KILMERSDON PARISHNEWS





We have all been shocked by the death of Andrew Jolliffe who had a stroke in Kathmandu and died on 23 October. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diana, Lord and Lady Hylton and all the family.

In this issue ...

News from the Village Hall about the upcoming Annual General Meeting, plans for events from the Village Day committee and the return of the Living Advent Calendar.

We also have reports from The Kilmersdon Art Group, Kilmersdon Gardeners, from the church, the WI, and much, much more.

From the Editor ...

Do you read the Kilmersdon Parish News?

Do you have ideas for improving it or just making changes?

We'd love to hear from you.

Please contact: kilmersdonnews@gmail.com

Penny Hutton, Editor

VILLAGE HALL



The Kilmersdon Village Hall Management Committee are pleased to confirm that they will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7PM in the Village Hall.

Val Candy, Chair, will be reporting on the work of the Committee over the last 12-18 months and there will be an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions.

The Annual General Meeting is also the time when committee members are elected. The Committee would very much welcome new members and this would be an ideal time for those that might want to be involved to come along and hear what the Committee does.

Everyone is welcome.

Kilmersdon Village Hall Management Committee

Village Day Events

A meeting was held on 10th October to discuss the possibility of having our Village Day Event next year. Unfortunately, we did not manage to attract enough people to the committee to make it possible. I am afraid that we will once again have to cancel this event. As a result, we have decided to hold a number of smaller events throughout the year which would be more manageable. The first event will be held in February 2023 in the village hall and will be targeted at the children of the Parish. Further details will be published in the January issue of the Parish News. It is a shame that we cannot hold Village Day as it was always a wonderful day and provided financial support for village groups but we need more people before this can go ahead. Please get in touch if you are interested.

John Clayton

REEL PEOPLE FILM SOCIETY

Kilmersdon Village Hall - Doors open 7.15 - Film starts 8pm Membership £20 for 12 films (Guests £5 per film)

Friday 18th November 2022

First Cow 2019 (12) (F)

1820s America and two people find a way of making some money by cooking and selling delicious cakes. However, the 'secret' ingredient demands surreptitious night-time activity and results in serious consequences. Another slow-moving film reflecting the time in which it is set.



Friday 9th December 2022

Belfast 2021 (12A)

A Kenneth Branagh film that follows the life of a workingclass Protestant family from the perspective of their nineyear-old son Buddy during the 'troubles' in Belfast. Buddy's father works in England leaving the rest of the extended family at home.



Friday 6th January 2023

The Favourite 2018 (15)

While Queen Anne's England is at war with France, duck racing and pineapple eating are still thriving at Court. A new servant steps in to a new role as Queen's companion. A stellar cast display a litany of shenanigans, treachery, lousy tricks and a lot more in this dark comedy.



www.reelpeople.org.uk



I'm sure you've seen John and Lyn walking around the roads in their high vis jackets, they are out every week in all weathers with their bags, picking up rubbish from our verges. We often see them returning hours later with car parts, signs and many more items discarded by the public!

John and Lyn, we would like to thank you for all your hard work and commitment

Viv & Martin and I'm sure many others.

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration Fund

Just a reminder that we still have £710.75 left in the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Fund kitty, So, in last month's Parish News we asked what would you like us to do with it as a memorial to the Platinum Jubilee? I had only one reply agreeing with the idea of a Public Seat, it has also been suggested that we use it towards a Coronation Celebration which would tie in nicely with the Platinum Celebrations. So, it's time for YOU to vote

- ☐ A Public Seat with a plaque commemorating the event
- ☐ Another ceilidh to bring the village together
- ☐ Use it towards a Coronation Celebration
- ☐ Give it to Kilmersdon Groundforce for the hanging basket fund

Please put a cross to your choice which must be by 31ST **DECEMBER 2022** then hand it in to The Old School House, Ames Lane

or email: martin@martinhorler.co.uk

JOHN WILKINSON



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbours for their thoughtful cards and messages of sympathy and for their wonderful support to us both during the past few difficult months.

We are lucky enough to have enjoyed being a part of the village community here for nearly 30 years and I know John would have been deeply touched by your kindness. It means so much.

Roz and family

John's funeral will be at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Kilmersdon at 12:30pm, Friday 4th November.

Kilmersdon Art Group.

