



KILMINGTON
POST script

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A healthy and happy new year to everyone from the Postscript team

We have been lucky in late December and early January to be able to get out to try to walk off some of the Christmas excesses! Interestingly, one item in the news has been a report of a study which recommends a brisk walk of twenty minutes every day to improve our health generally and cardio-vascular fitness in particular. So, it seems it is not only the dog walkers who are walking round the village lanes in the mild and sunny weather. We hope some of you enjoyed Jill's walk enclosed with the Christmas issue.

Speaking of mild weather, when the PS team met in early January we tossed up between a cover with a snow scene or one showing lambs - if any had arrived by the time we needed them for a photo. Most excitingly, twin lambs were born and, with much help from Alison Dare, they smiled obligingly at the camera. We hope you like the front cover photo taken by Maureen.

We often ask for your contributions to Postscript and we are delighted to tell you that two gentlemen in the village, Richard Lane and David Wilsdon (who wrote a couple of articles about moths last year), have agreed to write occasionally for Postscript. Richard starts the ball rolling this year with an article which describes some of the changes happening in dairy farming, examples of which are on our doorstep. His background as a scientist and a passionate interest in the natural world lead him to explore how we both influence and are influenced by nature.

Over the past few months Richard has talked with the Williams family at Higher Hampton Farm and Maureen has taken photos. Richard writes about why and how they have implemented a new system of robotic dairy farming. This is the first of a series of brief articles focusing on changes to the countryside around us and some of the reasons for these changes.

We have a report of activities from the primary school and the pre-school group, together with reports from many of our regular contributors. There are a number of reports and photos of Christmas events and a note from Diana Church about the success of the Flamingo Pool fund-raising initiative. Well done to everyone. Margaret, who contributes recipes to the magazine, has sent us some particularly tasty sounding items. Oh dear, back to the waistline theme I started off with!

Finally, we have some good news about your village magazine - please see opposite. We would like to thank all contributors, writers, photographers and those who simply phone one of us and say 'do you know about such and such?' because it is all of you who make the magazine what it is. Thank you and keep the contributions coming.

Judith, editor, on behalf of the Postscript team

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DONATIONS

The donations collected from Hurfords Stores and Millers in mid-January, together with other donations, came to a total of £28.15. Thank you all for your support.

ADVERTISING RATES

Please see inside back cover for details.

The photo on the front cover of twin lambs and their mum was taken with the help of Alison Dare on 8th January at Coryton Park. Thank you Alison. Photo taken by Maureen.

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.

NEW INNKEEPERS AT THE NEW INN!

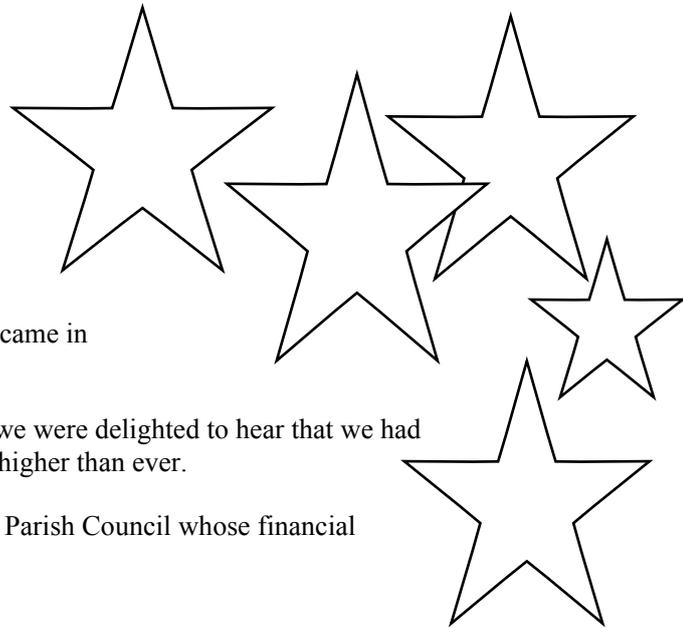
Some readers will have met Carey and Mandy Chant who took over the New Inn on the 2nd of December already. Originally from Dorset, they have been managing *The Axminster Inn* on Silver Street for the last four years and will continue to look after both pubs until April. After this, they are looking forward to focusing 100% on their new home.



