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# KILVE NEWS



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## EDITORIAL

I'm writing this on the anniversary weekend of Storm Eunice (shudder!). Although the weather is kind at the moment, the Emergency Planning Committee has been busy, and we hope to give you full details of our plans for dealing with emergencies affecting the village very soon. A reminder that there is a refresher course for using the village defibrillator on 31 March. Details are on the back page. It is well worth attending.

This month's issue includes a number of requests for volunteers for one event or another. Kilve is obviously ahead of the game for the national Volunteer Day on 8 May!

Jenny

Contact the Editor on 01278 741663  
e-mail [jakent@btinternet.com](mailto:jakent@btinternet.com)  
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## WELCOME

A warm welcome into the village for David Houghton, who has moved down from the top of Pardlestone Lane into Putsham Mead. We hope you will enjoy the amenities of the village rather more easily now.

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## CAN YOU HELP?

After delivering copies of Kilve News in the centre of the village for the past few years, Liz Day has had to give up because of work commitments. Luckily, Sarah Hayward has stepped in to take over. Thank you both.

And now, after delivering for so long that she can't remember when she started, Mary Grace has had to retire from her delivery duties. I am very grateful to Mary as well.

So we now need someone to distribute copies, either in Old Ham and Quantock View, or in Millands Lane if that is more convenient. (I will cover the other round.) Would you be willing to give about an hour a month to help with this? It's not too onerous, and it does help with getting your daily paces up, for one day a month at least!

If you can help, please contact me (details above).

Jenny

### GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

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

To book, please contact Arthur  
01278 741429 or [Art\\_1948@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Art_1948@yahoo.co.uk)



## GRASSKUTEERS 2023

Our church, St Mary's, benefits from the help of many volunteers. There is a cleaning group who keep the church tidy and a group of people who provide the fantastic flower displays throughout the year. The Grasskuteers are a group of villagers who maintain the appearance of the churchyard.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help in the 2023 season. If you are able to spare 4-6 hours a year to work in a group cutting grass and tidying up, then please contact Mark Walton on 07711 008304. All equipment is provided onsite.

## BUILDING A NEW WALL

A very successful Malt Tasting evening was arranged at the end of January. Grateful thanks are expressed to organiser Mark Walton and his team of helpers, donors of prizes and auction items and, of course to all those who supported the evening. Special mention and thanks to Phil and Tracy Wales who provided and donated a superb Hogmanay supper to all who attended.

Monies raised at the evening have been earmarked for urgent repairs to the churchyard wall and we are pleased to report that a very noteworthy sum of £941 was raised.

And no sooner has Malt Tasting taken place but it is probably an appropriate time to inform you all that the Annual Gin Tasting evening will be held in Kilve Village Hall on **Saturday 3 June**. Please watch out for full details in forthcoming issues of Kilve News.

Robbie

For important information regarding the church, please see a letter from the Area Dean on p5.

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## KILVE CELEBRATES THE KING'S CORONATION

A series of events is being planned for the coronation weekend, as shown below. If you have any further suggestions, please contact Simon Blackley (741549) or Bruce Eyley (741317).

### Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day

A big-screen showing of the coronation will take place at the Village Hall.

There will be a May Fair on Christopher Robin Park (Village Hall Car Park), to include:

**Stalls** — Home produce for sale (cakes, jams, chutneys etc); plants, veg, flowers; crafts, artwork

**Games** — Coconut shy, stocks, Maypole dancing

**Local musicians**

**WANTED:** Produce for tables, any other ideas or suggestions to enhance the celebrations.

### Sunday 7 May: Cricket Match

Kilve CC will take on The Villagers at the Beach Ground at 2pm.

**WANTED:** Players and spectators.

### Monday 8 May: Volunteer Day

The King has asked that communities mark the coronation by joining in volunteer projects to benefit their locality.

**WANTED:** Volunteers and suggestions. Do you have any ideas for a project in the village? Or do you know anyone whom such a project might benefit? Community work / gardening / decorating? Other?

If you would like to volunteer, or can suggest any further ideas for the weekend, please contact Simon (741549) or Bruce (741317).



*Maypole dancing 1977  
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## CHANGES FOR ST MARY'S AND THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE

Within the next few months, those visiting the Parish Church in Kilve will see a document pinned to the door outlining proposed changes to the parish groupings in Quantock Deanery. St Mary's PCC and I would be very grateful if you could take a moment to consider the proposals once they are published.

In the challenging financial environment it faces post-Covid, the Diocese of Bath and Wells has taken the difficult decision to reduce its number of paid clergy. Every area of Somerset will be affected by these reductions and in our area (Quantock Deanery), we are required to reduce our number of those clergy from 5 to 4.

