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EDITORIAL

The magi, whose astronomical observations and conclusions drew them to Bethlehem, were part of an already ancient tradition in which people looked up at the night sky and wondered and the learned ones and philosophers among them did their best to make sense of it. Nowadays in many places it is all less noticeable. The stars are indistinct, blurred by a haze of electric light, but in Kilminster, weather permitting, night skies are often bright and clear, so Postscript includes a monthly outline of what to expect. This is going to be a good time to look out for meteor showers.

The churches and the Parish Council have been considering the provision of some warm and welcoming places in the village this winter, as have the local libraries. The winners' list in the Village Hall 100+ Club draw appears, as always. Maintenance is important, as the organisers explain, and they have thoughtfully provided a form on which to take up, or renew, membership for the coming year. Not only do members stand a chance of a (modest) win, but they will be helping to ensure the continued availability of a venue for the Cinema, the Gardening Club, the Table Tennis and the many other activities which, we are reminded, will include the Kilminster Players' pantomime in the February half-term break. Oh yes they will!

Leaders of the ongoing work to restore the Common to the original lowland heathland are delighted at the response to their invitation to join in, and Judith Simpson's latest update reports good progress. Ahead lie even more opportunities to get cold, wet, muddy and scratched, all in a good cause and excellent company. David Simpson keeps track of the summer's wildlife sightings on the Common and in the village and invites others to contribute theirs. We congratulate Mike Tyler on his new book, 'The Birds of the Lower Axe Valley', to be launched in early December. As a consequence of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum, we are now being consulted about the draft local plan for housing and there is also National Highways news about the A35. We thank Mary-Anne Driscoll for all her 'MAD moments in the garden' over the last six years and for sharing her garden, her knowledge and her enthusiasm. We wish her well in the future and hope that her new garden in Bristol will give her much joy.

The Christmas Celebrations on Sunday, 18th December have expanded this year, inviting all to finish at the Village Hall, to enjoy hot refreshments and switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

The next Postscript will be for February and we wish everybody a very happy Christmas.

Janfryd

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The New Inn

Hello Kilmingtion! We recently took over the New Inn and are looking forward to meeting you all over the coming months if we haven't already welcomed you.

We're now busy organising our programme and to keep you in the picture, here are a few of the things that we're working on through December and January:

- We're taking bookings for Christmas Meals - these menus and booking forms are available from the pub.
- We'll confirm and advertise our Christmas opening hours very soon. We do know one thing; the bar will be open Christmas Day 12-3pm!
- Our menus are available online. However, if you would like a paper copy do feel free to pop in and pick one up during our opening hours.
- Pensioners' Lunches are available every Wednesday lunchtime 12-2pm.
- Our Takeaway Meals will be starting in the new year.
- We'll hold a few different Food Specials Nights - including a steak night, fresh fish and chip night, curry night and a pie night.
- Hopefully we will have a Monthly Quiz Night sorted soon.
- And a Monthly Music Night.

Please keep your eyes peeled for all our news online and on the notice boards around the village!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you will enjoy the New Inn.

Vikki, Spike and Molls x



KILMINGTON CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER



Come along and join in our village celebrations. We've got Santa's Parade for the kids, our traditional carol service in St Giles', or just join us at the Village Hall, when the two come together for joint festivities and lighting the Christmas Tree lights.

Santa's Parade 6.00 pm ~ Ho, Ho, Ho!

Father Christmas returns to Kilmingtion this year! He's so happy to be visiting us again. His sleigh is now waiting to be loaded with lots of Christmas goodies before he sets off on his journey to join us for our fun evening. Come and walk with us as he drives through the village on his sleigh, delivering lots of sweets and festive cheer along the way. Our musical parade sets off from the New Inn at 6.00 pm, and we'll sing our way down The Street to arrive at the Village Hall to join the celebrations there. Wrap up warm in your Christmas best and be outside to meet and greet Father Christmas and his Christmas 'helpers' who will be happy to accept any donations on behalf of the Kilmingtion Branch of the Royal British Legion.

St Giles' Carol Service 6.00 pm

For those who prefer a traditional carol service, come along to St Giles' for our annual service led by Anna Crabbe. Following the service, we'll move across to the Village Hall and join in the celebrations there.

Christmas Celebration at the Village Hall 7.00 pm

Come and enjoy some Christmas Cheer, complimentary hot chocolate, mulled wine, and mince pies, courtesy of the Kilmingtion Community Association. Sing along to our favourite Christmas songs and count down to the 'switching on' of the Village Christmas Tree Lights!! The tree has been generously donated to the village by Millers Farm Shop.

Put the date on your Advent Calendar now and enjoy some Kilmingtion Christmas Celebrations on Sunday, 18th December.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER / JANUARY

KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURNS

(PG)

Kilminster Village Hall

Wednesday, 14th December &
Thursday, 15th Matinee



Three evacuee kids from wartime Manchester, Lily (Beau Gadsdon), Pattie (Eden Hamilton) and Ted (Zac Cudby) fetch up in exactly the same village where Roberta has apparently stayed on and is now a kindly grandmother: her daughter (Sheridan Smith) is the headteacher of the local school and has a slightly Just-William-ish son called Thomas (Austin Haynes), whose dad is away in the RAF fighting the Germans. Railway Children fans may be forgiven for wondering if any more legacy characters from the original film are going to be revived, or if we will find out if Bobbie really did marry Jim, grandson of the 'Old Gentleman' in the first tale, as seemed likely. Well, suffice it to say we discover that Bobbie became a convinced suffragette as a young woman and, on those grounds, comes very close to the blasphemy of disagreeing with Winston Churchill. Now it appears the family apparently have a kindly old uncle, or great-uncle, played by Tom Courtenay, who is something hush-hush in the War Office.

This is a film with a touch more savvy about the real world than its 1970 forebear, at least partly because it has child actors who are the same age as their characters. The now legendary scene from the first film in which Bobbie sees her daddy through the steam on the railway platform – a scene which has become more iconic than its creators ever quite envisaged – is echoed and doubled in a new dream that Lily has, in a much more serious context. And there are more shenanigans involving holding up signs to a passing train and getting it to stop. It's an amiable and ingenious tribute to the innocent, good-natured spirit of the original.

Wednesday: Doors open 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm.
The Thursday matinee: Doors open 1.45 pm Film starts 2.00 pm, come along and enjoy a film and have ice creams/tea/coffee, during the interval. No cream tea this month, but complimentary mince pies will be available.

Please state Wednesday or Thursday when booking. Tickets Pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door. To book contact John 01297 639758 or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com.

No Film in January - awaiting 2023 Listings for the Spring Season.

See <http://www.kilminstervillage.com/moviola.html> for more information.

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that there is **no oil order in December**.

The order deadline date for January falls on Tuesday 10th at 6.00 pm.

I invite requests for either a specific quantity or if requesting a 'top up' or a full tank, then please furnish me with a pretty accurate estimate as to the quantity that you require with a minimum order of 500 litres.

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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The 2023 garden club talk programme starts on Friday, January 13th.

Our first talk is 'Seed Sowing, Pricking Out and Potting On'.

This is a practical demonstration, with great tips on how to grow your own flowers and vegetables.

Talk starts at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Non-members £3. Refreshments and wine.

Lesley Rew

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 10th January 2023 at 11.20 - 11.50 am The Street - Please note that there is no library in December

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER / JANUARY

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Over the next two months several meteor showers give you a great chance to see some 'shooting stars' over Kilmington.

DECEMBER

Mars, this is the best month for viewing Mars. It can be seen during December from dusk, rising in the north-east, until dawn, setting in the north-west. It reaches its brightest point as Earth passes it in its smaller orbit. On the overnight of December 7th, the full moon slides past Mars, occulting (covering) the planet. **Jupiter** can be seen throughout the month in the early evening in the south-east, setting in the west around midnight. **Saturn** is only visible in the early evening in the south-west before it drops below the horizon. **Venus** is below our horizon for most of December and the only time you may glimpse it is the last couple of days at dusk, very low in the south-west just before it sets.

2nd Jupiter and the moon appear close.

6th Cassiopeid meteor shower peaks tonight but is active from 1st to 8th December. Look to the high north-north-east around 9.00 pm for your best chance to see them.

