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Platinum Jubilee

*In celebration and recognition of the seventieth
anniversary of the ascension to the throne of*

H.M. Queen Elizabeth II



*Loyal
Greetings
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EDITORIAL

One of the Ladybird books in our childhood listed a number of animals, who, panicked by a chicken who was hit on the head by a falling acorn, concluded that the sky was falling down and trooped off in consternation to tell the king. A king, George VI, had been a fixture in our world order too – but in 1952, unexpectedly for us children, he died, and the newspapers were full of grey, grainy pictures of a solemn royal funeral. In the ensuing months we watched the traditional, historical process unfolding, from accession to coronation of the new Queen. We were told that we were Young Elizabethans. This year's long anticipated Jubilee celebrates Elizabeth II's seventy-year reign and today's children will take part in it, as we did. Postscript joins in with one of Bob Farley's splendid covers and some reminiscences from people living at that time, some in Kilmington and others who have moved here since.

A village magazine like this offers glimpses of everyday life and events for the people who live there, the highs and lows and a wide range of moods – glad, funny, silly, serious and sad. This time it expresses sorrow at the deaths of Diana Mellows and Molly Kerslake and news of a Commemoration Service for the lives of Molly and Bill.

It provides useful information now and, perhaps, interest for social historians of the future. This issue reminds readers of the programme of events planned for the four-day Platinum Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June with lighted beacon, fancy dress, fun sports, open gardens, a flower festival and plenty of tea, cake and ice cream. It reports on the successful Plant Fair in May and the forthcoming film at the Community Cinema, and also contains astronomy, gardening and cookery. 'Nature Notes' this month brings recent information from EDDC, relating to phosphate pollution and its detrimental effect on wildlife in this conservation area of natural beauty around the River Axe. Planning applications for residential buildings will be affected and the advice from Natural England is that they should be halted until more is understood. Pollution is also the topic for the recently formed 'Plastic Free Axminster' group which sends us information about the harm caused by plastic, the potential, if any, for recycling it and suggests alternatives.

One of our regular contributors is Postscript team member Peter Ball whose articles on a variety of topics, include reports on the Kilmington Parish Council, where, at the recent Annual General meeting in May he was elected Chairman. Our thanks to outgoing Chairman Ben Trott for all his work and congratulations and best wishes to Peter.

Janfryd

Front Page - Bob Farley

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NATURE NOTES

INFORMATION - PHOSPHATES ON THE RIVER AXE

Some Postscript readers suggested we should draw attention to the following article as it may be of general interest. It comes from the East Devon Strategic Planning Committee. From <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/phosphates-on-the-river-axe>:

“We have just received advice from Natural England that will have a significant impact upon planning applications and proposals within the catchment of the River Axe.

There is a significant issue with phosphate levels in the River Axe which is having a detrimental impact on wildlife within the river and of particular concern are the areas designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). I am writing because we have now received correspondence from Natural England advising that we should no longer grant planning permission for development that would increase the discharge of

phosphates into the river. A significant proportion of phosphates in the area come from residential uses and so developments for new dwellings and holiday accommodation whether through new build or conversion should not be permitted unless they can mitigate the phosphate discharge from the development (largely from greywater discharge) such that their impact on nutrient levels is neutral. This is also likely to mean that agricultural developments that increase livestock within the catchment should also be considered in this way as they cause similar issues. This also applies to Prior Approvals, Reserve Matters applications and any employment proposals with an on-site living element (such as live/work).”

(This is the introductory paragraph of the article posted on the above website and last updated 22nd April 2022. There you can find several more pages of detail and explanation).



Did you know that fabric conditioner/softener is not good for clothes or the environment?

Firstly, there is the use of quantities of plastic bottles, which we need to vastly reduce. We have been brainwashed into thinking that adding the conditioner is a vital process of our laundering. It isn't. Many brands of fabric conditioner/softener are petroleum-based and full of animal fat (and therefore not vegetarian or vegan friendly). The conditioner applies a thin, waxy coating to our laundry. This coating makes our clothes feel softer but lessens their ability to properly absorb water and laundry detergent. Over time this build-up of waxy substance can affect the cleanliness of clothes and linen. It can also encourage the growth of mould in your machine.

In addition to this, fabric conditioner is no good for sportswear or towels, because it reduces their absorbency. It is a no-no for water-repellant fabric and flame-resistant clothing, as it impacts on the effectiveness of their properties! Nor should it be used on cashmere, wool and other natural fibres.

Way, way more importantly, studies have shown that certain chemicals found in fabric conditioner are likely to be harmful to our health. They include carcinogens, hormone-disrupting toxins and allergens that can contribute to eczema and asthma. Some of the ingredients don't have to be disclosed either. Once these chemicals are washed down the drain they can become highly toxic to aquatic life too.

So, what's the alternative? White vinegar! It softens clothes with no waxy bits and..no..they don't smell like a fish and chip shop! Just pop some into the compartment. This will also help keep the pipes cleaner. Or...can we be brave....and

ditch any fabric conditioner/softener completely? It's just a matter of time to adjust our thinking that actually we don't need this product! We've just been made to think we need it by relentless advertising. Let's get rid of it from our routines and make it a win for our health, the environment and, believe it or not, our wallets.

Kay Pike

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Moderate

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 20.

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	8			9				
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			3			7		6
			7		8	4		2

KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



THE DUKE

(12A)

Kilmington Village Hall

**Wednesday, 15th June &
Thursday, 16th Matinee**



Jim Broadbent plays Kempton Bunton, a real-life figure who achieved notoriety in the mid-60s after the theft of Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery. We meet Bunton in the dock in London, pleading not guilty to pilfering said painting, of which he was never a fan ("It's not very good, is it?"). From here we spiral back to Newcastle in the spring of 1961, where the retired bus driver and self-proclaimed Robin Hood figure has felt the long arm of the law for refusing to pay his TV licence fee. Outraged that public money is being spent to keep a "half-baked portrait by some Spanish drunk" in the UK, habitual soap-boxer Bunton declares that the money would be better spent on "war widows and pensioners... for the greater good of mankind".

When the Goya goes awol, the authorities suspect highly organised international criminals, probably including "a trained commando" (the 1962 Bond film *Dr No* fancifully placed the painting in its villain's lair). But when Kempton's long-suffering wife, Dorothy (Helen Mirren), finds "a stolen masterpiece in me wardrobe!", it appears that her husband has outdone himself in his quest to battle social injustice at large while driving his nearest and dearest to distraction at home.

Wednesday Doors open at 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm.

The Thursday matinee, PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME. Doors open at 1.45 pm with the film starting at 2.00 pm there is still limited seating and does require pre-booking. We hope this will encourage those who need to take extra health care to feel confident that they can come along and enjoy a film and have a cream tea/ice creams/tea/coffee, during the interval. The cream tea must be booked when booking the seat at a cost of £3.

Please state Wednesday or Thursday when booking. Tickets pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult £3.

