

Kilmingington Postscript

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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE FROM THE POSTSCRIPT TEAM

Carols are in the air, decorations are up, shop windows are full of sparkle and Christmas trees are appearing in towns, villages and front windows. We have Bob Farley to thank once again for the delightful Christmas tree on our front cover. His take on the struggles of Father Christmas and the poor endangered angel on top made us smile. We hope you enjoy the drawing too.

As usual the issue is a mixture of reports of events that have happened and notices about things to come. We understand that many of our readers enjoy the relatively new section of the magazine which notes celebrations of different kinds. Lovely as it has been to report on celebrations amongst the older members of our community, it is particularly interesting this month to include an short article and photographs from a young person whose swimming prowess has been outstanding this year. Thank you to Grace and her parents for sending this to us and many congratulations. We hope you are setting a trend and that Postscript will hear from other young people in 2015.

The centre pages of the magazine should certainly make you smile. Maureen has selected photos from Kilmington events throughout 2014 and what a jolly year we seem to have had. We haven't captioned the photos because you can probably recognise the events at which many of them were taken. For a bit of exercise, why not try out Jill's walk round the village - enclosed on a separate sheet?

On a more sombre note, 2014 has been a special year of remembrance. Two recent events, firstly 'Lest we forget' and secondly, the annual poppy appeal have each raised considerable sums of money for different causes. Please see pages 9 and 14 respectively.

Finally, a word of thanks to Pauline Horwood who, for many years, has run the Village 100 Club which raises funds to help with the vital maintenance work needed to keep our Village Hall in good repair. Thank you for all your invaluable hard work, Pauline. Angus Falconer is taking over this important role and his contact details appear on page 23.

It remains only to thank everyone who has contributed to Postscript - writers, proof readers, distributors and of course members of the Postscript team for all their efforts to keep the news flowing this year.

Judith, on behalf of the Postscript team

STOP PRESS

Good News

A planning meeting held by E.D.D.C. at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 18th November 2014 PASSED the application for Affordable Housing adjoining George Lane. This has been a long process but is excellent news for the residents of Kilmington. Hopefully, this scheme will soon be started.

Michael Collier, Chair KPC

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Alternatively, please give your item to any of the team or leave it at Hurfords Stores.

Please remember that this Christmas issue covers both December and January. The next issue will be in February 2015.

*The closing date for submitting items for the **February 2015** issue is **15th January**. All will be acknowledged. Please ring 01297 35159 if not acknowledged within 48 hours.*

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DONATIONS

The donations collected from Hurfords Stores and Millers in mid-September, together with other donations, came to a total of £138.92. This includes a donation from the Baptist Church towards the cost of printing throughout the year. Thank you all for your support.

ADVERTISING RATES

Please see inside back cover for details

The Christmas cover was designed by Bob Farley.

Cost per 20-page copy of Postscript averages 50p each but coloured and larger issues cost more.
Extra copies are available from Millers Farm Shop and Hurfords Stores, where donations may be made.

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

GRACE LAMBERT'S SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Grace is a born and bred Kilingtonian, daughter of Caroline and Simon Lambert. When she finished winning all her basic swimming badges, her teacher suggested she join Chard Swimming Club. The Club uses both Chard and Axminster pools but presently there is no club in Axminster.



Grace Lambert achieved 11 gold medals at club level, swimming for Chard and District Swimming Club for the 2014 season: 25m novice freestyle; 50m freestyle; 50m butterfly; 50m breaststroke; 50m backstroke; 200m individual medley, 200m freestyle, 200m breaststroke, 100m individual medley, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke. She also won a trophy for the best swimmer of the year, in the 9 year old age category.



other nine year old girls to take home the gold medal in the 50m freestyle event, plus the silver medal in the 200m breaststroke.

She has also won 'Swimmer of the Month' for the club twice this year and various other medals at a range of venues across the South West. One of the highlights of the year, came in October, when the club took a trip to

the Olympic pool in London. There the children enjoyed two hours of training in the 50m pool and an hour's diving in the diving pool.

Other successes this year include, swimming at the Millfield Development Meeting in October where she fought off 39

Caroline Lambert

THANK YOU

Gerry and Pearl would like to take the opportunity to thank all our relations and friends for their many cards, verbal best wishes and congratulations received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. About 100 guests joined us for lunch on 1st November.

We requested no presents but donations to the *British Heart Foundation* in our sister Rosemary's memory. These amounted to £485. Very many thanks to everyone.

Gerry and Pearl Hurford



*Gerry & Pearl
with their card
from the Queen*

BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRESENTATION



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Autumn Coffee Morning was held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 15th November. It raised a total of £870.60 for the Poppy Appeal. The draw was made for Joan Lovegrove's quilt and this was won by Jenny Nickolls. It raised a total of £332 for the Poppy Appeal.

The Chairman reminded those present of the extra events which had taken place in Kilington during this Centenary Year of the start of the Great War. He thanked the Branch membership for their generosity and support and the committee and others for their hard work in making what has been a busy year such a success.

Roger Lovegrove

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

December

6th **Full Moon**

10th/11th **The Moon and Jupiter** rise mid-evening.

12th/13th **The Geminids meteor shower:** the most reliable of the year with 50 to 100 bright multi coloured meteors an hour travelling at a 'moderate' speed of around 22 miles per second. They radiate from the constellation of Gemini from 7th to 16th December. The best two evenings to view are 12th -13th or earlier before the last quarter moon rises.

20th **December Solstice:** from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still) as the sun appears to stop before reversing its direction to give us longer days.

22nd **The Moon and Venus** are near the horizon after sunset.

22nd/23rd **Peak of the Ursids meteor shower:** only around ten per hour radiating high in the sky late at night, but they can be seen 17th to 25th of December.

24th/25th **The Moon and Mars** are close together in southwest as night falls.

January

In January, given clear skies, the five visible planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn should again all be seen easily without the use of a telescope - and you won't have to stay up all hours.

Venus and Mercury: look in the southwest as dusk turns to darkness. You haven't long to wait as Mercury sets beneath

the horizon about 75 minutes after the Sun, and Venus a short while thereafter. Binoculars give a better view. Aim them at dazzling Venus and just beneath is Mercury in the same binocular field.

Mars: look for the reddish planet in the southwest at nightfall, it sets in the west mid-evening.

Jupiter: super-brilliant Jupiter is hard to miss as it outshines any star. It rises in the east early-to-mid evening, stays out for the rest of the night and shines in the west just before dawn.

