

# KILMINGTON POSTscript

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## EDITORIAL

Due to problems of which everyone will by now be well aware it has proved impossible to provide a printed version of Postscript this April. In fact the internet is about the only way we can get it to any of you at all. Things have moved on so fast since the closing date that some of the information originally provided will now seem like old news. More recent information about who is allowed out – to do what - and when - has been changing so fast that it is difficult to keep up with it.

In this edition we have some distractions from the main preoccupation of coronavirus. There are still the inescapable concerns of environmental pollution and climate change. We are delighted to report the success of a local enterprise which has won the Environmental Business of the Year trophy from the Federation of Small Businesses for its renewable energy installations. We hear from Kilmingdon School about their valuable efforts clearing litter in the village when the woods were too windy to hold Forest School sessions, and also from Judith Simpson about the excellent response she got to her March request for feedback to take to the Climate Conference in November. The Parish Council has contributed an item clarifying the obligations of 'Riparian' owners – it relates to potential blockages and floods and, if your property contains or is alongside a ditch or water course, this includes you.

We have the Sky at Night with another super-moon and Nature Notes with hornets. Adam Preston of the Trafalgar Way Organisation reminds us of a part of Kilmingdon's history and launches a photography contest. There are even a few lighter moments – David Bromley nostalgically remembers his first car, Angus Falconer recalls a near miss with the Royal Yacht Britannia and there is a review of the Kilmingdon Players' splendid show in February.

Many will find themselves at home, with more time for reading, watching TV and gardening. One reader suggested that Postscript might invite recommendations and reviews of books, DVDs or TV programmes. If we have succeeded in publishing this magazine in April, even if only online and in a reduced form, we could probably do it again in May. It may seem that there is too much time and too little going on to write about, but all contributions will be welcome and should be sent to the email address for Postscript (above right) as usual. If we think we are having a bad time it's not entirely new. Amongst poems in a 10<sup>th</sup> Century Exeter Collection of Anglo-Saxon writings, 'Deor' lists past troubles with the repeated refrain, 'That passed away and so may this'.

Janfryd

The front cover photo is by Marie Gardner

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO POSTSCRIPT

Please remember to use the email address for Postscript:

**postscript@kilmingdonvillage.com**

*Alternatively, please give your item to any team member.*

***The closing date for submitting items for the May issue is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020. All will be acknowledged. Please email or ring 01297 639115 if not acknowledged within 48 hours.***

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## DONATIONS

***Arrangements for donating to Postscript have changed as a result of the closure of the village shop. Please see page 28 for details. Donations to the middle of February came to £56.60. All donations go towards printing costs. Thank you for your continuing support.***

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## HELP IN KILMINGTON FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Your Parish Council is pulling together support to monitor vulnerable local residents and to provide local help for those who need it during this crisis. The Village Website will provide the main source of information for local support of Kilmingtton Residents. But it does not replace the national information available on other sites.

**If you need local assistance**, for example to get food supplies or medication, please call Sally Huscroft on 01297 32243 or email her: [shuscroft@kilmingtonvillage.com](mailto:shuscroft@kilmingtonvillage.com)

**If you are willing to help others in the village** and are not in the 'vulnerable' category (the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) please call Sally Huscroft on 01297 32243 or email her: [shuscroft@kilmingtonvillage.com](mailto:shuscroft@kilmingtonvillage.com) to give her your contact details and tell her what support you can offer.

**Community Events in Kilmingtton:** Visit the Events page of the village website to check if events are being held or are cancelled.

### VILLAGE HALL CLOSURE

In the light of the Government's advice Kilmingtton Village Hall will be closed for the foreseeable future except for agreed regular use by Kilmingtton Primary School.

If you have a booking, you will be contacted when the situation improves about re-instating your bookings. Your deposit will be carried forward when you re-book a date later in the year. Village Clubs and organisations who use the Hall regularly will be charged only for the weeks used, i.e. up to and including the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### THE BEACON

We have cancelled all meetings and gatherings for now, but will be producing videos and live streams of Worship services most weeks.

The Beacon will remain open during the week should anyone want to come and pray and we will continue as a church serving the community but in a rather different way!

God bless.

Gill Bridger

### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW INN

As the Prime Minister has ordered us to close we will still be offering our takeaway and delivery menu service to Kilmingtton including Sunday Roasts.

The takeaway menu may change from time to time, please check our website for updates. [newinnkilmington.com](http://newinnkilmington.com)

We are here to support the community and would like to thank everyone for their kindness and continued support and we wish everyone good health in the coming months.

Regards Carey and Mandy

### ST GILES CHURCH PAUSES PUBLIC WORSHIP

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

#### Weddings:

Weddings are allowed to go ahead if a priest can be found under 70 and not in a high risk group. No more people should attend than the priest, the couple and two witnesses. As banns of marriage can't be read (a legal requirement) because there are no Sunday services at present, this means the couple will have to obtain a special licence from the registrar (as long as there are no travel restrictions to get to him/her) and at the further cost of £200! All couples intending to marry should also understand that there should be no reception after the wedding either; this should be postponed until a later date.

#### Funerals:

Funerals can also go ahead with the same restriction on the priest presiding. Only immediate family can attend and the numbers must remain in single figures, i.e. no more than ten people present and that includes the priest; however, it doesn't include the Funeral Director and the pall bearers. No wake, reception or gathering afterwards, these should be postponed until a later date.

All events concerning Lent and Easter in the Five Alive Mission Community are, sadly, cancelled.

Gill Heighway

### CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

The monthly quiz at the New Inn on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The S.T.A.Gs production of Peter Pan has been postponed until the Autumn.

The Village Show has been cancelled.

The Axe Vale Show has been cancelled

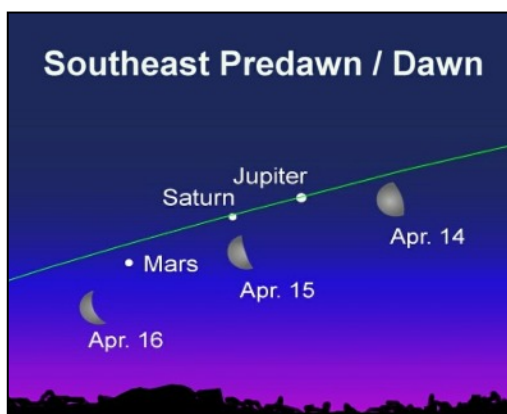
# KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Once again, lots to see above Kilmington this month. Look for four planets before dawn mid-month, followed by the Lyrid meteor shower. The brightest planet of them all – Venus – continues to be found in the west after sunset, and remains a fixture of our evening sky through into June. It shines at its brilliant best late this month.

## 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Venus close to

**Pleiades** Watch for the close pairing of the planet Venus with the Pleiades star cluster in our western sky. Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters and Messier 45, it is an open star cluster of over 100 stars but seven are particularly bright and clear.

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Full Moon** and the biggest supermoon of the year. That's because this full moon more closely coincides with the *lunar perigee* – the moon's closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit – than any other full moon this year, around 221,851 miles.



