

EDITORIAL

News travels fast in Kilmington. Not only the congregation of the Beacon Baptist Church but also most of the village will know by now that Pastor Darrell Holmes is leaving Kilmington in August for another ministry elsewhere and they will have been sad to hear it. This edition of Postscript features a tribute to him, his family and his thirteen eventful years working here and he has provided the last of his Letters from the Churches. He will be greatly missed as part of the village and we wish him well in Brixham.

This month's Postscript carries the welcome announcement that the Village Hall has now re-opened, so some events are permitted to go ahead again, though still with a degree of caution. The Kilmington Community Cinema successfully held its inaugural film night in June, with the first matinee showing on the following afternoon and John Watts has supplied the information for the next one. The Gardening Club can look forward more confidently to the talks it had planned. Numbers are still restricted for the hall and booking is necessary.

Alan Clarkson, delving in archives of local newspapers online, occasionally comes across a nugget and has sent us an account of a very muddy day at the races almost two centuries ago. Peter, in Sky at Night, tells us which planets, moons and meteors we could expect to see and when and where we should be looking. David Simpson has sent us a local nature update containing sightings reported by readers following his request in an article last month. Ruth Worsley, who as part of Legacy and Landscape first introduced us to the Heath Lobelia, has sent a press release about some daytime and dusk discovery walks in the Saving Special Species programme, which also includes the Grey Long-Eared bats. A rather more strenuous walk is contemplated by Judith Simpson, heading for the International Climate Change conference in Glasgow which begins on November 1st. Warming continues despite the postponed conference. While there, she hopes to present her list of what this small Devon village is doing about it.

As announced in the last edition of Postscript, the Kilmington and Shute Community Litter pick took place in glorious weather on 12th June and the hot and hard-working group rightly take pride of place on this month's front cover. We should be grateful to them – but not just leave it to them. Anybody can have a go at litter-picking. Any time. Our back cover is a reminder that plans are proceeding for the Village Show, due to take place on 11th September if all is well.

There is no separate Postscript in August. The next one will be for September.

Janfryd

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COP₂₆

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2021

Since the first mention of Cop26 in the Postscript of March 2020, so much has happened. As you will remember, this crucial international conference was due to be held in November 2020. Then – Covid happened and the conference, along with so much else in our lives, was cancelled.

Not so Climate Change which, as we are all experiencing, marches on. The gardeners, growers, allotmenters and farmers amongst you will have faced the challenges of recent growing seasons. Hot and dry, cold and wet, more frequent and record-breaking extremes of weather leading to what has felt, this year, like a non-existent spring.

At last, and thank goodness, the issue of Climate Change and the undeniable need for ACTION NOW by all world governments, fossil fuel production, big business, banking and us as individuals is now in our news and across the media daily.

A growing number of villagers and some local businesses have maintained, even increased efforts to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, all in line with the aim of Cop26 to keep the rise in global temperature warming to 1.5 degrees by 2050. I have the list of actions and initiatives that villagers were already taking to reduce their carbon emissions. I'm sure there may be many more you're doing since I last asked. Do let me know.

I feel so strongly about this issue and for the continuing welfare of my children, grandchildren, future generations

and all life on the planet that I have decided to put other aspects of my life on hold for 30 days and walk the 432 miles from Kilmington to Glasgow. The conference is due to begin in Glasgow on November 1st 2021. I am aiming to be there when it starts (Covid situation and any restrictions permitting), doing my best to get there without creating more emissions.

Like so many others I have been walking the lanes and paths in and around Kilmington during the past 15 months. Preparation for my long walk will step up over the coming weeks.

Friends have suggested sponsoring my walk and I have an idea for a local charity that could benefit. There will be an update in the September issue of Postscript. In the meantime, if you do want to sponsor me or have any ideas about local projects that could benefit, then please do let me know.

If you want to check out developments both locally and nationally as we move towards COP 26, the following may be of interest:

COP 26 www.gov.uk
Devon County Council – Devon Climate Emergency
Climate Change Coalition
The Wildlife Trusts
RSPB
Friends of the Earth

Judith Simpson jsimpson@greenbee.net

LOCAL NATURE UPDATE

Following on from my article in last month's Postscipt I'd like to thank the people who've sent in their recent sightings and their positive comments about the article.

Highlights in recent records were, a cuckoo calling just south of the village a few weeks ago and astonishingly seven Red Kites were counted wheeling above the allotments before heading North towards Membury. One of the few spectacles that kept the rooks quiet at this time of the year! A large slow worm sunning itself, quickly slinked off when I looked its way. There are good populations on the Allotments breeding in the heat of the grass and compost piles, plenty of cover from cats and other predators. **Do you have slow worms near you?** Gardens and hedgerows can be particularly good places for them.

Grass snakes, adders, frogs and newt records would be great to get an overall picture of where they are hanging out in our village, particularly the harmless grass snake as they have become much rarer in recent years.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer months and all the wildlife in our village.

Drop me an email davidthomsimpson@waitrose.com or leave an answer-phone message on 01297 32694 of things you see.

David Simpson

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Hard

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 14.

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KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

With hopefully warm evenings, it's time to gaze up at our incredible skies. You've a chance to see the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Venus and a meteor shower.

Jupiter can be easily seen rising in the Eastern night sky throughout July and August. In early July it appears just before midnight but gets earlier each night, so by the end of August you should see it rise above the horizon around 8.00 pm.

Saturn can also be clearly seen throughout July and August, rising about an hour before Jupiter in the South East night sky.