Saturn: Fairly easy to see as it rises several hours before dawn in the southeast sky.

4th **Earth** is closest to the sun for the year.

5th **Full Moon**

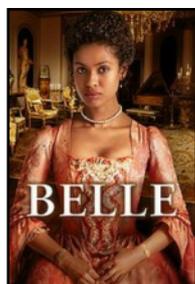
16th **Moon and Saturn** close before dawn

20th **A new Supermoon:** but it's not a full supermoon, it's a new supermoon. 2015 brings us six supermoons when the centre of the moon is within 224,834 miles of the centre of our planet. In 2015 the new moons of January, February and March, and the full moons of July, August and September qualify!

22nd **Moon and Mars** pair up above Venus as darkness falls.

23rd **Mars** between the Moon and Venus at nightfall.

Peter



Belle (12A) Kilmington Village Hall Wednesday 3rd December



Amma Asante's powerful, moving and gently subversive romantic melodrama is a finely wrought tale of a woman out of time, a film that plays eloquently upon the heartstrings as it interweaves familiar personal intrigue with stirring social history. Intelligently combining the enticing pleasures of a ripe costume drama with the still shameful legacy and lessons of the slave trade, *Belle* dresses its subversive agendas in the fashionable finery of a multiplex crowd-pleaser. The result is a handsomely mounted and emotionally engaging drama that smartly examines issues of race, class and gender while leaving nary a dry eye in the house. Misan Sagay's inventive script takes inspiration from a painting upon which the writer projects a mix of fact and fantasy.

This much we know; that Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate daughter of a Royal Navy captain, John Lindsay, and an African woman named Maria Belle, was raised at Kenwood House in north London by her great-uncle, Lord Mansfield. Here, she became companion to her half-cousin, Lady Elizabeth Murray. As lord chief justice, Mansfield heard several significant slavery cases, including the 1772 Somerset v Stewart case (which questioned whether slavery was supported by common law), and the Zong ship case, which hinged upon the deliberate drowning of human "cargo". The latter of these forms the backdrop of Sagay's narrative, providing an *Amistad*-like (1997 film directed by Spielberg) framework for the discussion of human rights versus property law, arcane legal argument circling absolute moral imperative. (Review abridged Mark Kermode, The Observer)

Doors open at 6.45 pm when wine, soft drinks and tea/coffee are available. The evening's entertainment starts at 7.15 pm and ends about 10.00 pm. Tickets £5.50 on the door or £5 in advance from Hurfords Stores (village store and post office); alternatively, contact me, John Watts, on 01297 32335 or email: john@jwatts.demon.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 19th December & 6th January 2015 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (KILMINGTON BRANCH)

There was a large audience in the Village Hall on Friday, 31st October for the Annual Lecture given by retired Lt Col Paddy King-Frettes who at one time served with the Special Air Service and also commanded the Devon and Dorset Regiment. He was introduced by Branch Chairman Roger Lovegrove who explained that Paddy was presently Chairman of the RBL South Molton Branch and had written several books including some about his beloved Exmoor and the well-known *Night of the Octopus*.

Without a note or a visual aid, Paddy kept the audience captivated as he described the history of the SAS, its various operations in war and peace and his experiences as a Company Commander, carefully avoiding sensitive information; as he indicated from the pile of books he brought about the SAS, there are not many secrets left! He explained how the unit was formed in July 1941 under the

inspiration of Colonel David Stirling, who was replaced by Lt Col Paddy Mayne in April 1943 after David was captured in Tunisia. After many successful operations, the unit was disbanded just after WW2 but was re-formed in January 1957. He described the training and characteristics of SAS members and gave an indication of his areas of operation when he was a Company Commander.

The President thanked Paddy for a brilliant talk and observed from his contacts with members of the SAS during his RAF Service, how most of them were very unassuming and modest characters whom one would never have suspected had carried out such remarkable deeds. £319 was collected in the Admiral's Jug for the Poppy Appeal.

Brian Lavender, Branch President

KILMINGTON KITCHEN



Merry Christmas

There's nothing nicer than a traditional mince pie but here is something a bit different.

MINCE PIE SLICES

280g mincemeat
50g mixed chopped nuts
2 tbs flaked almonds
25g dried cranberries
½ small apple, cored and finely chopped
finely grated zest 1 lemon, plus tsp juice
375g ready-rolled sheet puff pastry or, if you prefer, sweet shortcrust pastry
1 rounded tbsp ground almonds
50g icing sugar

1. Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Combine the mincemeat with the nuts, cranberries, apple and lemon zest.
2. Unroll the pastry and lay it on a lightly floured work surface. Slice off a strip across one end to leave a 23cm square of pastry. Use the strip to make decorative stars, re-rolling the trimmings until all used up. Lay the pastry square on a baking sheet and scatter over the ground almonds. Carefully spread the mincemeat mixture over so that it comes right to the edge of the pastry. Lay the stars in lines across the mincemeat.
3. Bake for 15 mins or until pastry is golden. Meanwhile, mix the icing sugar with 2 tsp lemon juice. Drizzle over the cool pastry and cut into slices.

And for the chocoholics -

CHOCOLATE GINGER REFRIGERATOR CAKE

350g plain chocolate, chopped
150g unsalted butter plus extra to grease
75g golden syrup
300g ginger biscuits, roughly crushed
75g flaked almonds
75g dried cranberries
50g white chocolate, roughly chopped

1. Lightly oil a deep 30cm by 7cm (roughly) tin and line the base and sides with greaseproof paper.
2. Put the plain chocolate, butter and syrup into a heatproof bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water, making sure the base doesn't touch the water. Leave for 5-10 min without stirring until melted, then stir to combine. Set aside to cool slightly.
3. Put the biscuits in a large bowl with the almonds and cranberries. Pour over the chocolate mixture and stir well. Spoon into the prepared tin and level the surface.
4. Melt the white chocolate in a small heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water. Drizzle over the top of the chocolate mix and use a skewer to swirl the chocolate to create a marbled effect. Cover the tin with cling film making sure it doesn't touch the chocolate. Chill for at least 4 hours or preferably overnight. Slice as required.

Get ahead for Christmas: Complete the recipe up to three weeks ahead. Wrap and store in the fridge.

Margaret Astbury

DO YOU KNOW THE ORIGIN OF THE PHRASE "it boils down to"?