To book please contact: John Watts on 01297 639758, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com

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

July's Film still to be selected.

SCARECROW HEAD MAKING

The young and the young-at-heart took part in the scarecrow workshop in the Village Hall on Saturday, 14th of May. It was a bit like messy church for the young or an edition of Blue Peter for those a bit older! Tables were covered in newspaper and we were all given a bowl full of glue, a balloon and a flower pot.

The blown up balloon was put into the flower pot so it resembled a giant egg cup and the fun could begin. We tore up strips of newspaper and stuck them all over the balloon with the glue. This process was repeated until the balloon was completely covered and it was then hung up to dry outside in the sunlight.

Jenny Nickolls had a ready-made 'Queen of Hearts' and she showed us how it was constructed with a perpendicular piece of



wood and two cross-pieces for the shoulders and hips, stiff wire or newspaper stuffed sleeves made the arms, with gloves for hands. Cushions and newspaper made the body and the legs were made by stuffing tights or trousers.

There was tea, coffee, squash and cakes for everyone. Both adults and children enjoyed getting 'stuck in' and a fun and creative morning was had by all. We all took the heads home and the next stage is to create noses and ears and paint them.

You'll be able to see the results when we place them in the garden for Kilmington's Jubilee celebration.

Peter

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Venus are morning planets during June and can be seen fairly clearly in the early hours rising in the East. The major event of June is the Summer Solstice, for us in the northern hemisphere it marks midsummer. The year's northernmost sunrise and northernmost sunset deliver the year's longest period of daylight to the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest period of daylight in the Southern Hemisphere.

14th Full Strawberry Moon or Rose Moon

18th /19th **Saturn and the Moon** appear close together from just after midnight rising in the south east.

20th /21st **Jupiter and the Moon** appear close together from around 1.00 am in the Eastern sky.

21st Summer Solstice

23rd **Mars and the Moon** appear close together in the East from around 2.00 am.

28th **Venus and the Moon** appear close together just before dawn in the East North East sky.

27th **Boötid Meteor Shower** runs from 22nd June to 2nd July but peaks around the 27th. With a new moon there is little light interference so you may be able to see some meteors.

Peter

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The next garden club talk is at the Village Hall on Friday, 10th June at 7.30 pm and is titled The Bishop's Palace Gardens, Past, Present and Future by James Cross. James has been the head gardener since 2004.

All welcome. Non-members £3.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting is on Monday, 13th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

MY FIRST CAR

My first car was an Austin 10 painted black and blue
Made in 1932 she was far from new
I bought her for ten pounds from a college friend
Sold her two years later with profit at the end

She was old and quirky but reliable and cheap
And overtaking others was a major feat
Indicator arms were a pedestrian hazard
And the wipers were poor, not good in a blizzard

No synchromesh gearbox on cars of that age
So the grinding of gears could cause you to rage
To cure this problem you doubled the clutch
Gears were then silent with your masterly touch

Oversize wheels meant lock was unsafe
And the sun-visor held the sun roof in place
When loaded brakes needed applying with force
With driver's seat fixings a worry of course

Named Matilda by a previous driver
She waltzed on the roads with people inside her
I called her Nellie, I am not sure why
But she soon became the apple of my eye

The best loved and cheapest car I ever had
When I think about her I never feel sad
No car I've owned has given such pleasure
Memories of her I will for ever treasure.

John Thorne

WHY WAS JUNE MADE?

Why was June made?—Can you guess?

June was made for happiness!

Even the trees

Know this, and the breeze

That loves to play

Outside all day,

And never is too bold or rough,

Like March's wind, but just a tiny blow's enough;

And all the fields know

This is so—

June was not made for wind and stress,

June was made for happiness;

Little happy daisy faces

Show it in the meadow places,

And they call out when I pass,

"Stay and play here in the grass."

June was made for happy things,

Boats and flowers, stars and wings,

Not for wind and stress,

June was made for happiness!

by Annette Wynne

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 14th June 2022 at 11.20 - 11.50 am The Street

MESSY SPARKLERS

With Easter so late this year, the May Messy Sparklers crept up on us. Thankfully, Pinterest and other sites helped us with ideas for this month's theme of the Biblical story of Joshua and the Walls of Jericho.

As always, our activities are planned with our senses in mind. Touch – outside there was sand and small-world people (Happyland) walking through the 'desert' as the Israelites did and more people walking round city walls of Weetabix. Sight – inside we had sticking 'bricks' onto walls and using Duplo to print bricks. Hearing - the children made paper trumpets and heard the story of Joshua and the priests who blew their trumpets. Smell – orange scented Playdoh 'cement' with wooden bricks to build the wall. Taste – as usual our wonderful team prepared a delicious buffet lunch which concluded our time together, in addition to the bbq flavoured 'bugles' and gingerbread men which welcomed the children on arrival.

This month, as well as the usual toys and colouring sheet, the children were also introduced to some of our new sensory books that we bought over Easter. In the activity room, we also had packs of books for the children



and the parent/carer to borrow. The books cover a range of 'first experiences' topics from starting school, to visiting the dentist to bereavement. They are free of charge and returnable the following month.

Our sessions start with coffee and snacks, along with any Post Office customers who have time to stop. Parents and carers then take their children through to the activities, which we always hope to be able to have

inside and outside (it does help with the cleaning!) Later, while all the attendees are listening to the story and singing songs, the rest of the team are busy clearing up the activities and preparing the tables for lunch.

Our next session is on **Tuesday, 7th June**. 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@beaconbaptist.co.uk to receive

a booking email.

Remember to dress for mess!

Juletta Obudo

ST GILES MUMS AND BABIES GROUP

We were so shocked to hear of the death of our much loved Diana, whose idea it was to enable mothers, with their babies, to have somewhere to meet and chat following months of isolation. We all miss her so much but Mary, Lucy and I hope to continue doing what she started so successfully and we are extremely grateful to welcome Barbara to our group.

We meet every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. We would love to see Mums or Dads with new babies, or toddlers, for coffee and a fun playtime. Rev Julie, Anna and Gill pop in when they can and we enjoy visits from anyone else who is passing and feels like a coffee!

Diana Church



We are running a Youth Alpha course...

You Are Invited!

We are inviting young people (school years 6 to 11) to come and explore life, faith and meaning together in a safe, welcoming, and relaxed environment.

The sessions will begin with breakfast each week, before a short video, and a chance to discuss together. Try our opening session and see if you enjoy it. The course will take place over 9 Sundays.

When: Starting Sunday 22nd May 2022
10:00am - 11:45am

Where: Baptist Church Kilmington (EX13 7RF)

To Book: Email; children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk

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Letter from the Churches

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What are your family sayings? Are there phrases and comments that are repeated across the generations? What about locally? What combination of words are distinctly East Devon, or even as local as Kilminster?

In my family, growing up my mum would say, "well, if we haven't got it, we can go without!" Nowadays, my brother rephrases this by saying, "well, if we haven't got it, there's always the credit card!"