Venus can be seen in the early evening just after sunset but disappears below the horizon earlier each night. In early July you may catch it in the North West as it sets by 8.30 pm. It moves progressively westward as the days go by. By the end of August it sets before 9.00 pm in the West.

Mars is below our horizon during the night throughout these next two months.

July 17th to August 24th Perseid Meteor Shower It reaches its peak on August 12th to 13th and is particularly prominent in the pre-dawn hours. During its peak, the Perseids sparkle in the summer sky, when the Earth collides with particles of debris left behind by the Swift-Tuttle

Comet. This year, the Moon will only be 13 per-cent full and is expected to set as the meteors begin to appear. Therefore, you will likely see around 50 to 75 meteors per hour on its optimum night.

July 24th July Full Hay moon.

AUGUST

12th/13th Perseid Meteor Shower peaks.

22nd A Full Seasonal Blue Moon. We can thank the Christian ecclesiastical calendar for the reason why the third Full Moon of the season is called the Blue Moon. Their calendar uses the phases of the Moon to determine the exact dates for holidays like Lent and Easter. The month of Lent contains the final Full Moon of winter, Lenten Moon. The first Full Moon of spring—also known as the Easter Moon or the Paschal Moon - falls just before Easter. Naming the third Moon of the season as the Blue Moon ensured that Lent and Easter coincided with the right Moon phases, and other celebrations and customs would still fall during their 'proper' times.

Peter

KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (PG)

Kilmington Village Hall Wednesday, 14th July & Thursday, 15th Matinee



Kilmington Community Cinema

Tom Hanks plays the cherished US children's TV star Fred Rogers in this surprisingly moving drama about his transformative encounter with a hard-bitten reporter.

Director Marielle Heller and screenwriters Noah Harpster and Micah Fitzerman-Blue have adroitly set up the tightrope that Tom Hanks has to walk across, stretching it between irony and belief, and the result is a really entertaining and touching film. And the moment when the kids on the New York subway spot Mr Rogers and start singing his theme tune to him, with adult passengers and cops joining in well, I reckon I must have got something in my eye. (Peter Bradshaw Guardian).

Wednesday - Doors open at 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm. Thursday matinee - Doors Open at 2.00 pm with the film commencing at 2.15 pm and ending about 4.30 pm.

If limited by restrictions PRE-BOOKING WILL BE ESSENTIAL.

Please state Wednesday or Thursday. Tickets pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on the door.

To Book: Tel: 01297 639758 leave contact details and booking will be confirmed, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com See http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/moviola.html for more information.

No film in August

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB - JULY 2021

		1st XI - B Division						2nd XI - G Division East			
Sat	3	Bovey Tracey 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н	Sat	3	Woodbury and NSC 2nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	A
Sun	4	Wye Rustics		2.30 pm	Н						
Sat	10	Ipplepen	DL	1.00 pm	A	Sat	10	Exmouth 3rd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н
Sat	17	Chudleigh	DL	1.00 pm	Н	Sat	17	Sidbury	DL	1.00 pm	A
Sun	18	Les Erbs		2.00 pm	Н						
Mon	19	Tiffintits		2.30 pm	Н						
Sat	24	Bideford	DL	1.00 pm	A	Sat	24	Topsham St James 2nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н
Tues	27	Southall		2.00 pm	Н						
Sat	31	Plymstock	DL	1.00 PM	A	Sat	31	Feniton 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н



		East Devon T20 Bash		
Wed	7	Honiton	6.15 pm	Н
Wed	14	Uplyme	6.15 pm	A
Thurs	22	Ottery St Mary	6.15 pm	A



AUGUST FIXTURES

		1st XI - B Division						2 nd XI - G Division East			
Wed	4	Uganda Kobs		2.00 pm	Н						
Sat	7	Thorverton	DL	1.00 pm	Н	Sat	7	Kentisbeare 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	A
Mon	9	Four Counties Nondescript		2.00 pm	Н						
Thurs	12	Spar Ramblers		2.00 pm	Н						
Sat	14	Dartington/Totnes	DL	1.00 pm	Н	Sat	14	Alphington and CW 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	A
Sat	21	Ivybridge	DL	1.00 pm	A	Sat	21	Shobrooke Park 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н
Sun	22	Old Haberdashers		2.00 pm	Н						
Sat	28	Heathcoat 2 nd XI	DL	1.00 pm	Н	Saat	28	Cheriton Fitzpaine	DL	1.00 pm	A
Mon	30	Whiteway Cup		10.00 am	A						

		East Devon T20 Bash		
Sun	1	Finals	TBA	

VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on 22nd May 2021

G Burden	£30	K West	£5
M Tyler	£15	D Ingles	£5
J Playford	£15	J Martell	£5

For further details, please contact Jean Falconer - 01297 33708

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

The deadlines for ordering oil fall on Friday 23^{rd} July and on Wednesday, 25^{th} August.

Please submit requests for exact amounts or if ordering a 'top up' or a filled tank then please let me have an accurate estimate as to how much you require with a minimum order of 500 litres.

Colin Stewart 01297 792538 cogstewartcs@gmail.com cogstewart@aol.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 27th July and 24th August at 11.20 - 11.50 am The Street

BILL KERSLAKE

Sadly on May 16th Bill Kerslake passed away. Bill was a really active member of Kilmington village over the years, being involved in the KVPA, the British Legion, Hospital League of Friends, the church and Parish Council.

Born in Guildford, Bill spent time in Surrey, Kent, Scotland and Eire, initially as a nurse and remaining in the medical business before he and Molly retired to Kilmington in 1992. They have enjoyed every minute of their time in the village.

