizes.

The new logo has already been introduced on the village website, where it looks particularly effective in white on a black background. Look out for the Kilve ammonite appearing in other places as the year goes on.



THANK YOU

I would like to sincerely thank all Kilve residents for contributing to the Kilve News Christmas greetings, the Christmas carols and Graham and Dianne's mistletoe station. Together you raised a whopping £515 which has been donated to Longforth House in Wellington. This is a small unit that cares for residents with young onset dementia and other neurodegenerative conditions.

The staff and residents of Longforth House were completely overwhelmed with the amount of money raised by everyone and they would like to offer a huge thank you to you all.

The manager at Longforth hasn't yet decided what to use the funds for, but it will likely be a special whole day event for everyone to make some happy memories together.

Melinda Davison

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May. Kilve Village Hall and Parish Council are proposing to show the ceremony on the big screen and have a May fair in the Christopher Robin Park. Kilve Cricket Club is playing Kilve Village on Sunday 7 May.

We need ideas and volunteers. Please contact Simon Blackley (741549) or Bruce Eyley (741317) if you would like to be involved.

Street parties are a great way to get together, so if you want to organise yours (Pardlestone, Hilltop, Millands for example) please let us know. There are some grants available and it will be best to apply for these as a village. The Parish Council has a small fund for commemorative gifts for the under 18s.

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CRISIS CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The team is about to finalise the formal plan for the village's response to any possible future crisis (storm, power outage, etc). We shall submit this to Somerset County Council with an application for a grant to fund the expenditure necessary for the resources we will need. Once the plan is complete, we will be giving you more information for use in the event of any such crisis (phone numbers, emergency shelter details and so on).

As part of our planning, we are creating a databank of resources within the village and a list of residents who might need support.

Could you help?

Most of us in the village have electric cookers. If you have an Aga or a bottled gas stove, would you be able or willing to help your neighbours, for example by heating water for hot drinks if there is no power?

We may also need to call on people who could help with removal of debris, clearing small floods and so on (depending on the nature of the crisis). Would you be willing to help?

If you could help in any way, please contact Elizabeth Grigg on 01278 741645 or 07765 994013, or email her on grigg.84@btinternet.com.

Might you need help?

We are creating a list of residents who have told us that they would like to be checked on in the event of a sustained power outage or similar crisis and supported where necessary. The list will of course be kept confidential. Would you like to be added to this list?

If so, please contact Elizabeth Grigg on 01278 741645 or 07765 994013, or email her on grigg.84@btinternet.com.

How could you be prepared?

There are a number of things that we can all do to be better prepared in the event of a crisis. Here are some suggestions.

- Keep a torch or camping lantern handy, and make sure you have enough suitable batteries. A head torch lets you keep both hands free.
- A camping gas stove (with a supply of gas bottles) will allow you to make hot drinks, heat up food, or fill a hot water bottle.
- Have a supply of candles and matches handy.
- If you have an "old-fashioned" phone that plugs into a BT socket, keep it! They will work even in a power cut, whereas digital ones won't. You can buy one for under £10.
- You can get solar chargers for phones, lanterns etc.
- A battery radio is useful for news updates.
- Some solar garden lights are suitable for indoor use.

We hope we'll never need to use our plan, but better to have one than not!

OUR TALENTED FLOWER ARRANGERS — AGAIN!

Just a couple of photographs of the Christmas flowers in the church. Well up to the usual high standard!

Sally and Joy would like to thank all the arrangers for their continued support.



FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms (formerly Church Rooms),
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SPRING DATES

Wednesday 1 February
Wednesday 15 February
Wednesday 1 March
Wednesday 15 March
Wednesday 29 March

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.

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After an absence of 3 years, it is with great pleasure that we can announce that once again the annual — and much acclaimed — ANTIQUE and COLLECTORS' FAIR (organised by and in aid of St. Mary's Kilve) will be held again in 2023. This year we are pleased to say that our Easter Fair will also include stalls selling craft, art, plants and local produce.