Any cook will tell you that to increase the potency of a good bone stock to make a glaze, it needs to be 'reduced', by boiling off a large percentage of the water content. What is left is a flavoursome concentrate that can be added to a variety of dishes. Figuratively, "to boil something down" is to get to the heart of the matter, the essential factor of any situation.

Revd. Simon Holloway
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Letter from the Churches

And then they sang...

"It was a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere... There was a lot of commotion in the German trenches and then there were those lights... And then they sang Stille Nacht – Silent Night. I shall never forget it".

This was written by British soldier, Albert Moren. He was in the WW1 trenches the night of the 1914 Christmas truce when British and German troops stopped fighting to sing and play football together across *No Man's Land*. The truce was a moment of pure peace, reconciliation and startling beauty amid devastating conflict. For one night, in the midst of war, peace reigned.

This confirms how the prophet Isaiah described the person of Jesus saying,

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". (Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6)

The celebration of the birth of Jesus is a powerful moment from history which can transform the present and the future. It did so for a brief moment in 1914, and it can do so even today.

You are welcome to come to the Village Carol Singing event at Miller's Farm at 3.00 pm on Saturday, 20th December or any of the services held by The Baptist Church or St Giles' Church. Each of these times will be a celebration not of Father Christmas, but of the birth of Jesus. Let us come together, even if we have our differences, let us put aside troubles and worries and find peace from God among the everyday struggles of life.

Pastor Darrell Holmes, Baptist Church

ST GILES CHURCH SERVICES



The Family Service on 26th October was led by Michael Marsh and the Revd Simon Holloway gave a very appropriate Address for Bible Sunday, recommending that we tried to read some verses from the scriptures every day. The young children

were busy making cut-outs to display at the end of the Service. Cakes were enjoyed afterwards!

During the Parish Communion on 2nd November, led by the Revd Anne Mills, Cathy Clarkson's twins made up several bowls of hyacinths, annotated with a verse from scripture, for members of the congregation to take home.



Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH MEMORY TREE

In addition to a Christmas tree for St Giles' Church, Millers Farm Shop have kindly donated a Memory Tree for the Lady Chapel, to enable Kilminster residents and visitors to append the names of absent loved ones whom they would like remembered over Christmas. Stars to record their names will be placed by the tree and will be available from Hurfords Stores and the Church Wardens. If you would like a star delivered to your home, please telephone the undersigned. A small donation to Church funds would be appreciated.

Caroline Lavender
01297 34922

Coral Dunmow
01297 33337

ST GILES CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

It is with regret that the Quiz Night scheduled for Saturday, 22nd November had to be postponed, but Clive Garner has kindly agreed to conduct it in the Village Hall on Saturday, 24th January at 7.00 pm. Please note the date in your diary and further details will be given later.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

STAG PRODUCTION OF TOSCA

In spite of heavy rain, strong winds and traffic jams, the production of Tosca in St Giles' Church on 17th October was an outstanding success and much enjoyed by all those lucky enough to be present on that rather unique occasion. STAG donated £250 to church funds for the use of the premises involving several rehearsals etc.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The Village Hall 100 Club funds are used towards the vital maintenance work required to keep our Hall in good repair for all to use.

The renewal notices for 2015 will be delivered to all the present members early in January. We always welcome new members and application forms will be available in January from either myself (see below) or to collect from Kim at Hurfords Stores. We thank you all sincerely for your support.

Pauline Horwood, 01297 34633

Please note Pauline is handing over to Angus Falconer. His contact details are on page 23 in the section headed 'Useful Village Numbers' - ed.

KILMINGTON '100' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
23rd October 2014

P Hurford	£25	L Quincey	£5
I Fitzpatrick	£10	B Horwood	£5
J Davis	£10	A Heasman	£5

Details of winners of the November draw are on page 14.

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 19.

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2			1	5	7		8
		6				5	
	8		9		2		7
	2						6
	1		8		3		4
		3				9	
1			3	9	5		4
	5						1



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www.a35pitstop.co.uk**

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On display a selection of Christmas cards, wrapping and seasonal stock.

Kim, Terry and their family would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers for the custom and support they have given during 2014.

We would also like to wish you all a happy and healthy festive season and health and prosperity for 2015.

Holiday Closing Days

Thursday 25th December 2014
through to Sunday 28th December 2014
Thursday 1st January 2015

Post Office and Store Opening Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs Fri 8am - 5.30pm
Closed for lunch 1pm - 2pm daily
Wednesdays and Saturdays 8am - 12.30pm



REMEMBRANCE IN KILMINGTON

The joint Anglican/Baptist Remembrance Sunday Service in St Giles' Church on Sunday, 9th November, led by Pastor Darrell Holmes, Chaplain to the Kilmington Branch of the Royal British Legion, was very well attended. Branch Chairman, Roger Lovegrove, handed a poppy wreath to Darrell which was placed on the altar with the Branch Standard for the duration of the Service. The Order of Service followed the RBL format and the Lessons were read by John Whiteley from the Baptist Church and by the Branch Chairman, while the Revd Simon Holloway gave a very stimulating Address using the quote from Jesus recorded in St John's Gospel "*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*". Air Cadet Sergeant, Alex Kerslake, sounded the Last Post and Reveille on the bugle and the service culminated in the singing of the National Anthem. The collection of £435 was donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Those assembled at the War Memorial afterwards included



many village residents to hear the names of the men of Kilmington who lost their lives as a result of both World Wars. After the Two Minutes' Silence, the Branch Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the Kilmington Branch and everyone in the Parish. Several children placed their tributes by the War Memorial too. Refreshments provided in the Village Hall afterwards were appreciated. Over 50 Branch members with some guests joined the coach for an excellent lunch at Haselbury Mill. During the evening a Quiz Night in the New Inn, conducted by Clive Garner in his usual ebullient style, raised another £264 for the Poppy Appeal.

On the anniversary of Armistice Day, over 30 people assembled at the Pavilion in spite of the poor weather for the Two Minutes' Silence marked by two maroons. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards.

Brian Lavender, Branch President

BLOOD SWEPT LANDS AND SEAS OF RED



The Tower of London has seen a lot of blood in the past, and a number of bloody events have taken place within its white walls. However, never in its history has the moat been transformed into a river, a sea of red. The effect is virtually overwhelming; the thousands of people proceeding round the walkways are almost silent. There is no jostling, no loud laughter, only dignity and a profound sadness at the sight of 888,246 blood-red ceramic poppies, each representing a soldier killed during the First World War. Until one views this



limitless ocean, the magnitude of the loss of life in the 1914-18 war cannot be comprehended.