It is planned that when restrictions are fewer there will be a memorial service at St Giles', Kilmington.

Molly and the family appreciate all the kind thoughts and wishes that have been received.

Carol Roberts (Bill's daughter)



NGS OPEN GARDENS

Many thanks to those who visited the gardens on a sunny Saturday but rather damp Sunday! A total (including a generous donation from the Table Tennis Club) of £1,308 was raised for the National Garden Scheme and the tea money raised £235 for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

A great total going to support many charities. Thank you. Paul and Celia, Judith, BJ and Mary-Anne

KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

We are delighted to confirm that the Village Hall re-opened on 17th May. Several regular user groups have resumed their activities. Covid-19 regulations are in place and will be amended as the Government announces changes.

To book the Hall please follow the usual procedures i.e. emailing or phoning Louise.

Contact: kilmingtonvillagehallbooking@gmail.com or 01297 32358

Kilmington Village Hall Management Committee

GARDENS OPEN FOR HOSPISCARE IN JULY AND AUGUST 2021

Dunsford Open Gardens (three gardens). Saturday, 3rd July: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Little Ash Farm Bungalow, Honiton. Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th July: 1.00 – 5.00 pm

Prospect House, Axminster. Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th July: 1.00 - 5.00 pm

South Wood Farm, Honiton. Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th July: 1.00 - 5.00 pm

Sowden Edge, Lympstone. Sunday, 4th July: 2.00 – 5.00 pm The Pollinator Garden, Colyton. Wednesday, 14th July:

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Briar House, Exeter. Sunday, 18th July: 12.00 noon – 5.00

Fursdon House, Exeter. Wednesday, 28th July: 2.00 – 5.00

Topsham Open Gardens (three gardens and Tea on the Quay). Sunday, 18th July: 2.00 – 5.00 pm

Axminster Open Gardens (two gardens). Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd August

Jazz in the Garden, Topsham. Sunday, 22nd August: 4.00 –

Rossli, Woodbury Salterton. Monday, 30th August: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2021



Last year we could not hold an in-person Summer Holiday Club for primary schoolaged children at The Beacon. This year, if the regulations stay the same or improve, Summer Holiday Club will be back! Look out for

Psalm Tree Island, coming to The Beacon, as we look at the ups and downs of King David's and Jesus' lives.

Psalm Tree Island will be taking place during the first week of August – Monday 2nd to Friday 6th for 5 to 11 year-olds. There will be crafts, games, stories, songs (not sure about the singing yet!), snacks and quizzes. The club itself may look slightly different this year due to the Covid restrictions, but we aim to maintain as many of the usual elements as we can.

Registration will be via our email booking system, nearer the time. So, for now, put the dates in your diary and if you are not already registered with us, email:

www.children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Juletta Obudo

Vacancy St Giles' Church Kilmington 01297 35433



Letter from the Churches

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It's been thirteen years, six pets, five cars, four Prime Ministers, three vicars, two chapels and one additional daughter since Lucy and I arrived in Kilmington, Devon. As we drove down from Birmingham in the car in January 2008 with the removal lorry following on, Jed (then 7) piped up from the back of the car "Are we going to live in heaven?" The answer that I would give to him now is "no, Devon, but it's not far off!"

As a family we have truly loved living in such a vibrant and friendly community (even if there's no such thing as a secret). I remember Lucy and I walking down the road on our first day and being stopped by a resident who asked "How's the boiler?" It was then I began to realise that many in the village knew that the Manse boiler had broken down and needed repair, and they would likely know much else about us as the years went by.

But it has been a place we felt really at home in and where we feel we have made lifelong friends. We quickly got to know the community and the characters, we were welcomed into village life, our kids thrived at the village school, we discovered the best places to walk, eat, shop, play and relax. We have worked alongside the folk of St Giles' and also the churches of Axminster and further afield.

In the Bible the Psalmist makes a declaration:

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance (Psalm 16 verse 6)

It comes within a wider song of confident praise that his God will always give him cause for joy and will lead and guide him in life and in death. That is my declaration too. Thirteen years of my life have been spent here, with many joys and a

few sorrows, I've got some things right and probably many more wrong, others have trusted me and also forgiven me, but I certainly know this is where the Lord led me and that now He is leading me onwards. Over summer we will move and in September I will be inducted as the Pastor of Brixham Baptist Church. Thirteen years have been part of the journey and the next part of the journey is, in some senses, unknown yet exciting. And I hope that you, the reader, know that your life is a journey too. I hope you know where you have come from, and maybe where you are going. I hope that you understand that the God of heaven doesn't want you to travel alone, but will be your travelling companion and provider through good times and bad, in this life and the next if you ask Him.

I end with a prayer that has become special to me at this time

God of every end and every new beginning
Give the courage to let go of those things that You
have called us to leave behind;
The comfort of the familiar,
The safety of that which is known,
And the limitations of that which has no cost.
Inspire us afresh with the possibilities of Your good
news,

And the worth of Your Kingdom
That we might be prepared to release our grasp on anything

That impedes our journey to the future that You offer. AMEN

Darrell Holmes

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to The Lyme Bay Fish Shack at Millers Farm Shop who on Thursday, 17th June won The Independent Fresh Fish Retailer of the Year award.

We are so lucky to have such a fantastic business in the village.