However, regulars at *The New Inn* have seen some changes already as, within a few days of moving in, Carey and Mandy were redecorating and giving the pub a fresh look. Pensioner lunches have also been reinstated on Thursdays with two courses for the concessionary price of £8.

Carey explained: *"It's a little challenging at present as our time is split between the two pubs. But we've been made very welcome by everyone and we're enjoying meeting all our new customers. Mandy has created a new menu which has been very well received. With the large bar, local beers, the skittle alley and big garden there's lots to look forward to in the coming months. It's a great village and pub and we're really looking forward to the coming year."*

TOP 4% FOR KILMINGTON POSTSCRIPT IN NATIONAL COMPETITION



It seemed like Christmas all over again when we heard that Postscript came in the top 4% of entries in the 2014 National Parish Magazine Awards.

Last summer we sent off two sample issues and, just after Christmas, we were delighted to hear that we had come 24th out of over 600 entries. We were told that the standard was higher than ever.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this success and to the Parish Council whose financial support enabled us to have colour covers throughout 2014.

FLAMINGO POOL

I am writing on behalf of The Flamingo Pool Committee to thank everyone in Kilmington and around who supported our application for a grant from "The People's Millions" organised by ITV in conjunction with The National Lottery.

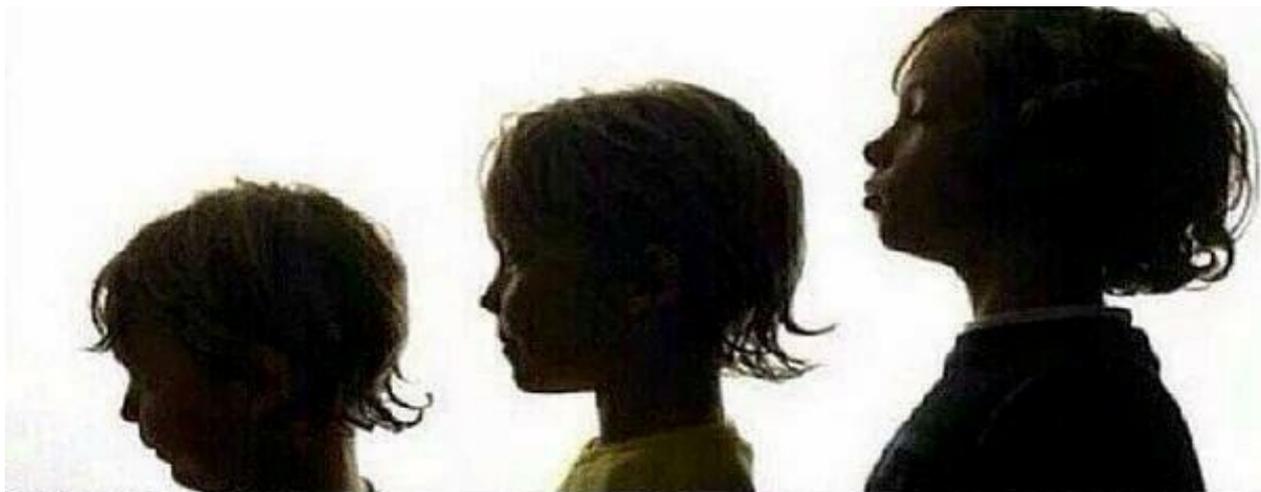
Thanks to your votes WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING THE £50,000.

We are so grateful to you all as this money will enable us to purchase Gym equipment to be used in the water helping both handicapped swimmers, young and old, and able-bodied people who want to improve their fitness.

How about a New Year Resolution and come in to try it yourselves? Thank you again SO MUCH.