Personal tributes to family members who fell in the 1914-18 conflict are affixed to the metal barriers surrounding the moat; reading the names of so many very young men lost forever is emotional.

We were at the Tower on 13th November and the amazing creation of Paul Cummins was starting to be dismantled.

This could have been sad, but was not. An army of volunteers "picked" each poppy and, having collected a bouquet of the flowers, carried them over to be detached from their iron stems; the flower heads were packed carefully into boxes.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

We will remember them.

Helen and Julian Shaw

NATURE NOTES

So the shortest day came, and the year died ...

The warm autumn certainly helped some of our wildlife this year. Sitting in the sun in the garden for lunch in early November one could see butterflies, moths, bees and flies all buzzing around. I guess this was the reason there were very few birds on the feeders, as there was plenty to forage elsewhere. So perhaps we'll have fewer bird migrants again this year. Reports last winter showed that redwing and fieldfare numbers were well down. The mild weather and excellent berry crop across the continent meant there was less need for them to join us here in the UK. Also fewer blackbirds and starlings came to visit. Whichever way it goes, I shall still be looking out for starling roosts which can be spectacular with flocks twisting and turning in the air at sunset before they dive into cover for the night. We've seen them around the quarry at dusk in past years, so keep looking up!



And did you know that some robins migrate? Ringing studies have shown the UK's male robins generally stay within a few miles and don't move once they have established their territory. However, some female robins fly south to mainland Europe or even North Africa for the winter.

In severe winters, we also gain robin immigrants from Scandinavia and northern Europe, but these visiting birds are generally less 'tame' and paler in colour.

On coming nights, if you stop a moment and listen, you'll probably hear the hooting tawny owls. They are at their noisiest in December as they begin their courtship. You may also hear the occasional barn owl screech. The good news this year is their numbers seem to be on the increase with larger than normal broods. During the day listen out for the drumming of the great-spotted woodpeckers, they normally begin in January or February.

The warm, stable summer and mild autumn has also provided ideal evening conditions for bats to feed on insects, giving excellent conditions to raise their young. However, if the warm weather continues through winter they could face problems as

they won't be able to hibernate properly. Bats need cold temperatures to maintain their deep sleep and interruptions from warmer weather means they can use up valuable fat stores, leaving them vulnerable to starvation. It's much the same for hedgehogs too and their numbers continue to decline. If you are one of the privileged few to have one in your garden, providing some shelter and winter food if they do awake can help save these cute little mammals. In contrast, you're sure to see grey squirrels in the garden as their population continues to increase. They remain active during winter, foraging for food in trees and on the ground, and trying to find the stores they hid earlier in the autumn.

I haven't seen many foxes in the area, but those around will probably be making their intentions known loud and clear as their mating season begins. Vixens wail and make blood curdling screams, the male dogs bark as they look for a partner. Their cubs will be born in January or February.

Finally, if you haven't tidied your garden yet, try not to blitz it! Leave some shelter for wildlife such as fallen leaves over your flowerbeds. As well as providing rich mulch, they create a superb habitat for frogs, invertebrates and beetles; the thrushes and blackbirds love to forage through them in winter too. Leave dry plant stems standing in the borders too as all kinds of insects



like ladybirds will crawl down inside to over winter. And, if your child wants to make a little Christmas present for Nan, help them drill some holes in a small block of wood; add a hook to hang it up and you have a fine insect home! A few pots or bricks left near to ponds gives toads and newts somewhere to spend the cold months. Peacock butterflies and small tortoiseshells hide in shed corners often looking dead, but try to avoid disturbing them as they are probably just asleep.

Enjoy your winter walks, there's plenty to see and hear out there!

Peter

TREES DEDICATED FOR FIVE ALIVE

Following the donation of £1,102 from 'Lest We Forget' for The Woodland Trust's Centenary Woods Appeal, The Trust is dedicating a group of five trees in the name of our Mission Community. The Dedications reads:

*In England's Centenary Wood at Langley Vale near Epsom, Surrey
There stand five trees dedicated to The Five Alive
Mission Community, East Devon
'Lest We Forget', a commemoration of WWI in word and song October 2014*

Dedication Certificates and details of the location of Langley Vale and access to the wood are displayed in each Parish Church for you to see. The Trust expresses the hope that some of those who contributed will visit the wood at some time in the future.

This unexpected but very welcome result of our efforts is a worthy acknowledgement of the wonderful support the commemoration attracted from so many across our area. It also reinforces the sense of privilege felt by members of the company at being part of such a tribute.

Elisabeth Miller, November 2014



Down the garden path

No time to go down the garden path this month as Christmas looms ahead and 'find presents' has come to the top of the to-do list. Suggestions leap out at me from

advertisements, magazines and the internet, distracting rather than helping. The sixteen pages of Gifts for Gardeners in the RHS magazine offered little inspiration: would I appreciate unwrapping a tulip-shaped trowel or a flower dead-header? Perhaps not. Among the best gardening gifts that I have received are the brightly coloured flexible two-handled buckets. These are indispensable and have displaced the green PVC Bosbags that had been in use for years. Flexi-ties first appeared in a Christmas stocking and have similarly relegated traditional twine to the top shelf. These non-wired plastic string ties are especially useful: they come in two thicknesses, don't rot, stretch with the growth of the plant and appear to be indestructible. Several gadgets have also become firm favourites: for example, plastic bottle-top waterers, made to fit into drink bottles, produce the finest spray for watering seedlings without drowning them. The most practical of all gardening gloves were introduced to me as a gift: called Nitropalm, they are close-fitting enough for fiddly work, yet strong and washable.

Some Christmas presents are sold ready-boxed and my favourites are bulbs. All are welcome, from amaryllis to zephyranthes, but the most memorable have been ready-made collections. A few years ago I unpacked a box labelled

White Collection which contained hardy, but unusual, varieties of summer flowering bulbs, most of them still going strong. Plants are not quite so fool-proof. House plants, for instance, turn my green fingers brown, leading to leaf-drop on poinsettias and scale infestation on lemon trees. On the other hand, all pots destined for anywhere outside the house are welcomed with delight. I have now decided that gardeners are the easiest people to choose gifts for - anything that grows, cuts, protects or removes weeds will do nicely. And I haven't even thought about books!