Val Harding

THE TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY

Well, some good news: we've had one volunteer offer to spruce up our village library, give it a rub down in places and a coat of paint. If there is anyone else who has a few hours spare, it would help spread the work. Drop Peter Ball a line or give him a call and he'll tell you what's involved and help/advise. 07747 636810 pball@kilmingtonvillage.com

DISAPPOINTING NEWS

Sadly, the money box on the St Giles' fundraising barrow was broken into and money taken. A few weeks ago, money was also taken from the inside wall safe in the church. We have decided at the moment the barrow will only be out on a Wednesday and Friday while Toddlers Group and Coffee Shop is taking place.

The police have been informed and we ask that if people see anything suspicious to ring 101 and report it to the police.

We have been very grateful for all the support received for the fundraising barrow and are very disappointed about the situation.

Anna Crabbe

MESSY SPARKLERS

Another day of lovely weather saw parents, grandparents, aunties, and childminders enjoying a range of activities in the garden at Messy Sparklers in June. Outside, we had water scented with oranges and lemons. Sand, decorating gingerbread men ('Jairus' - a dad who had a sick daughter that Jesus healed), finger puppet colouring (Jairus' daughter), baby toys and a treasure basket and Megabloks. There were also some tables dotted around for adults to sit and enjoy a

coffee and snack. For those who wanted to avoid the sun, inside there was individually packed Playdough, Fathers' Day painted hand/footprint cards to make, colouring, dolls and medical kits to play with, plus a few more tables for the adults.

Darrell, pastor of the Baptist Church Kilmington, told the story of Jairus the father who loved his daughter and asked Jesus to heal her. The change of restrictions meant that up to 30 people could join in with the song time at the end of the session.



So many of the children are having first experiences as they start attending groups. Some children have never sung songs with people other than their parents. Others may not have experienced 'messy play', whilst many are beginning to gain confidence to explore with unfamiliar people around them. It is also so important for parents/carers to be able to meet with others and chat through experiences, only to find that they are quite normal!

The next Messy Sparklers session will be on Tuesday 6th July. We continue to use a booking system to ensure that we don't go over government restrictions. If you aren't already on the mailing list for Messy Sparklers or our weekly Wednesday group, Toddlers & Tinies, and would like to be, please email: www.children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk

Juletta Obudo

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL DUCK RACE

Held on Friday, 7th May 2021







THE TEA POT CAFE

After the long winter lockdown we are so pleased to Millers Farm Shop. We have a lovely new outside area for everyone to enjoy as well as the cosy inside cafe.

welcome customers old and new back to the Teapot Cafe at



Come and try us for breakfast and lunch or sample our lovely coffee and cakes. The perfect meeting place to catch up with people you have missed.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon.



'A DAY AT THE RACES' – SHUTE HILL

I wonder how many readers will be aware that Shute Hill was once host to a popular annual horse racing event? I certainly was not. That was until I recently happened across an archived newspaper article which first betrayed its existence, transporting me to another time, for there seems no tangible trace of the circuit today.

Perhaps Shute Hill's equine racing origins began as a playground or hunting ground for the wealthy Pole family of the Shute Estate? Whatever its origins, the 'racecourse' of the early nineteenth century occupied a prominent and relatively flat and level expanse at the top of the hill, just north of Ashes Road. No doubt the event and its chosen location provided the host and landowner, Sir William Templer Pole, with spectacular and enviable views over his dominion and an opportunity to share it with landed peers and visiting gentry. The attendant racing crowds and spectators, presumably including many from Kilmington, would also have shared those views, perhaps in consolation for inevitable gambling losses.

Newspapers reported that Sir William held such sporting events annually in the height of the summer. One such event, described by the press as the 'favourite races', was held on 14th August 1828 and was well attended despite the heavy rain which 'descended in torrents and without intermission for the whole of the day'. The churned ground was very soft and black and the appearance of both the horses and riders was 'piteous in the extreme'. It seems that little has changed there in almost two hundred years regarding the wet and boggy ground at least!

Of the various races which ran that day, the first two each promised purses of twenty-five sovereigns (approximately £2,750 today) and each cup was decided over the best of three heats, each once around the course.

The Gentleman's Subscription Cup was won by 'Young Sancho' (who was placed in the heats as second, first and first), owned by Mr Rowell. The Axminster Tradesperson's Cup, free for horses of all ages, was won by 'Pepper Pot' (who was placed first after the competition seemed to have bolted), owned by Mr Slade.

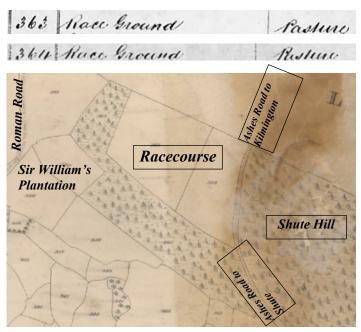
The races were attended by esteemed landowners and commoners alike, with their carriages and carts drawn onto the fields. Perhaps they travelled up the hill through Kilmington, although the last part up Ashes Road must have been a terrible struggle. No doubt the gradients have also changed very little in two hundred years!

To complement the days racing, two 'excellent' bands played 'difficult' music, and several booths provided refreshments of 'every sort' which could be bought (on moderate terms) and enjoyed. However, aside from the terrible inclemency, it was also reported that on the day the steward's stand collapsed and one of the jockeys fell,

although, thankfully, neither incident resulted in serious injury. After the races, Sir William entertained a select gathering at his home, the relatively new Shute House.

In 1828, the races were described as increasing in popularity every year, the following year's racing already becoming subscribed, but for how long these events were held does not seem to be recorded. Evidence does however provide that by 1854, a few years after the death of Sir William, Shute Hill was already being reported in the press as the site of the 'old' racecourse.