Our meetings are held on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall – the group has been running for many years and we are pleased to say we have survived lockdowns and are working together again. We are a small, friendly and informal group, who meet together to draw, paint, socialise and share ideas. From time to time, we put on exhibitions of our work.



Pastel drawing "Barn Owl in Winter" by Diana Walker

If you feel that this might appeal to you, we do have spaces for some new members. We currently do not have a regular tutor, although we host occasional visiting artist workshops, so this would be particularly suitable for people who have some artistic experience. So please do get in touch. We would love to see you!

judyahallam@gmail.com

Kilmersdon Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Lesley Close who stood down as the Parish Clerk at the beginning of October. Lesley started the role in July 2017, following a period where the Council did not have a clerk, and rapidly brought it back into shape. She was meticulous in preparation of minutes, ensuring the council was conducted correctly and responding to parishioners. She also navigated the council through some challenging planning applications. resolution of leases for the playing field and car park and obtaining funds for play equipment. Lesley will be missed and the Parish Council wish her the best for the future. Lesley is a keen gardener and was presented with a rose as a leaving present from the Council

Councillor Hudson.



Hello, I'm Robin Moss. I have recently taken over from Lesley Close as Clerk to Kilmersdon Parish Council. I'm looking forward to

working with Councillors & residents,

hopefully to help improve the quality of life for all of us.

I am clerk to 3 other Parish Councils & prior to that worked in the voluntary/not-for profit sector, setting up & managing a number of community groups & charities (mainly providing advice, support & guidance for young people). Working with councillors is not dissimilar to working with charity trustees – you certainly have to be multi-skilled & learn how to multi-task!

One thing I have found being a parish clerk is just how much information comes your way, briefings, updates, emails & newsletters from a wide range of different organisations – the Police to Campaign for Rural England, Public Health to local charities. If anyone wants to be included on the mailing list when I forward these on, then please drop me an email at clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk. Lots of stuff that is interesting, but the delete button is always handy!

If anyone has any questions or thoughts, please drop me a line, either by email or to my home address – 5-7 Bath Old Road, Radstock BA3 3HB

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Kilmersdon Gardeners

An Organic Flower Garden and Gardening for Climatic Change
In September Fiona Haser Bizony impressed and entertained, using her floristry skills to create a distinctive flower arrangement while explaining the issues she faced setting up an organic flower business from scratch in challenging times. Over the 5 years since they bought the field they have coped with the pandemic and, this year, the drought and rising cost of living.

Their farm is an off-grid 2.5-acre field near Faulkland and they send fresh flowers to their shop in Hampstead, London two days a week. When there is a glut, the flowers are dried or sold to other florists. Modern horticulture involves the use of many chemicals and lots of plastic, so the challenge is to have flowers all the year round as well as being sustainable and organic. After a visit to the vast warehouse capital of international flower trade at Aalsmeer in Holland, she vowed to set up a very different operation that covered fewer air miles and was



The Speaker with members of Kilmersdon Gardeners and her flower arrangement.

Left to right – Alan Brady, Fiona Haser Bizony (speaker), Angi Cook and Catherine Hughes.

sustainable. Flowers cannot have both long-life and fragrance, Fiona prioritises fragrance. Plants include tuberoses, roses, dahlias, geraniums. Vegetables like tomatoes and chard add foliage and colour. Aromatic plants like Teatree, Rosemary, Lemon Verbena, Basil can be used for herbal teas and in arrangements. Rose petals can be sprinkled in the bath or used for an infusion For more information see: www.electricdaisyflowerfarm.co.uk. In October, Sally Morgan a writer, academic and gardener, who aims to manage her garden to get the best results in these days of climate change

and uncertainty, shared her strategies. Between 1961 and 1996 UK temperatures rose by 0.8 degrees centigrade. The climate has become less predictable with earlier springs and autumns, a heatwave in 2022 and in 2021, the coldest May for 400 years! There are more heavy downpours resulting in rapid runoff causing flooding and soil erosion. This is all made worse by more housing and impermeable surfaces, so the challenge is to slow run off. Gardeners are encouraged to collect water in butts and empty before a storm. Green roofs covered with plants, permeable parking spaces and ditch like swales leading to holding depressions with plants that don't mind a waterlogging can all help. Summer drought is another climate issue. Gardeners like Beth Chatto in