What would I like on my Christmas list this year? Apart from a load of well-rotted manure which would be difficult to put into a gift box, nothing would please me more than a squirrel deterrent. My pesky resident rodent has been bringing in corn cobs and, perched on his hind quarters in the centre of my front lawn, he carefully removes all the kernels which he then plants, one at a time, all over the garden. Ah well, I suppose it makes a change from acorns.

Plant of the month: *Sarcococca*, the Christmas box from Asia, is a hardy, evergreen, winter-flowering shrub which thrives in all soils and conditions, especially shade. *Sarcococca confusa* has glossy leaves and fragrant small creamy flowers from early winter to spring, followed by shiny black berries. Grows slowly to about two metres. RHS Award of Garden Merit.

Acantha

MAKE THE A35 SAFER CAMPAIGN - UPDATE

We have heard from Nigel Dyson of the Highways Agency who has concentrated on embedding 'a study of safety at the A35 Kilmington' into the contractors work schedule. He is hopeful that the budget for this project will be agreed for 2014/15. We think this a huge step in the right direction.

We will continue to keep you updated with any more developments as we get them. Thank you once again to our community (villagers and beyond) for getting involved in the campaign to help us get this far!

Kelly Sandford-Smith

AUTUMN LUNCHES

Five extremely successful lunches were held in the Village Hall every Thursday throughout October. They were well supported and enjoyed by many village inhabitants; some who were housebound received welcome *Meals On Wheels*. That is a service that is sorely missed these days.

I would like to say how grateful the Hall Committee is for all the help we were given again this year, both with food preparation and service. Thanks too to all the people who enjoyed coming for an enjoyable social hour with friends!

We were amazed to find that the profit totalled **£1,150** which will help us with repairs to the Hall roof in the near future.

Thank you all SO MUCH.

Diana Church

FIVE ALIVE OIL

Some people who expected an oil delivery in October did not receive it. I do not know how I managed to lose names off a list but somehow I must have used a back up file which at the time did not have all the names. I apologise to those who suffered and aim from now on to send to all on the list a confirmation when I actually place the order.

I place orders on Monday following the 'closing day' as soon as I have the quotes collected so I plan to send this checklist to all with emails by about 4.00 pm on the Monday. This will be on Monday, 22nd December this time. This

will give you opportunity to check. Fortunately, Southern Fuels took late orders kindly for a day or two but in so doing they lose their benefits of group orders.

As we approach Christmas, we can expect this to be a very busy period for deliveries around Christmas. Our order closing date will be **Friday, 19th December**.

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KGC Meeting 14th November: Annual General Meeting & Social Evening



Around seventy people were welcomed by the Chair at the Gardening Club AGM. After apologies and acceptance of the 2013 Minutes, the auditor reported that the accounts were in a healthy state, showing an overall profit from combined activities.

The Chair gave an illustrated report on the various activities organised by the club. This year we changed the name of the association. At an extraordinary general meeting you voted to change from Kilminster Village Produce Association to Kilminster Gardening Club. The Gardening Club web site goes from strength to strength thanks to the efforts of our Secretary. It is very colourful and informative and members were encouraged to use it. The programme of talks was arranged again by Alun Evans, helped by Rose. Alun is resigning from the committee and he was thanked for his efficient organisation. Lesley Rew is taking over his role. Particular mention was made of the financial contribution from raffles organised by Daphne Salter and Angela Burroughs which helps to fund the talks.

Stephanie Hathaway organised KGC visits this year and members have enjoyed two coach trips, to Greenway and more recently to Buckland Abbey and Wildside Garden; as well as half-day trips sharing members' cars to Lift the Latch and Cleave Hill. The Plant Market was organised very efficiently by Jane Chalk this year. Thanks to a donation by Betty Baskett's son we had banners made to advertise the Plant Market and for the Floral Marquee. Paul Dunsford persuaded four new garden owners to take part in Kilminster Open Gardens and, thanks to the advertising organised by Celia Dunsford, the weekend attracted many visitors to the village. £744.51 was raised in entry fees. Following consultation with those who opened their gardens, the figure was rounded to £750 and 50% of the total was given to St Giles' Church (£375), 25% to the Village Hall and 25% to the Youth Club (£187.50 each). The Church provided the cream teas in the hall and raised £233.53.



Daphne and Angela



Wine Butlers

Once again we had a fine day for the Fayre and Flower Show and attendance was good, especially by families. The Fayre committee was congratulated on a wonderful job with some highlights being the dog show and the tug-of-war. In the marquee there were, as usual, some splendid exhibits. The earlier date meant some adjustments to horticultural classes and no doubt there will be further adjustments next year. The use of the Marquee by the Axminster Heritage committee and the 'Noughties Party' meant that KGC received contributions towards the cost of the Marquee. The date of next year's Fayre and Flower Show is July 11th 2015. The Chair concluded by thanking all those who work so hard for the Gardening Club throughout the year.

The President, in her address, reflected on the role of a President and the benefits of gardening. Although gardening

holds some dangers, the benefits are numerous and we are fortunate to be able to share them. The election of officers and committee members followed. Sydie Bones, our President, was re-elected for another three years; Michelle Stewart, our treasurer, did not seek re-election and David Bromley was elected treasurer. Committee members Alun Evans, Gill Gibbs and Paul Dunsford did not seek re-election and Beverly Perkins and Pat Curran were elected. Other officers and committee members were re-elected. Retiring members were thanked for all that they had done.

The evening finished with an excellent meal. Thank you to all who prepared the room, prepared the food, served the food and wine and cleared away.

BJ Lewis, Chair, KGC

Next meeting: 9th January when Chris Yates will talk about *Daffodils and other Bulbs*.

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Kilminster Village Website

This excellent and informative website was set up many years ago by our webmaster, Alison Vickers. It has been used by tens of thousands of people from far and wide to access what is happening in Kilminster at present and it also has a good history of what went on in the past. The website has received praise from the Judges of the Best Kept Village competition.

Unfortunately, our webmaster wishes to step down from this post and will finish in June 2015. The Parish Council would like to thank Alison for all her hard work in producing the website and keeping it up to date. The Parish Council is now **desperate** to find someone to take on the position of webmaster to continue Alison's excellent work. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested to take on this post, please contact me or any member of the council. We do not want to lose this valuable website. Please Help Us.