Diana Church

The item below was sent to us around Christmas time by Heather and Neville Cromey-Hawke who, as many readers will know, have a large family. For many families it is a time of year when many grown up children and grandchildren were visiting and we wondered if the comments applied to your family? This caused controversy amongst the Postscript team! What about your family?



First	Middle	Last	Only
Natural Leader	Flexible	Risk-taker	Close to parents
High Achiever	Easy-going	Outgoing	Self-control
Organized	Social	Creative	Leader
On-time	Peacemakers	Self-centered	Mature
Know-it-all	Independent	Financially irresponsible	Dependable
Bossy	Secretive	Competitive	Demanding
Responsible	May feel life is unfair	Bored easily	Unforgiving
Adult-pleaser	Strong negotiator	Likes to be pampered	Private
Obeys the rules	Generous	Sense of humor	Sensitive

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 20.

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THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

February is the month to see Jupiter as it will be at its nearest to us: 403 million miles or 36 light minutes. With good binoculars you should be able to see the giant planet, its rings and four moons as tiny dots around it.

- 2nd Moon above Jupiter at nightfall
- 3rd - 4th Full Moon with Jupiter
- 6th Jupiter is at its nearest to earth
- 8th Moon above the star Spica in the east
- 14th Moon and Saturn close together before dawn
- 19th Mars and Venus together in the west after sunset
- 20th Moon, Venus and Mars together in the west
- 21st Venus and Mars their closest together since 2008

Peter

GARDENING CLUB TALK

13th February 2015 at 7.30 pm in Kilmington Village Hall.
Non-members welcome £1.00.

MODERN MEDICINES FROM PLANTS

For the past 3,000 years plants have been used as medicines. Dr Henry Oakeley is the Garden Fellow at the Royal College of Physicians and he will explain why and how the medicinal chemicals in plants have been found, modified and synthesised to make some of our current prescription medicines.

Lesley Rew, Talks Organiser

FORWARD DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a "Holiday at Home" for senior citizens held in The Beacon, Whitford Road, from Friday, 24th to Sunday, 26th April.

This event (arranged by the Baptist Church, Kilmington) is open to all those who are eligible for their bus pass!

It is a daily event which includes morning coffee, a midday meal and afternoon tea all at a moderate fee to cover expenses. More details will appear in future issues.

Contact Jenny Carter: 01404 549370; jennifercarte@aol.com

LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches to raise money for *Tear Fund*, the charity which is providing such vital help to the refugees from Syria, will be held on six Thursdays in Lent at 12.45 pm, starting on 26th February with the last one on 2nd April. They will be two-course light lunches with tea or coffee at £5 per head.

Please support these lunches for a very deserving cause.

Brian Lavender, Secretary KPCC

CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Kilmington Cricket Club will take place at 7.30 pm on Friday, 6th February in the Hitchcock Pavilion.

David Lavender, Secretary

SHROVE TUESDAY

Don't forget that Tuesday, 17th February is Pancake Day.



**Magic in the Moonlight
(12A)
Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 4th February**



The film starts, for no particular reason, in Berlin, where the famous magician Wei Ling Soo is performing. Backstage, when he pulls off his whiskers, wig and skullcap, the magician turns out to be a quintessential Englishman, Stanley Crawford (Colin Firth). He is a "rational man who believes in a rational world". His own experience as a conjuror enables him to sniff out quacks and charlatans from "the séance table to the Vatican and beyond". When Stanley learns from his friend and fellow magician Howard Burkan (Simon McBurney) that a young American girl called Sophie Baker (Emma Stone) is passing herself off as a clairvoyant, he resolves to show her up as a fraud. Sophie and her mother (Marcia Gay Harden) are staying at the Côte d'Azur home of the immensely wealthy Cartledge family, who are in thrall both to her beauty and to her psychic powers. It is here that Stanley heads.

It's a ridiculously far-fetched, but alluring vision. It helps that the film is so gorgeously shot by the cinematographer Darius Khondji. From the gleaming cars to the sunlight that always seems to be reflected in Stone's hair, from the luxuriant gardens (permanently in full bloom) to the richly lit interiors, every set-up is like something out of a sumptuous retro fashion shoot.