**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** The Moon passes by Jupiter, Mars and Saturn before daybreak in the southeast sky over the next days. Jupiter, at top, is easily the most brilliant of the group, beaming some fourteen times brighter than either Saturn in the middle, or the red planet Mars at the bottom. But Saturn and Mars still shine as brightly as 1<sup>st</sup>-magnitude stars so they can be easily seen.

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Lyrid meteor shower** starts late evening on Sunday and will

probably run through to dawn on Thursday. Before dawn on Wednesday will probably feature the greatest number of meteors. In a dark sky, you might see as many as 10 to 15 meteors per hour at its peak.

**End of month - Venus** is at its brightest in the west after sunset.

Peter

## KILMINGTON POSTSCRIPT

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

	£ 2019	£ 2018
<b>Receipts</b>		
Post Boxes	55	77
Individuals	306	230
Council Contribution	250	250
Interest	2	1
Advertising	3370	2937
<b>Total</b>	<b>3983</b>	<b>3495</b>
<b>Payments</b>	3630	3395
Printing		
Stationery and Sundries		
Sundry Expenses		31
<b>Total</b>	<b>3630</b>	<b>3426</b>
Excess Expenditure over income	353	69
Bank Balance 1 January 2019	1858	1789
Increase/Decrease in Year	353	69
Bank Balance 31 December 2019	2211	1858
<b>Bank Balances 31 December 2019</b>		
Current Account	1164	813
Reserve Account	1047	1045
	<b>2211</b>	<b>1858</b>

If you would like more information on these accounts please contact the treasurer.

14 March 2020

Mrs V Larcombe, Treasurer

## 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 26.

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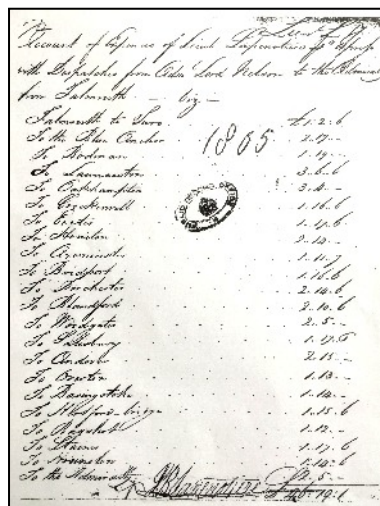
## MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

# THE TRAFALGAR WAY POSTCARD COMPETITION

In 1805 Kilmington had a brush with history when the messenger delivering news of victory and the death of Lord Nelson at The Battle of Trafalgar passed through the village. The route he took is known as 'The Trafalgar Way' and is the UK's only national historic coaching route. Now the Trafalgar Way are inviting Kilmington residents to take advantage of the fact that they are on the route by entering an art and photography competition called 'Postcards from the Trafalgar Way'.

The messenger himself was called Lieutenant Lapenotière and he undertook his important journey travelling by post-chaise express coach - the fast (and very expensive) taxis of the day. In fact his claim for expenses for his journey to the Admiralty in London has survived, showing that he paid out over £46 for the 38 hour trip - approximately £4,000 in



modern money. This was spent at the coaching inns where he changed horses every ten to fifteen miles. For example he changed horses at Honiton (where he spent £2.14.0) and Axminster (cost £1.11.7!).

Lieutenant Lapenotière was not aware of it at the time but he was in a race with another officer - Captain Sykes - who also carried news of Trafalgar. Had he lost the race, Lapenotière would not have received the £500



*School Hill, Perranwell Station, near Truro*  
Photo: Roger Hollingsworth

The Trafalgar Way now celebrates this story and has erected plaques commemorating different parts of the route. At Kilmington the plaque is on the Village Hall. Putting the Trafalgar Way on the map and into the national consciousness creates heritage, educational and local economy benefits. This year the Trafalgar Way are launching an art and photography contest and they want you to create a 'Postcard from the Trafalgar

Way' highlighting a feature on the route. There are categories for adults and children and you could win £1,000. You can see all details about the competition here and can find out exactly where the route runs: [www.thetrafalgarway.org/postcards](http://www.thetrafalgarway.org/postcards) - whether you're an amateur or a professional, an artist or a photographer, this is a great opportunity with more than 40 prize categories - a chance to have your own brush with history!

Adam Preston



*An actor promoting the launch of 'Postcards from the Trafalgar Way' with pupils from The Nelson School, Newham, in Trafalgar Square*  
(Photo credit © Paul Clarke Photography)

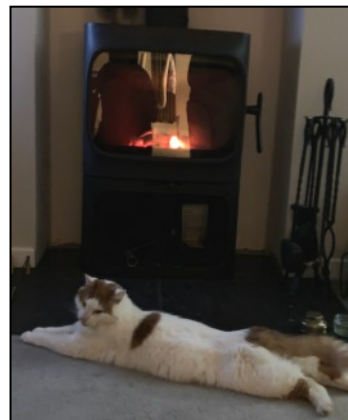
## OLIVER RETURNS

The news seems to have travelled far and wide through various methods and eventually, two and a half months after his disappearance, we were reunited and he is safely back at home, after what seems to be have been an extended break somewhere down in Axminster.

We assume that he had had a lift from some local vehicle.

Once again, many thanks from us both, as well as Oliver.

Krisztina and Paul





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## Letter from the Churches

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### CELEBRATING PASSOVER IN FIVE ALIVE EAST DEVON MISSION

Hopefully, if the new threat of Coronavirus allows it, Five Alive Mission Community will be celebrating Maundy Thursday with a Passover meal in Dalwood village hall to which everyone is welcome. This is so that we can learn more about the Jewish faith whilst enjoying a Jewish meal together.

The Jewish holiday of **Passover** (in Hebrew, **Pesach**) commemorates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. The holiday originated in the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament), where the word **pesach** refers to the ancient Passover sacrifice (known as the Paschal Lamb); it is also said to refer to the idea that God "passed over" (**pasach**) the houses of the Jews during the 10<sup>th</sup> plague on the Egyptians, the slaying of the first born. This account can be found in the book of Exodus in the Bible. The holiday is ultimately a celebration of freedom, and the story of the exodus from Egypt is a powerful metaphor that is appreciated not only by Jews, but by people of other faiths as well.

The Passover Seder is a feast held on the first night of Passover that marks the beginning of the holiday. Some Jewish diasporas also hold a seder on the second night of holiday.

Passover is observed for seven days in Israel and eight days in the Diaspora. The main event of the Passover holiday is the **seder** (literally, "order"), a festive meal in which the **haggadah** (the book of Exodus and related writings) is recited in a set order. During the entire duration of the holiday, it is forbidden to eat leavened food products (such as bread, pasta, etc). The reason for this is that Jewish tradition states that, in their haste to escape from Egypt, the Jews did not have enough time to wait for bread to rise. Instead, they ate **matzah**, unleavened bread. Part of the Passover seder includes hiding the **afikoman** (half of a

matzah that is kept between two other matzahs during the seder and later hidden). Children search for the **afikoman** and usually receive a prize for finding it.