The Fair is very reliant on the help given by the residents of Kilve, and volunteers are required in assisting stall holders in setting up their stalls, car parking attendants, kitchen helpers (both coffee and lunch services are offered), and manning the village stall. The proceeds from the village stall have always been an important part of the monies raised on the day, and if anyone has any saleable items they would like to donate (no jumble, please!), we would be most appreciative.

If you would like to reserve a stall space for Easter Monday, or if you can volunteer to help, or to donate items for sale, or for any further information please contact Gill, Mark or Robbie. Thank you.

Gill Parsons: gillian.l.parsons@gmail.com or 07527 062975

Mark Walton: mtwalton@btinternet.com or 07711 008304

Robbie Rutt: davidandrobbie@talktalk.net or 01278 741594

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

The next gentlemen's lunch is on
Tuesday 7 February at The Hood,
at 12.30 for 1.00pm

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

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 107 February 1998

A series of craft workshops was announced, starting with how to design and make a quilt using scraps of cotton fabric.

Other workshops were to include paint effects and stencilling, decoupage, simple soft furnishings (such as cushions, curtains and Roman blinds) and rag rug making.

this month
25
years ago

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

The spring flowers may be nodding their heads, bringing with them the hope of warmer days, but we still have a month or two of winter still ahead of us, and the cost-of-living crisis isn't going away quietly!

Below are some practical solutions that can make a big difference quickly, or call me, **Izzy Silvester**, your local Village Agent, **07931 018045** or **01823 331222** and I can connect you to the right services for you and help make this winter a little less harsh.

Petrol costs

There are some great resources that allow you to find the nearest, cheapest fuel prices; <https://www.petrolprices.com/> seems to be the best, with a handy downloadable app as well as a website.

Community larders/fridges

These are popping up all over the county where you pick up free food and household items, with no appointment or referral needed. Call me to find out if there is one near you, or visit <https://www.hubhub.org.uk/the-community-fridge>.

Somerset County Council Household Support Fund

This fund offers short-term urgent financial help to people in Somerset struggling to afford essentials such as buying food, paying for utility bills, or other items such as beds and white goods. It is an online application that I can help with if needed: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset-household-support-fund/>

Surviving Winter grants

CCS Village Agents distribute grants to older people struggling with their fuel bills or if they need to make their home warmer through small repairs and fixes.

Somerset Warm Spaces

These are local community hubs open in the day providing a warm place to be, company and often tea and biscuits! We are delighted that nearly all our 30 Talking Cafes are warm spaces. The website <https://sparksomerset.org.uk/find-warm-welcome> has a full map where you can find your local 'Warm Space' or call me to find out where your nearest one is.

Community Building or Community Group Support

CCS (The Community Council for Somerset) has dedicated professionals who help community/charitable groups and hubs such as Village Halls to cope with increased overheads, grant finding and sustainability. Visit the website www.ccslovesomerset.org or call 01823 331222 to be connected to the right team member.

Emotional Support

More than winter blues? Mind in Somerset has a free 24/7 number you can call if you are worried about anything or are struggling with your mental health. Call 01823 276892 or 0800 1381692.

Izzy Silvester

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Realignment of Councillors' responsibilities

Some changes have been made to councillors' responsibilities. Recently appointed councillor Steve Skinner will now be responsible for environmental issues. This encompasses the Parish assets, including the bus shelter, which has recently been damaged, gritting bins, telephone box, etc.

Pat Hayward has taken over the maintenance and updating of the village website and has already redesigned the layout and contents which is a significant improvement on the previous version. Steve Collins will continue to provide a backup for Pat as required.

Village Pond

Many people will remember that there used to be a village pond in Sea Lane. The owners of the land, Lisa and Jamie Scott, have agreed that the Parish Council can facilitate the setting up of a team initially to clear the pond area and then to maintain it on a regular basis. A small number of people have expressed an interest in being part of this team but more volunteers will be needed. Pat Hayward, using his knowledge of maintaining the Mill Pond at his property, has agreed to lead on this initiative and those interested in joining this very worthwhile project should contact Pat directly, ideally by email at p@hayward.uk.net or call 07808 265657.