Quite often we hear sayings and wonder where they originated, and to our surprise we find that many of our familiar words and sayings come from the Bible. I want to share one such saying with you this month as I often turn to the Bible to find words to live by – do you know this one?

"Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep"

These words are taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans ch 12 v 15, written nearly 2000 years ago. They seem so apt for our village at the moment, as we gear up to celebrate and mark the Platinum Jubilee of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, and look ahead to a long weekend of activities, fun and laughter, dancing and socialising, and the lighting of a beacon on the top of the Church tower. Months in the

planning, it will be a great time and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events, including the Sunday morning service outdoors on the recreation field at 11.00 am, a Churches Together in Kilminster Praise Party. That's the rejoice part, and we are right to celebrate and take time to find the joy in our lives and in our hearts to share with others.

We do also "weep with those who weep," and remember with great affection those dear village friends to whom we have said goodbye in the last few weeks, thinking of Molly Kerslake who died after a prolonged illness, and Diana Mellows who had always been particularly active and whose sudden death came as such a shock. There are, I know, others who have died who were not so well known, but who are mourned all the same. Last month we also took time out to remember those who gave their lives during the first and second world wars – there is a time and a place for weeping and mourning, and I, for one, am always grateful for this verse from the Bible, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35).

Praying for our village in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

Julie Lomas

CELEBRATE TOGETHER SERVICE

We will be holding a Celebrate Together Service at St Giles' Kilminster on Saturday, June 11th. The Service will start at 3.00 pm. We invite all who would like to attend, especially those with learning difficulties, their support workers, their families and friends. We will have tea immediately after the service. We have ample parking and level access. For further information then please call me on 07814 041059.

Celebrate Together Services were very close to Diana's heart. I would very much like to continue her legacy, should I be able to.

Christine Thorne



*Honeysuckle - one of the
flowers of June*

ST GILES CHURCH ECO SECTION

A Hedgehog Box has now been installed in St Giles' Church Millennium Garden, in a nice quiet spot, ready for a little hog to take residence. Another home is waiting for approval before also possibly being located, again in a quiet spot, on Church grounds.



Two further bird boxes will be installed in the grounds. These were kindly donated by Pat Curran. Hopefully Pat, by the time you read this, the boxes will be up, and little feathery friends will be visiting them. Bat boxes and perhaps a Bug Hotel will follow, we hope.

The Toilet at St Giles' Church has now been twinned with a toilet in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A framed photo sits proud in the toilet at St Giles' with co-ordinates as to exactly where the 'twinned toilet' is located. This helps us in our quest to strive for a 'Bronze' Eco Church Award.

Christopher Thorne

DIANA MELLOWS

Diana was an inspiration to us all through the church, she also gave so much to our wider community of Kilmington and further afield. She was always encouraging, showing kindness and generosity of spirit to all who knew her. Her enthusiasm for life and energy was evident in all she did and all the initiatives she was involved in. Nothing was too much trouble for Diana, her strong faith in God was clearly evident in all she did.

When the Lent lunches had to be rethought because of the pandemic, Diana immediately found a team of willing volunteers, lunches were made, delivered and were really appreciated by all who received them. When she spotted a need for a parent and baby group, she started one at St Giles' Church and it has been, and continues to be, such a supportive and happy group.

Diana was an important member of our Open the Book team which visits Kilmington, Shute and Stockland Primary



Schools once a month performing Bible stories. Diana quickly took over the role of chairman of the Parochial Church Council when no churchwarden could be found. Diana inspired so many people and had a passion for helping others.

She talked so lovingly about John, her husband, her children and grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Since moving to Devon, Diana kept her involvement with Riding for the Disabled based locally at Forde Abbey, a charity that was very close to her heart. She helped to initiate the carriage driving group at Forde Abbey, a venue which she loved as it was so safe for beginners.

Diana was a wonderful lady, humble, gentle and a great listener. She will be missed greatly by all those who were privileged to know her.

Anna Crabbe

21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND LEADING MY FIRST CHURCH SERVICE

On a beautiful, eventful, Sunday, May 8th, I celebrated my 21st, which, to me, is a huge milestone! But not just that. I led my first Church service at St Giles' Church.

I was deeply encouraged by Reverend Julie Lomas, who helped me push myself out of my comfort zone! It was a huge step for me. It felt good to put into practice what I learned on a leadership course, which was all online when we went into the national lockdown. It is much better now that we are getting back to some kind of normal.

As well as the Church service in the morning I had a lovely birthday garden party in the afternoon. It was a beautiful day for it. My guests and I had lovely cakes provided by Rachel Hudson (Forget me not: Cakes and Bakes). She has recently started up her own business. I am so glad she did! They were very yummy cakes; they went down extremely well! A big thank-you to Rachel; she smashed it!

Another person who deserves a big thank-you, and who organized my wonderful party, is my Mum: Christine Thorne. She put up all the decorations and she arranged the



tables with the 1920s cups and saucers. My stepdad kindly put up the gazebo, tables, and chairs.

As for the guest list, my heart was telling me to invite fellow village friends. It is nice for people to come somewhere different for a change of scene and to have a chat and something to eat and drink.

In advance, I advised that I did not want to receive presents. If people

felt that they wanted to give I asked if they would consider donating to a charity which was close to my heart, this charity being 'Through the Roof'. In March I



wrote about this charity and at that time I nominated Reverend Julie and Steve Lomas for a 'Luke 5 award'. If you would like to know more about this charity then please see their website: <https://www.throughtheroof.org/>

A BIG thank you to all those who kindly donated money to this charity, we raised a great BIG £215. I am very blessed to have so many amazing people support me on my journey.

Elana-May Blackmore

Cookery Corner

This month's recipes have a Royal theme. The Coronation chicken recipe is based on the original but uses crème fraîche with the mayonnaise rather than whipping cream. Coronation chicken has been reinvented many times over the years to include various things such as fruit and nuts. In my opinion it should just be plain chicken in the mayonnaise dressing and should definitely not include sultanas! The Jubilee Cake recipe was in a Food Magazine at the time of the Golden Jubilee, and I have made it on numerous occasions ever since. The original recipe used clotted cream in the filling but that was too much even for

me, so I have always used double cream instead. The biscuits are just orange flavoured shortbread decorated to look like Crowns and are ideal for younger cooks to make.

CORONATION CHICKEN

Serves 3- 4

2 tbsp olive oil
350-400g/14-16oz cooked, cold chicken, shredded.
1 shallot, finely chopped
1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
2 tsp medium curry powder
2 tbsp tomato puree
100ml/4 fl oz dry white wine
100ml/4 fl oz chicken stock
1 tbsp apricot jam
150g/6oz mayonnaise
75g/3oz crème fraîche
4 tbsp double cream



Method

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the shallot and chilli over a low heat for 5 minutes until soft.
2. Stir in the curry powder and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Add the tomato puree and cook for a further minute. Add the wine and cook until the volume has reduced by half.
3. Stir in the jam and stock and simmer until the sauce has reduced by half again. Set aside to cool. Liquidise with a hand blender until smooth.
4. Mix the mayonnaise and the crème fraîche together and then stir in the curry sauce. If the coronation dressing is too thick, add the double cream. Finally stir in the cooked, shredded chicken. Serve on a bed of salad leaves, sprinkled with toasted, flaked almonds.