8th Full Moon will pass in front of Mars, creating a lunar occultation. Mars will disappear behind the Moon at 4.58 am in the western sky. Its reappearance will be visible at 6.01 am.

14th Geminid meteor shower peaks with as many as 120 per hour but is active from 4th to 17th December. Look to the north around 2.00 am for the best views.

21st Winter Solstice. The sun is at its lowest point in the sky and it's also the shortest day of the year - and the longest night.

22nd Ursid meteor shower peaks but is active from 17th to 26th December.

24th/25th Fast moving Sleigh pulled by reindeer crosses the night sky.

26th Saturn and the moon appear close.

29th Jupiter and the moon appear close.

JANUARY 2023

Mars can be seen during January from dusk, high in the east; it sets before dawn in the north-east. **Jupiter** can be seen throughout the month in the early evening in the west-south-west, setting around midnight at the start of the month, getting earlier as the month progresses. **Saturn** is only visible in the very early evening in the south-west before it drops below the horizon, during the first couple of weeks of January. **Venus** can be seen for a short time each evening at dusk very low in the south-west just before it sets. You won't miss it as it is very bright.

3rd Mars and the moon appear close.

4th Quadrantid meteor shower peaks tonight with some 120 per hour however it is active from 12th December to 12th January.

6th Full Micro moon. When a Full Moon or a New Moon coincides with apogee, the point in the Moon's orbit farthest away from Earth, the moon appears small and is known as a micro moon.

26th Jupiter and the moon appear close.

31st Mars and the moon appear close.

Peter

TABLETOP COFFEE AFTERNOON

Iris Quick is holding a tabletop coffee afternoon (rather than coffee morning!) for Yatima Orphanage Tanzania on Saturday, 10th December 2.00-4.00 pm at The Beacon, to raise money to send to them in time for Christmas.

Any donations can be dropped into Koceda, Wellmead in advance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meeting for December is on Monday, 12th December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The January meeting is on Monday, 9th January at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. Please note change of venue.

CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED

The animals and birds at Axe Valley Wildlife Park would be pleased to have your Christmas trees, after you have taken the decorations off, to have in their pens for shelter and play.

Please drop them off at the Wildlife Park or we can collect them 01297 34472.



DID YOU KNOW?

STIR-UP SUNDAY - The last Sunday before Advent. Christmas was a great feast in the calendar. Part of the preparations involved making Christmas puddings. The day gained its name of 'stir-up Sunday' from the opening prayer of the day, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". Children turned this into "Stir up we beseech thee, the pudding in the pot and when we get home we'll eat the lot". Everyone in the household had to stir the pudding, always easterly to westerly direction (because the Three Wise Men had come from the East) and make a wish; silver charms were put in the pudding mixture too to foretell the future of their recipients on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Originally, this was the final fast day of the Advent season and was observed rigidly. No meat, cheese or eggs were eaten.

CHRISTMAS DAY - In the days when Advent was a season for fasting, Christmas Day was a feast after days of plain food. The Christmas meal was a lavish affair with a wide selection of food/meat: poultry and fish for those who could afford it (roast turkey is a modern introduction; roast goose was once the centre piece). Mince pies, which featured a pastry Jesus in his crib, were made from a mixture of sweet fruits and minced meat.

Christmas went into decline during the 17th century when the Puritans banned Christmas for several years. It recovered when Charles Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol' in 1840.

Gill Perkins

KILMINGTON ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On an unusually warm and sunny day, crowds gathered at the War Memorial in Kilminster for the annual Act of Remembrance. Led by Royal British Legion Kilminster Branch Chaplain, Rev Julie Lomas, the service included Pastor Mike Hudson reading the names of those who died during the 1st and 2nd world wars, and the call to remember led by Commander Stafford Seward, under the watchful eye of RBL standard bearer Richard Norman. Wreaths were presented on behalf of the village and laid at the foot of the memorial by RBL Vice-Chairman, Peter Wood.

Earlier in the day St Giles' Church hosted the joint service of remembrance with The Baptist Church, Kilminster and members of the Royal British Legion in attendance. For the first time members of the newly formed 1st Kilminster Guides were present with their flag, and two Guides read the lesson.

Martin Nunns

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH HANDBELLS

A team in Kilminster are taking up the challenge of learning how to ring a few carols using handbells. We practise every Saturday, at St Giles' at 10.00 am. The team have been working hard learning well-known carols such as, 'Silent Night' and 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' amongst others. It takes real concentration and a focused mind. I tried to have a go myself, but I thought I had better stick to making teas and coffees for everyone. Therefore, I am their audience. They are working very hard and they should be very proud of one another. The aim is to play a few tunes at our next 'Celebrate Together' Service, which is to take place on Saturday, 10th December. They may even play at one of our many Advent Church Services; stay 'tuned'.

Celia Dunsford has done a brilliant job organising this for us and Rob Stacey, together with Celia, are very able instructors/teachers. We would very much like to send both our thanks for enabling us to learn this new skill.


Elana-May Blackmore

CELEBRATE TOGETHER

We would like to invite all to a special service at 3.00 pm on Saturday, December 10th where the theme will be 'The Shepherds'. This is one of our regular Celebrate Together Services where all are invited, with special emphasis on those with learning difficulties, their support workers, their family and friends and those who are on their own. We will have our renowned tea after the service. Please come and celebrate with us.

Christopher Thorne

Celebrate Together
St Giles Church
Kilminster
EX13 7RF



The Theme: "The Shepherds"
10th December 2022

Invites you to a special service for all,
especially for people with learning difficulties,
their support workers, family and friends.
Tea afterwards.

Please note that there is ample parking and level
access

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'THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS...' (JOHN 1:5)

I'm a little bit strange. Perhaps that's an understatement! One of the reasons this is true, is because I traditionally prefer autumn and winter, to spring and summer.

Maybe it's because of the chronic hay fever I suffered with as a child, which made summer so burdensome. Knowing that the same hot weather that allowed me the freedom to be outside with my friends, would also mean swollen eyes, itchy skin, and uncomfortable congestion. Maybe it's because I think there is something refreshing about cold winter walks, wrapped up warm, with your breath hanging visibly in front of you. Or maybe it's because as an ex-serviceman who endured both the extremes of desert heat, and prairie cold, I find it's much easier to get warm than it is to cool yourself down... I still remember my Corporal at basic training telling us; "There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad dress!"

However, this year I am not looking forward to winter in the same way that I usually would. This year we head into a winter where we will see so many in our society struggle with both the cost of living crisis and rising energy prices. It seems unfathomable that in our modern society, where there is so much wealth, many people in our country will be facing the unimaginable choice between heating and eating this winter.

As a church family we are committed to helping anyone in our community who is struggling. We started our Warm Space community cafe initiative in November. This is open to anyone, for any reason. Whether it's a space to keep warm and enjoy a hot meal. Whether it's to get advice or signposting for agencies that might be able to assist with struggles. Whether it's to come and socialise with friends or make new ones. Or whether it's just to find a space of calm and peace in the busyness of life. Do feel free to make use of the space, invite others along, and even use it to host groups or gatherings. Our building is also open most days for anyone to drop in who might need help, support or a hot cup of tea. It's great to see so many other organisations offering similar facilities in the local area, including our friends at St Giles'.

As a Christian, I take great hope in the fact that I know that we do not face the challenges of this winter alone, that there is a God who loves us, is for us, and is with us. I left the Beacon one evening and looked back to see it beautifully flood-lit in the dark night's sky. It was a reminder to me of the Bible verse that will be quoted a lot as we approach Christmas this year; 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' (John 1:5)



It is a reminder that Jesus came into the world at Christmas to shine a light of hope into the darkness of the world. God in our midst, born not into a palace, but into relative poverty. To seek the lost and the hurting, and lead them into his love and safe keeping. It is a reminder that however dark it may seem, there is a greater hope and we are not alone.

And it is a reminder that we can so often shine that light for others, by looking out for one another and caring for the most vulnerable in our community this winter.

I wish you a very happy Christmas, and a blessed New Year.

Mike

WARM WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

'Warm Welcome Wednesdays' is a new idea, starting at St Giles' Church on Wednesday, 7th December from 2.00 - 4.00 pm, and then again on Wednesday, 21st December, for anyone to drop in to the Church. You will find a warm welcome, the kettle boiling, a slice of cake and a friendly chat, all for free. Bring a book, the newspaper, your preferred craft activity or just bring yourselves! Stay for as long as you wish, bring your friends and neighbours. Our

intention is to then be open for Warm Welcome Wednesdays on a weekly basis from January.