Forthcoming Films: March 4th - *Mr Turner* April 1st - *The Imitation Game*

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, 3rd February 2015 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

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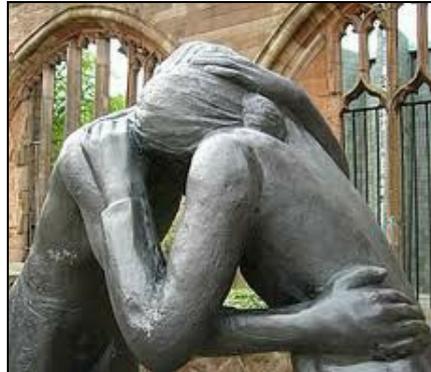


Pastor Darrell Holmes
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Letter from the Churches

Father, Forgive!

The focus of world attention has been on France over the past few days. The immediate response is grief as we see lives taken for reasons we cannot understand. On the same day as the Paris shootings, there was another terrorist attack in Yemen when thirty-seven lives were taken as a result of this incident - but this tragedy did not attract the same level of world attention. Unfortunately, it is likely that there will continue to be similar tragedies in the weeks ahead. What response should we have to this hurt and pain? Are we there to listen and ask questions or point the finger and blame? The Muslim community will be under a heavy burden as these events unfold and those in the position to do so can pray and be available when they question and inquire more about their faith. Christians believe that love and reconciliation, healing and hope are all made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and this truth can be spoken out when the world resorts to blame, revenge and retreat.



Statue of Reconciliation
at Coventry Cathedral

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."

Ephesians 2:14

Seeking to be peacemakers or bridge builders can be a difficult task as often both sides are suspicious and cautious. One of my former colleagues in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf is Canon Andrew White, the 'Vicar of Baghdad'. I have heard him speak on a number of occasions in UK and Cyprus about his role as mediator between different faith groups in the Middle East. Currently, he is living in Jerusalem (*Archbishop Justin Welby advised him to temporarily relocate from Baghdad*) and continuing his work as founder of 'Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle

East'. You can find out more by visiting the website: www.frme.org. His latest book is called 'Father Forgive' and gives Reflections on Peacemaking, taking the Coventry Cathedral 'Litany of Reconciliation' as his subject matter. Chapter titles include: We all Need Restoration; The Rift begins: Jews and Christians; Covetousness, Greed, Envy and Indifference, Lust and Pride, Father Forgive... Principles of Reconciliation.

This could be an appropriate book to read during LENT which starts this month on Ash Wednesday 18th February, with special services in many of our churches. You can order it online at www.frme.org

Revd Simon Holloway

THE BEACON IS NOW IN USE!

The Baptist Church Kilminster is now fully in residence at The Beacon, the new building in Whitford Road, next to the Village Hall. The first service of worship was held there on 4th January with a capacity congregation. Our regular congregation was joined by many visitors and relations, plus other interested friends from the village. We are always open for any friends from the village to come and visit our new building. Even better, why not turn up to one of our services! We worship at 10.30 am and at 6.00 pm on Sundays and we have various activities at other times in the week for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

John Whiteley



ST GILES CHURCH - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Many children brought their mums and dads, guardians and grandparents to St Giles' Church on Sunday, 14th December for the traditional Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society. They were greeted by the Revd Simon Holloway with the words "The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you", and everyone joined in singing *Come and Join the*



Celebration. The Lessons were read by Nigel Burton and Roanna Blackmore before Simon cleverly explained the significance of the Christingle representing Jesus as the light

of the World and depicting the elements on a board. Cathy Clarkson led the intercessional prayers and the children then came forward to receive their Christingles which were lit; Ann Marsh then read the "holding prayer". It was a moving moment when the children sang *Away in a Manger* from the chancel steps. The collection for The Children's Society was taken during the singing of *Shine Jesus Shine*, after which Simon gave the final prayers and blessing.