Passover foods are unique in that, beyond the usual rules of keeping kosher (fit or proper as it relates to Jewish dietary law), there are special rules for preparing food that is kosher for Passover. Of course, matzah is a central part of the **seder** and of Passover meals throughout the duration of the holiday. Symbolic foods eaten at the **seder** are: **maror** (bitter herbs, usually horseradish, a reminder of the bitterness of slavery), salt water (symbolizing the tears of the slaves), **charoset** (sweet paste made of fruit and nuts, symbolizing the mortar the slaves used to build the Egyptian pyramids), **zeroah** (shank bone, representing the Passover sacrifice), **beitzah** (hard-boiled egg, symbolic of life and birth associated with the spring season), and **karpas** (a leafy green vegetable, usually a piece of lettuce, symbolizing hope and redemption). There is a requirement to drink four cups of wine throughout the seder.

Some traditional Ashkenazi Passover dishes include gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, brisket, kosher-for-Passover kugels, **tzimmes** (sweet carrot and fruit dish) and macaroons and sponge cake (made from matzah meal) for dessert. A popular breakfast food during the holiday is **matzah brie** (matzah soaked in water, dipped in egg, and fried).

If you would like to wish your Jewish friends a happy holiday the greeting for Passover is simply "*Chag Sameach!*" (Happy Holidays) or "*Chag Pesach Sameach!*" (Happy Passover Holiday). Please don't ask me how to pronounce these greetings as I haven't a clue!

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Gill Heighway

### EASTER LILIES

A reminder to Kilminster residents who would like to give lilies in memory of loved ones at Easter, please pass your orders to Caroline Lavender on 01297 34922 or Jenny Nickolls on 01297 639758 by Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

The names of those to be remembered will be recorded in Church on Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, when prayers will be said for them. The Church will be beautifully decorated to celebrate Easter so please feel free to call in at any time to view the arrangements.

Caroline Lavender

### THE PASSION IN PLANTS

As there are some people in and around Kilminster who know Brother Samuel SSF (alias Richard Double, the son of the late Derek and Joyce Double of Meadow Bank and a frequent visitor to Kilminster over the years), I thought they might like to know that he has a short series on Radio 4 in Holy Week.

The details are:

'The Passion in Plants' – BBC Radio 4 FM, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45 – 10.00 am.

Some of the episodes were recorded in the gardens at Hilfield Friary near Cerne Abbas, others in Kew Gardens and Regents Park.

Anne Double

## THE EGG THAT SHARES THE EASTER STORY

Out of the 80 million Chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter Story in the box. They are made by The Meaningful Chocolate Company, based on a farm outside the Cheshire village of Lymm, from delicious Fairtrade, Palm Oil Free, chocolate and the packaging is plastic-free.

St Giles' Church will be distributing some of these eggs and books to children at the Celebrate Together on Easter Saturday and at the Easter Sunday morning service. Eggs are also being given away by the 'Open The Book Team' to the schools which they visit in the area. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Pop-up-Café in Easter Week.

The Meaningful Chocolate Company also make The Real Advent Calendar and other seasonal goods and chocolate bars.

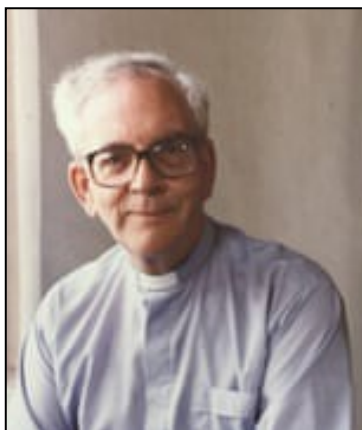
Diana Mellows

## REV DAVID MOSELEY

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February we received an email from Paul Moseley with the news that his father had passed away the previous Wednesday after a short illness.

Rev Moseley was the vicar at St Giles' Church from 1978 till his retirement in 1995. His funeral took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March at Kilminster and it was so sad that villagers could not attend the service because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

Hopefully a Thanksgiving Service will take place in September to mark his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## OPEN THE BOOK



*Christine Mills, Caroline Nunns and Diana Mellows,  
with children from Kilminster School in  
St Giles' Church*

Photo Nicola Mackenzie

The Open the Book team performed the Greedy Farmer story recently in Kilminster, Stockland and Shute schools with several children taking part. We also went to Marshwood School, who had requested a visit, and were very warmly received there as they do not currently have an Open the Book team who visit the school regularly. We sang 'This Little Light of Mine', a song which all the children knew well.

Anna Crabbe

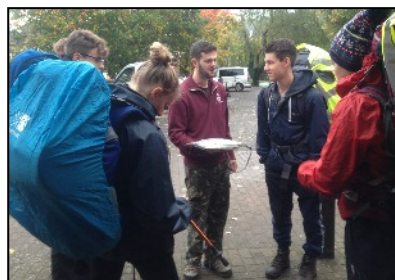
## FIVE ALIVE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD GROUP

There is a Duke of Edinburgh's Open Award group that has been based in Kilmington but will now be based in Lyme Regis and will come under Dorset rather than Devon. Adam Taylor has taken over as a Leader from me and we have a Bronze group starting and are looking for new members. The award is for 14-25 year olds and involves four sections at Bronze and Silver levels; volunteering, sport, skill and expedition. For Gold there is an extra section, the Residential section which involves being away four nights on a group activity. We currently have a Silver group who are soon to complete and will be moving on to the Gold level and a small Bronze group which needs more members.

The expedition can be walking, canoeing, sailing, horse riding or cycling. We tend to do walking expeditions. Bronze involves camping one night locally, Silver two nights, usually in the Purbecks and Gold three nights in wild country, usually Dartmoor or the Brecon Beacons. Both Adam and myself are qualified to lead groups in wild country and have outdoor qualifications for camping



*End of the expedition!!*



*Adam and the bronze team*

supervision on Dartmoor and the Brecon Beacons.

The award has been running since 1994 in Kilmington and we have had several hundred young people complete all three levels, so many trips to St James' Palace have been made for the

Gold presentations. Prince Edward has taken over from the Duke of Edinburgh doing the presentations and there are many inspirational celebrities at these events, who talk to the young people and their parents such as: Ben Fogle, Catherine Jenkins, Baroness Grey-Thompson and Julia Bradbury.

If you know anyone interested in joining us, please contact one of the below,

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Anna Crabbe: [anna.crabbe@icloud.com](mailto:anna.crabbe@icloud.com) - 01297 32777

Anna Crabbe

Photos: Anna Crabbe and Adam Taylor

## MESSY SPARKLERS

Messy Sparklers, the monthly sensory stay and play group at The Beacon for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with their parents/carers, made it to 100 in March. No we haven't been running 100 years, and it wasn't our 100<sup>th</sup> session. Including our volunteers, we had over 100 babies, children and adults in attendance. Even though the ground was too wet for us to go outside, amazingly it didn't feel like that many people were there.