This is offered alongside the usual Friday Coffee Shop in the Church, open from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

We are delighted to be partnering with The Baptist Church and, as the weather turns more wintry, complementing their warm welcome days on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rev Julie

MESSY SPARKLERS

Our November session saw the children having their first experiences of our new climbing equipment, bought with money donated by the Penelope Saffin Charity. Now that we have the colder, wetter weather, it is lovely to have some indoor gross-motor equipment.

Our story was of Jesus as a baby being presented at the temple and being recognised as being the light of the world. Our activities reflected light in various forms, from painted fireworks to making lanterns with electric tealights, tissue paper and plastic cups. The children used their fine motor skills to manipulate rice and pulses with hidden shiny items and to explore sensory bags containing gel and small shiny objects.

Rather than having water play resulting in wet, cold children, we made lots of bubbles in the water tray sprinkled



with biodegradable glitter. The children also coloured Play-doh to make fireworks of their own.


Our next session will be **Tuesday, 6th December** at The Beacon, organised by The Baptist Church Kilmington. We start at 10.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm. We ask for a donation of £2 for the first child plus £1 for each additional child, which includes lunch for both the child and their adult. Booking is essential. If you aren't on our mailing list, please contact children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org to receive a booking email.

Our first session of 2023 will be on Tuesday, 3rd January. Remember to dress for mess!

Juletta Obudo



At The Beacon there is now a free community café with snacks and hot/cold drinks every Tuesday, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. So, if you want somewhere warm to meet friends or make new ones – chat, play games, do crafts or puzzles, etc please feel free to drop in. There will also be quiet working, reading and reflective spaces with Wi-Fi and printing available. A free warm soup lunch will be available weekly, excluding the third Tuesday of the month when there will be a two-course community lunch at 12.30 pm available instead. If you need help getting to us, get in touch (01297 631638) and we will see what we can do. We look forward to seeing you.



You're invited

Starts Thursday 19th January @ 7:00pm
(at the Beacon, Kilmington).

Alpha is a place to come and explore life, faith, and meaning in an open minded and welcoming environment. There's no cost, no pressure, just great conversation, and space to think.

Each session involves a meal and refreshments, a short video, and a time of discussion where you can share your own thoughts on what has been explored.

Whether you are new to faith, exploring faith, or unsure about faith, Alpha is the place for you. Whatever questions you have, you can ask them at Alpha.

A Place to explore... Together.



Christmas Services
at the Baptist Church Kilmington 2022

All Age Nativity Service
Sunday 18th December - 10:30am

Come and join us for a unique retelling of the Christmas story on a virtual trip to Bethlehem. Come and watch or get involved as the story unfolds! There will be puppets, drama, and fun for all ages!

Blue Christmas Service
Tuesday 20th December - 2:30pm & 6:30pm

A quiet and reflective service for those who find Christmas difficult or are grieving loved ones. Come and find space to reflect, remember, and discover hope.

Community Carol Service
Thursday 22nd December - 6:30pm

A lively and fun service for all ages. Enjoy your favourite festive songs and treats. Activities for children, quizzes, puppets and a best Christmas jumper competition!

Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 25th December - 10:30am

A short fun filled celebration to help you celebrate Christmas day! Bring your favourite gift along to show everyone, and sing festive songs!

ECO FAYRE AND LITTER PICK

Kilminster's very first ECO Fayre took place on Saturday, October 22nd. We were delighted that this event took place within St. Giles' Church. We were able to show off our ECO Church Bronze Award which arrived just a few days earlier.

We were very pleased to have Plastic Free Axminster join us. They laid out an information table so that we could all take away ideas of how to reduce our reliance on single use plastics. Our thanks go out to Kay Pike, who is the Community Leader of Plastic Free Axminster, and to her friend, who were able to join us and support us on the day.

Our thanks also go to Elana Blackmore, who produced a wonderful slide show which was projected onto our large screen, with appropriate musical accompaniment, to make us think how we might individually help our glorious World with regard to Climate Change, Pollution and Nature.

Thank you to Reverend Julie and to her husband Steve, for the supply of liquids which are used within our homes. People were able to take away and try, thereby reducing the purchase of unnecessary plastic containers – by filling empty containers that otherwise would have just been thrown away.



Thank you to my wife Christine for her tireless support and for bringing some of the food and drink which was enjoyed by all on the day, she truly is the hostess with the mostest.

Thank you to all who supported this event – you know who you all are – you deserve a huge pat on the back. Thank you for supporting the Litter Pick that took place on the day, you will see from the photo the amount of rubbish that was collected from within the village boundary. Where does it

all come from and how does it get there? If only we did not have to hold these events! Unfortunately we do, so rest assured, St. Giles' Church will continue to support keeping our village spick and span. More events will happen with the next one possibly being in the Spring – please watch this space. Kay also regularly organises Litter Picks around Axminster, so, if you would like additional information then the writer would be very pleased to provide you with Kay's contact details.

We thank God for the weather that day, especially when we remember the wet and windy conditions for our last Litter Pick back in the Spring.

Christopher Thorne

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WARM SPACE

The Warm Space initiative has been set up to provide places where people can go to keep warm, save money on their heating costs, socialise, and receive support and advice. Along with many other people around the country, The Baptist Church Kilminster has been opening the doors of The Beacon as a Warm Space each Tuesday morning. During the Christmas holidays The Beacon will also be open 10.00 am– 6.00 pm on Thursday 22nd and 29th December.

Our doors will be open to all, with free WiFi and tea and coffee on tap. There will be a child-free quiet area for work, reading, Scrabble, puzzles, etc. The main hall will have table tennis, toys, crafts for all ages, DVDs and areas to sit and chat. A free soup lunch will be provided at 12.30 pm and a jacket potato tea at 5.00 pm. If you will be with us for a mealtime on 22nd or 29th December, please book your meal in advance to assist those doing the catering either by calling 01297 631638, emailing:

admin@baptistchurchkilminster.org or by clicking on the correct date in the calendar on our website: www.baptistchurchkilminster.org.

Our doors will be open to all ages. Children under 12 years will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Young people in school years 8+ (13 yrs+) will need to be booked in by their parents by emailing children.youth@baptistchurchkilminster.org for safeguarding purposes but will be free to come and go.

On 22nd December, between 2.00-4.00 pm, we will have representatives from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) available to give confidential advice to those who may be struggling with debt. We are hoping to have a Nativity photo booth throughout the day, where families can dress as Nativity characters and have their picture taken. At 6.30 pm on 22nd December, we have a Carol Service that you will be welcome to stay on for. On 29th December, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, a very experienced representative from Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) will be available to provide confidential advice on a range of subjects.

Do feel free to pop in for a warm welcome.

The Beacon

OPEN THE BOOK – NOAH'S ARK

On Friday, 15th October the 'Open The Book' team were back in action. What a delightful day it was. On the day we visited Shute School and then later Stockland School. The following week we travelled to Kilminster School. For all three schools we presented the story of Noah's Ark. It was great fun each time and the kids loved every moment. The pupils were very enthusiastic, they especially loved being able to interact with us by making the sound of rain and by copying actions which we suggested. They did extremely well with signing. When you see a rainbow remember - God is love.

All of us in the 'Open The Book' team agree that we are very blessed to be able to go into these local schools and be able to present stories from the Bible and to act them out in front of such a young audience.

Thank you to all who enable us to do this.

Elana-May Blackmore



REMEMBRANCE - CHRISTMAS FAIR- 'MERRY CHRISTMAS'

I would like to commence by thanking everyone for their generosity during the Poppy Appeal, but especially Peter and Louise Wood and all their helpers for organising such a wonderful event. Many of you will be unaware that during the collection period Peter Wood, Jean Falconer and Julie Lomas (our Vicar) visited Shute, Kilmington and Stockland primary Schools, giving a talk and engaging with the children. All of them were pleasantly surprised how much the children knew and understood about Remembrance and remarked on their discipline and contribution! On Friday, 11th November over 30 people braved the blustery weather to observe the two minute silence marked by the firing of maroons. Thankfully, this year we had no close encounters with falling debris and afterwards everyone enjoyed a nice warm cuppa and cakes, courtesy of Claire!! On Sunday, 13th November a large congregation, along with representatives of the Kilmington RBL and Kilmington Girl Guides, took part in a joint service of Remembrance in St Giles' Church Kilmington. Our thanks to Reverend Julie Lomas, Pastor Mike Hudson and their combined teams, for providing such



Christmas cheer, and lots of goodies to buy including cakes, Christmas trees, and a wide selection of Christmas meats and pies (courtesy of Colyton Butchers) and much more. Look out for the posters!