Extracts from tithe map (1844) and apportionment (1842) – annotated to show the location of the 'racecourse' on plots 363 and 364.



The site at Shute Hill was also reported as thought to be the very spot which the catholic King James II's army encamped when it marched to oppose the invading army of the Dutch prince, William of Orange (later King William III of England) after the latter landed at Brixham (Torbay) in November 1688 in what is known today as part of the 'Glorious Revolution'. Whether there is historical truth in the claim (which was made 140 years after the event) is left for the reader to decide or research, but the hill does seem well placed for such a military encampment. But for the more recent plantations (the site was recorded as without forestation in 1781), Shute Hill would have afforded a splendid 360-degree vantage of the surrounding countryside to sight an advancing enemy whilst being well serviced by the old Roman road, the main highway to Exeter.

Alan Clarkson



As the weather is so warm at the moment - long may it continue - this month's recipes are simple and quick to prepare, reducing the amount of time needed in the kitchen when we could be out in the garden instead. Both are light and use seasonal ingredients. With the school holidays coming up, the Smiley Face pizzas are a fun recipe for children and their adult helpers to make together.

BEETROOT AND HALLOUMI SALAD WITH **POMEGRANATES**

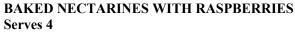
Serves 2 generously

1 small red onion finely chopped

- 2 tbsp cider apple vinegar
- 2 large oranges
- 4 handfuls, approx 60g from a bag of mixed salad leaves. Use one which includes rocket leaves
- 4 cooked beetroots, quartered
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 150g/6oz halloumi cut into slices
- 75g/3oz pomegranate seeds
- 2 tbsp pumpkin seeds
- Mint leaves to garnish



- 1. Put the chopped onion in a bowl and add the vinegar. Peel and segment the oranges over the bowl to catch the juice. Then cut each orange segment in half and leave to one side.
- 2. Put the salad leaves onto the plates. Scatter the beetroot, pomegranate seeds and orange pieces over the leaves.
- 3. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the Halloumi slices for approx. a minute or two on each side. Place on the salad leaves. Sprinkle with the pumpkin seeds and spoon over the dressing.
- 4. Garnish with some chopped fresh mint and serve with new potatoes or some warm crusty bread.



4 ripe nectarines 125ml/5fl oz white wine 2 tbsp clear honey 100g/4oz amaretti biscuits, crushed 1 egg volk

1 tbsp toasted hazelnuts

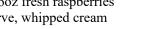
1 tbsp caster sugar

1 vanilla pod, split lengthways

1 tbsp butter

150g/6oz fresh raspberries

To serve, whipped cream



Method

- 1. Halve and stone the nectarines and place them flesh side up in a baking dish.
- 2. Mix the honey and wine together.
- 3. In a bowl mix the crushed biscuits, egg yolk, toasted nuts and 2 tbsp of the wine/honey mixture together and spoon onto the nectarines using all the mixture.
- 4. Sprinkle the caster sugar on top of the nectarines then top each with a knob of butter the size of a pea.
- 5. Carefully pour the remaining wine/honey mixture around the nectarines and add a tablespoon of water. Add the split vanilla pod.
- 6. Bake at 350C/160C fan/Gas 4 for approximately 30 minutes until the biscuit filling is crisp and the nectarine flesh is soft.
- 7. Remove from the oven, stir in the raspberries, and leave to cool for 15 minutes. Serve with a generous spoonful of whipped or thick cream.

SMILEY FACE SCONE PIZZAS Makes 2 x 16cm pizzas

Scone base: 200g/8oz self raising flour 40g/1 ½ butter 125ml/5 fl oz milk

Tomato sauce:

1 tbsp olive oil

1 small onion, finely chopped

1 small tin, 227g, of chopped tomatoes

1 tbsp tomato puree

½ tsp caster sugar

50g/2oz grated cheddar and mozzarella cheese mix

- 2 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 button mushrooms
- 2 pieces of red pepper

Or toppings of your choice



Method

- 1. First make the tomato sauce. Heat the oil in the pan and gently fry the onion until soft but not browned. Add the tinned tomatoes, tomato puree and the sugar and simmer for 10 mins until it forms a thick sauce. Leave to cool.
- 2. Sieve the flour in a bowl, add the butter and rub in to form fine breadcrumbs Add the milk a little at a time until a soft dough is formed, be careful not to make it too sticky.
- 3. Divide the scone mixture into two even pieces, knead slightly then roll out each piece to form two circles approximately 16cm in diameter. Place the bases on a lightly greased baking tray.
- 4. Spoon half of the sauce onto each pizza base and spread to the edges. Sprinkle over the cheese and decorate as desired. I used two tomato halves for the eyes, a mushroom for the nose and the pepper for the mouth.
- 5. Bake at 220C/200C fan/Gas 7 for 15-17 minutes.

MAD moments in the garden

Oh to be like the garden in June and July, free from restrictions and right in the midst of the best summer party ever. The abundance of plant, leaf and flower at this time of year is always a surprise. It is such a contrast to the patches of brown soil around the evergreens and bare branches of shrubs during winter and early spring. The 'garden party' guest list is numerous and varied like every good celebratory event. There are of course, the hosts, the residents, the welcoming trees now in full leaf providing cool shade for their partners, the early flowering summer shrubs. These other halves are now fully ready in all their finery looking very blowzy and dressed up to the nines in pink and white. The recently trimmed box is looking very smart and, dare I say it, masculine in comparison. The first to join the summer celebrations are familiar guests, ones early to arrive and, given a bit of encouragement, hang on until the end, Scabious, Geranium, Astrantia and Nepeta to name a few. Deadheading, food and drink (if you are a diligent host) will ensure continuous colour and entertainment along with encouraging other welcome guests of a pollinating kind. The late arrivals such as Dahlias, Asters and Salvias are slowly joining in, shyly emerging and getting ready to take centre stage and dominate conversation as others lose a bit of energy. There are of course at this 'party' unwelcome and unwanted guests, Bittercress, Dandelions, vetch, Couch grass and the like. These determined additions nudge their way in, pushing others out of the way and generally irritate by drinking and eating too much, leaving others the poorer for it.