From 10.30 to about 10.50 am the Beacon foyer is full of people chatting, snacking & drinking. The foyer then quiets down as everyone goes through into the hall where there are toys, activities and crafts of a sensory nature

following a Biblical theme. Our story was one that Jesus told of the Lost Coin, the woman who hunted for it and celebrated when she found it and how Jesus searches for us. So, the activities ranged from carrot printing coins, sticking a coin headdress, hunting for items in a box of sawdust and playdough with circular cutters.

Lunch was a bit more of a challenge than usual, due to the numbers. We never know how many are

coming, as people don't sign up in advance. That did mean that this session required a trip to the garage for more supplies. We also used part of the main worship area for tables so that people had more space. A massive thank you goes to our wonderful kitchen team and clean up team.



In light of the uncertainties regarding large gatherings at the time of writing, we cannot be certain of when the next Messy Sparklers will take place. We do not plan to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April due to the school Easter holidays. The leaders of the group are attending a course in the first week of May, so we have had to a move Messy Sparklers forward one week to **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**. The following session will be on

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** Each session includes lunch and we ask for a donation of £2 for the first child plus £1 for each additional child. May we politely stress that we run from **10.30 am** in order for the team to have time to prepare everything. Do check out our Facebook group *Messy Sparklers, The Beacon, Kilmington* or The Baptist Church Kilmington's website for up-to-date information. Remember to dress for mess!

Juletta Obudo



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

Greetings from Kilmingdon RBL, we hope this finds you well and taking the necessary precautions to remain in good spirits! Amidst damp, cold, grey skies and unprecedented world firsts, it is at times easy to forget the wonderful area in which we are privileged to live. Despite all the adversity we currently face, I was so encouraged to see 'Village' spirit shine through at the 'Big Breakfast' charity event, providing essential support in an even greater time of need. I should hasten to add, this was not a show of Bravado, but a sensible, well organised and compassionate event designed to support those who need our support.

Unfortunately it is with much sadness that I have to report the sad news that one of our members, Mrs Elizabeth Foster recently died at her home in Kilmingdon. Details of her funeral are not currently known and our thoughts are with her family.

So what is new? 'Coronavirus'! Having made reference to it, I should clarify Kilmingdon RBL's stance. We are very carefully following government guidelines and will continue to assess what is clearly a very fluid situation; taking the appropriate action as necessary. As it stands, we have taken the decision to cancel our immediate events which include: the 'get togethers' on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, the Spring Coffee morning on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and the VE celebration on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Of course we will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated as events unfold.

I seem to have commenced my report full of 'doom and gloom' which is not what I intended and is most certainly not what we have planned. Your committee has once again been at the forefront in putting together a very varied and interesting programme for 2020. Events range from our 'themed' coffee mornings, to a dinner and dance, days out, a full sit down 'Black Tie' Trafalgar Night event in October

and of course Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal, a detailed reminder of which you can find below:  
Dates for your Diary 2020:

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Coffee Morning - <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner/Dance - <b>CANCELLED</b>
TBC	June	Annual Outing?
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Annual Family BBQ
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	VJ Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Commemoration in the Minster, Axminster
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Battle of Britain 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary- Joint Service with Axminster Branch at St. Giles' followed by lunch in the Village Hall.
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> October	Trafalgar Night Dinner in the Village Hall
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Maroons at Pavilion

Our membership currently stands at 132. We are, however, actively seeking more members to join our cause. Please encourage those you know to join our incredible social organisation and if you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact either our members' secretary John Watts, or any of the committee. Please remember you don't have to be, or have been a serving member of the Armed Forces to join. We welcome everyone.

Finally, I would appeal to you all again; if you have any thoughts or ideas of how we can make the RBL more attractive to our younger community, please contact me or any of the committee. I look forward to seeing you all at our events.

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd  
Chairman RBL Kilmingdon Branch

## SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Very 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 26.

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## KILMINGTON'S BIG BREAKFAST

**Good News:** despite the Coronavirus Kilmingdon's Big Breakfast for Cancer Research went ahead on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Lots of lovely folks turned up to support the team, enjoyed their breakfasts, spent and donated money and raised the amazing total of £2,081.35.

My grateful thanks as always to all those who supplied ingredients, made cakes, donated items for the Tombola etc and to my wonderful team who, as always, did a fantastic job. Thank you all.

Jenny Nickolls

# CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

## ANGUS FALCONER AT 90

My husband Angus celebrated his birthday recently, he being one of several men in the village who are 90 this year. 1930 was clearly a vintage year! Angus wishes to thank the many kind people who sent cards or messages to mark the occasion.

He had an interesting career. Here are some of the highlights.



He entered the Royal Navy as a National Serviceman and was elected Class Leader of his 42 fellow recruits. He was also asked to consider becoming a career officer. He declined at first but eventually changed his mind. His early seagoing experience included nearly two years in the aircraft carrier HMS Theseus, nine months of which were spent operating in the Yellow Sea during the Korean War with the ship's aircraft heavily engaged in attacking targets in North Korea. In 1960 (as previously described in Postscript) when he was on duty as the Officer of the Watch in a frigate, and being the person responsible for the safety of the ship at the time, his ship nearly collided with the Royal Yacht Britannia. The main cause was that an order given by Angus to reduce speed was wrongly implemented by Engine Room staff – a rare occurrence. Angus was exonerated. Nevertheless, the Captain was required to go aboard Britannia and apologise personally to the Queen “lest your Majesty was concerned by the proximity of your Majesty’s Ship Duncan”.

At about this time Angus was selected to study to become a barrister. The Navy did not have a separate Legal Branch, as the Admiralty considered that the Fleet’s legal requirements could be met by having a small number of legally trained officers who would deal with legal issues as they arose in addition to their normal naval functions. Angus studied full-

time under a tutor in the Temple and after being called to the Bar of the Middle Temple, spent most of his pupillage at the Old Bailey involved in the prosecution of serious crimes. For instance, in one case three men were sentenced to death for murder. On his return to the Fleet, he was often called upon to deal with legal matters, especially courts-martial, in which in the early days he was invariably the Judge Advocate. Later on, he prosecuted or defended as required. During his naval service he officiated in trials in various places around the UK and in South Africa, Australia, Singapore and, unusually, on one occasion, on board the aircraft carrier HMS Eagle at sea in the Indian Ocean. Angus brought his Naval career to a premature end when he was allowed to retire early for family reasons, some ten years before his normal retirement date.



He then accepted an offer of employment from a Public Limited Company with headquarters in Sheffield. The Company was a conglomerate but its principal activities were in engineering and the manufacture of special steels. After eighteen months, he was appointed a Main Board Director. In 1986, while acting in a private

capacity, he became the first person in eighty years to bring a successful court action against Trade Unions for the recovery of expenses incurred during a strike. In 1988 he again retired early.

We first exchanged houses with friends in Western Australia for six months and, after travelling for a while, went to live in France as Angus wanted to play golf in the sun! We spent seventeen enjoyable years in France in which our lives largely revolved around a Golf and Country Club. In 2007 we surprised our friends by announcing that we planned to return to the UK to live. Most people thought we would regret the decision and certainly it seemed rash to abandon a nice house and a pleasant way of life for an uncertain future. But when we had the good fortune in 2009 to acquire our house in Kilminster, any lingering regrets were soon dispelled.