Crisis Contingency Plan

In order to be in a position to apply for grant funding from Somerset County Council, the Contingency Plan group will become a committee aligned to the Parish Council. See p3 for more information about the group's progress.

Speed Watch

The Parish Council is looking to re-establish the Speed Watch team in the village, building on the experiences of the team in Holford. Training and equipment will be provided by the Somerset and Avon Police Authority but 12 people are required to make it viable. Simon Blackley (741549) will be leading on this; contact him if you are interested in taking part.

Annual Village Meeting

This will take place on Saturday 29 April 2023 and again will be held in the Village Hall. More details to follow.

Funding the Parish Council

The funding for running the Parish Council is provided through a separate category of charge (the precept) that is included in the annual Council Tax bill. The full Parish Council meeting held on 17 January 2023 agreed that this will need to be increased for the year 2023/24 because of the recent expenditures for the Christopher Robin Park, Quiet Lanes and the Permissive Path from Rowditch Lane to the village. In addition the defibrillator will need replacing this year and this is a significant investment. More details will be provided on the Parish Council's finances at the annual village meeting.

Steve Collins (741077)


COFFEE MORNING


Saturday 18 February
10am—12 noon

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A TRIP TO A LOST VILLAGE

Good Friday 7 April 2023

It is expected that the 'Lost Village' of Imber on Salisbury Plain will be accessible to the public as usual during the Easter weekend. Now that we are hopefully over the recent Covid restrictions, we intend to organise an outing to visit this historic WW2 site. Following previous successful trips (to Cheltenham Races, the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Plymouth Gin) a chartered coach will transport us the 80 miles to the venue and to a suitable lunch/refreshment stop.

An indication of numbers interested would be of great help in planning the day ... so if you are interested, without making any firm commitment at this stage, please contact me by any convenient means: 6 Millands Lane; 01278 741360; pete_sueh@btinternet.com.

If you want to do any advance research, the website is www.ImberVillage.co.uk.

Peter Hares



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)

Kelly78stone@hotmail.co.uk

HOOD ARMS NEWS

We are now offering our Chough & Anchor Weekly Specials Menu with a choice of two starters, two mains and two desserts. One course for £15, two courses for £19 or three courses for £21.50. This will be available lunchtimes between 12 and 2.00 on Tuesdays to Fridays and will be in addition to our normal lunchtime menu.

We are also offering an Early Evening Takeaway Service on Tuesdays to Fridays between 5.30 and 6.30 — PRE ORDER ONLY.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Happy New Year to you all from the village hall. We have some new events coming up — we hope you enjoy them and can support them. The village hall is a community service run by volunteers for the village, so if you have any ideas of what you think we could do for YOU please let us know; see contact details below, or pop a note in the postbox at the village hall. We hope to see you soon at one of the events below.

100 Club

The winners for November were:

Kate Lindley
Simon Blackley

The winners for December were:

Ed Heather (accepted by his family)
Lucy and Dan Hares

If you would like to join the club please contact us — the more members the bigger the prize and the funds raised! The new “session” started in January.

Bingo night

Eyes down, look in — we had a full house on 13 January! Over 40 villagers tried their luck. Eugene did a fantastic job of calling the numbers with all the right lingo, and we had plenty of silly responses from the floor (quack, quack). Lots of people won a variety of prizes for the first line and full house. We ran a couple of additional games with cash prizes just for the fun of it after the initial 5 games had finished.

Ticket sales raised over £200, and bar sales were estimated to give us a further net £100. Thank you to the Village Hall committee for organising this event, to Kilve Stores for once again supporting us by selling tickets on our behalf, to Eugene Brandon for hosting the evening with such sparkle and to all the villagers who came out and joined in the fun!