Finally, as we move to the end of yet another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support throughout the year and wish you all 'A Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.'

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023 and thank you again for supporting the Royal British Legion so well. Please take great care and stay safe.

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Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch
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a welcoming service, and most enjoyable refreshments. Immediately after the service and enjoying an usually warm November day, the congregation joined other members of the community at the War Memorial (over one hundred) to conduct the act of Remembrance, mark the Two Minute Silence and lay wreaths in memory of all those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. Afterwards over thirty members made their

way to Haselbury Manor to enjoy a most welcome sit-down meal. My thanks to Jean for all her hard work and organising such a lovely completion to our Remembrance events.

Our next event will be our Christmas Fair, which this year will be on Saturday, 3rd December in the Village Hall, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Please join us for refreshments, plenty of



Kilmington Royal British Legion

***Christmas
Coffee Morning***

Saturday 3rd December

Kilmington Village Hall

10.00am to 1.00pm

***Seasonal Meat & Pies by
Colyton Butchers!***

Plus

**Christmas Trees, Cards & Gifts, Books,
Cakes & Raffle**

**Entrance including a Tea/Coffee/
Mulled Wine & Mince Pie £1.50**

KILMINGTON POPPY APPEAL 2022

Thank you Kilmington for all your support throughout the two-week Poppy Appeal. This year the 'count up' team were again unable to count the collection until after the submission date for the December edition of Postscript. Regrettably therefore we are unable to tell you in this report how much was raised for the 2022 appeal, however, we will publish the total on the village notice boards when we have it.

You will be aware that we hand-delivered a Gift Aid envelope and two poppies to every house in the village. Looking at the pile of envelopes waiting to be opened this approach appears to have again been successful and of course we have no way of knowing how many of the village donated to one of our static locations or directly to the British Legion.

Our sincere thanks to the team that delivered the envelopes: Jean Falconer, John Watts, Jenny Nicholls, Louise Quincey, Karen Hodder, Carole Bolton, John and Pat Martell, Lesley Rew, Claire Dainton, Louise Wood, Peter Squire and Richard and Sally Beckett. Jennie Giles and Avis Lockwood had, as usual, both volunteered to help but unfortunately had to withdraw at the last moment. Jenny Nicholls and Richard and Sally Beckett very kindly stepped in to cover their rounds. Jenny also hand-crafted the poppies that were

available in the Baptist Church. We look forward to all our delivery team volunteering again next year.

We are again very grateful to the Baptist Church, not only for taking in the gift aid envelope donations, but also for the wonderful Poppy display outside the Church. We are indebted to Millers Farm Shop for allowing us to set up a stall on the first two days of the collection and to place a collection tin at every till point. Thank you also to St Giles' Church, Kilmington Primary School and our local businesses: A35 Pit Stop, Texaco Garage and Starbucks for their support. And, finally, thanks to our Branch Chairman, Stafford Seward, and his wife Di, who on the middle Saturday toured the village in his new 'gator' utility vehicle.....and got soaked as the weather was awful. However, by the weight of the bucket they look as if they had a successful morning.

The Royal British Legion provides support for members of the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families. By making your donation you are helping those in need within the Armed Forces community.

Thank you again for your support.

Louise and Peter Wood
Poppy Appeal Organisers
Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch

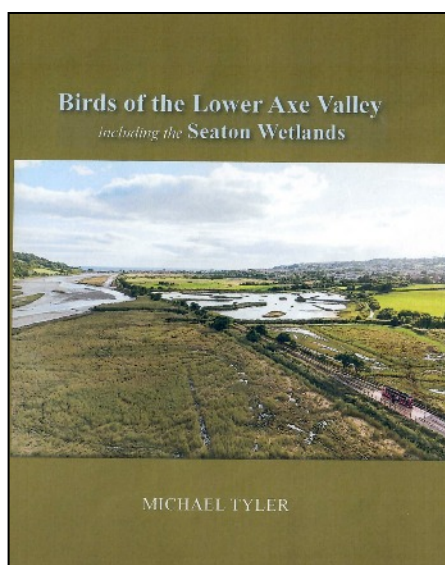
NEW WILDLIFE BOOK

Local naturalist and wildlife author, Michael Tyler, has written another book covering the birds of the Lower Axe Valley, including the renowned Seaton Wetlands. The book has been produced in partnership with East Devon District Council (EDDC).

Over 300 species of birds have been recorded and each is referred to in the book. The status of each species is listed, together with colour photographs and migration details of many birds ringed or recovered in the area.

After careful research of nineteenth century literature, the author gleaned considerable information on the status of the local birdlife, especially along the River Axe and its hinterland, which had not been published more recently.

The book covers a geological area extending from Branscombe to the Undercliff, north along the river valley to



the Dorset/Somerset border. A relatively small area, but it's surprising how full it is with birdlife.

This book will be of interest to local people who are proud of the local environment and its birdlife, as well as the historical ornithological information going back more than two centuries.

Michael Tyler has written several books and articles on natural history, including 'The Birds of Devon,' a complete avifauna of Devon and the award winning 'British Oaks - A Concise Guide'.

The hardback book is expected to be available from early December and copies priced at £15.00 can be purchased

from the author who lives in Kilmington mwtyler2@googlemail.com and from EDDC at the Lookout at Seaton Wetlands during office hours.

THANK YOU FROM THE POSTSCRIPT TEAM

After many, many years Gordon and Angela Overton have recently given up delivering the Postscript to the houses around The Green and the bottom of Whitford Road. When Ivy Talbot retired earlier in the year, Gordon became our oldest distributor at 94 years young! Everyone at the Postscript would like to thank them for their years of service

and support and say how much they have been appreciated. Hopefully they can now sit back and just enjoy reading the Postscript rather than having to deliver it first.

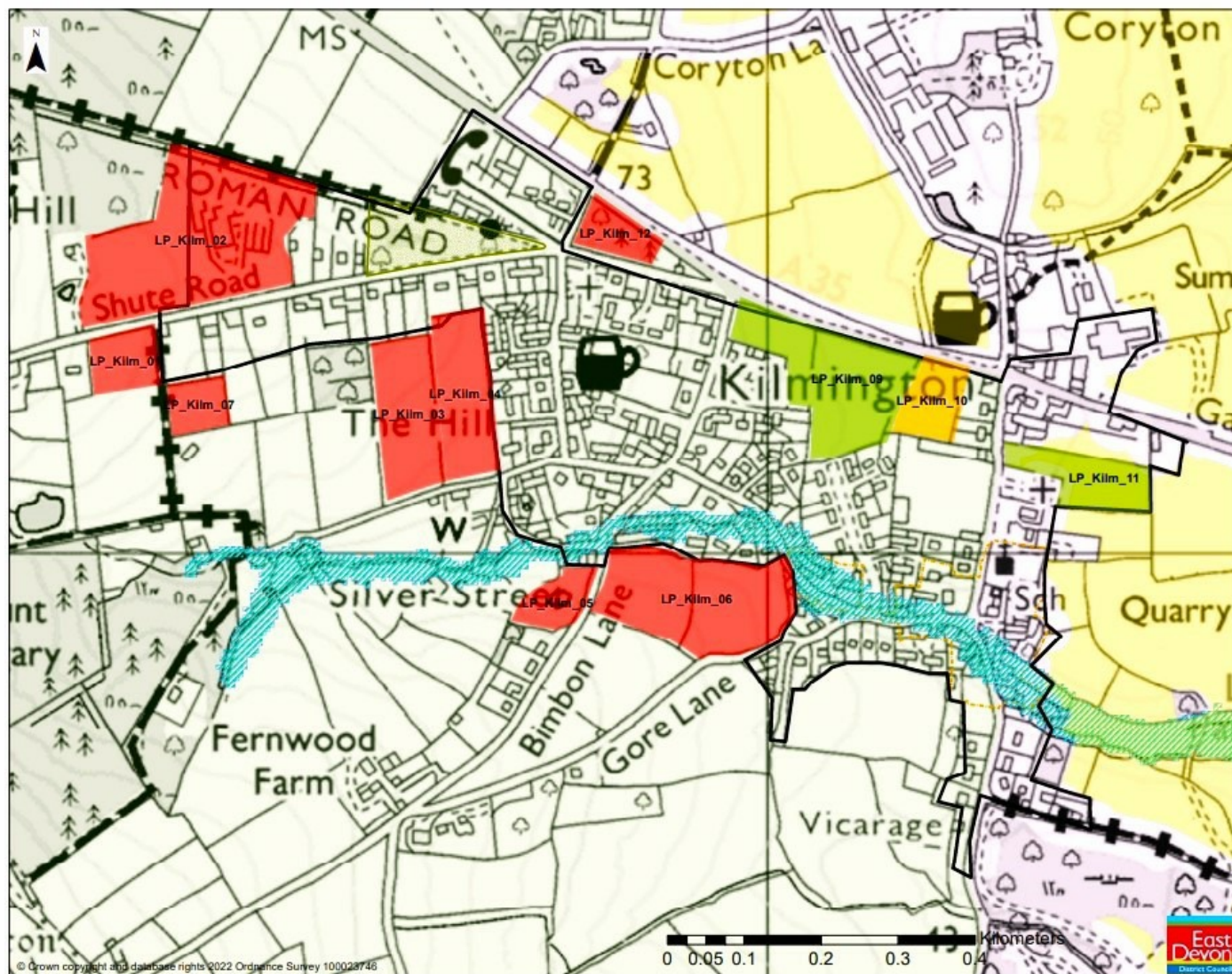
Their round has been taken on by Jean and Keith Jolley, whom we would like to thank for volunteering.