Jean Falconer



# CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

## SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FOR KILMINGTON COUPLE

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) bestowed awards on the 'best in the West' at their 'Celebrating Small Business Awards 2020', held in Taunton in February. The shortlist featured companies from as far apart as the Forest of Dean and the Isles of Scilly. The prestigious Environmental Business of the year trophy was won by Total Renewable Solutions, based in Ilminster, who are a renewable energy installation company, and whose directors are Kilminster couple Luke and Beverley Reed.

The FSB press release about the event reports that Luke was proud that the company's passion for the environment had been recognised at the awards. "We are delighted to win because as a business we think we are making a positive contribution to the environment and climate change", he said.

Many people here will know Luke as our Village GB age group Triathlete and associate him with the annual Good Friday Kilminster Kanter (not this year – they have just moved house) and will know Beverley from formidable stage appearances with the Kilminster Players. Congratulations to them both.

## 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAYS



Ann and Michael Marsh, now living in Axminster but still very much involved with people and events in Kilminster, both reached their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays in February, which gave rise to joint celebrations, including one at the Friday morning coffee shop in St. Giles' Church.

Also in the photo, taken by Margaret Astbury, are Mary Tyler, Lucy Lane and Jan Farley.

Hopefully this will be able to take place.



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

## **PLANT MARKET & COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 9th MAY**

**10 – 12 NOON**

**Kilminster Village Hall**

Bedding plants, herbaceous, trees/shrubs, fruit and vegetable plants. Please contribute any good quality perennials. All will be gratefully received on the day.

**FILTER COFFEE & CAKE AVAILABLE**

**FREE ENTRY**

## SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Easy

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 26.

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I have been an avid collector of recipes for many years, cutting them out of magazines, collecting Cookery books and most importantly pinching them from

friends and family. Over the next few months, I am hoping to pass on a selection of my favourites and I apologise in advance if anyone notices one of their recipes which they have given me, appearing in the Postscript. If you have a recipe which you would like to share with the village, please email them in and we will try and use as many as possible.

This month's recipes all have an Easter theme although the first is rather tenuous.

## CARROT AND CORIANDER SOUP

Serves 4

25g/ 1oz butter  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1 clove of garlic, crushed  
450g/1lb sliced carrots  
110g/4oz grated carrots  
1 litre/1¼ pints of chicken or vegetable stock  
Pinch of nutmeg  
Generous pinch of ground coriander  
1 tbs chopped fresh coriander  
150ml/¼ pint single cream  
Salt and pepper



### Method

1. Melt the butter in a pan and cook the onion and garlic gently until soft but not browned.
2. Add the carrots, stock, ground coriander and nutmeg to the pan, bring to the boil and then simmer until the carrots are tender.
3. Cool for a few minutes then liquidise until smooth.
4. Return to the pan with the grated carrots, fresh coriander and cream. Season with salt and pepper, reheat gently.
5. Serve garnished with a swirl of cream or yogurt and a sprinkling of fresh coriander (opt).

## SIMNEL MUFFINS

A lighter alternative to a traditional Simnel Cake. It is thought that Simnel cakes were once given on Mothering Sunday to mothers by their daughters who worked away in domestic service but were allowed to visit home on that day.

Makes 12

250g/9oz mixed dried fruit  
Grated zest and juice of one orange  
175g/6oz softened butter  
175g/6oz golden caster sugar  
3 eggs, beaten  
300g/10oz self-raising flour, sieved  
1 tsp mixed spice  
3-4 tbs milk  
150g/5oz marzipan, divided in to 12 pieces, rolled into balls and then lightly squashed  
For the decoration  
150g/5oz icing sugar  
2-3 tbs orange juice  
24 chocolate mini eggs  
A 12 holed deep muffin tin lined with paper cases



### Method

1. In a bowl mix together the dried fruit, orange zest and juice and leave for one hour.
2. Beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add the eggs and beat again until well mixed. Fold in the sieved flour, mixed spice, milk and finally mix in the soaked dried fruit.
3. Half fill the paper cases with the fruit sponge mixture; add a piece of marzipan to each one then top with more sponge mixture.
4. Bake for 25-30 minutes at 180C/160C fan/4 gas. Allow to cool.
5. Mix together the icing sugar and orange juice and spoon a little onto each cooled muffin, decorate with mini eggs.

## JUNIOR COOKS

### CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS

There are a lot of variations of this recipe, including using shredded wheat, but I prefer cornflakes which may not look as realistic, but definitely taste better! (And I have taste tested a lot!). This recipe will require some adult help to melt the chocolate.

50g/2oz butter  
100g/4oz dark chocolate (or milk if you prefer), broken into pieces  
3 tbs golden syrup  
100g/4oz cornflakes  
24 chocolate mini eggs  
12 Cup cake tray with paper cases

### Method

1. Put the butter, golden syrup and chocolate into a bowl. Place the bowl over a pan of gently simmering water and stir until the chocolate and butter have melted. Remove from heat and allow to cool for a few minutes.
2. Stir in the cornflakes, crushing slightly with the spoon until the cornflakes are fully coated with the chocolate mixture.
3. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases, making a slight well in the centre and then decorate with the chocolate eggs. Chill in the fridge until 'set'.