CROWN BISCUITS

Makes 12

100g/4oz softened unsalted butter
50g/2oz caster sugar
150g/6oz plain flour
Zest from ½ large orange

Decoration:

White or pale-yellow glacé icing
Sweets such as Smarties or Jelly diamonds for the jewels
Caster sugar - optional



Method

1. Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy and then stir in the orange zest.
2. Next add the flour and mix until the dough is well combined. Roll out on a flour-dusted board.
3. Using a crown biscuit cutter or a template made from cardboard, (mine was approx 6cm x 8cm) cut out 12 cm shapes. It will be necessary to roll the dough out a couple of times.
4. Place on a greased baking tray and cook for approx. 10-12 mins until the biscuits are golden brown. Leave to cool completely on a wire rack before decorating.
5. Using the glacé icing and sweets of your choice, decorate the biscuits to look like jewelled crowns.

JUBILEE CAKE

Makes a 20cm cake

Ingredients

150g/6oz softened unsalted butter
150g/6oz golden caster sugar
4 large eggs, separated
100g/4oz self-raising flour
100g/4oz ground almonds
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp almond essence
1 x 125g/5oz punnet of raspberries

Filling:

1 x 225g/9oz punnet of raspberries
200ml / 8 fl oz double cream
Pale pink glacé icing

Icing sugar

1 tbsp toasted, flaked almonds, optional



Method

1. Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, this will take several minutes.
2. Beat in the egg yolks, then fold in the flour and baking powder. Fold in the ground almonds and the almond

Essence.

3. In a large, clean bowl, whisk the egg whites until they just hold their shape. Carefully fold the egg whites into the rest of the mixture. Finally fold in 125g of raspberries.
4. Divide the mixture between 2 x 20cm sandwich tins which have been greased and base lined.
5. Cook in a 160C fan/180C/gas 4 oven for 25-30 minutes or until the sponges are firm to the touch. Allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out and leaving to cool completely.
6. Whip the cream to soft peaks and spread over one of the sponges, top with 225g raspberries and dust lightly with icing sugar.
7. Place the second sponge on top of the first and decorate with a generous drizzle of pink glacé icing. Sprinkle on the flaked almonds if using.

This cake will keep for 3 days in the fridge.

Diane Overton



Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

June Bank Holiday Events Programme

Thursday 2nd June

Platinum Beacon Party: Recreation Field 6:30 pm till late Family BBQ party with a bar and music from Postie Chris & Ollie. At 9:45 pm we'll join more than 1,500 other communities across the UK as we light a flaming Jubilee Beacon on St Giles' tower.

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June

Village Treasure Hunt, Open Gardens, St Giles' Flower Festival and Afternoon Teas: 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm Take a family summer stroll around the village, visit gardens & answer some brain teasers (adults & children) on the way.
Village Hall start. Teas & cake.

Saturday 7.00 pm -12.00 Midnight

Platinum Family Disco: Village Hall, Classic Disco Hits to get the whole family moving, even 'Dad Dancing' with BBQ and Bar.

Sunday 5th June

Joint Morning Church Service 11.00 am: St Giles' and The Beacon come together for an outdoor service on the recreation field - weather permitting.

Big Jubilee Lunch: Recreation Field 12.00 noon: Bring your own Family Picnic

Children's Fancy Dress: 'For Queen & Country' Princesses, Knights, Military etc.

Adults' Fancy Dress: 'Fashion through the Decades' 50s, Hippies, Glam Rock, Punk, etc.

Family Fun Sports: Tea, coffee, squash & ice-creams for children.

Presentations: Prizes, Celebration Jubilee £5 coins to Kilmington Children.

Family Events for All to Enjoy

DIANA MELLOWS

Dear Editor,

I would like, through Postscript, to thank everyone in the village and beyond, for the huge number of messages of condolence and support which I have received following Diana's untimely and shockingly sudden death at the end of last month.

The family and I are quite overwhelmed by the content and volume of these messages and whilst, in the fullness of time, I hope to be able to respond to many of them, the task is currently beyond me but this in no way diminishes my gratitude to everyone.

Diana was a truly exceptional person in so many ways but in particular in the way in which she reached out and touched the lives of those in need of help. Whilst I will never completely come to terms with the manner of her passing I can draw enormous comfort from the amazing response of the village and I am just so fortunate to have been married to such a wonderful person for very nearly fifty four years.

Kind regards,

John Mellows

MOLLY KERSLAKE

Sadly, after suffering from illness for several years, Molly passed away recently.

Molly and Bill had lived in Kilmington for 30 years, moving to the village when Bill retired, and took an active part in village life. Molly was a keen gardener and always had prize-winning entries in the village show.

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst the finer details have yet to be arranged there will be a church service to remember Molly and Bill, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th July 2022.

If you would like to attend please text or leave a message on the following number: 07713 743259.

Carol Roberts
(Molly and Bill's daughter)

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME OPEN WEEKEND

Perfect garden visiting weather on the Saturday brought lots of people and dogs to our three gardens. We were not so lucky on the Sunday after the much-needed overnight rain continued until after we opened.

Nevertheless £1,035 has been sent to the National Garden Scheme through ticket/plant sales and donations. We are most grateful to Claire Dainton for providing the delicious

homemade teas at Breach and the £340 raised has been given to Riding for the Disabled in memory of our lovely friend Diana Mellows.

Many thanks to all our visitors and helpers at the gardens.

Paul and Celia, Mary-Anne, Judith and BJ

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

The June oil order deadline falls on Friday, 24th June 2022 at 12.00 noon.

As usual, please submit orders for either specific amounts or if ordering a 'top up' or a full tank then please furnish me with a pretty accurate estimate as to the quantity required with a minimum order of 500 litres in all cases.

Colin Stewart
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VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
26th April 2022

A Playford	£30	J Fisher	£5
T Fudger	£15	P Dunsford	£5
S Hathaway	£15	B Reed	£5

For further details, please contact
Jean Falconer - 01297 33708

THANK YOU AGAIN...

Further to my piece in the May edition of 'Postscript' I received a good many more donations for my sponsored walk in March in aid of HOSPISCARE. These have taken my sponsor money to an amazing total of £850.00. Thank you so very much. HOSPISCARE tells me I'm 'amazing'. I don't think so! It's all my donors in Kilmington, Shute and Axminster who are amazing. Thank you.

Jeanette Porter

MARQUEE FOR HIRE

Following the Flower Show the Marquee is for hire on Sunday, 24th July. It will be in the field behind the Village Hall.