Essex have developed gravel gardens and ones using pulverised concrete. Some have not been watered for 30 vears. These gardens have drought tolerant plants like salvias, lavender, thyme and prairie plants well adapted to seasonal drought and survive without watering. Increasing the organic content of the soil and mulching can help to retain soil moisture in traditional gardens. Next Meeting – Wednesday 9th November 7.30pm Kilmersdon Village Hall – Mervyn Reed 'David Austin Roses – a new style of rose - see website for further details – www.kilmersdongardeners.org .In December the Gardeners are having their Christmas Meal at the Joliffe Arms

Trisha Jordan



Welcome Beata Tulip Dudas

Zsolt Dudas and his wife Annie, who live at Ammerdown, are delighted to announce the birth of a new daughter, called Beata Tulip Dudas. She was born on 5th September and is a sister to Etelka, who is four years old and has just started at Kilmersdon School. We're pleased to say that Mother and baby are both doing well!



Kilmersdon WI

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month.
7.15pm Kilmersdon village Hall
If you are a bit fed up now the dark nights are approaching, come and meet like-minded ladies, have a chat and make new friends with a cup of tea & cake. We have interesting speakers and a social every month. You would be very welcome to come and give it a try.

10th November:

Belly Dancing (wear something loose)

24th November:

social - 10am at Dobbies in Shepton Mallet

Viv Love 01761 414419

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Hugh's views on wine bargains!

While I hope my (often detailed) articles are of interest, I feel fairly sure that what you really want is to know where drinkable wines can be bought

at prices you can afford. Well here goes! You can of course follow the advice of the main dealers locally. For example, Laithwaites, Majestic Wines and Great Western Wines. They will have offers and

will allow you to taste a selection, or at least one wine. Other merchants will most probably offer more expensive options than one would hope for. So, what about the supermarkets? They are all in close competition with each other and will decide to offer fine wines as loss leaders to tempt us to scan all the shelves in hot pursuit of them! Sainsburys, Aldi, Tesco, Asda, The Coop and Lidl have highly professional experts to ensure the quality of what they offer. Tesco has a huge stock of wines and occasionally promotes really exceptional wines at a ridiculously low price. Recently I stumbled across a Merlot, Isla Negra, from Chile which Tesco is marketing at only £5! Try it without delay! However, most of their wines are on the dear side compared to Sainsburys and Aldi. I still maintain that Sainsburys offers extraordinarily good wine overall. Read the labels closely and you will be producing your wallet!

Wines are discounted when they are about to go beyond their sell-by date, but that does not make them suddenly unpalatable. Also, wines from Chile

> and Argentina carry government subsidies and are thus cheaper than they would otherwise be, which is well worth noting. Sainsburys' house wines are much better than one would expect, especially the Beaujolais.

To sum up, a few more words about labels. When dealing with French wine the term Premier Cru means that the best of the first growth has been used and it will be expensive but good. Of course, the first grapes harvested are only going to be as good as the climate has allowed. Superieur on a label does not mean much at all, but helps marketing! Reserve or Riserva means that a degree of quality is assured. Vintage means a vintage has been declared for the year indicated and is a guarantee of real pedigree. There are other categories but I do not

intend to maunder on.
I return to the Isla Negra
for my wine of the month
and wish you all a happy,
bibulous winter.

Hugh Pountney

Move The Mind



We have been super busy at Move the Mind, we had a wonderful summer fete with a raffle that raised over £1000 for the charity. Our Halloween day at the farm was fantastic where all the children had lots of fun! We are currently raising money for a new field shelter for the sheep to use over the winter months. As always, we are desperate for volunteers. This could be to help with the animals, horses, children, gardening and lots more.

Our exciting news is that we have a

new horse called Boudicca. She has been part of The Kings Troop for 12 years and based in London, Windsor or Melton Mowbray. She has attended all the military parades, the Queen's



birthday, the Jubilee, all the ceremonial parades and she also starred in Downton Abbey. She has been an absolute dream so far and is enjoying her life working with the children and teenagers. Nothing scares her from being in the Army so she is fine with big noises, flapping and lots of commotion but she is a little scared of the pigs and sheep! You can see in the picture just how magnificent she is. She will work with the children and teenagers on the ground and ridden, she is a total dream, we love her already!