Diane Overton



# WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

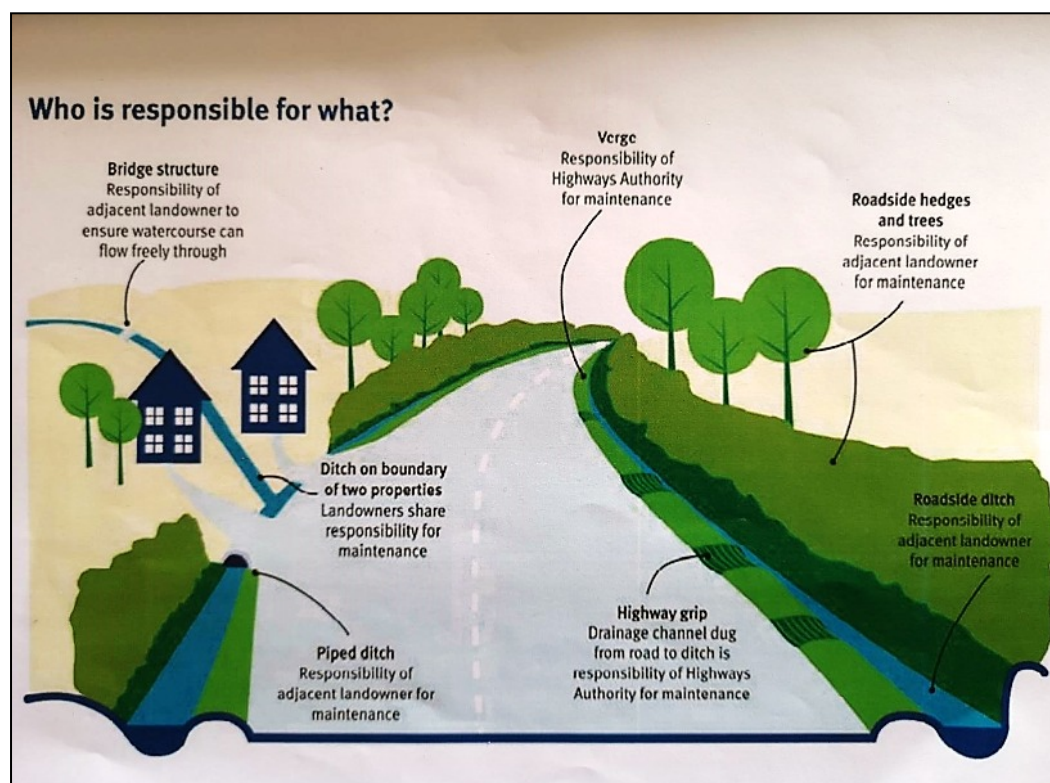
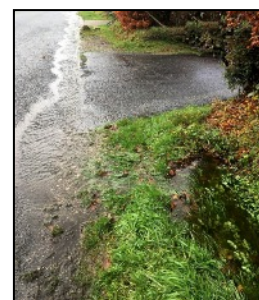
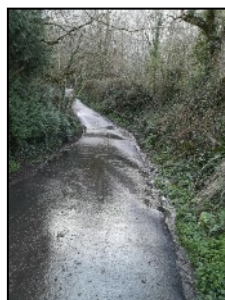
Kilminster has recently had its fair share of water running through the village and it doesn't seem to be slowing down yet. Many homeowners and landowners may not realise that the ditch in the front of or at the bottom of their garden or field may be classified as a watercourse and that they are likely to be responsible for its maintenance as the **Riparian Owner**.

A **Riparian Owner** is someone who owns property alongside a watercourse or has a watercourse running through their land. It is actually the responsibility of the **Riparian Owner** to maintain and clear the watercourse as necessary. Keeping these ditches clear can help everyone in the village preventing localised flooding and road damage.

**SO... WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?**

## PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

The photographs below show some recent overflowing ditches causing excessive surface water which can also lead to road erosion. By keeping our ditches clear we can all work together to easily avoid situations like this.



There is a more detailed leaflet on the Devon County Council website you can look at if you would like to learn more, called 'Living with Water'. If anyone has any concerns or thinks they may struggle to clear a watercourse that they may be responsible for, let your parish council know and we may be able to help. Other contact details for assistance are on the leaflet. Link to Flood risk management and the **Living with Water** leaflet:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/>

Kilminster Parish Council

## REPORT FROM KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A few months ago Lucy Holmes wrote a piece for the Postscript explaining all about Forest School, its rationale and the benefits to children's education. The site we use for Forest School activities is fabulous, but due to the high winds recently we have not accessed it every week and Lucy has planned other activities to do both in and around the school.

Osprey's class are working towards the conservation aspect of the John Muir Award and on February 10<sup>th</sup> collected three buckets full of litter from the Village Hall car park and Quarry Lane.

Jackdaw's class have been working towards their RSPB Wild Challenge Award, and as



part of their 'helping nature' task on 24<sup>th</sup> February collected a further three buckets full of litter from the cricket field. They were amazed at how much there was and were talking about it for days.

We were all extremely shocked at how much litter was collected from such a small area of Kilminster. The children then talked about the problems created for wildlife from litter and produced posters and short sketches to inform others about what they had learnt.

Lee White, Headteacher

## KILMINGTON PLAYERS PRESENT A SUPPER AND SHOW

Outside it was a cold, dark, damp evening towards the end of February - what better time to sit back and be entertained in a welcoming Village Hall with flowers on the tables and starry lights around the stage. By half past seven all the seats were filled and the audience settled down in anticipation of an enjoyable night out watching the Kilmington Players letting their hair down, aided and abetted by lighting and sound experts and teams of helpers backstage, front of house and in the kitchen, as well as bar staff and the waitresses who efficiently served an excellent supper in the interval between the acts.

Some of the items were hilarious, some serious, even sad, like Adele's chart-topping song, 'Someone like you' sung by Jasmine Hussey. There were keyboard solos from Finin Quincey and Frank Adlam. There were sketches, poems and songs by familiar writers such as Pam Ayres and Richard Stilgoe, delivered with great panache and obvious enjoyment by the players. There were some lively piano accompaniments by Gavin Davie and it was all linked together by indefatigable compère Peter Ball, who added jokes, puns and anecdotes to the mixture while setting the scene each time for the next item.

We were treated to 'Clean Pants' in which an anxious but confused Louise Quincey received advice and reassurance from her friend Karen Hussey in advance of a hospital appointment. Jean Falconer recited 'Like you would' by Pam Ayres, justifying her reaction to an invitation from an admirer, feeling at first gratified and then affronted and finally offering a more acceptable solution. Charlotte Greaves sang Ella Fitzgerald's 'Dream a Little Dream' and

the Bond theme 'Nobody Does It Better'. The two characters in 'The Business Meeting', David Lavender and John Whiteley, turned out to be small boys in a playground aping the adults and using all their clichés. The first act finished with John Birch's song, 'Mrs Beamish', about a forceful lady who objects to changes of any kind, especially those introduced by the new vicar.

We were well entertained again after supper with more music, singing and sketches. We laughed at Colin Stewart's 'One Eyed Love', at Eileen Birch's complaint about a know-all husband in 'They Should have Asked....', and the Old Testament Prophet/weather forecaster, John Whiteley. We eavesdropped on Jean and Karen in the Hot Gossip tea room. Two Elvis impersonators, John Birch and Colin Stewart, turned up for the same gig but eventually sang 'Are you lonesome tonight?' as a duet. Simon Hodges reported in 'The Caithness Chair' on new furniture introduced into a retirement home, which resulted in a mass breakout. As a finale, six ladies from a briefly resurrected Kilmington W.I. voiced their misgivings about a proposed calendar ('nude but not crude'). They finally resolved to defy all objections, ignore the age barrier, and go resolutely ahead, to the tune of 'Jerusalem'.

The proceeds from the evening will be used partly to fund future productions and partly towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Many congratulations to all the people involved.

Janfryd

*Photos of the show will be in a future edition.*

## MY FIRST CAR

My first car 'Bertha' was an early 1959 Series II soft top Land Rover. It had a 2L diesel engine and came with a speed governor, the first thing I removed. Being an ex-builders site vehicle, it was well run in and I spent more time under the bonnet than driving it. The canvas tilt was perished and a new one was expensive, so a drum of waterproofing was applied, but it still leaked a fine mist of water when it rained and I drove at speed; plus, as the floor panels were missing a few fixings on the passenger side, water came up through these holes as well. Ladies were unimpressed.

Until I could afford door locks, I had to wedge the door handles closed from the inside and climb out via the tail gate; again, ladies were not impressed. The door tops were shot where the mountings had rusted and so were held closed with bungies to the rear-view mirror. Again, a point of water ingress at speed.