Contact Lesley Rew for more information on 07900 827689.



KILMINGTON BRANCH



CENTENARY REDEDICATION OF KILMINGTON WAR MEMORIAL AND QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Another month has passed so quickly and here we are again preparing for our next big event or, to be exact, the Country's biggest event of the year. Before I continue, it would be remiss of me not to pay our respects to all the families and friends who grieve for those now departed. In the past month we have said farewell to so many; we will remember all of them. As many of you will know, we could not have wished for a nicer day to celebrate the Centenary Anniversary and Rededication of our War memorial on Sunday, 8th May. Over sixty people joined relatives and dignitaries in a short service led by our vicar Julie Lomas and Baptist minister Mike Hudson. Afterwards many retired to the village hall for tea and cake where Dr David Ingles launched his new book 'Kilminster at War'. This new edition now includes information relating to the Kilminster men who served in the second World War, as well as the First World War. Proceeds from the book will go to the Royal British Legion, so if you don't yet have a copy, but would like one, please contact David by email at dwingles@aol.com. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jean Falconer for all her hard work in organising the event and all those who supported us in making this event so successful. So what next? Kilminster will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee between Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th June. Kilminster RBL, along with other village organisations, will support Kilminster Parish Council in preparing and assisting with the weekend.

As well as supporting the village, we are continuing to plan our own events. Please see below for a summary of what we have planned:

Thur	2nd - 5th	June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Tues	14th	June	40 th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands War
Sat	18th/19th	June	Axe Vale Show
Sat	2nd	July	Annual Family Barbecue
Thur	27th	October	Commence Poppy Appeal
Fri	11th	November	Armistice Day
Sun	13th	November	Remembrance Sunday
Sat	3rd	December	Christmas Extravaganza

I mentioned in the last postscript that we were hoping to resume our County trips to France; I can now inform you that there is a possibility this may happen later in the year, however, it will very much depend on support from branches; the more who subscribe the cheaper the trip!! Watch this space!!

Please take great care and stay safe.

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KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 16th May. During the meeting the Council Chairman Ben Trott announced he wished to step down and nominated Peter Ball as the new Chairman. Other councillors voted in favour and this was carried. Ben was then elected Vice Chairman to assist Peter in his new position. As Emma Styles had resigned earlier in the year, having left the village, this left a vacancy which was advertised within the parish. Kieran Veberth had put himself forward and was nominated at this meeting. We welcome Kieran to his new role as parish councillor.

The Annual Parish Meeting was attended by a number of Kilminster residents and followed the council meeting. During the open session there was significant discussion regarding the traffic issues on our village roads. The A35 continues to be a significant problem with increased numbers of vehicles creating a major safety issue for pedestrians and other road users. The 50 mph speed limit makes it extremely difficult to cross the road. The Parish Council acknowledges these facts and has been pushing

National Highways for many years to reduce the speed limit through the village and provide a pedestrian crossing. These discussions continue with meetings with several other villages along the A35 to try to increase the pressure. However, there is little sign of any progress. Within the central residential area the desire to reduce the 30 mph limit to 20 mph was also discussed. The Parish Council explained these roads were the responsibility of Devon County Council (DCC) and a formal request had been made and was being followed up. However, DCC claims there is no budget to carry out the survey work necessary and the police do not have the manpower to enforce speed limits. The meeting concluded that, as suggested in the Neighbourhood Plan, Community Action Projects, these issues should be prioritised with help from residents. A meeting will be held in the coming weeks to create an action plan. Please watch for news and give your support.

Peter Ball
Chairman

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1977

A Fancy Dress Parade and sports games on the recreation field which included a cycle race, entertained Kilmington residents for the Silver Jubilee. A tree was planted.



Janfryd: I was living in Hull in 1977 and the Queen visited the City. The centre was closed to traffic and crowds assembled early to get a good view. It was a long wait, with all eyes fixed on the town hall and the approach road. But waiting was dull and any movement there from anybody in uniform was a welcome diversion. When a red carpet was rolled out along the street it was applauded by all. The most exciting moment came when a uniformed individual, mounted on a fine black horse, needed to cross the red carpet and the horse relieved itself copiously thereon! An agitated person then emerged swiftly with a dustpan and brush and had to clear it all up. The crowd was ecstatic. All this impromptu entertainment put everyone in a very good mood to welcome her Majesty when she eventually arrived.

GOLDEN JUBILEE IN KILMINGTON 2002

Kilmington's celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee included a teddy bears' picnic which unfortunately was also threatened with rain. Postscript reported: "An impressive horde of teddies and their carers gathered on the common ready to start the procession. The colourful cavalcade set off on its march through the village gathering more admirers, flags and banners en route. A Jubilee seat was unveiled along the way to the Village Hall where a fairground organ had been installed. The children filed in to be seated at a long table to sit patiently in front of their treats while the Tamar Valley Barbershop group entertained everyone who could squeeze into the hall. The children and the teddies moved outside, in full sunshine now, for the judging of the teddies. The winners were: 1st Brody Husband; 2nd Lily Collier; 3rd Alexandra Chantrey. Sadly the children's sports

had to be cancelled because the recreation field was just too wet to be safe. What a day to remember it was."

'Jubilee Jubilation' followed in what was Kilmington's answer to 'Pops in the Palace'. The Kilmington players, led by Philippa Beckinsale and Sandra Ward, persuaded many local residents to join their company in presenting an evening of musical entertainment. John Martel, the master of ceremonies, introduced many local performers in what was an entertaining and sometimes hilarious show. During the interval a hog roast was served by Paul Holmes and Chris Bolton. Brian Lavender set off a maroon which signalled the lighting of the Jubilee beacon on top of the church tower. Back in the hall a grand finale of Pomp and Circumstance and an arousing National Anthem ended an unforgettable night.

DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Once again Kilmington residents excelled, coming together for four days of family entertainment and celebration. The village was decorated from one end to the other including over 50 scarecrows. There was a floral display in the church entitled 'Diamond Reflections'; The Kilmington RBL met at the New Inn for a Royal Toast; there was a treasure hunt, a barn dance and school May pole dancing with cream teas.

On Sunday, as it was Olympics year, Kilmington held its own Family Fun Olympics and a bring your own picnic. On Monday a fancy dress parade made its way through the village to Jubilee Green for a tree planting and commemorative seat dedication. A hog roast and stage entertainment from Kilmington Players wrapped up the very busy and enjoyable weekend.