EAST DEVON DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The new Draft Local Plan sets out how EDDC intends to meet housing targets, to meet the needs of local residents up to 2040. It is the key document used in making planning

decisions in East Devon so it is vital that people have their say on proposals now. EDDC is seeking residents' views on specific sites for future development.

East Devon Local Plan 2020-2040 - Kilminster



In the Plan (see map above) the sites shown in Kilminster as 'accepted' in green reflect those we put forward in the Kilminster Neighbourhood Plan. There is also one additional proposed site shown in orange, the land to the west and southwest of The Old Inn, categorised as 'a Potential 2nd best choice allocation'. However, EDDC state that for this site it 'would be appropriate to look at heritage impacts in more detail.' Other sites, shown in red, proposed by landowners, developers etc. have been categorised as 'should not be allocated.'

The draft plan also outlines how the district plans to address the climate change emergency, how and where new jobs should be created, how town centres should be supported and how the district can protect built heritage and the natural environment.

You can log on to the website and give your views for each of the proposed sites and add your comments on the other subjects in the draft plan. Your comments will be considered as EDDC develop the plan further. Everyone who lives, works, and spends time in the district has been asked to share their views about the future of the district as part of consultation which is now live.

Have your say on how many homes need to be built and where in East Devon, sharing your views on a new draft Local Plan. The consultation at <https://eastdevonlocalplan.commonplace.is> closes on Sunday, 15th January 2023.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS A35 MEETING

Your Parish Council PC organised a meeting with National Highways (who are responsible for the A35) and a number of councils along the road from Bridport to Honiton were invited. The East Devon District Council's leader Councillor Paul Arnott and a representative from our MP Richard Foord's office also attended to add their support.

Two officers from National Highways (NH) gave a presentation and answered questions about the plans for the A35 and likely timing of work. They explained:

- A feasibility study is almost complete, and it was stated that Kilminster should get:
 - Village Gateways where physical signs, fence, village name boards and road markings will clearly define our village boundary
 - Average Speed Cameras at each end of the village which will **track the average speed that a car travels between them.**
 - A reduction in the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph (we were told a further reduction to 30mph is unlikely, but the PC will continue to make a case for this)
 - At least one Light Controlled Pedestrian Crossing to aid crossing the A35
- Timing for the project should be:
 - 2022/early 2023 Completion and agreement of the feasibility study
 - 2023/2024 Detailed design work with some limited implementation of improvements starting to be phased in from late 2023 onwards.

— 2023/2024/2025/2026 Implementation of the entire project.

- The reason for some delay is that NH has changed the way they were looking at the A35, away from a 'village by village' approach to one where they consider the complete stretch of some 60 km from Dorchester to Honiton. Considering the whole route is a more effective way to work, as changes to one section impact on another. New signage, road markings etc. will be consistent along the whole stretch.
- At present they have a five-year budget which has been 'ring fenced' so funds should be available to complete the 60km project. However, these latest national financial issues could now result in 'emergency cuts.'
- Work along the road is split into two categories:
 - Safety Improvements which are prioritised according to official accident records
 - Severance Improvements (reducing the impact of the road cutting our parish in two) which are prioritised on inspection and other local information.

Therefore, the Parish Council can have little impact on bringing forward the Safety Improvements but, making a case with our local knowledge, might hasten the completion of the Severance work. We will therefore be working on this with NH.

Rest assured your Parish Council will continue our discussions in order to maximise any improvements along the A35 and introduce them as quickly as possible. We will keep you informed.

Peter Ball KPC

THE KILMINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

In last month's edition of Postscript we told you that a group of Kilminster residents, who are regularly involved in organising social events for the village, including The Kilminster Village Show, were forming a Kilminster Community Association. The group have successfully generated some funds and they want this money to be reinvested in the village to support our clubs and encourage more social events. They have now agreed a management structure and a constitution to ensure that the association operates fairly on behalf of the whole community. Clear requirements and terms for offering grant funding have also been established.

If you run an existing village club that needs new equipment, or you want to start a new group or hold a social or educational event that will benefit Kilminster residents, you

can now apply to the association for small grants using a standard form.

The information is now published on the Kilminster Village website, and you can ask for further details by writing to community@kilminstervillage.com.

Additionally, the association plans to organise other social events for residents through the year. The recent October 'Supper with Elvis' was very successful, and the association is also working with existing groups to help create 'The Kilminster Christmas Celebrations'. If you have an idea for an event let us know. Some events will offer complementary benefits, some will be self-funding and, if they return a profit, this will be added to the fund. We also hope to grow the number of volunteers willing to lend a hand with future events so we can maintain our lively village community.



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VACANCY FOR A COMPILER AT POSTSCRIPT

Last month we mentioned that Postscript would be in need of a compiler to take over from Val in the course of the next year. The compiler is the person who transfers the various items sent in by contributors into Postscript's two-column format and arranges them on the pages so that the printer can produce the magazine. Many people nowadays will have acquired at least some of the technical IT skills to do this if they have computer experience and Val has offered help and training as necessary.

We are fortunate that one of the existing team has been working with Val for some time and will continue to do so, but those who know Gill Heighway will be aware that she is already involved in many aspects of the life of this

community and they will realise that she cannot take on this further commitment herself, although she would very much like to help with it.

Postscript is generally regarded as one of Kilmington's assets, which has developed over 25 years since its origins in the Post Office. Helping with it is a piece of community service as well as being interesting and enjoyable and it would be a loss to the village if we cannot keep it going. It is not necessary to have lived here for generations - a newcomer would be equally welcome. Please feel free to contact any member of the team (listed on page 2) to discuss it without obligation.

Editor

KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

Have you ever wondered what the 100+ Club does?

In the summer of 2022, the Village Hall was cleaned and decorated outside which included all the repair and staining of soffits, cleaning gutters, staining window frames, painting external doors and replacement of one door on the western side which had rotted near its base. In 2023 it is hoped to start work on the inside of the main hall, foyer and possibly the kitchen.

The funds from the Village Hall 100+ Club are used to help with such maintenance and improvements so that it is available for all to use. The renewal notices for 2023 will be delivered to all existing members in January but new

members are always warmly welcome. So please join the 100+ Club and contribute to this valuable facility – you never know you may win a prize in the monthly draw!

The application form appears in this month's Postscript on page 27 but application forms will be available in January from me at 8 Whitehayes Close or to collect from Pauline Horwood at Blue Haze (opposite St. Giles' Church).

We are most grateful for your continued support which helps to keep our Village Hall in tiptop condition.