Events to look forward to

Saturday 25 February 10:30am: Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake)

Saturday 25 February 7pm: Sweethearts Evening – Songs and Supper — Sarah Parker-Randle provides the songs and we provide the supper. Price £15.00. Bar. Pre-book only (so we can plan catering) by buying a ticket from Kilve Stores/ Kate Lindley/ Coffee morning — contact details below too.

Friday 3 March 7, for 7.30pm: Nu-Jazz quintet, RWKUS are coming to Kilve to delight us with virtuoso, fast-paced jazz!

Playing keys, horns, guitar and drums, these musicians are some of Bristol's most exciting names. Featuring elsewhere in bands such as Snazzback, Cousin Kula, Soma Soma, Stanlaey and Brook Tate, they join to create intricate music that will get your feet tapping. Influenced by various forms of jazz, hip hop, afrobeat, Latin and electronic music. Support act: Kestrel Manoeuvres in the Park – local experimental folk trio. Bar and snacks. £12 (£10 students/



low income). Tickets are on sale at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/take-art/rwkus-live/2023-03-03/19:30/t-nojnnaj>, Kilve Stores, Coffee Mornings and Sarah Hayward (kvh@hayward.uk.net Kilve Mill/ 07814 613908).

Saturday 25 March 10.30am: Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake)

Saturday 29 April 10:30am: Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake)

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/>)

Sarah Hayward

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

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Village Hall

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DIARY DATES

- 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
- Tues 7 February 12.30 for 1.00pm** Gentlemen's Lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 18 February 10am—12 noon** Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH
- Tues 21 February 7.30pm** Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH
- Thurs 23 February 12 for 12.30pm** Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 25 February 10:30am—12 noon** Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) KVH
- Sat 25 February 7pm** Sweethearts Evening — Songs and Supper — £15. Bar. Pre-book only (details on p9) KVH
- Fri 3 March 7 for 7.30pm** RWKUS — £12 (£10 students/ low income) — Bar and snacks (details on p9) KVH

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for March 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 FEBRUARY

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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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT KHARS?

KHARS is the local transport scheme which aims to provide transport to those in the rural communities who are unable to drive or do not have access to public transport. It has been operating in Kilve (and the surrounding area) since 2004 and has undertaken over 5,000 journeys.

How does it work for passengers?

All passengers have to be registered with the scheme and 48 hours' notice is required for a requested journey.

Typical journeys include: hospital and clinic visits; surgeries; prescription collections; dentists; opticians and connections to/from train and coach stations.

Once your request has been accepted you will be contacted with the driver's name, cost of journey and time of pick up from home.

Charges are for return trips and you will have to pay any parking costs incurred.

With effect from January 2023 (for a three-month trial period) charges have been reduced by 50%; some examples of typical return charges are:

- Taunton £10
- Bridgwater £8
- Williton £4
- Quantock Medical Centre £2.

Charges are 50% lower if you have a Concessionary Bus Pass.

KHARS do not operate during weekends.

There is no guarantee that a driver will be available to cover your request, but we will do our best.

How does it work for drivers?

All drivers are volunteers who get a mileage allowance (45p per mile) for using their own cars.

Drivers are registered (after a Disclosure and Barring Service check is undertaken).

A list of journey requests is circulated each week and it is up to individual drivers to decide whether they are able to do any particular trip.

New drivers are always welcome.

Interested?

To register as a volunteer driver or a passenger please contact the KHARS co-ordinator, Brian House on 741384, or other scheme committee members Roger Cuff on 741229 or Sheila Collins on 741077.



SINGING FOR PLEASURE

At the carol service at St Mary's before Christmas several people asked me about setting up a session for people to come together for a bit of a sing!

Nothing too formal was wanted by most people (and I am certainly not in a position to run a "choir"), but if you are interested in this please email me at kvh@hayward.uk.net with how frequently you'd like to meet, 2 or 3 examples of songs you'd like to sing, and days and times you would be free to meet for say 2 hours — oh and if you can play keyboard.

If I get enough interest, I will look at organising something at the village hall. Thank you.

Sarah Hayward