PACKAGE NOT DELIVERED?

When you are complaining that your Christmas parcel hasn't arrived at its destination it may be worth reminding the courier company what others are capable of delivering. Last month the space probe, Rosetta, landed on a comet orbiting at 34,000 miles per hour about half way between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. It did take just over ten years to get there but, then, it is some 360 million miles away from Earth!

Those interested in Rosetta can find video, pictures and much more at:

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Space_Science/Rosetta
and <http://new.livestream.com/ESA/cometlanding>

POPPY APPEAL IN KILMINGTON

Once again, the Poppy Appeal in Kilminster was a great success exceeding last year's collection by over £200. £1,492 was raised from house-to-house collections, £345 from static points in the Primary School, Hurfords Stores, Millers Farm Shop, Kilminster Garage, The A35 Pit Stop, the Taunton Cross Little Chef and the Old and New Inns. The collection in St Giles' Church added a further £435 bringing the total to £2,272. We thank the collectors Margaret Andrews, Bill Barker, Colin Dunmow, Gerald and Pearl Hurford, John Watts, Jenny Nickolls, Louise Quincey, Lesley Rew, Rodney and Jennie Giles, Jean and Jane Chalk, Avis Lockwood, Jean Falconer and Hilary Colbe.

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Dog Fouling

I am sorry to have to mention this subject again but recently the East Devon District Council Dog Warden came to Kilminster and put up signs about dog fouling in various places around the village. Unfortunately they were removed by someone almost immediately. E.D.D.C. are visiting the village again to review the situation and take whatever steps are necessary. Please accept the Dog Warden's decision. Kilminster, like most other parishes, does have a dog fouling problem.

Please allow these signs or whatever action is taken a chance to work. The minority unfortunately spoil it for the majority.

Michael Collier, Chair, KPC

Next meeting: Tuesday, 16th December 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

HELLO FROM CRETE

We have moved from the mountains to the coast. We can see the ocean from our lounge! Time flies, cannot believe we have been here 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ years! We are still enjoying the Cretan life, and still experience quite eccentric happenings in everyday life! I think life here is like England seventy years ago!

We are still enjoying new recipes using the abundant fresh ingredients, cooking is a delight! Eating in the tavernas is also a delight! Cretan wine is exceptional too, cannot understand why more is not exported. Tesco have missed out there!

Of course the big plus is the climate. Yesterday the temperature was 29 degrees in our courtyard. The sunshine gives us free hot water from our solar panels!

We would like to wish all our family and friends in the village a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best Wishes from,

Mike & Sue Deas.

KILMINGTON 100 CLUB

**The winners of the Draw held on
21st November 2014**

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P Bellworthy	£10	M Dare	£5

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CHRISTMAS QUIZZES



SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES

We probably all eat far too many sweets and chocolates at Christmas

time. Below is a list of anagrams of popular chocolates and sweets. Can you re-arrange the letters so that they are recognisable? Answers on page 19.

Example: Tmiarueni Roseh Miniature Heroes.

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5. Teakhmamscr	
6. Ygifn Crussae	
7. Ratef Hitge	
8. Chumiesn	
9. Hrerstwe Giilaron	
10. Shsefrerer	
11. Qeiruloic Lasstrio	
12. Lwosahlammr	

WORDSEARCH CLUES!

Christmas carols or songs hidden in the grid below. Can you find them all?

- Away in a manger
- Choir of the bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolf
- Santa Baby
- Silent Night
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SONGS - clues above

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KILMINGTON FOUNDATION STAGE PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES THE AXE VALLEY ANIMAL PARK TO THE CLASS ROOM!



Two ferrets, a snake, a Chilean rose tarantula and Archie, the three-banded Armadillo, were very special visitors to Kilmington Pre-school and Primary School Axe Class (the Kilmington Foundation Stage Partnership) in October. The children and staff all enjoyed the wonders of seeing these animals in the class room, the four creatures hadn't travelled far as they were from the Axe Valley Animal Park accompanied by Marie, the Education Officer. Several brave children held the spider and snake whilst others managed to touch shed snake and tarantula skins! The highlight was when Marie presented what looked like a stone to the children. It was placed on the floor and the animal uncurled to reveal Archie the Armadillo, who scurried around the floor which the children found hilarious! This was an extraordinary animal visit for the children at Kilmington pre-school and primary school. We are so very lucky to have this facility on our doorstep!

These visits and special treats for the children are only possible through our fund-raising activities. This term we hosted a successful Hallowe'en Party where children enjoyed party games such as make your friend into a mummy - as pictured, disco and, of course, tea. For our pre-school and primary school mums and local ladies we held our annual Pamper Night with eleven different therapists offering taster treatments. Overall this term, we have raised nearly £500, which we will use to purchase some technology based equipment for the pre-school (a need highlighted by Ofsted). In this half of the term we are gearing up for Christmas and will put on a Christmas party for the children and, of course, our nativity. We wish you all a merry Christmas and we will be back in the New Year.

Emma Styles, Chairperson

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ... THE PIED PIPER... OOPS A CHILDMINDER!

Children of different ages, backgrounds, and cultures come to my home at various times each day. My children often know which day of the week it is by the children who I mind. Through my seven years of childminding, I have cared for over 30 children ranging from 6 months to 10 years, many of whom become part of the family.

Each day is filled with different trips and activities, all designed to meet the needs of the individual children. All activities are derived from the seven areas of learning as stipulated in the *Early Years Foundation Stage* (EYFS). In the same way Ofsted goes to inspect schools and pre-

schools, childminders also get inspected to ensure that children are safe and progressing in their learning and development.

Thankfully, what follows isn't an example of every single day, but of the typical situations faced during the day. Take for example a typical Friday.

6.30 am – Alarm goes off – spend five minutes trying to persuade eyes to open and stay open.

6.45 am – Own children woken up by the toilet flush.

7.15 am – Manage to persuade one child to get dressed before first minded child arrives.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ... THE PIED PIPER... OOPS A CHILDMINDER! - *Continued*

7.30 am – First child arrives. Parent gives me a message for the class teacher.

7.45 am – Give own children breakfast, get second child dressed and remind both to do teeth etc before more children arrive.

8.00 am – Three more children arrive. More messages for school.

8.20 am – Last child arrives.