Jean Falconer

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY IS A LIFELINE THIS WINTER

We know it's going to be a tough few months ahead with the cost-of-living crisis and heating bills rising. So, Libraries Unlimited is launching a 'Libraries for Life' campaign to remind everyone that we're not just about books!

You can sit in the warmth and use our free WiFi or book a computer. Up to two hours free use per day for library card holders. And here at Honiton Library are groups ranging from Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers to Baby Weighing. There's also Adult Colouring and a Knitting & Crochet group. And don't forget, if you're housebound or struggle to get to the library, our Home Library Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too!

It's really quick and easy to join the library and it's FREE!

There may be more things happening later on so do keep your eyes peeled and keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Linda Isaacson (She/Her)
Honiton Library Supervisor
01404 42818

www.librariesunlimited.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter: @LibrariesUnLtd

SUPPER WITH ELVIS

Sixty people had an entertaining evening at the first Kilminster Community Association (KCA) social event held in the Village Hall. Guests were greeted by our own Elvis who was in the building (Laurence Hitchcock) complete with his blow-up guitar!

After enjoying a chicken and chips supper, with drinks from the bar on tap all evening, the biographical musical film Elvis was shown. It certainly provided an engaging and

entertaining story of one of our biggest rock and roll stars, and at times it was quite intense. It is a long film, so half time ice-creams and a drinks top-up were welcome so all were fully prepared for the finale. The result was a great value Saturday night out and a little profit was generated for further village activities – so watch out for the next KCA social event next year.

HISTORIC PICTURE TOUR OF KILMINGTON

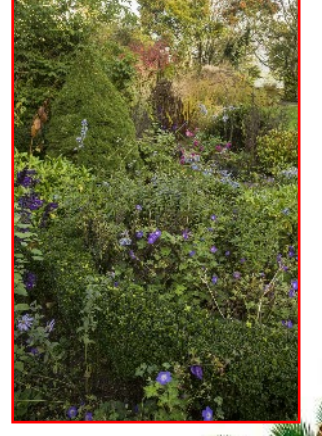
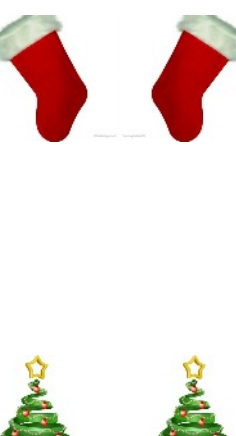
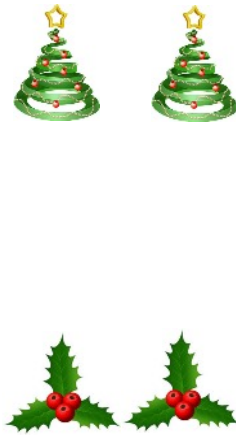
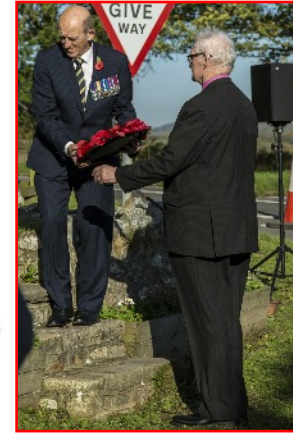
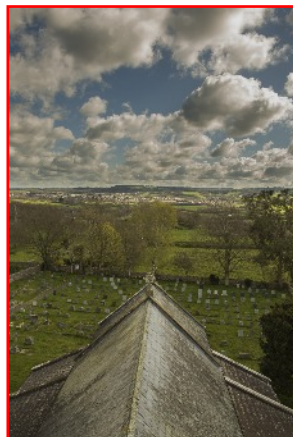


Learn more about the history and development of Kilminster - come along to a Historic Picture Tour of Kilminster on Friday, 3rd February 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. The Kilminster History Group have collated some historic photographs and are pulling them together as a village tour complete with some commentary from local residents. If you're new to the village then you're sure to

learn some interesting background about your new surroundings. For those who have lived here a while, we are sure to bring back memories and we hope you'll chip in and pass on some of your knowledge on the night. We'll have teas, coffee and a bar.

Tickets are limited and are just £3, order yours by calling: Peter Squire on 07957 487796.

KILMINGTON 2022 - A Snapshot of the Year!



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cookery Corner

This month's recipes have been chosen with two things in mind; firstly Christmas of course and secondly, cutting back on food waste and making food go further. Every year I over buy-groceries, and after Christmas I am left with foods which need using up. These usually include cheese, cream, chocolate and sweet treats, so the following recipes aim to use up those ingredients. The savoury tart is really a good way of using up left over cheese and cream and can be served with salad as a supper dish or for a cheaper main meal. It works well with baked beans and a jacket potato. The pudding is

a tasty way of using up left over Panettone, cream and chocolate. The biscuits are quick and easy to make and can be frozen. I have also seen a recipe for Brandy Butter shortbread which sounds interesting too.

There are several useful websites which give good ideas for using up left over Christmas food; the recipes are numerous and include pies for left-over turkey and vegetables, Christmas pudding ice cream, Eccles cakes using up left-over dried fruit and marzipan. These are: www.bbcgoodfood.com www.olivemagazine.com www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/collections/christmas-leftover-recipes

With food prices increasing weekly and all of us watching how much we spend, we would like to include recipes next month which aim to help with making our money go further. If you have any recipes/ideas which you would like to share with the village, please send them to postscript@kilmingtonvillage.com

CHEESEBOARD AND ONION TART

Serves 4-6

Pastry:

250g/10oz plain flour
125g/5oz butter, cold and cubed
4 tbsp cold water

Filling:

1 large onion, thinly sliced into rings
2 tbsp olive oil
2 large eggs
300ml/12floz double cream
250g/10oz cheese, a third each of cheddar, brie and stilton works well, crumbled/torn
1 tsp of chopped parsley (optional)
Salt and pepper

Method

1. First make the pastry by pulsing the flour and butter together in a food processor. Add the water and pulse until a ball of dough is formed. Chill for 10 minutes.
2. Use the pastry to line a 23cm loose bottom flan tin, leave the excess pastry hanging over the edge of the tin. Line the pastry with greaseproof paper and baking beans. Bake at 180C fan/200C/ gas 6 C for 15 minutes. Remove the beans and paper and cook for a further 10 minutes. Trim off the excess pastry.
3. Whilst the pastry is cooking, heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the onions for approx 10 minutes until golden in colour and soft.
4. Scatter the onions on the pastry base followed by the cheeses.
5. Mix the eggs, cream, seasoning and parsley if using together and pour onto the cheeses.
6. Bake at 160C fan/180C/gas 4 for 35-40 minutes until set. Turn the temperature down to 140C if the pastry begins to brown too much



PANETTONE PUDDING

Serves 4-6

25g/1oz butter
300g/12oz Panettone, sliced
2 eggs
150ml/6floz double cream
225ml/9 floz milk
1 tsp vanilla essence
2 tbsp caster sugar
50g/2oz dark chocolate, chopped

Method

1. Grease an ovenproof dish with butter.
2. Spread the remaining butter over the Panettone slices and cut each slice into 3 pieces.
3. Lay the Panettone slices, butter side up, into the dish. Scatter over the chopped chocolate.
4. In a jug, beat together the cream, milk, eggs, caster sugar and vanilla essence. Pour over the Panettone slices.
5. Bake at 160C fan/180C/gas 4 for 35-40 minutes until set.
6. Serve with cream or ice-cream.



CLOTTED CREAM SHORTBREAD

Makes approx. 20 biscuits

100g/4oz unsalted butter, softened
100g/4oz clotted cream
100g/4oz caster sugar
300g/12oz plain flour

Method

1. Cream the butter, cream and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Stir in the flour and form into a ball.
2. Roll the dough out on to a floured surface to a thickness of a pound coin. Using a 7cm cutter cut out the biscuits. Re roll if necessary to use up all the dough.
3. Place on a greased or lined baking tray. Bake at 160C fan/180C/gas 4 for approx 25 minutes.
4. Once cooked, cool on a wire rack, dust with caster or



Diane Overton



KILMINGTON COMMON

There has been a magnificent response from villagers to get stuck into the work of restoring The Common.

Thank you to all who have turned up, and also for the encouraging comments from those passing by who have appreciated all that's been done.