Caroline Lavender

CAROLS AT MILLERS FARM SHOP

Many village residents and shoppers with children joined in carol singing at Miller Farm Shop, organised by the Baptist and St Giles' churches on Saturday, 20th December. Pastor Darrell Holmes led the carols with the Revd Simon Holloway present, muffled up to protect what was left of his voice! A music group accompanied the singers and the traditional carols were sung very enthusiastically.

Refreshments, which included mulled wine, tea/chocolate, mince pies, cakes etc. were enjoyed and everyone was grateful to Millers Farm Shop for hosting the occasion.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary



KILMINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Lay Chairman Bill Kerslake chaired the KPCC meeting on 12th January and the Revd Simon Holloway opened the meeting with readings and prayers. After several reports which provoked many questions and discussions, the 2013 Statistics for Mission, required by the Diocese, was approved; with 106 members on the Church electoral roll, the average attendance on a normal Sunday was forty adults and four children. At special services like Christingle, Crib, Christmas, Easter, Rogation, Harvest Festival, weddings, funerals and baptisms, numbers were sometimes in the hundreds. St Giles' Church was shown to be very well used with three Kilmington Primary School Assemblies a week in

term time and well attended Tuesday Holy Communion Services. The only major disappointment was a lack of new members joining the congregation.

The decision was made to establish a Finance Committee to support the Treasurer which would allow more time to consider fund raising, grant applications, charity giving, the creation of a "Friends of St Giles' Church" organisation etc. Future events were approved including some innovative ones proposed by the Revd Simon Holloway, details of which will be published later.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



It was exciting and very encouraging to see so many people celebrating the great Festival of Christmas in Kilmington and in St Giles' Church in particular, which was warm, decorated beautifully and very welcoming.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve attracted parents, grandparents and over 30 children whose faces glowed in the candlelight as they placed the Posada figures around the Crib and sang *Away in a Manger* with the Christmas trees in the background; Rachel Burrough's talented young musicians from St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School added a certain magic to the occasion. Later that evening, many took their Christmas Communion and joined in the carols.

The timing of 10.00 am for the Christmas Day Family Communion was clearly popular because there was an unusually large congregation which included some excellent soprano descant singers and several children sporting their favourite Christmas presents.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, 21st December attracted a large congregation with some excellent readers from the village including Charlotte Venn, Peter and the late Jenny Guy, Emma Styles, Stafford Seward, Christopher Balcolm, Alex Kerslake and Ben Leahy. The Revd Simon Holloway led the Service and the Choir performed magnificently throughout, under the direction of Margaret Hurford; there was a real buzz of "goodwill to all men" afterwards as mulled wine and mince pies, organised by Liz Stonex, were enjoyed.



Thanks are due to the flower arrangers and all those that made our Church look so beautiful; to Margaret Hurford and the choir; and to the Revd Anne Mills and the Revd Simon Holloway who



worked so hard to put across the Christmas message throughout the Mission Community.



Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary



NATURE NOTES

*Out late and looking for the way home, his majesty
In all his finery, still dressed for the banquet, at dawn.*

During winter when not so much stirs to stimulate our country walks, there is one bird that often makes you jump when it shoots out of the undergrowth. And one that can disturb the quiet afternoons with its shrill 'screet – screet' call. But it is one of our most elegant: the pheasant.



Pheasants are in the Phasianidae family and are thought to be native to Asia and a relation to the wild chickens found in jungles, particularly in India. There are more than 35 different species and they are cousins of the quail and partridge. Being a popular game bird has resulted in their introduction to many regions outside their native range and today they can be found all over the world. It is thought the Romans and Normans introduced them to Britain. Pheasants are now our commonest game bird, widespread, but absent from the West Highlands, the islands of Scotland, and from some uplands in England and Wales.

When captive-reared birds are released for hunting, small populations can exist for short periods of time, but these small flocks are often not self-sufficient and often vanish without continued releases. Locally, Stafford Seward says he is just restarting his breeding programme and he released around 150 birds last summer. His focus has been on the smaller, lighter Scandinavian ring necks and the larger, heavier French black subspecies.