The colour had been grey, but a large tin of MoD army green paint from the surplus shop changed that, along with cream wheels and black bumper and rear beam. I thought it looked great, though others could see past my rose-tinted glasses. The paint finish was finally ruined when I parked up in a field of fatteners (pigs) while I went fencing and they decided it was there for their use as a scratching post. By lunch-time all lower corners were stripped of paint, but the pigs were happy.

So after about three years she was replaced by a Triumph Herald, much to a girlfriend's delight, as she could step out in style, but I never forgot my first love and replaced the Triumph a few years later with another Landy; but that's another story.

David Bromley





I suspect most of us will be staying fairly close to home as much as we can now, which provides a great opportunity to spend time in the garden. I hope it will have stopped raining by the time you read this and the ground will be easy to work.

My raised beds have proved to be invaluable over the last few months. One problem has been adding a top-up layer of compost from the bins at the bottom of the garden. Moving heavy wheelbarrows around the garden has simply not been possible, so I am sowing more seed in trays in the greenhouse and cold frame to get things started. By the end of March I hope to have had a trip to Lyme Regis to gather some seaweed which I will then put on some of the raised beds for the greediest vegetables. This will be covered in compost as soon as possible. That, hopefully, will provide good soil conditions at least for a great crop of vegetables and flowers to pick. I am planting more flowers amongst the vegetables and more vegetables amongst the flowers in the raised beds in the hope of encouraging a greater diversity of pollinating insects. Hopefully this will encourage a range of wildlife, the good consuming the not-so-welcome. Soil and bugs sorted, let's move on to plants. If only it was that easy!

The banana shallots were planted out in early March along with the first of the broad beans. Fingers crossed we don't get a bad frost as it was a bit early. I have, as usual, ordered far too many seeds but am hoping, given the amount of time I won't be able to escape, I might get most of them planted and harvested this year. As mentioned in a previous article I'm concentrating most on what we, well me if I am honest,

want to eat. I have early potatoes (for him) in sacks in the greenhouse and sowings of dill and flat leaf parsley. A few seeds in each small module will mean I can easily transplant them once the soil is a bit drier. *Perilla Shiso* red is new to me but was eye catching at The Newt Garden when I was there last year. It's good to add to salads or quick pickled veg apparently. The packet says germination is difficult and erratic so a challenge! I have a collection of bitter leaves to try, these mixed with the usual gem lettuce will provide a bit more interest to salads over the summer. We seem to constantly eat cucumbers so a variety for outside, 'Marketmore', one for the greenhouse and the grandkids, 'Picolino', and a gherkin variety for pickling. Three new tomato varieties, a tall bush variety '*Urbcani*' which I am growing up strings both inside the greenhouse and out in the beds. 'Chocolate Cherry' is a vine tomato that is said to be sweet and 'Gardeners Ecstasy' another cherry. These both should do well in the greenhouse and outside. You never know, given the extra attention this year, there might be something worthy of the village show!

I am restricting beans to 'Cobra', a climbing French bean that has been reliably good for me, and a sugar snap 'Sweet Oregon' that is tasty in stir fries and raw in salads alike. Beetroot, carrots, purple sprouting and a new kale called 'Dazzling Blue'. The packet says it's a blue green savoyed palm kale with a pink mid rib, very eye catching and tasty as well. What's not to like. Having committed the plan to print it does seem like a lot of veg. Wish me luck!

Mary-Anne Driscoll

## KGC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March - Killerton Past, Present and Future - Kari Emeleus

Karl has worked at Killerton for the last 12½ years, the last 5½ as Head Gardener. Prior to that, he worked at Greenway, another National Trust property. Where once there would have been a large team of gardeners, he is supported by only three others assisted by volunteers.

The existing Killerton House was built in the 1790s as a temporary home, though the planned permanent home was never completed. The estate extends to 6,400 acres, the gardens themselves covering around 18 acres. Some features, such as the Italianate garden and Orangery near the house, have disappeared. Others, such as the beech walk, are little changed. The gardens include herbaceous borders, a rock garden, planted terraces, a lavender walk, a chapel garden, lawns and arboreta. Killerton boasts the two largest tulip trees in the country, as well as specimen redwoods and magnolias. There is also an icehouse, built in 1808, which took five men 30 days to fill; and the Lady Cot, a quirky, thatched summerhouse which was subsequently re-named the Bear's Hut because, for a time, it did actually house a bear!

Since starting work at Killerton, Karl has tried to breathe new life into the gardens by opening up views into the wider landscape that had become hidden by trees and overgrown shrubs. Invasive *rhododendron ponticum* has been removed to give space to some of the older *rhododendron* specimens.

Disabled access has been improved. The rock garden, originally built to display alpines, now has more of a Himalayan planting scheme. The herbaceous borders had become too high through years of being topped up with compost, so these have been lowered and re-planted. Paths and borders have been edged with metal strips to give a neater look. The terrace rose beds were "improved" in 1965 by Graham Stuart Thomas, who replaced the roses with shrubs and perennials. Karl is planning to re-introduce some scented roses, but will not restore the rose beds completely, as roses are disease-prone and high-maintenance in our West country climate.

Climbers on the house walls had to be taken down recently to enable roof repairs. They are now being replaced with less destructive climbers such as *parthenocissus* (Virginia creeper), grown on trellises to prevent damage to the fragile plaster.

As for the future, Karl would love to see the restoration of the walled kitchen garden – now used as the car park – but finding an alternative site for the cars is proving problematic.

Beverley Perkins

# KILMINGTON'S NEW ZIP-RIDE TOURIST ATTRACTION

Zip wires have grown in popularity in recent years and are now considered major tourist attractions. Whether you're flying through woodlands or taking in the valley views, zip wire is the way to go. Adventure awaits those who live life in the fast lane and seek adrenalin pumping thrills. These runs come in different heights, lengths and locations and the UK now leads the world in zip-roaring rides. And they can help regenerate rural communities. The old Penrhyn slate quarry in north Wales has now relaunched and distinguishes itself as the longest zip wire in Europe. It attracts tourists to the surrounding area who spend money; it provides jobs and supports the local community.

So as businesses pull out of traditional trades and agriculture, we're fortunate to be in a position to get just



Perched high on the side of the beautiful Axe Valley our new Kilmington Zip-ride will give 1,500 metre long runs down to the floor of the valley close to the historic site of Newenham Abbey at Abbey Lane. Visitors will experience the thrill and exhilaration of flying through the air with great views of the Axe Valley and a rush of adrenaline as they fly through the sky.



It's a great activity to do with friends, family or as part of a group. Wedding couples have even used zip wires to provide an exciting aerial stunt to entertain guests on their wedding day. Nestled between St Giles, and The Beacon, this could become a regular site in the village! Our partner in this new joint venture is part of the experienced National Amusement Company the CONU

Group. "We're privileged to be working with Kilmington" said Managing Director, Luke Overfield "we've years of experience taking people for a ride and we're confident of doing a great job for your village".

So if you fancy being taken for a ride, the new Kilmington Zip-wire is due to open on the first of April in time for next year's Easter tourist season.