We have considered very carefully how this could happen whilst ensuring that the church continues to serve our rural communities such as yours, maintain regular worship in our church buildings, and provide pastoral care for those in times of sorrow and joy. There were no easy answers but after a great deal of consideration by representatives from across the Deanery, and consultation with all the church councils, the following proposals are being made.

- Quantock Coast Benefice (the grouping of parishes of which Kilve is currently part) will be disbanded and the parishes moved to new groups.
- Kilve parish will form a new grouping with Holford and Stringston and the parishes currently known as the Quantock Villages Benefice. Revd Eleanor King (based in Nether Stowey) will be the new Rector of these parishes, including Kilve.
- Revd Nicky Morgan will move to Bicknoller. She will remain the Rector of East and West Quantoxhead, and will also serve the parishes currently known as Quantock Towers.

- Stogursey and Fiddington parishes will become a new benefice with Cannington, Stockland and Combwich, with Revd Alison Waters (me) as their Rector.
- Watchet and Williton Benefice will remain as it is.

In addition, all the parishes of our Deanery will form a new Group Ministry. This is a means by which we can work much more closely together as clergy and church communities, supporting one another, and especially those invaluable and incredibly hardworking wardens and volunteers who keep our churches open and available to villagers and visitors.

The consultation period, once it begins, will last for six weeks during which all residents are welcome to respond to the proposals. If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact a Churchwarden or other member of the PCC (contact details to be found on the church noticeboard) and you are welcome also to contact me direct. If it is thought it would be helpful, the PCC will happily arrange an open meeting in the Village Hall to discuss these changes further. Just let them know if you would like this.

Getting to the point of this proposal has been difficult, and we are very aware that it will be painful for some. We are glad, though, to have been given the opportunity to put the plan together ourselves, knowing as we do the needs of our churches and our communities, and we believe that this proposal does offer the best potential for our churches going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Revd Alison Waters*  
Area Dean

cannington.benefice@gmail.com, 01278 652953

## TRIP TO A LOST VILLAGE: 7 APRIL

Following last month's initial notice, here is a little more detail about the proposed trip.

The village of Imber is a historic WW2 site within an MOD training area on Salisbury Plain; in 1943, residents of the village were evicted with 47 days' notice to make way for US troops to train for invading Europe. They expected the eviction to last only until the end of the war, but Salisbury Plain proved too useful as a military training area, and they have never been allowed back. The village is open to the public only on a few public holidays during the year, and we hope to visit on Good Friday (7 April).

Our trip will include a stop for morning coffee near Avebury (Devizes), with a chance to visit the ancient Henge. Upton Coaches, who have looked after us well on previous trips, have quoted from £12 pp for this outing, depending on the numbers travelling. Please let me know if you are interested. It would be good to hear from you!

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or

Robbie Rutt: [davidandrobbie@talktalk.net](mailto:davidandrobbie@talktalk.net) or 01278 741594

The deadline for reservations is Monday 13 March.

The Fair is very reliant on the help given by the residents of Kilve and following the announcement in February's Kilve News we have already had a number of parishioners offering help. However, further volunteers are required in assisting stall holders in setting up their stalls, car parking attendants, kitchen helpers (for coffee, lunch and tea), and manning the village stall. Please contact Frances Mayor on 01278 741268 if you would like to help.

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. Please contact Robbie Rutt (01278 741594, 07850102874 or email [davidandrobbie@talktalk.net](mailto:davidandrobbie@talktalk.net)) who will be pleased to arrange collection.



### COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 18 March  
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### READING GROUP

Last month we read *The Fine Art of Invisible Detection* by the prolific author Robert Goddard. Surprisingly, he hadn't featured in our reading choices earlier. The Group has, after all, just celebrated its 13th birthday!



It proved to be a rather long, rambling thriller set in many parts of the world. The book was fairly well enjoyed, the main complaint being the number of characters, some of whom had Japanese names (not always easy to follow). However, the heroine, a middle-aged Japanese widow, was a very engaging private detective and it was felt she would be a promising character to feature in future books.

Unfortunately, the actual plot, which was very complicated, was the weakest part of the narrative. The descriptive writing and characterisation were excellent. There was a thought that the book had been written with a film script in mind!

All in all a good read with a great finale (one of the best).

*Sue Hares*

### SINGING FOR PLEASURE



Just a reminder to get in touch with Sarah Hayward ([kvh@hayward.uk.net](mailto:kvh@hayward.uk.net)) if you are interested in singing informally with a group of people. Let her know your preferred days and time for meeting and a couple of examples of what you'd like to sing.

*Here's to the  
Ladies who lunch*

The next Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) meals are on Thursday 30 March and Thursday 27 April, 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.

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We have made it through January! And it will be almost March by the time you read this. Hopefully you will be coming to / have enjoyed one or both of our recent events. The next few months sees us supporting the community events at Easter and for the Coronation. If you have ideas for events for the summer months please do get in touch: [kvh@hayward.uk.net](mailto:kvh@hayward.uk.net) or via any committee member or the village hall post box.