8.30 am – Get shoes, coats and high visibility coats on seven children, set up double buggy and attach buggy board. Check everyone has school bags, make sure high visibility backpack has first aid kit and phone in case of emergency and medicine to drop in at school. On route to school, I realise that one of the babies has lost a shoe – remove other shoe.

8.55 am – Get five children to three different classrooms; write on class notice board any pick up arrangements, drop

documents/medicine into school office. Return home with two children. Get half way up the steep part of The Street and realise I haven't had a drink or any breakfast yet. Reach old Post Office aka Stanley House and a mum from school gives me a baby's shoe she has just found.

9.15 am – Unclip two children, take them in, decide if it is going to rain and whether or not the buggy needs to be covered or put away. Check that activities and toys, as planned, are out and available. Grab a drink and something to eat.

9.35 am – Add nappies, wipes, drinks and snacks to the high visibility backpack, making sure I know whose is whose in case of allergies. Get two children to the car – do I need to use the buggy to get them into the car? Will I need the buggy where we are going? Are either of them going to fall asleep on route or there?

9.55 am – Today's choice of trip – Friday Stay and Play. Arrive at the Children's Centre in Seaton - thankfully in time to get a parking space. They have a 'no buggy' policy there, so need to put reins on the children. Get one out (without banging the door on the car next to me), put reins on child, put on high vis back pack, go round to the other side of the car with child on reins. Put foot through reins to get second child out and put on reins. Go into Children's Centre.

10.05 am – Sign in for Stay and Play. Go through and find doors between rooms are shut. Thankful that the children are a similar age; at least they start by wanting to be in the same room. Snack provided by CC at about 10.30 am, after which children want to be in different places – 'Children must be in sight and/or sound at all times.'(EYFS) Ahhh!

11.00 am – Child who normally naps before 10 am, but didn't today, starts sucking fingers. Decide it is time to head



home. After one of the CC workers moves her car, which is blocking others due to lack of parking spaces, reverse getting out of car procedure. Child naps on way home but wakes at being taken out of the car.

11.30 am – Spend some time playing with the children – outside making mud pies, inside reading stories, singing, building blocks etc. Then start making lunch.

12.30 pm – Have balanced healthy lunch ready and, hopefully cooled by now at the latest. Get two pairs of hands washed and dried with individual towels to avoid any possibility of cross contamination. High chairs set up. Encourage children to eat. When finished, wash hands and faces.

1.00 pm – A bit more playtime and fill in daily diary before first child is collected at 1.30 pm.

1.30 pm – Quick chat with mum, try to make sure all child's belongings in bag.

1.40 pm – Put second child into cot for nap.

1.50 pm – Finally sit down and have some lunch. Next - do I wash the dishes, catch up on: planning, recording development, policy writing or do I watch BBC iplayer?

3.00 pm – Child wakes up or has to be woken to get ready for school run. Fewer children plus it's Friday afternoon, use the car – everyone will be tired!

3.30 pm – Collect three children from two classes. Coats? Book bags? Cardigans/jumpers? – keeping eye on one-year old in busy playground. Get four children buckled into the car, drive home and get them all out. Process takes nearly as long as it would have taken to walk!

3.50 pm – Snack all round.

4.00 pm – Last under five collected. Hopefully remembered to fill in daily diary (by the way – have been changing nappies and providing drinks all day). Start getting my kids' tea/dinner ready.

5.00 pm – Last minded child is collected.

5.10 pm – Feed own children. Get the floor cleared so that trolley cupboard and displays can all be put away till Wednesday morning and sitting room can return to being our home. Spend some time with my children – not even going to look if there is homework. They'd be too tired anyway.

My eldest daughter currently claims that she wants to be a childminder when she grows up. Ahh you may think, but why does she? Because it's easy!?! Mmmmm!

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DATES FOR DECEMBER 2014

Tues	2nd	7.30 pm	Purzebrook Chapel	Axminster Churches Together - prayers for the Axe Valley
Wed	3rd	6.30 pm	The Minster, Axminster	Meditation & Prayer Group
	3rd	6.45 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>Belle</i> . Please see page 4 for details
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sun	7th	10.30 am	Lymewood Residential Home	The Baptist Church Service
	7th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	7th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in Aid of Bonetta Family Choice
Mon	8th	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	9th	12.15 pm	Pavilion	CREATE Group Christmas Lunch
	9th	7.00 pm	3 Meadow Bank	Church Study Group
Thurs	11th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	W.I. Meeting: <i>Christmas in Victorian Times</i> - Christopher Stevens
	11th	tba	Minster Green, Axminster	Axminster Churches Together Carol Singing
Fri	12th	12 noon - 1.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Meet the Police
	12th	3.30 - 7.00 pm	Village Hall	Kilmington Primary School PTFA Christmas Fayre
Sat	13th	10.00 am	Check Venue	Scrabble Club
Sun	14th	10.00 am	Village Hall	The Baptist Church All-Age Nativity Service
	14th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Christingle Service
Tues	16th	12.30 pm	Pavilion	Contact Lunch
	16th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	18th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis
Fri	19th	2.30 pm	Lymewood Residential Home	The Baptist Church Carols
Sat	20th	3.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Village Carol Singing
Sun	21st	4.00 pm	Village Hall	The Baptist Church Carol Service
	21st	6.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Mon	22nd	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	23rd	7.00 pm	3 Meadow Bank	Church Study Group
Wed	24th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Crib Service with Posada
	24th	9.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Christmas Eve Communion with Carols
Thurs	25th	10.30 am	Village Hall	The Baptist Church Christmas Day Service
	25th	10.00 am	St Giles' Church	Christmas Holy Communion
Sun	28th	11.00 am	Shute Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Wed	31st	early	Your House	Recycling only

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS – ST GILES' CHURCH

A Mission Community Advent Carol Service will be held in St Giles' Church at 11.00 am on Sunday, 30th November to which everyone is warmly invited as we look forward to Christmas. A Presentation will be made during the Service to Margaret Hagon for editing the Parishes Paper for many years. Activities for children will be organised and refreshments will be served afterwards.

A Christingle Service will take place on Sunday, 14th December at 3.00 pm at which it is hoped many children will come to collect their lit Christingles and sing carols around the Christmas tree.

On Saturday, 20th December at 3.00 pm all Kilmington residents are invited to join the Baptists and Anglican congregations for carol singing at Millers Farm Shop when mulled wine, hot chestnuts and mince-pies etc. will be served.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place in Church at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 21st December. Readings will be given by village residents and everyone will be most welcome to celebrate again the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mulled wine and mince-pies will be available afterwards.