Peter



such an opportunity. As Judith Chapman, Chair of the Village Hall Committee said, "This partnership will provide valuable funds for the running of the Village Hall and welcome new jobs for some of our local residents. And we can even use it for our Village Show". Visitors to the new Zip-Wire tourist attraction will park in the Village Hall car park to make their way to the ticket office at the side of the Village Hall. A new café and refreshments area is being constructed behind, with both a new indoor lounge and an outdoor patio area for viewing. If you're happy to be taken for a ride then you can venture up the 30 metre high Launch Platform that will be erected just behind and will literally tower over the Village Hall.





# NATURE NOTES

## BE ALERT FOR ASIAN HORNETS!

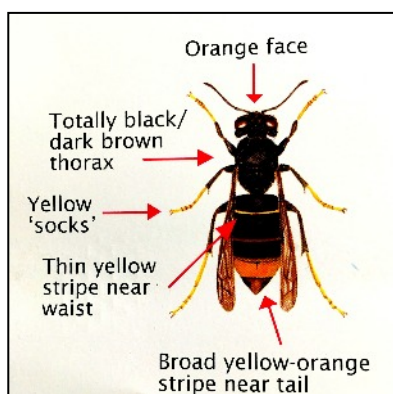
As the warmer temperatures prompt insects to come out of hibernation we start to see queen bumblebees and wasps appearing looking for nest sites. While you're out in your garden, garage or shed keep an eye open for hornets. In particular the Asian hornet as it will also be waking and trying to set up home here. It's important we do all we can to stop them. Like wasps and other hornets, they are meat eaters and they attack and kill honey bees, bumblebees, solitary bees and some other pollinating insects. Beekeepers have had hive colonies totally destroyed when Asian hornets target them.

The Asian hornet, or 'Yellow legged Hornet' as it is sometimes known, is not native to Europe. It arrived accidentally in France in around 2004 and has quickly spread through much of Western Europe. Last year 65 nests were destroyed on the Channel Islands. Whilst they are not yet established in England, they have crossed the channel and several nests have been destroyed in Dorset, Kent and Hampshire. In all cases the hornets were spotted and reported by a member of the public. When a sighting is confirmed, experts from the National Bee Unit (NBU) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) will work quickly to try to find and destroy any active nests in the area.

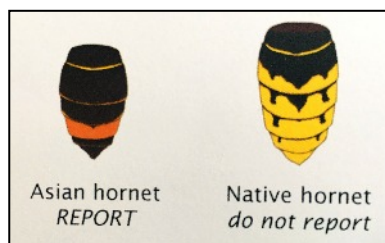
We all need to stop this insect establishing in the UK, and you can help by reporting suspected sightings. This is particularly



*Asian Hornet*



*Asian Hornet distinguishing marks*



important in early spring as the queen hornets emerge to set up new colonies. If queens can be stopped now, we prevent a colony of up to 1000 hornets establishing themselves through the year. And more importantly, come autumn, each colony will then produce around 200 - 300 new queens to over-winter and build more nests the following year. As they have no real predators in the UK, you can see how they could quickly become a real menace.

How to spot Asian hornets, they:

- have a mostly dark brown or black velvety body
- have a yellow or orange band near the end of their tail
- have yellow tipped legs
- are smaller than the native European hornet

Single Asian hornets pose no greater risk to human health than our native hornets or wasps. But there have been reports in other countries of Asian hornets becoming aggressive when their nests are disturbed. If you find a nest, don't try to remove it yourself – this can be dangerous and should only be done by experts.

If you think you have seen an Asian hornet, please contact East Devon Beekeepers or email: [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk) If you can include information on location, date, number you have seen and a photo it can to help experts identify the insect.

Peter

## VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

**The winners of the draw held on  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

L Raven	£30	P Hill	£5
R Story	£15	B Newbery	£5
S Bones	£15	J Hurford	£5

For further details, please contact  
Jean Falconer on 01297 33708

## FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that the April deadline for ordering oil falls on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>. As usual I would ask that members submit requests for either a specific amount or if ordering a top up then as accurate an estimate as possible, with a minimum order of 500 litres.

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## SENT FROM AMERICA

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to the recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from 'Miffed' to 'Peeved'. Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to 'Irritated' or even 'A Bit Cross'. The English haven't been 'A Bit Cross' since the Blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from 'Tiresome' to 'A Bloody Nuisance'. The last time the British issued a 'Bloody Nuisance' warning was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

# UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP 26 (Conference of the Parties)

## CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE - WHAT VILLAGERS IN KILMINGTON ARE DOING

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who have responded so far and shared what they are doing. It is no surprise that there is a wide range of actions described, given that climate change is and will continue to impact on all aspects of our lives.

The list is in no particular order. There maybe some of these things you are doing already and some that are new to you. Very likely there are some actions that you and your family are taking that are not listed here.

- \* Please do get in touch to add more to the list and make any comments.
- \* Shop locally, when possible, and buy seasonal vegetables and fruits
- \* Grow some of your own fruit and vegetables in garden or allotment
- \* Change to an ethical energy supplier ie. ecotricity, good energy octopus, rspb
- \* Use public transport, walk or bicycle when possible
- \* Car share when possible
- \* Fit solar panels/tubes for electricity and hot water
- \* Fit double glazing
- \* Turn down the heating thermostat at home – 19C
- \* Put on a jumper rather than turn up the heat
- \* Replace light bulbs with LED, turn the light off when you leave the room
- \* Don't overfill the kettle, only heat what you need
- \* Use bars of soap rather than plastic soap dispensers
- \* Use ECO friendly cleaning products
- \* Join organisations that work to protect our vanishing wildlife and landscapes ie: The National Trust, Devon Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Friends of the Earth, Woodland Trust
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- \* Plant insect friendly plants
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- \* Leave some areas in the garden uncut/cut less often to benefit insects and other wild creatures
- \* Lobby MP, to demand a Climate Action Plan and rigorous Environment Bill from the government
- \* Ask savings fund managers to disinvest in the oil industry
- \* Harvest rainwater from house, garage, greenhouse in butts
- \* Use the council Garden Green Waste collection
- \* Use the weekly recycling and food waste collection
- \* Use less water in the shower, hand washing, toilet flushing
- \* Buy Fairtrade, Soil Association, Organic products when possible
- \* Eat less meat, more plant-based meals
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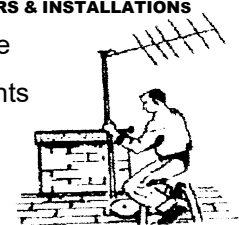
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Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
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Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Tennis Court	Tennis Club
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	10.00 - noon	Flag Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	10.00 - noon	The Beacon	The Post Office
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	St Giles' Church	St Giles' Handicraft Group followed by 'Pop Up' Café
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
	3.45 - 4.45 pm	The Beacon	'Flame 2' After School Club (term time only)
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice alternate weeks with The Minster, Axminster
Thursday	6.30 pm	The Beacon	Fusion Youth Club (term time only)
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

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