The common pheasant eats primarily plant material, seeds, grains, shoots and berries, although it may also eat insects when available. They live in semi-open woodland, grassland agricultural fields, pastures, and marshes and are often seen walking on the ground foraging. When approached, they may run for cover or fly a short hop to safety on the ground or in trees, usually screeching an alarm call as they go! Pheasants roost in trees and, in winter, form flocks when feeding, in which hierarchies develop amongst the females.

Since the different subspecies have interbred, adult plumage is extremely variable. Males have spectacular, multi-

coloured feathers with long pointed tails and fleshy red eye patches. Females are dull in comparison with buff brown mottled plumage. The male rooster forms, and mates with, a harem of three to seven hens which then lay around twelve and up to twenty eggs in a grass-lined hollow on the ground. Incubation lasts twenty-three days. Mother takes care of the chicks until they can fly, around two weeks after hatching. Hens have several broods each year.

Pheasants have a low survival rate, particularly through winter. Around a third of young birds die before they reach six to ten weeks old. Pheasants have excellent eyesight and sense of hearing which are used for detection of predators. Yet only 2-3% of birds manage to survive to the age of three years in the wild. Their main predators are foxes, badgers, hawks and owls which hunt young birds and can feed on the eggs. The loss of field-edge habitat and the removal of hedges and bushes have also been a problem for them and other ground birds.



Pheasant shooting became popular in the 17th and 18th centuries and today is a massive industry. Accurate figures are not available but most associated organisations estimate around 30 to 35 million game birds are released in the UK each summer of which about 80% are pheasants; most of the rest (16-17%) are red-leg partridge. The final few percent are grey partridge and ducks. The British Trust for Ornithology suggest that over two million survive until spring.

A study prepared for DEFRA estimated the 300 specialist game farms in the UK supplying birds have a turnover of about £160 million alone. And the much wider UK shooting scene is thought to be worth over £2.5 billion a year to the UK economy. In the south west shooting is said to contribute some £250 million and 10,000 jobs through the entire supply chain. Oh, and a supply, to some, of tasty treats!

Peter

CALLING ALL VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

We are planning a series of articles about village clubs and organisations which will appear in Postscript over the coming months. These will provide information about activities in the village for others who may be interested. We hope you might, for example, give details of where and when your group meets, how long meetings last and describe the activity that takes place. If you would like your club or organisation to be featured, please contact Postscript using the telephone number or Postscript email address on the inside front cover. Thank you - the Postscript team.



Down the garden path

This is the time of year when evergreens come into their own as attention-seekers in the garden. And although designated as *evergreen*, these essential backbones of any garden come in many colours, adding sparkle in winter sunshine. As I walked down the garden path on a sunny day in mid-January, I was surprised to see such a range of leaf colour from milky white and cream to claret and chocolate. Some shrubs offer a wide palette, sometimes on the one plant. *Euonymus* is one: the evergreen varieties from the Far East include leaves with white or gold margins, splashes of yellow, multi-coloured 'Emerald Gaiety' as well as plain green. *Leucothè* is another: a native of America and less familiar, it is available in colours ranging from 'Whitewater' through pink 'Scarletta' to 'Curly Red'. I have 'Scarletta' with leaves that turn a rich bronze-red in winter. There are so many good garden evergreens to choose from: *pieris*, *pyracantha*, *photinia*, *pittosporum* ... and that's only the letter P. The majority of shrubs in the front garden are evergreen, and most of those are spring flowerers. This year, however, spring flowers are already appearing in January – camellias and daphnes are beginning to open, fat daffodil buds at their feet.

As I wandered round, picking up armfuls of silver birch twigs which had been whipped off the trees in the

intermittent sharp winds, I wondered if anyone today makes besoms from them as Tom the gardener used to do 50 years ago. A traditional 'witch's broom', it is made from birch twigs tied tightly round a hazel handle and used for sweeping the leaves, more efficient than a conventional yard broom and far quieter than a leaf-blower.