A Crib Service, at which knitted sheep and figures will be placed around the crib in accordance with the Posada custom, will be held on Christmas Eve Wednesday, 24th December at 3.00 pm which it is hoped will attract many children. Later that evening at 9.30 pm there will be a Christmas Communion with choir and carols.

On Christmas Day there will be another opportunity at 10.00 am to take Communion in Church and children are invited to bring along their favourite Christmas present.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

DATES FOR JANUARY 2015

Fri	2nd	6.00 pm	The New Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sun	4th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	5th	10.00 am	The New Inn	Royal British Legion Committee Meeting
	5th	7.30 pm	Abbey Cottage	KPCC Worship Committee Meeting
Wed	7th	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
	7th	9.15 am	"The Beacon"	Toddlers & Tinies
	7th	6.30 pm	The Minster, Axminster	Meditation & Prayer Group
Thurs	8th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	W.I Meeting: <i>Health & Exercise</i> - Roy Abbott, Senior Physio RD&E
Fri	9th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Meeting: <i>Daffidils & Other Bulbs</i> - Chris Yates
Sat	10th	10.00 am	"The Beacon"	Scrabble Club
Sun	11th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
Mon	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KPCC Meeting
Tues	13th	early	Your House	Recycling Only
	13th	10.00 am	"The Beacon"	CREATE Group
Sun	18th-25th			Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	18th	10.00 am	"The Beacon"	Plough Service
	18th	11.00 am	Yarcombe Church	Mission Community Holy Communion with Baptism
Mon	19th	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	20th	12.30 pm	"The Beacon"	Contact Lunch
	20th	7.00 pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Mission Community Council Meeting
Sat	24th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	St Giles' Church Quiz Night
Sun	25th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	25th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service

POLICE REPORT

There have been four crimes reported during the period 15th October 2014 to 13th November 2014:

- 2 X Burglary and theft from local business
- Improper use of public communications
- Burglary Dwelling – no forced entry – enquiries ongoing.

REPORT MY LOSS

As from Monday, 3rd November 2014 all lost property enquires from members of the public will be dealt with by "Report My Loss" website. This is a national UK Police System linked to a national database and is recognised by insurance companies.

I will be at Miller's Farm Shop on Friday, 12th December between 12.00 noon & 1.00 pm.

Amanda
PCSO 30200 Amanda Wooster, Axminster Police Station

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

Sunday	10.00 am	Village Hall	The Baptist Church meet every Sunday morning
	6.00 pm	Axminster Christian Fellowship	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
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	Village Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesday	9.15 am	Pavilion	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome
	10.00 - 3.00 pm	Pavilion	Art Group

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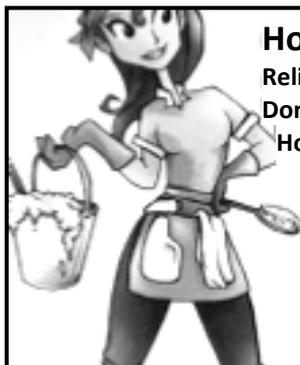
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SERVICES AND FACILITIES		MEDICAL AND SUPPORT			
Refuse Collection	01395 571515	Axminster Hospital	01297 630400	Dentist Helpline	0845 4647
Water - general	0844 346 2020	St Thomas Court Surgery	01297 32126	Veterinary Surgery	01297 630500
- leaks	0800 230 0561	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Chiropody (Sheila Holland)	01297 35362
Electricity		VILLAGE NUMBERS			
- emergency	0800 365 900	Hurfords Stores (Kim Rhodes)	01297 33203	Badminton - Darrell - Paula	01297 631464 01297 33070
Axminster Library	01297 32693	Millers Farm Shop	01297 35290	Bridge - David & Stephanie	01297 35033
Mobile Library	01404 42818	Kilminster Primary School	01297 32762	Country Dancing - K Wilcox	01297 32741
Ring & Ride	01404 46520	Kilminster A35 Pit Stop (formerly cafe)	01297 598060	Cricket (David Lavender)	01297 32164
Clerk to the Parish Council	01297 33462	Footpath co-ordinator Elaine Penzer	01297 34287	Scrabble (Sylvia Newbery)	01297 34326
Police -		Village Hall bookings (Caroline Lavender)	01297 34922	Short Mat Bowls (Ron Foster)	01297 35529
Crime stoppers	0800 555111	Village 100 Club (Angus Falconer)	01297 33708	Sunday School (Cathy Clarkson)	07795 325090
Emergency	999	Hitchcock Pavilion bookings (Michael O'Flaherty)	01297 35873	Table Tennis (Jenny Nickolls)	01297 32335
General	101	Kilminster pre-school - play manager	07747 856598	Tennis - Sharon Dickins, sec.	01297 443723
E. Devon District Councillor (Iain Chubb)	01297 35468	Kilminster Cross Garage	01297 631089	Women's Institute (Joy Churchill, President)	01297 33323
Devon County Council, Axminster Rural Division, (Andrew Moulding)	01297 553865	Kilminster's Little Helpers - Sally Huscroft	01297 32243	www.kilminstervillage.com (Alison Vickers)	01297 631275
				Bell-ringing (Roger Lovegrove)	01297 631091
		KGC - Jean Falconer, Secretary	01297 33708	Art group	01297 32258

CHURCHES

St Giles' Church Rev. Simon Holloway John Thorne Pastoral teams	01297 35433 01297 34162 01297 33711	Baptist Church Office Pastor Darrell Holmes	07837 447025	Axminster Catholic Church Fr Michael Koppel	01297 32135
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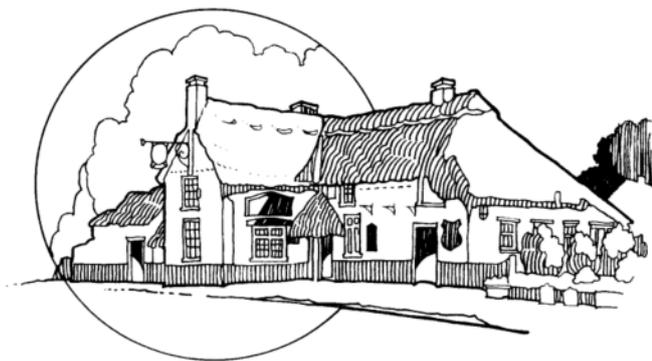
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