My favourite arrivals to the happy, chatty season are those surprise ones not necessarily formally invited but those who choose to drop in to be among friendly welcoming groups. I am of course talking of 'self-seeders' not the pesky weeds but the annual, and sometimes perennial, plants who just appear amongst the order and structure, bringing a welcome randomness and sometimes magical touch I could never achieve. Being a lover of creating my own compost I have of course assisted the process by which they mix and appear in unexpected places. Some however seem to come from nowhere, delivered perhaps by a bird, small mammal or the wind, but once settled they move around each year in the compost mulch. A few years ago a group of tall, delicate, beautiful opium poppies arrived. They nestled in amongst a group of Hostas and the addition of the dark purple, papery flowers the size of a tea cup on pale grey, stiff glaucous stems above the pale blue flowers of the Hostas was enchanting. Nature has a way of sometimes getting it absolutely right. Every year since then many different family members join in the party. There are poppies all shades of the palest pink through to an inky purple, some double, which are just too showy for me so are quickly dispatched. This year, I confess, they have crowded out a lot of other guests and have had to be uprooted early before the party starts. Strangely, they never seem to want to return to the group of Hostas, perhaps they didn't get on!

Mary-Ann Driscoll



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB - UPDATE

We hope this finds you all safe and well following a strange few months. Given the lovely weather we have been fortunate to have experienced in the last week you may found

extra time for your gardens and allotments. I know that weeds, grass and hedges seem to be growing quicker than my vegetables and flowers.

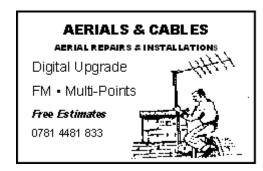
Last month, as announced in Postscript, we mentioned how we had discussed the way forward. All aspects have been reviewed. The Government has just announced stage 4 of lockdown will be four weeks later than anticipated. Despite this news, we believe that we will be able to hold our first talk on **Friday**, 9th **July**. This will take place in the Village Hall. Restrictions on numbers and the need to pre-book will be required, as only 30 people are allowed. We must conform to the Government regulations and Village Hall requirements to help us all stay safe.

Members will be informed by email of how to book for the above talk very soon. Following that talk, the Committee have also agreed as have the speakers, to host talks on:

Friday 13th August. Friday 10th September, Friday 8th October We keep our fingers crossed that the above will be allowed!

The committee are also pleased to announce that a gardening show has been scheduled for **Saturday**, 11th **September**. Details on the event are still being discussed. However this year from our perspective, it will not be the same as our displays usually seen in July. There will be classes that all villagers may like to enter. Further details will be conveyed once more planning is in place. On the field there will be a variety of events, which we hope will encourage residents of the Village to come together for a friendly, fun, relaxed afternoon after all the restrictions.

Gill Gibbs (Chair) and Committee



DARRELL HOLMES













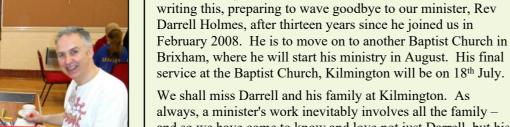












We shall miss Darrell and his family at Kilmington. As always, a minister's work inevitably involves all the family – and so we have come to know and love not just Darrell, but his wife Lucy, and their children. Jed and Jessie were with them when they arrived, and Juliana was born during their time here. They all leave their own memories of the last thirteen years. Jed and Jessie have grown to adulthood, and Juliana has enjoyed her first school years in the village school.

We at The Baptist Church in Kilmington are, at the time of

Probably the family's strongest memories of their time here concerned the fire in 2009 at the old Baptist Chapel in Shute Road. They were living in the Manse at the time, and experienced the trauma of being woken up at night by the sight, smell and sound of the (very) nearby chapel going up in flames!

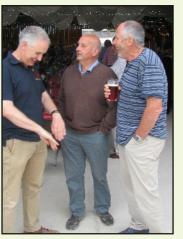
The following years saw church activities disrupted, but not stopped. Services continued at various locations in Axminster until finally settling in the Village Hall here in Kilmington. Plans were made, and the site eventually

approved for the building of the new church, where it now stands opposite the cricket field. The new building was finally opened in January 2015. Darrell was, of course, fully involved in the planning and execution of this work. As part of his ministerial duties, Darrell has carried out much hospital visiting, and pastoral home visits. In the view of many, Darrell really excelled in his preaching where he has, over these years, opened up what the Bible means for us today. He has also been a mentor as we have taken on a younger man as an assistant minister - Mike Hudson, who is pursuing studies at the Baptist theological college at Bristol.

Outside of church work, Darrell has taken on other roles, including Scout leadership, Royal British Legion Chaplaincy, and he has enjoyed leisure time playing badminton and skittles in the village. At the Baptist Church we occasionally witnessed Darrell's not inconsiderable skill on the violin. We all got to see his humorous side at the Village Hall variety shows, when he sang "Danny Boy", complete with everextending arms – never to be forgotten by those who were there! His sense of humour was also not extinguished in Holiday Bible Clubs when some of the activities involved him being drenched in cold water as part of the games.