A Christmas newsletter from an American gardener friend included a paragraph on the joys of 'passalongs', her name for all the plants given to her by friends and neighbours. I have quite a few of those in my own garden, including a magnificent *aeonium*, the purple one 'Zwartkop'. Aeoniums are fleshy succulents, with leaves in large rosettes, perfect for sunny terraces in summer but need to be brought into the greenhouse or conservatory for the winter. Their exotic appearance belies how easy they are to look after and mine seems to thrive on benign neglect.

Plant of the month: *Skimmia japonica* 'Magic Marlot', an unusual skimmia with silvery green leaves, edged with cream, producing masses of florets in winter with the buds deepening in colour from pale pink to red before opening to white fragrant flowers. Makes a compact, ground-hugging shrub, best in neutral to acid soil, shade or semi-shade and requires very little maintenance. Recently awarded the RHS Award of Garden Merit.

Acantha

Kilmington Gardening Club Meeting 9th January: Daffodils and other garden bulbs –

Chris Yates

Chris and Judy Yates are well-known in West Dorset where they spent 20 years restoring a walled garden in Little Bredy. Daffodils are Chris's passion and, with Judy in charge of the slide projector, he introduced members of the Gardening Club to the finer points of choosing and growing them in the natural setting of a garden rather than for the show bench. First of all, he illustrated the different classes, 13 in all, some more familiar than others. The shape of the flower determines the class, for example trumpets in Division 1, doubles in 4, jonquils in 7 through to miniature species in 13. Each group was carefully explained and illustrated with beautiful photographs. Individual varieties were highlighted in many of the Divisions: pale, delicate 'Jenny' for naturalising; pretty, multi-headed 'Thalia'; and the deservedly popular 'Tete-à-Tete'. Choosing varieties with care, gardeners can have flowers from January to May, many of them scented. Daffodils stand up better in the garden if they have short, stout stems which can withstand the vagaries of spring weather, and those with AGM after their name have undergone rigorous testing for garden merit. Advice was also given about general care: plant bulbs at least three times deeper than the size of the bulb (about 15cm/6ins), cut off the spent flower head but not the stem or leaves, feed a couple of times with potash fertiliser (eg Tomorite) and wait at least six weeks before clearing up the

dying leaves – a routine that should ensure good flowers the following year.

Daffodils not being the only bulb available to gardeners, Chris continued with a season by season review of plants with what he called 'underground storage', for instance corms and tubers as well as bulbs. Spring and bulbs go together, and photographs of snowdrops, aconites, cyclamen, crocuses, hyacinths, fritillaries and tulips followed each other in quick succession, each illustration accompanied with cultivation advice and recommended varieties. For summer there were irises, lilies and day lilies, exotic rarities such as *hymenocallis* (*ismenes*) and *eremurus* – everything from *agapanthus* to *zantedeschias*. The year's catalogue ended with autumn crocuses, not to be confused, Chris said, with flowers-before-leaves *colchicums* and, finally, everyone's autumn favourite, *nerines*. A lively question time brought the meeting to a close followed by a near sell-out of plants which Chris and Judy had brought from their own garden.

Next meeting 13 February: Modern Medicine from Plants – Dr Henry Oakeley, The Garden Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians

Sydie Bones

KILMINGTON CROQUET

At a meeting held at 9 Whitehayes on Wednesday, 19th November the following decisions were made concerning Kilmington croquet.

1. The numbers participating were too few to continue next year and that those who continued to express an interest would be directed to the club at Uplyme.

2. The equipment would be removed from the Pavilion and both the Kilmington Playing Fields Committee and Cricket Club are thanked for their co-operation during the 2014 season. The equipment belonging to The Croquet Association will be transferred to the Uplyme Club with their permission. The rest will be kept at 9 Whitehayes for the time being.

3. The residual monies accumulated will be donated to the Kilmington Playing Fields Committee who may consider giving half to the Cricket Club.

4. Ken Wilcox will action these decisions during the winter months.

5. In a review of the season a number of reasons were given for the failure of the club; the chief being timing and the availability of tuition. Of those who did attend most will join Uplyme next year. Uplyme holds beginners courses each year so contact Ken Wilcox who will give details to those interested.