Nicole Gillard – Founder nicole_gillard@icloud.com www.movethemind.net

If you would like to receive your parish news online, please contact Penny on 01761 435193

The copy date for the next issue is 20th December. Please restrict articles to 350 words and notices to 100 words. Items for inclusion to be sent by email to kilmersdonnews@gmail.com — We reserve the right to edit any item submitted.

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How to solve a cryptic crossword



I've been writing a crossword for a while now for Kilmersdon Parish News but I have no idea how many people are able to solve these puzzles. I do know that some people find them very difficult

or have no idea even where to start. So, I thought it might be useful to put together a guide to help you get to know how a cryptic crossword puzzle works. In theory, a cryptic clue should be easier than a normal straight clue. There are usually two ways to get the answer. In practice however, the crossword setter likes to try to misdirect you by including words and phrases that can be used in different ways. The obvious meaning that may immediately spring to mind is often not what you need. Always be on the lookout for alternative interpretations for each individual word or phrase within a clue.

Let's look at this one from my first Kilmersdon Cryptic puzzle: Fourteen pounds for watching from upstairs in Stanton Drew (5,6) Like most cryptic clues, this comes in two parts. One part is a normal definition like vou might get in a straight crossword. The other provides some wordplay as an alternative route to the answer. You have to figure out where the split comes and whether the definition or the wordplay comes first. In this case the wordplay comes first and it is a 'charade'. Just like in the old parlour game of Charades the answer is split up into pieces and each piece is clued separately. If you look at those old bathroom scales, you will see that Fourteen pounds is a **stone**. When you

go to the theatre, the name of the place for watching from upstairs is the circle. We put those two elements together to give us stone circle. We can confirm that this is the correct answer as the rest of the clue defines this as: in Stanton Drew. There are of course lots of types of wordplay other than the charade. Sometimes we just take the first or last letters of words, make anagrams, remove letters from words, etc. There will generally be instructions within the clue explaining what you need to do. You just have to ignore the obvious 'surface reading' and find the correct way to interpret what you're being told is happening.

I hope you found this useful. If so, I can include more articles explaining some of the common wordplay elements. Look out for this in future editions of Kilmersdon Parish News.

Phil Preen

QUIZ

Friday 4th November, 7.30pm Kilmersdon Village Hall

Teams of 4-6: £10 per head to include light supper

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Kilmersdon Cryptic 9

By Phil Preen

Solve online http://www.philpreen.co.uk/puzzles/crosswords/kilmersdor cryptic-9

ACROSS

- 1 Endlessly busy on motorway, crossing in small coach (7)
- 5 Credit donkey for blundering (5)
- 8 Queen returning wanting a West African republic (5)
- 9 Leonardo quit, ten regulars are on the way (2,5)
- 10 Heading for success aboard train to London? (2.3.2)
- 11 Drawing back axe left a rival for Siri (5)
- 12 Disastrously reenacted a cry for help here at certain times? (3-4,6)
- 15 Sheep with Miss Peep's violent vet (5) 17 American campervan
- surrounded by witness with half of soup dish out (5,2)

- 20 Doorway 4: Energy
- 21 Engine temperature
- uncovered skimpy underwear (5)
- 23 Lay out on settee until heads drop for a time (7)

DOWN

- 1 People turn to fruit (5)
- 2 Close elections highlight loyal centres for each late PM (7)
- 3 Shove past long
- 5 New become old following vehicle deaths of many people (7)
- 6 Entertain an inspirational person (5)

- Records (7)
- inside fell (5)
- 22 Rt. Hon. gentleman

- narrow feature of canal
- 4 Insomnia from playing NES & LP repeatedly (13)

- 14 Performing arts venue is present through there (7)
- 12 Sleeping worker from bedroom? (7) 13 Doting on Bill, alternatively: gin

7 Go out with boy from

coming out (7)

cocktall (7)

wedding - it's slowly

- 16 Overly assertive proponent of logical positivism has nothing
- 18 Goes up, but first of all lost to Hugo's ultimate plays (5)
- 19 Sheep are dutifully shorn and clipped (5)