We all wish Darrell, Lucy, Jed, Jessie and Juliana God's speed and blessings in their new home in Brixham.

























KILMINGTON BRANCH



Headlines: Despite COVID restrictions remaining, we intend to continue with our proposed programme of events, please see below:

In this edition we commence by reporting the sad loss of another of our stalwart members, Bill Kerslake. Bill sadly passed away on 16th May peacefully at home and on Thursday, 3rd June several members lined the route through the village to pay their final respects before his cremation at the East Devon Crematorium. Bill will be fondly remembered for his participation in many of the Village activities and clubs as well as his contribution to the RBL.

In our last communiqué we were keeping our fingers crossed that the new variant of Covid would not prevent us from resuming our activities. Despite the full lifting of restrictions being delayed, at our recent committee meeting we all expressed a desire to continue with our plans which are realigned with the full relaxing of restrictions now planned for 19th July. Based on our optimism and desire to succeed in bringing the village together, we therefore intend to hold our Centenary Family BBQ on Saturday 24th July at the Village Hall (inside and out). The BBQ is for everyone, and tickets will soon be available on a 'money back' basis should we have to cancel. Details of how to obtain your tickets will be available soon, so look out for the notices and check out our Facebook page for more details. If you are still unsure, please do not hesitate to contact any of your committee or shepherds. We look forward to seeing you all!

As we previously highlighted, we are also planning to resume our Friday 'Get Togethers' and the first will be in the

New Inn, Kilmington at 1800 (6.00 pm) on Friday, 2nd July, where we hope to see as many of you as possible. The next 'get together' after that will be on Friday' 6th August at the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood (this will be our last opportunity to thank Craig and Tracy before they move on at the end of August).

With regard to other matters, we continue to receive a plethora of updates from County on several issues, all of which have been forwarded by John Watts, our membership expert, to those of you on email.

If anyone else would like to obtain the RBL anniversary pin, please do not hesitate to contact Peter, Louise or any other members of your committee. For those who would like to contribute ideas of how we might mark our own centennial of the erection of the War Memorial on Saturday, 7th May 2022, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, if you believe in supporting those and their families who have given their everything for this incredible country, I encourage you all to join us. You do not have to have been a member of the Armed Forces, we welcome everyone!

Take great care and stay safe.

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch 07799612557 – E-mail t60sas@hotmail.co.uk

KILMINGTON VILLAGE SHOW IS GO!

We are pleased to announce that the Kilmington Village show is going ahead at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 11th September in the field behind the Village Hall. Planning for this outside event is well underway and we have a busy afternoon's entertainment planned for you.

In the arena, first is the children's fancy dress, there is no theme so you can have fun coming up with some great ideas. The Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club will be demonstrating their skills and the chickens will be racing again.

A Fun Dog Show with nine classes starts at 1:30 pm, this allows for registration. The best from each class will then come into the main arena for the coveted title of 'Best in Show'. Look out for the dog show posters for full details.

There will be races for the kids and Professor Bumble will be on hand all afternoon to keep them entertained.

Kilmington Gardening Club will be organising a show in the Village Hall with a number of classes that all villagers may like to enter. Further details in the near future.

Stalls and sideshows, a display of cars and tractors will also add to the entertainment. We're already collecting bottles for a tombola and donations of anything in a bottle will be gratefully received by Lesley on 07900 827689.

You won't go hungry with cream teas, cake, ice creams, a beer tent and a barbecue by the RBL. Our afternoon's music entertainment comes from the local group 'The Jurassix' which includes two of our own Kilmington residents.

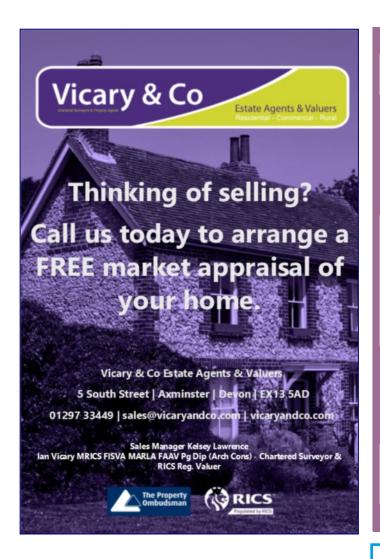
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So put the date in your diary now!

Lesley Rew

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Grey Long-eared Bat

BATS ABOUT BATS Saturday, 17th July 9.00 – 10.30 pm Shute Village

Spy on these mysterious flying mammals of the night on a magical bat detecting walk, in search of the rare Grey Long-Eared Bat and some of the other 17 UK bat species, with expert Fiona Matthews. The grey Long-eared bat project is funded through the government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund and is one of East Devon AONB's 'Elusive Eight' threatened Species which it is focussing on for nature recovery. See www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk

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GREAT SUMMER PLANT HUNT Saturday, 7th August 2.00 – 4.00 pm Shute Woods

In search of Heath Lobelia, which was first discovered growing in the UK at Shute Common in the 1760s and only grows in five southern counties. Guided walk with members of the 'Heath Lobelia Champions' volunteers. Walk will start from parking at Shute Pillars (near A35).

These events are also part of Shute Festival of Literature and Landscapes Talking Walks programme. They are free and all ages are welcome. Booking Essential – parking and meeting point details given on booking.

To book: Contact: Ruth Worsley at savingspecialspecies@gmail.com Phone: 01297 489741 or 07765 126 565
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The latest ALCS newsletter (no 33) is available on their website with all the dates and details and anyone interested can join the mailing list to receive a personal copy.