Pictures of all of the activities can be seen on Kilmingtonvillage.com gallery





Our Coronation Memories 1953

On the 2nd June 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place and the whole country joined in celebration. People all over the country decorated the streets of their cities, towns and villages and held community parties. In London the roads were packed with people waiting to see the processions that took place. Unfortunately all were blessed with typical British weather...it poured with rain! Hopefully our Jubilee celebrations will be in sunnier climes. Here are some Coronation memories from Kilmington residents:



Janfryd: The Homage: In our senior position in Year 6 of the junior school in Kent it fell to us to give the younger children an impression of the solemnity of the forthcoming Coronation ceremony. We were to enact the homage which the peers of the realm would pay to the newly crowned queen, suitably attired and reciting the loyal oath. My speech started, 'I Philip, Duke of Edinburgh do become your liege man of life and limb.....' It wasn't too long or hard to learn but, as Philip, I had to go first. The hardest role was for classmate Cathy Baker who, as Archbishop of Canterbury, had a very long speech to learn. The easiest role went to Janet Lloyd who looked a bit like the 11 year old Princess Elizabeth in earlier photographs. She didn't have to say much and looked as regal as she could. We took it all very seriously and our audience seemed suitably impressed.

The Procession: I can recall that everybody loved Queen Salote of Tonga, one of the visiting royals. She was an exuberant lady, larger than life and apparently enjoying every minute of her drive back from the Abbey in an open coach in the pouring rain. She refused to let them put the hood up and waved vigorously at the cheering crowds who welcomed her as soon as she came into view. Even with the blurred and flickering picture on a neighbour's small black and white TV set she made a lasting impression. This was enhanced still further by the colour film of the Coronation, which was released later.

Village Celebrations: On the evening following the Coronation the weather cleared up a bit so we all went to the ox roast in a nearby village. It was to be a delightful occasion, rustic, traditional and appropriate. However, those in charge had struggled during the day's heavy rain to get the fire hot enough to even singe the outside of the meat, let alone cook a whole ox on a spit. It was against all the rules not to eat food that we were given as much of it was still rationed. But now, years later, I can confess I can't have been the only child who 'accidentally' lost my sliver of meat behind a bush in the dark and just ate the bun.

David Wilsdon: "In 1953 my family were living in Ruislip, Middlesex, and I was fifteen years old. Our Auntie Margaret was a Senior Lecturer and Head of the Needlecrafts Department of the National Training College of Domestic Subjects, which used to be in Buckingham Palace Road. She had a flat in the area, and invited my elder sister, Sheila, and me to join her on Coronation Day. I cannot be sure whether or not we saw anything of the royal procession on its way to Westminster Abbey. However, I can clearly remember being in a News Theatre / Cinema near to Piccadilly Circus, where we watched the whole of the Coronation ceremony on the big screen. We then all tumbled out to join the crowds waiting to see the Queen go by after the ceremony. I was comparatively tall in those days, so got a good view, while sister Sheila had a stroke of good fortune by being jostled up a step or two of the Eros fountain to aid her view."



David Smith: I can't recall much as I was a young boy, but my mates and I were typically not best pleased at having to sit in front of a television for so long, we got quite bored as it went on for hours! My best memory is the school party we had and I still have the Coronation mug we were given.



Sheila Hill: During the week we had a tea in the old Church Rooms and races on the playing field. My sister Marion and I went down to watch the Coronation on a very small black and white TV at Mrs. Hatchley's house. Back then hardly anyone had a telly in Kilmington, so some families had all clubbed together and Mrs Hatchley rented one. Her sitting room was packed with people sitting and standing.



Sydie Bones: I was freshly out of school, in London working in my first job. In the summer of 1953, here on my doorstep the event of the century was about to be celebrated and I was determined to be a witness. My brother came down from university with a friend and we arranged to meet the evening before, determined to get a good view. We picked a spot in The Mall which was not too crowded and marked our territory in the second row. It was a long and uncomfortable night sitting on newspapers but the crowd was unfailingly good-natured and helpful.

Morning came and with it the rain – we shared our plastic macs and tepid tea. By now the crowd was a dozen deep, with more arriving with each hour. The first activity was the arrival of the road sweepers, cheered loudly. Then the soldiers who were to line the whole of the route marched smartly down the Mall – the Scots Guards took their places in front of us, resplendent in their dress kilts.

Eventually the parade commenced: armed forces from every regiment, from every corner of the Commonwealth, on foot or on horseback, bands interspersed at intervals. They were all cheered loudly on their way. After the final contingent came the carriages, all horse drawn, all with hoods up as it was still raining. We had no idea who was in the majority of them but we cheered just the same. Everyone who lined the route that day remembers the Queen of Tonga, braving the elements with the carriage hood down, her beaming smile as large as her ample figure, totally dwarfing her husband alongside. The guests in their finery seemed to be as interested in seeing the crowds as we were of seeing them.

At last the royal procession drove slowly in front of us – this is what we had come for. A fleeting glimpse of the royal wave, a blaze of gold, the final flourish of a horse's tail and the coronation parade moved on down the Mall.



MAD moments in the garden

I was sorting through the hundreds of photos on my mobile phone the other day and came across some from Great Dixter, a truly wonderful garden I went to in Sussex six years ago. It is famous for being the home of Christopher Lloyd, a unique garden designer and plantsman. He used plants to create real drama, something very unusual back in the 70s and 80s, not everyone's style or for every corner of the garden, but if you ever get a chance to visit it's well worth a visit.

So, I took a lot of photos on my visit but one aspect that stands out is the head gardener, Fergus Garret's, use of pot displays, they are inspirational.

I have a quite a few pots around the garden, generally pretty seasonal. Spring bulbs, masses of brick-red geraniums or rather *pelargoniums* that I have had for years and over-winter in the greenhouse, and a few largish pot displays of plants from the village plant sale that limp along depending on how much I tend them. Lastly, a few herbs in pots. In the Autumn every year I promise myself to limit the pots the following year to avoid the feeling that I could, and should, have done better.

Here we are in May (as I write) and I feel myself twitching to achieve the wonderful displays in my photos. That however is unlikely, I accept, but perhaps some concentration before I start any purchases might help achieve a better result.

So, looking at the photos of displays at Great Dixter, the design principles are the same as for planning an area in the garden or even flowers for a vase in the house, plants and containers in a combination of heights, shapes colours and textures. The only consistent rule I can see applying to the displays are only one variety per pot, be it bulb, perennial or shrub, oh yes, and lots of pots. The displays, and there are

only two I think in the whole garden, have over 50 pots of various shapes and sizes, all terracotta. Another thing I have noticed is there always seems to be a backdrop, be it a wall or arrangement of evergreens or greenery of some form to set the collection apart from other planting.

So, given that, I am going for a different approach to pots this year.

I am going to collect all pots currently planted up with shrubs and various plants and create two displays. An exception to these will be my herb pots that will be 'sorted' and put together, repotted and added to, to create an improved look at least. The remaining plants in pots will be grouped to provide a range of heights from either plant or pot, complementary colours and textures. It maybe that I decide after this I am best sticking to one display and putting remaining pots aside to be brought back in at a later date. One useful aspect of grouping pots is ease of watering for both those on 'display' along with those resting elsewhere.