The grass that was cut in October has been raked off. We are now moving on with the long job of removing the bramble and its roots that have been establishing themselves in the grassland. This will be the main task of the next few meetings which will be on:

Wednesday, 30th November 10.00 am-12.00 noon

Saturday, 10th December 10.00 am –12.00 noon

Join us if you can with strong gloves and a pickaxe or mattock if you have one.

Keep a look out on Kilmington Now for any updates and additional meetings in the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Judith Simpson
simpsonjudith71@gmail.com
01297 32694

MISSING WORDS

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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MAD moments in the garden

So suddenly the Christmas issue is here again.

This, as some of you may know, is my last contribution to Postscript. Looking back, somewhat surprisingly it's my 63rd issue!! In January I move to pastures new and leave this lovely village and my garden behind. I'm moving to central Bristol, so back to city life and a much smaller patch which currently is very overgrown. Thankfully I am very excited about creating a different sort of garden there.

Back in the summer I started taking cuttings, realizing the move was on the cards, and now I am reaching the stage of digging up and dividing some favourite perennials, some to take, some to share with fellow gardeners and leaving most behind for the family arriving in January to enjoy.

There are some favourites, of course, that are too big to move and others that just won't grow well in Bristol. *Rhododendron*, *Camellias* and some other acid-loving plants will remain here undisturbed.

My apologies for the lack of the Christmas theme, but my head is full of getting sorted, gathering pots and plants into one area, sorting and slimming down the tool collection, all of which I want done before the last Devon Christmas with all the family. Once some packing is done and other things arranged, I can think Christmas. I hope you will find some inspiration from my favourite plants that will be travelling north with me. Given the size of the next garden project, the plants I am taking are my 'must find space somewhere for' plants.

Top of the list are *Salvias*. I seem to have accrued quite a collection. Thankfully they are easy to propagate. Three of the favourites are *Salvia uliginosa*, the tall willowly waving wands of the brightest clear sky-blue flowers is just so uplifting on a grey autumn day. I have planted it amongst

Geranium "Rozanne" which weaves its way over the *Salvia*'s somewhat untidy base. The *Aster x frikartii "Monch"* completes the trio of differing blue tones appearing in June extending through to well, the first two plants are still flowering now as I write in mid-November!! So, I will be taking some of all three.

One of the other favourite *Salvias* also in this bed is *Salvia x sylvestris "Caradonna"*. These flowers, growing above a tidy neat mound of dark leaves, flower from late spring through to mid-summer. The dark purple flowers are held on stiff, dark purple stems that are a great contrast to the *alliums* both growing up above the slightly neater, at that stage in the season, *Geranium "Rozanne"* as it begins to flower. Dead heading will extend the season of flowering.

Number three, *Salvia greggii "Royal Bumble"* is a delicate woody shrub with masses of hot red flowers from June through to mid-November. These are borne on dark, purple green stems with similar coloured small scented leaves. Just beautiful.

I am as usual getting very close to my word count limit so must say goodbye. I have very much enjoyed writing these MAD moments, learning a lot along the way and always wanting to elaborate more than the space allows.

I am delighted to be handing over the column to Jane Chalk and Peter Guy in whose hands I am sure it will inform, entertain and encourage you all to do more gardening. Whatever the outcome this year, there is always next year to do it better or try something different. Happy gardening days to you all and have a great Christmas and a new year full of joy.

Mary-Anne Driscoll

PLEASE HELP – WHO DO YOU RECOMMEND?

If you can't find a local tradesperson within this magazine, we hope you use OurLocalExpert – the free printed (and online) guide of recommended local tradespeople now in its fifth year (see www.OurLocalExpert.co.uk).

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If you don't have your copy of OurLocalExpert please also contact us using the above details and we will be happy to post you a copy. Otherwise, your new annual edition of OurLocalExpert will be distributed from February 2023, free through your letterbox with your post.

George Hunt
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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

AGM



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Over 50 members and the committee met for the Gardening Club AGM and social evening.

Mary-Anne Driscoll started the evening's formalities with talking through this year's events. She announced that Jane Chalk had decided to step down from the committee, after eleven years. Everyone thanked Jane for her long service and for her work with the plant market.

Jennie Seaton was also thanked for her time as treasurer. She stays on the committee but changes her role and Sarah Frankish steps up to take over as the new treasurer.

Mary-Anne confirmed she has stepped down as chair, as she is leaving the village early next year. She was thanked for her year at the helm. Mary-Anne, Jane Chalk and BJ Lewis, President, were presented with bouquets of flowers.

Lesley Rew was voted in to take over the position of chair. She has already served for eleven years on the committee, eight of which has been organising the talks programme, so the club is in safe hands. An exciting programme is already planned for next year. As well as monthly talks and annual flower show, there will be workshops, demos and plenty of garden visits.

So, if you enjoy gardening, come and join us for the start of an exciting new year at our first talk 'Seeds, pricking out and potting on' on Friday, 13th January at 7.30 pm.

The committee would like to wish all its members and visitors a peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Mary-Anne Driscoll
and B J Lewis

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Newsletter no 50

In the monthly newsletters ALCS hopes to keep its regular clients and any new readers informed of what help is available from many different sources for those coping with the process of cancer diagnosis, treatment, recovery and convalescence, which is often lengthy, complicated and daunting. It offers up to date information as well as support through a difficult and demanding experience for them and their families.

There is usually a feature about one or other of the local therapists known to them. This time it is Emma Finch, who runs a nature healing retreat on the Blackdown Hills, where she practises intuitive reflexology, relieving stress and tension, leaving clients 'better able to process life'. Some of them have written appreciative recommendations of her approach. There is also a reminder of the regular monthly drop-in sessions held in Axminster Hospital for those

currently undergoing, or just recovering from treatment and the weekly Acupuncture clinic, also in the Scott-Rowe room at the hospital. The website highlighted this time is concerned with yoga, which may not prevent or cure cancer, but has been found to be a great help in dealing with it.

Dates and events in December include:

Monday, 5th December: 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Christmas Wreath Workshop, Lyme Regis Football Club

Tuesday, 6th December: 6.30 – 8.30 pm, Pie and Pint, Location TBC

Monday, 19th December 12.30 – 1.30 pm, Christmas Lunch, Lyme Regis Football Club.

January events will be listed in the next newsletter (no. 51) on their website at the end of December. If you wish to access it or obtain more information and detail from ALCS please use the addresses above to contact them.

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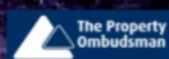
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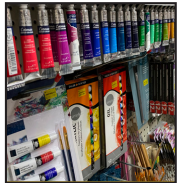
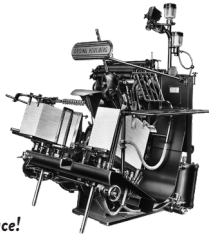
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The Village Hall is once again being used for social events for all ages and by the many clubs and organisations which form such an integral part of our village community. The '100+ Club' helps to fund essential maintenance as well as any improvements needed to keep the hall in good repair for everyone to enjoy. We very much hope that existing members of the 100+ club will be willing to renew their subscription in 2023 and, of course, we welcome new members.

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However, quotes show it needs a considerable investment to purchase and install the solar panels and battery. The Hall Management Committee already has the agreement of the Parish Council who will help with the costs. We are also seeking grants from community and environmental groups, including the East Devon Community Buildings Fund which has an early January 2023 closing date.

If the project is to go forward as soon as possible, we need fund raising and financial support now. Could you:

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WILDLIFE OF THE COMMON AND SUMMER SIGHTINGS

Hi everyone - I'm back to write about Kilmington wildlife and its people, after a gap of six months. I was going to concentrate this month on our Common – the wildlife that was there, still is and maybe will come back.

However, before that – the Summer highlights: an otter sighted by the brook near the phone box, a young Sea Eagle in a garden at Shute Road - hard to imagine either 'visiting' the village but it happened! Sadly, a purple hairstreak, a butterfly rarely seen or recorded, drowned in our allotment pond, spotted and hoiked out by our eagle-eyed grandson. There had also been good numbers of the colourful, male Oak Eggar moth bombing around the village during day-light hours in August. They generally travel amongst large areas of tall grassland looking to pounce on females to mate with. This suggests that our verges are being seen as more connected and larger in extent. Formerly The Common would have been their prime breeding site when it covered approx. 250 acres!