There is news that, government guidance permitting, there will now be some Monday face-to-face drop-ins as well as the familiar Zoom version. A list of venues and dates is given. A new therapist, Paula Haynes, introduces herself. She has worked with Hospiscare and at Axminster Hospital and is trained in reflexology, aromatherapy and reiki, focussing on cancer support, stress relief and relaxation. She works from the Wellbeing Centre in Axminster and also offers home visits. Contact details are given.

The newsletter also recommends the website Anxiety UK which provides information and help with anxiety, stress and anxiety-based depression. Readers are reminded about the WhatsApp group and the fortnightly therapist support meetings and there is information about booking the popular beach hut.

The dates for your diary and future events section carries a varied list of activities: singing workshop, blokes' brunch, 'hills are alive' walk and flower arranging, as well as ALCS stalls at Dalwood Fair and Uplyme Horticultural Show, an ALCS Open Day and the Annual Bottomless tea-party!



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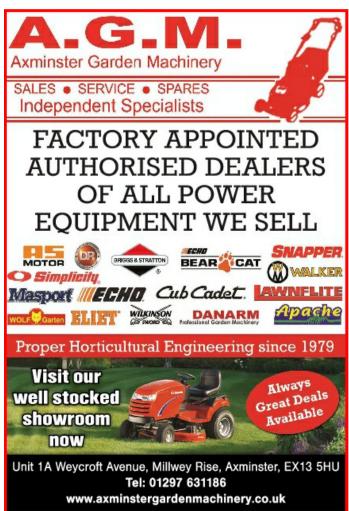
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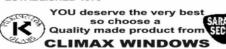
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Please comply with all the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place.

We must carry on with 'hands, face, and space' – Maintain social distancing.

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Get tested when needed.

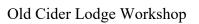
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Fri	2nd	6.00 pm	The New Inn	RBL 'Get Together'
Sun	4th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Anniversary Service
	4th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Rev Mary Harding
Mon	5th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tue	6th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	6th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Fri	9th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Kilmington Gardening Club Talk
Sun	11th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Archdeacon Andrew Beane
Wed	14th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Kilmington Cinema: A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood
Thurs	15th	2.15 pm	Village Hall	Kilmington Cinema: A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood
Sun	18th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Rev Darrell Holmes' final service
Tue	20th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
Sat	24th	TBC	Village Hall	RBL Centenary BBQ
Sun	25th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship - Anna Crabbe
Mon	26th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling

DATES FOR AUGUST 2021

Sun	1st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Rev Barry Brewer
Mon	2nd	- Fri 6th	The Beacon	Baptist Summer Holiday Club - Psalm Tree Island
Tues	3rd	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
Fri	6th	6.00 pm	The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	RBL 'Get Together'
Sun	8th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Holiday Club Service
	8th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Rev Nigel Freathy
Fri	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Kilmington Gardening Club Talk
Sun	15th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion with Baptism - Rev Mary Harding
Mon	16th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	17th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
Tues	31st	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection

DONATIONS, PAYMENT FOR ADVERTISING SPACE AND ARTICLES/NOTICES FOR POSTSCRIPT (i.e. THOSE NOT SENT BY EMAIL)

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	Kilmington Community Cinema - John Watts	01297 639758	Short Mat Bowls - Ron Foster	01297 35529
Bridge - David & Stephanie	01297 35033	Kilmington's Little Helpers - Sally Huscroft	01297 32243	Sunday School	
Country Dancing - Gill Perkins - Marie Thorne	01297 32888 01297 33906	Kilmington Pre-School - Now part of primary school	01297 32762	Table Tennis - Jenny Nickolls	01297 639758
Cricket - David Lavender	01297 631868	Kilmington Primary School	01297 32762	Tennis - Sue Moore Sue Wells	01297 32361 07912 272102
Footpath co-ordinator - Elaine Penzer	01297 34287	Millers Farm Shop	01297 35290	Village Hall bookings - Louise Quincey	01297 32358
Hitchcock Pavilion bookings - Peter Huscroft	01297 32243	The New Inn	01297 33376	Village 100+ Club - Jean Falconer	01297 33708
Kilmington A35 Pit Stop	01297 598060	The Old Inn	01297 441855	www.kilmingtonvillage.com - Luke & Maxine Lawson	07719 909532
Kilmington Cross Services	01297 631089	RBL - Jean Falconer - Sec	01297 33708		
		Stafford Seward - Chairman	01297 33909		
KGC - Jean Falconer, Secretary	01297 33708	Scrabble - Sylvia Newbery	01297 34326		

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		Baptist Church Office		Axminster Catholic Church	
Pastoral teams	01297 33777	Pastor Darrell Holmes	01297 631638	Parish Priest:	01297 32135
				Father Anthony Cockram	

ADVERTISING IN POSTSCRIPT

Postscript is published ten times each year and is delivered free of charge to every house in Kilmington. All advertising fees and donations to Postscript are used to meet the cost of printing. ALL advertisements which are set out, from any source, are chargeable as follows and must be paid for in advance.

	Black and white ads	Colour ads
Credit card (70 mm x 40 mm)	£ 5 or £22.50 for 5 months	
1/4 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.

PAYMENT: Cheques should be made payable to: Kilmington Postscript and posted to: Mrs V. Larcombe, Brookside, The Street, Kilmington, EX13 7RJ. BACS account name is Kilmington Postscript, sort code: 51.61.23, account no: 18159400

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).