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Dear Friends,

Since I last wrote, the death of Oueen Elizabeth II came as a real shock to so many. We held a memorial service for her in the church on Sunday 18 September and it was good to see so many people there. We welcomed the children of Kilmersdon School and many parents and carers into the church for Harvest. Donations of tins etc. had been requested, for the Foodbank, and the response was terrific. We would like to thank everyone who gave to this. John Wilkinson, who died recently, was a much-valued member of the church and was responsible for organising many of the repairs we had a few years ago. In addition, he was also a long serving Trustee of Kilmersdon School, His funeral will be at 12.30 on Friday 4 November in the church and all are welcome. That evening, we shall be holding our postponed Quiz in the Village Hall. Teams of 4-6. £10 per ticket. Supper and Raffle. Apply to Penny on 01761 435193. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Remembrance Sunday falls on 13 November and our Remembrance service will take place at 11.15, followed by the Dressing of the War graves outside. On Saturday 26 November, we have a special Christmas Coffee Morning in the church, starting at 10.00. There will be

plenty of Christmassy things to buy, including lovely cakes and there will also be a Christmas raffle.

December is a busy month, and so far, we have planned (all in the church except the first):

Wednesday 8 December: 6.30

Carols outside round the Christmas Tree, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 14 December: 6.30

Kilmersdon School Christmas Concert Friday 15 December: 9.30 Kilmersdon

School Christmas Service

Sunday 18 December: 6.30

Carol Service

Saturday 24 December: 10.30 'Midnight' Communion Service

We do not have a service on Christmas Morning, but anyone who would like to come will be very welcome in Coleford at 9.00 or Holcombe at 10.30.

I hope to see many of you at the Kilmersdon Living Advent Calendar.

This comes with love and every blessing,

Revd Clarissa Cridland, Priest-in-Charge, East Mendip Trinity www.eastmendiptrinity.co.uk www.facebook.com/eastmendiptrinity clarissacridland@hotmail.co.uk 01373 812705

Living Advent Calendar

We are really looking forward to another Kilmersdon Living Advent Calendar this December!

If you missed this wonderful event in the past few years – this is when 24 volunteer homes put on a festive window display each evening in the run up to Christmas.

The fun starts on the 1st December. Each evening throughout December one window in a volunteer house in the village is decorated and lit up. We gather each evening at 6.30pm for the big reveal of each window. The windows are lit each evening from 6.30-8pm.

This is a wonderful space to gather with others from the village during a time when we tend to stay indoors, and we don't really see each other much. It is a wonderful ritual each evening to see familiar and not so familiar faces each evening and to enjoy each home's revealed window.

Sometimes there may be mulled wine, a mince pie or 3 or an outdoor fire! Each window is special because of the home, the people and thought that went into it. We delight in each and every window and the sense of community is real.

If you would like to be involved this year and would like to decorate a window, please get in touch by 10th November.

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Coles Garden Meeting Room



Please note the new rates for hire of Coles Garden meeting rooms.

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| Evening | £16/£18 | £14/£16 | £23/£25 |
| External rates | | | |
| Morning | £18/£20 | £16/£18 | £26/£28 |
| Afternoon | £18/£20 | £16/£18 | £26/£28 |
| Evening | £21/£23 | £18/£20 | £31/£33 |

For more information on The Meeting Rooms,or perhaps an informal visit please contact the caretaker:

Mrs Cherry Gilham on 01761 436770

Village and Community 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 fuels 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, aid in switching suppliers and much more.

Watch this recent Talking Café for fantastic tips and advice for saving money on your fuel bills and keeping a warm home:

https://youtu.be/watch?v=y7FsnSrJAow
Are you are over 60, or rely on electricity
for medical or mobility reasons or have a
hearing or visual impairment or a longterm health condition? Sign up for the
priority services register here:
https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customersand-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 will be able to help with keeping warm by distributing Surviving Winter grants to those most in need. Funding come 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



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Kilmersdon School

Recently, the Cross Country team took part in the first event of the season, at Millfield Prep School all the way down in Glastonbury. For many of our team it was the first time and all of the adults are so proud of all those who took part.

Arya in Ospreys was fantastic especially considering that she was the only girl from Kilmersdon taking part in that race. Charlie in Eagles did amazingly well in the same circumstances, and provided amazing



support for the younger children. A special mention should also go to the Year 4 boys, Henry, Jacob, Felix and Josh, who all finished amazingly, including a fabulous 3rd place for Jacob in his race!

Mr Blake was so proud to see the youngsters taking such an active part and supporting their friends.





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