The Common, as it is now, shrunk to a fragment and some of the distinctive life of this lowland heath is only just hanging on. The Summer flowers are clearly struggling, dwarfed by dominant grasses. The grasses, literally over-fed in recent years, have thrived on trapped leaves, cut grass and liberal amounts of fertiliser – dog-poo is most likely, in the absence of grazing animals. These grassy areas are going to need frequent cutting for some time. There was also the intense heat and the lack of rainfall to contend with, which we all had to endure! Despite our hard labour last winter, the brambles in places are too well-established, again due to several years of cutting, and have developed pruned tops above huge spreading roots that can only be removed by pickaxes and a fair amount of muscle power – great to keep you fit!

Despite these setbacks it was rewarding to see reasonable numbers of common blue butterfly, small copper and an occasional, large silver-washed fritillary using the south facing bank on the edge of the grassland for its patrol in our late Summer sunshine. The spring flowers on the woodland edge, not having so much competition, did well earlier in the year. Similarly, when Stafford carried out the first cut this Autumn, which is now raked off, there was the reward of seeing many species of fungi coming through – huge Penny Bun Boletes, The Blusher and The Miller, Death Cap, several Russula/ brittle cap species and numerous Waxcaps as well as the beautiful Amethyst Deceiver. At the moment just by the off-road parking at the top of Shute Road the Giant Funnel Caps fungi have reappeared.

Two flowers that were once found on the Common were Sawwort and Devils's Bit Scabious. I couldn't find them this year – do you have either in your garden? If so it would be great to have some seed and see if we can re-establish them. The additional Heath Lobelia re-introductions haven't worked – when we planted them, we didn't know exactly what we were facing but we will persevere and find the right place and management for them to flourish. Oh, lots of work to do but also great fun.

David Simpson

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Contact me for any sightings you want to share – I'm still interested in collating them, although still thinking of the best way to bring them together for the future benefit of the wildlife and our local Kilmington 'community'.

DATES FOR DECEMBER 2022

Sat	3rd	10.00 am	Village Hall	Royal British Legion Christmas Fair
Sun	4th	11.00 am	Shute Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Tues	6th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	6th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion
	6th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Sat	10th	10.00 am	The Common	Bramble Clearing
	10th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	The Beacon	Tabletop Coffee Afternoon
	10th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Celebrate Together Service
Sun	11th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	12th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Tues	13th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE (Craft Group)
	13th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Christmas Lunch
Wed	14th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	KCC: The Railway Children Return
Thurs	15th	2.00 pm	Village Hall	KCC: The Railway Children Return
Sat	17th	8.00 am	The Beacon	Men's Breakfast
	17th	4.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Christingle Service
Sun	18th	10.30 am	The Beacon	All Age Nativity Service
	18th	6.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments
	18th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Christmas Celebration
Tues	20th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion
	20th	2.30 and 6.30 pm	The Beacon	A Blue Christmas Service
Sat	24th	9.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Carols and Holy Communion
Sun	25th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Christmas Celebrations followed by Community Christmas Lunch
Wed	28th	Early	Your House	Recycling only



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WEEK TO VIEW (Events that happen the same time every week)

Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	Service
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing
Tuesday	10.00 - noon	The Beacon	The Post Office
Wednesday	9.30 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies (Term time only)
	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Mums and Babies Support Group
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Thursday	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

DATES FOR JANUARY 2023

Sun	1st	10.30 am	The Beacon	New Year Day's Service
	1st	11.00 am	Stockland Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Tues	3rd	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Wed	4th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Sun	8th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	9th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Tues	10th	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	10th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE (Craft Group)
Fri	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: <i>Seeds, Pricking Out and Potting On</i>
Sun	15th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
Tues	17th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Contact Lunch
Thurs	19th	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course - this is a 12 week course more information on page 8
Sat	21st	8.00 am	The Beacon	Men's Breakfast
Sun	22nd	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
Mon	23rd	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Sun	29th	11.00 am	Yarcombe Church	Mission Community Service



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It has been necessary to set up alternative arrangements following the closure of the village shop.

DIRECTIONS FOR FINDING Vicky Larcombe's house. Vicky is treasurer for Postscript.

From Whitford Road turn left and walk up The Street, passing Koppers, Kushi Kitchen, the Bull Pen and West Gate on your right. The next house is **Brookside** where Mrs Vicky Larcombe lives. If you find yourself crossing Meadow Bank, you have gone a few steps too far.

Please post payments for advertising in Postscript and donations to help with printing costs
through the front door of Vicky Larcombe's house. Thank you.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

VILLAGE NUMBERS

Bell-ringing - Celia Dunsford	01297 33563	KGC - Bev Perkins, Secretary	01297 631801	RBL - Jean Falconer - Sec Stafford Seward - Chairman	01297 33708 01297 33909
Bridge Club - Eric Samways - Gill Bullock	01297 24260 01297 647768	Kilminster Community Cinema - John Watts	01297 639758	Short Mat Bowls - Edith Turner	01297 34090
Country Dancing - Gill Perkins - Marie Thorne	01297 32888 01297 631194	Kilminster's Little Helpers - Sally Huscroft	01297 32243	Table Tennis - Jenny Nickolls	01297 639758
Cricket - David Lavender	01297 631868	Kilminster Pre-School - Now part of primary school	01297 32762	Telephone Box Library - Karen Hodder	01297 35162
Footpath co-ordinator - Elaine Penzer	01297 34287	Kilminster Primary School	01297 32762	Tennis - Bev Bailey Sue Wells	07577 488656 07912 272102
Hitchcock Pavilion bookings - Peter Huscroft	01297 32243	Millers Farm Shop	01297 35290	Village Hall bookings - Louise Quincey	01297 32358
Kilminster A35 Pit Stop	01297 598060	The New Inn	01297 33376	Village Hall 100+ Club - Jean Falconer	01297 33708
Kilminster Cross Services	01297 631089	The Old Inn	01297 441855	www.kilminstervillage.com - Luke & Maxine Lawson	07719 909532

MEDICAL AND SUPPORT

Axminster Hospital	01297 630400	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Veterinary Surgery	01297 630500
St Thomas Court Surgery	01297 32126	Dentist Helpline	03330 063300		

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Refuse Collection	01395 571515	Axminster Library	01297 32693	Clerk to the Parish Council	07800 826657
Water - general - leaks	0344 346 2020 0800 230 0561	Mobile Library	01404 42818	E. Devon District Councillor - Iain Chubb	01297 35468
Electricity - emergency	0800 365 900	Ring & Ride	01404 46520	Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown, Iain Chubb	07932 459595
		Axminster Care Service	01297 35550		

Police: Crime stoppers - 0800 555111: Emergency - 999: General - 101

CHURCHES

St Giles' Church Rev Julie Lomas	01297 35004	Baptist Church Office Pastor Mike Hudson	01297 631638	Axminster Catholic Church Parish Priest: Father Anthony Cockram	01297 32135
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ADVERTISING IN POSTSCRIPT

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	Black and white ads	Colour ads
Credit card (70 mm x 40 mm)	£ 5 or £22.50 for 5 months	
¼ page (90 wide x 136 mm high - Portrait)	£12 for one-off or £50 for 5 months	£15 for one-off or £75 for 5 months
½ page (184 x 136 or 90 x 276 mm)	£20 or £90 for 5 months	£30 for one-off
Full page (184 x 276 mm)	£30 or £130 for 5 months	£40 for one-off

If the advertisement could be sent as a jpeg it is a great help when sizing for publication.

BACK COVER: *Occasionally the back cover is available for a one-off colour page advertisement. Cost: £50*

Additional fee of £1 if Postscript has to edit, size or set copy.

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COMING AND GOING FOR A SONG: There is no charge for these entries for items valued up at £20 or less. However, donations are appreciated - these can be popped through Vicky Larcombe's door (please see directions on page 22).



Christmas Celebrations



KILMINGTON



Sunday 18th December



SANTA'S PARADE

Starting 6pm at the New Inn
Follow Santa's sledge and the
elves as they make their way
to the Village Hall



CAROL SERVICE

Starting at 6pm
Join our Traditional Carol
Service at St Giles
Church

Followed by
A Christmas Party in the Village Hall
at 7pm

Light up the Christmas Tree - Join in the Sing-Along - Mulled
Wine, Mince Pies, & Cake - Hot chocolate, tea and coffee

FREE ENTRY



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