I am lucky to have a collection of old terracotta pots inherited from grandparents, parents, plus ones picked up in junk shops over many years. I also have some glazed large pots that have moved from home to home over 40 years that I just might not fill this year!

I have a few tall pots and when repotting them I change the top 50% of old compost, add some fertiliser, give it a good watering and a bit of a stir and top up with fresh compost before planting.

As I write it seems a big step to move away from pot combinations of geraniums and trailing lobelia, but give it a go I will and will let you know if I am pleased with the change in workload and display come November!

Mary-Ann Driscoll

2022 GARDENING CLUB PLANT MARKET AND COFFEE MORNING

We held a very successful Plant Market this year. Thank you very much to all of you who supported us, coming out, spending money and having coffee and cake while you were at it.

We had interesting donations of perennials, shrubs and even trees which were all greatly appreciated and snapped up by all the shoppers. Coffee was drunk, cake was eaten, plants were identified and seeds were swapped.

Thank you to all the helpers and committee members who contributed their time and hard work. At the end of the morning our illustrious Treasurer was able to report a profit of around £380. Great effort! Thanks to all.

Mary-Anne
Chairman



*One happy individual
with her cheese plant*

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB - Design your Dream Garden -

Marion Dale



Marion Dale has her own garden design consultancy and when she works in collaboration with her clients, there are a number of questions she always asks before starting to design a garden. Is there a style you want to achieve in order to create a specific 'look and feel' in your garden? Formal or informal, modern or low maintenance, wildlife friendly or themed?

Having decided on the look and feel of your garden, selecting the right plants for your location is the next task. The underlying bedrock dictates the pH level of your soil so testing the pH level is the first step. If the pH is high, it usually indicates a high level of limestone or chalk where aromatic plants like lavender, rosemary, thyme and honeysuckle do well. Evergreens and many deciduous trees prefer acidic soil. A few popular acid-loving plants include Azaleas, Hibiscus, Rhododendrons, Hydrangeas and Camellias. Marion suggests checking at home whether the plants you like would be suitable before buying. Soil type is also key. Clay is cold and heavy and is easily waterlogged, whereas sandy soil warms up quickly and dries out quickly. Alluvial soil is light, porous and rich in minerals.

How much light and space do you have? Does your garden have a sunny aspect? If so, rock roses (*Cistus*), lavenders, *Eryngium*, *Solanum*, will do well. If it is a shady garden, hydrangeas, ivies and hellebores are ideal. The RHS Encyclopaedia of Plants and Flowers is very useful (but expensive!). It is important to pick plants which won't outgrow your garden and it is advisable to check the ten-year size of plants on the RHS or the Crocus websites.

Do plants need to have a specific role in your garden? They can cover a pergola, add a focal point, provide security (e.g. *Berberis*), create a division of your garden space, help create

privacy, add vertical accent or break up a view.

You can introduce a variety of shapes and textures using plants with different characteristics. Evergreens give year-round colour whereas the deciduous ghost birch (*Betula utilis*) also has year-round interest with its ghostly white bark. Flowering evergreens such as *Olearia*, *Ceanothus*, *Choisya* 'Aztec Pearl' and *Daphne odora* give very welcome variety. You can introduce shapes by manicuring shrubs or by planting trees such as Weeping crab apple. The graceful cypress tree has an architectural quality while *Cordyline* has an exotic, palm-like appearance. Different leaf types can also bring variety to a garden – furry leaves such as *Stachys* or smooth, shiny leaves as in *Prunus lusitanica* and the choice of a colour palette can define the mood - hot, warm colours are yellows, oranges and reds while cool, calming and gentle colours are green, blue and violet.

For a wildlife friendly garden, dog roses, hawthorn, cranesbill and oxeye daisy were some of the plants recommended. Perennials like *Dicentra* (bleeding hearts) are elegant and arching, *Crococsmia*, *Vinca* and *Allium* 'Purple sensation' add colour year after year.

Lay out your plants in pots on the soil before planting to achieve the look you desire. With island beds remember to place your tall plants in the centre.

Marion's talk was packed with information and illustrated with a wide variety of colourful photos and left us feeling we had probably made many mistakes when designing our own gardens!

Jean Falconer

KILMINGTON JUBILEE OPEN GARDENS

We are all looking forward to the coming celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. On the afternoons of Friday, 3rd and Saturday, 4th June fourteen garden owners around the village are opening their gates to visitors for the community to enjoy. Each garden that is open will have a poster displayed and there will be maps displayed around the village to let you all know who has kindly agreed to support the event.

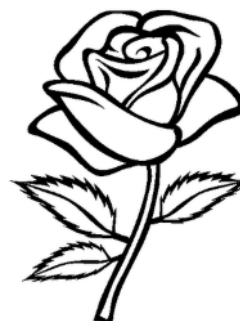
Teas will be at the Village Hall. Please enjoy this opportunity to walk, meet and visit a variety of interesting gardens.

Mary-Ann Driscoll

COME AND JOIN US!!

We will, from November, have vacancies on the Gardening Club committee. To enable the club to continue we need members to get involved in running various aspects of the club.

Please contact me, Mary-Anne Driscoll, if you are interested in ensuring the future of the club: madriscoll10@gmail.com



The Rose, one of June's flowers of the month

THE EXETER ROAD: TOLLS AND TURNPIKES

Today we might complain about the state of some of the roads in Devon, or perhaps the council's tardy response to the repair of potholes or other such defects preventing our comfortable or swift passage in a world increasingly dependent on speed. For perspective then, perhaps we might consider what it must have been like for travellers of the not-so-distant past?

By the 17th century, and with increasing usage, roads in Britain were often said to be in a 'ruinous and dangerous' state and there had not been a major organised programme of road building since the Romans. Many important 'highways' were completely impassable during the winter months. Clearly this could not go on.

By then, Queen Mary Tudor's reign had already made individual parishes responsible for the care of the roads within their boundaries. Every adult within the parish was pressed to work four-to-six consecutive days each year and to provide their own tools and horses in doing so! As might be imagined, this was never going to be a satisfactory affair. Why should a small parish be responsible for the repair of a principal highway such as the 'Exeter Road' where it was others who would damage it the most? It seemed grossly unfair.

Starting in the mid-late 17th century, and taking a measure of responsibility, Parliament enacted a series of *Turnpike Acts* which authorised *Turnpike Trusts* to levy tolls on travellers and to manage and repair the highways. Originally, a 'turnpike' was a 'spiked' barrier placed across the road which would only be 'turned' upon payment of a toll. By 1753, at the height of 'turnpike mania', the *Axminster Turnpike Trust* was formed and was responsible for the *turnpike road* between Bridport, through Axminster to Honiton, as part of the Exeter Road.

Turnpikes were usually built closely abutting the highway with windows well positioned to see the approach of travellers. Often these were distinctively shaped, and many remain today, close to the highway or on the outskirts of towns and villages. Probably the most distinctive local tollhouse sits on the King's Road into Honiton, the "Copper Castle", complete with its original and distinctive gates.