### 100 Club

The winners for January were:

Nick Parsons

Robbie Rutt

If you would like to join the club please contact us — the more members the bigger the prize and the funds raised! A standing order form is provided in the Village Hall section of the village website ([killevillage.uk](http://killevillage.uk)).

### Dates to look forward to

**Saturday 25 February 10:30am:** Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) Funds raised this Saturday will go to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake victims support.

**Saturday 25 February 7pm:** Sweetheart evening — Songs and Supper — Sarah Parker-Randle provides the songs and we provide the supper. If you have not already bought a ticket, you can no longer book for supper. But if you'd still like to come and listen, a £10 ticket is still available which will not include supper. Bar will be open.

**Friday 3 March 7 for 7.30pm:** Nu-Jazz quintet, RWKUS are coming to Kilve to delight us with virtuosic, 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. £12 (£10 students / low income); tickets on sale: <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](mailto:kvh@hayward.uk.net) / Kilve Mill / 07814 613908). Bar and snacks.

**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](mailto:kvh@hayward.uk.net)

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Sarah Hayward

## KILVE GOLF KLUB

The Kilve golf society, *KGK*, was the idea of Terry Williams, who is sadly no longer with us, and was formed in 2018. Since then after 5 successful seasons, the membership has grown to 20 with a number of guests joining us through the season. The aim is to provide a social game of golf for all handicaps.

We play twice a month throughout the year at a variety of local courses. We also hold a summer BBQ, an Awards night at the Hood Arms and a festive lunch in December, where tasteless Christmas attire is required!



Mo Young receiving the 2022 Putting Trophy.

If you would be interested in finding out more about KGK please contact Mark Walton on 07711 008304.

## QUANTOCK U3A

Our February talk is intriguingly entitled *Brain Peaks* and is by local author Angela Patmore on Monday 27 February at 2 pm in Holford Village Hall.

Our March talk is on Monday 27 March in Kilve Village Hall, when the subject will be *How to Avoid Scams and Fraud* by Avon and Somerset Police.

Members and non-members are welcome at both talks.

### Trips to Hinkley Point

Quantock u3a have booked two bus tours to Hinkley Point, but may have a few extra seats. We would welcome more members and non-members to fill up the bus.

The tours start in the new Visitor Centre in Cannington, and then we are taken by coach round the Hinkley site.

These tours have proved very popular, therefore it's not easy to book one. So do take this opportunity! The dates are:

Thursday 13 April (afternoon)

Thursday 11 May (morning)

If you would like to join us, please email me asap to reserve your place.

[Maureenyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:Maureenyoung@hotmail.com)

## DIARY DATES

- Sat 25 February 10:30am—12 noon** Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) KVH
- Sat 25 February 7pm** Sweethearts Evening — Songs and Supper. Bar. Pre-book only, KVH
- Mon 27 February 2pm** Quantock u3a, Holford VH
- Fri 3 March 7 for 7.30pm** RWKUS — £12 (£10 students / low income) — Bar and snacks (details on p9) KVH
- Tues 7 March 12.30 for 1.00pm** Gentlemen's lunch, Hood Arms
- Sat 18 March 10am—12 noon** Coffee Morning, East Quantoxhead VH
- Tues 21 March 7.30pm** Holford Gardeners Group, Holford VH
- Thurs 30 March 12 for 12.30pm** Ladies Who Lunch, Hood Arms
- Mon 27 March 2pm** Quantock u3a, KVH
- Fri 31 March 2pm** Defibrillator training session, KVH
- Mon 10 April 10am—4pm** Antiques Fair, Kilve Court

## OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for April 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 MARCH**

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.

Please send contributions in a Word or Publisher file, or just as text in the body of an email. I sometimes need to adjust sizing and layout to fit, and I cannot do this with text contained in PDF and JPG files.

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### Holiday Cottage Manager

We are looking for someone to help us manage our cottage in Holford which we let over the school summer holidays and occasionally during early summer and autumn.

The job involves the Friday change over and usually takes about 4 hours to complete. It is a position which could be readily shared between two individuals. Guests leave by 10.30am and new visitors are scheduled to arrive after 4.30pm. We would also like the cottage manager to take responsibility for laundry (no towels involved, only tea towels and bathmats), which would be returned to the property for the next set of visitors.

Remuneration is £15 an hour. If you are interested, please telephone 07948 946773 for more details.

### HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

**Tuesday 21 March 7.30pm**

#### *Fruit Gardening*

a talk by Claire Forster



Holford and District  
Village Hall

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

A warm welcome to all

Contact **01278 741173** for further details  
on the Group

**Defibrillator Awareness Session**

Kilve Village Hall, TA5 1EA

31st March 2023 @ 2pm

**Free attendance**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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