*"Yew Tree Gate"
Turnpike - Extract
from the 1838 tithe
map*



*'Yew Tree Gate'
turnpike on right hand
side (c1908)*

The earliest newspaper record which I have found of Kilminster's turnpike, the "Yew Tree Gate", was that it existed as early as 1828. However, commentators suggest

that it was built in 1822 and located opposite the George Inn (later the site of George Farm), perhaps near to where the war memorial is today. It was apparently later relocated below Gammon's Hill Farm to prevent 'toll dodging' travellers who would divert from the 'turnpike road', through our village and appear the other side of the gate. An early type of 'rat-run'!

As was usual, the rights for collection of tolls at Yew Tree Gate was auctioned annually to the 'highest bidder' and at around the time of the tithe map in 1838 annual revenue here was £198 (perhaps £22,500 today).

Of course, at this time Kilminster's turnpike road still followed the line of the old Roman road over Shute Hill, but this was a renowned and dangerous struggle for coaches. During the late 1830's, the Axminster Turnpike Trust constructed a realigned and 'more level' road, commencing near the site of the war memorial and around the hill to re-join near Andrewshayes.

The realigned turnpike road was opened on 1st May 1840 with jubilant celebration. A horseback procession and a marching band (with flags!) marked the event which included the attendance of local dignitaries, Sir William Pole and William Tucker. Whether they retired, as the rest of the party did, to enjoy a meal of 'right English construction' at the George Inn with the 'singing of glees' is not recorded but the evening was said to pass with harmony and tempered conviviality!

Universally disliked by locals and travellers, turnpike roads were considered a restriction to free trade. In 1852, one local man complained to the newspapers that his commission of six shillings to transport materials from Seaton to Axminster cost him five shillings at turnpikes for himself and his donkey! Elsewhere, local newspapers reported 'exorbitant tolls' when a coach and four passengers were *eased* for 2s 6d every two or three miles. Most notoriously, Welsh turnpikes were destroyed during the 'Rebecca Riots' of 1839-43, by cross-dressing farmers protesting high taxation and poverty!

Later, the opening of the 'Exeter and Yeovil Railway' in July 1860 gave cause for further local celebration and it was the success of the railways which ultimately meant the 'end of the road' for turnpike trusts. The tolls arising from the Axminster Turnpike Trust were auctioned for the last time in November 1875, including Yew Tree Gate. It was dissolved on 1st November the following year, after 123 years. By 1888, road maintenance became the responsibility of the recently created county councils.

Nothing now remains of Yew Tree Gate, save for the written and photographic record, its existence otherwise obliterated by later highway widening and realignment. Turnpikes do not seem to have been much lamented - although they do not seem to have disappeared entirely either!

It has been said that the creation of the turnpike trusts in Britain was 'one of the central pillars on which the industrial revolution was based', providing better roads for swifter transport and improved commerce. That is no minor accolade for a nation which led the might of the industrial world!

Alan Clarkson



KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB - JUNE 2022



		1 st XI - A Division					2 nd XI - G Division East		
Sat	4th	Seaton 1 st XI	12.30 pm	A	Sat	4th	Cheriton Fitzpaine 1 st XL	1.00 pm	H
Sat	11th	Plympton 1 st XI	12.30 pm	H	Sat	11th	Seaton 2 nd XI	1.00 pm	A
Sat	18th	Torquay 1 st XI	12.30 pm	A	Sat	11th	Shobrooke Park 2 nd XI	1.00 pm	H
Sat	25th	Barton 1 st XI	12.30 pm	A	Sat	25th	Culmstock 1 st X!	1.00 pm	H

TWENTY 20

Sun	5th	Heathcott Cricket Club at Heathcott
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In the latest newsletter (no 44) ALCS reminds readers that the weekly acupuncture clinic, which can be beneficial in alleviating many symptoms and side-effects of treatment, is still held on Mondays and there is also a drop-in session on June 13th for those who are about to start treatment, are going through treatment now, or whose treatment finished within the last six months. Both of these take place in the Scott-Rowe room at Axminster Hospital. There is news that a new grant will help to provide Nordic walking taster sessions, to encourage new people to try it.

Over the years, as Cancer research continues, many different approaches have been pursued and ALCS tries to keep abreast of the various findings which may help its readers. This time it is the metabolic approach offered by Dr Nasha Winter, Fellow of the American Board of Naturopathic Oncology, who finds that integrated treatment to the body as a whole means that patients feel supported and experience more vitality, peace of mind and a better quality of life. Her website www.drnasha.com draws attention to her recent book, 'The Metabolic Approach to Cancer'.

ALCS events in June include:

Saturday, 11th - stall at Uplyme Village Fete

Tuesday, 14th - Men's only Pie and Pint at 6.30 pm - Location TBC

Saturday and Sunday, 18th/19th - stall at Axe Vale Show

Monday, 20th - Mindfulness Workshop 2.30 - 3.00 pm at Lyme Regis Football Club

Thursday, 23rd - Cherry Fayre Axminster Market Stall - Town Centre

Monday, 27th - Bereavement Group 12.30 - 1.30 pm - Axminster Hospital Scott Rowe Room.

If you would like to receive the full newsletter with all this information and more, or have any queries for ALCS please use one of the addresses above to contact them.



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HOSPISCARE OPEN GARDENS IN JUNE

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Saturday, 11th June - The Old Rectory, Awliscombe, EX14 3PJ

Sunday, 12th June - **St Leonards, Exeter Open Gardens**

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Saturday, 18th June - East Steps Cottage, Dunsford, EX6 7AA

Sunday, 19th June

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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
Thursday	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

DATES FOR JUNE 2022

Thurs	2nd	- Sunday 5th	Around the Village	Platinum Jubilee events - see full programme on page 10
Sun	5th	11.00 am	Playing Field	Joint service with The Beacon
	5th	6.30 pm	The Beacon	Prayer Meeting - open to all
Tues	7th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling and Garden Waste Collection
	7th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Fri	10th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk - <i>The Bishop of Wells Palace Gardens Past, Present & Future - James Cross, Head Gardener</i>
Sat	11th	7.45 am	The Beacon	Men's Breakfast
	11th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Celebrate Service
Sun	12th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	13th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Reflections
	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Tues	14th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion
	14th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
Wed	15th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Kilminster Community Cinema - <i>The Duke</i>
Thurs	16th	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Kilminster Community Cinema - <i>The Duke</i>
Sat	18th		Axminster Showground	The Axe Vale Show
	18th	9.30 am	The Beacon	Safeguarding Training - Levels 2 & 3 - Please Book
Sun	19th		Axminster Showground	The Axe Vale Show
	19th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
Tues	21st	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	21st	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Contact Lunch
Sat	25th	8.30 am	The Beacon	Women's Breakfast
Sun	26th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Service of the Word
Mon	27th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
	27th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Reflections
Tues	28th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion

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