Ken Wilcox

WI REPORT

Happy New Year to the Postscript team and all who read Postscript. Apologies were received from Anne Hiatt. After the minutes were read there were no matters arising.

On Thursday, 8th January the speaker for our first talk of the year was Mr Roy Abbot, a physiotherapist at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, who gave us a very lucid and interesting talk about knee replacement and the physiotherapy required afterwards. We saw and handled a model of the knee joint showing femur, tibia, fibula and patella with ligaments (for stability) and cartilage (for smooth movement). Cartilage wears with age and work leaving the bones exposed, which causes pain when they rub together. A metal replacement can be fitted sometimes including the patella. Exercise must start immediately and it is very important to keep up the exercise. It may take 18

months to 2 years to fully recover. Mr Abbot told us dogs can also have knee replacements! Other replacements done are hip, shoulder, elbow, thumb and ankle though the last three are not so common. Spine fusion may also be carried out. Joy thanked Mr Abbot for his talk.

The topic chosen from those listed in the WI magazine for debate at the WI annual conference was 'Curb the Use of Antibiotics' which we all agreed was vital.

Arrangements were made for a Social Evening for our February meeting, including quizzes, bingo etc. as well as a buffet supper. This is on 12th February at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Margaret Andrews

POLICE REPORT

There were three reported Crimes for December 2014 in the Kilmington Area.

Theft of a plaque from a private dwelling.

2 x Driving a motor vehicle when above alcohol level limit.

Other news from Axminster Police:-

As you may already be aware, PCSO Amanda Wooster has now become a full-time member of staff at the Control and Command Centre at Middlemoor in Exeter. Amanda sends her best wishes to everyone on her departure from the area.

PCSO Hayley Widger and PCSO Andy Trott will be covering both Axminster Town and Axminster Rural Areas. We can be contacted on the 101 number or via the Neighbourhood web site.

We should be moving into the new Police Station behind Axminster Fire Station in March 2015. As our Neighbourhood Beat Officer is on long term sick leave we will welcome a temporary Police Officer PC4891 ALDRED in the next few weeks to cover his duties.

I would like to remind people that we carry out property marking to garden equipment i.e. mowers/chainsaws etc. if required.

**Andy Trott 30192, Police Community Support Officer
Axminster Neighbourhood Team
Devon and Cornwall Police
Email: andrew.trott@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**

FIVE ALIVE OIL

After many years of running the village oil scheme, Savile Burdett is about to hand over the order book.

From 1st February 2015, John Watts will take on the process, ordering oil on behalf of the village.

Orders for delivery at beginning of March are required by 26th February. Please contact John, if interested, by

email: john@jwatts.demon.co.uk or phone 01297 32335. Please include all your contact details.

Everyone will wish to extend to Savile their very sincere thanks for setting up and running the scheme for so long. A great job!

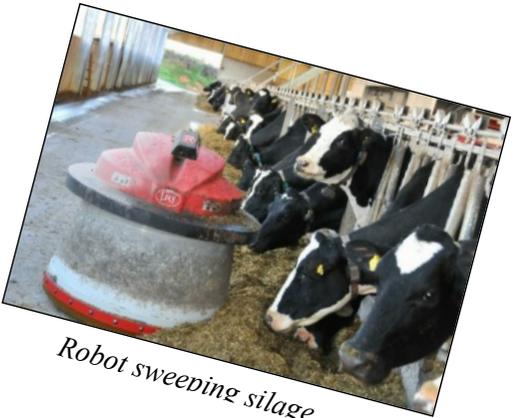
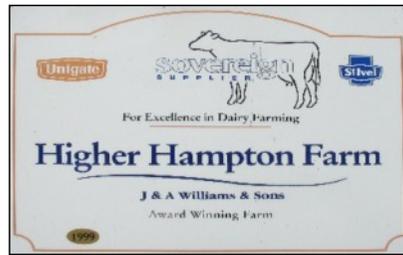
John Watts



Free movement around



Salt licks

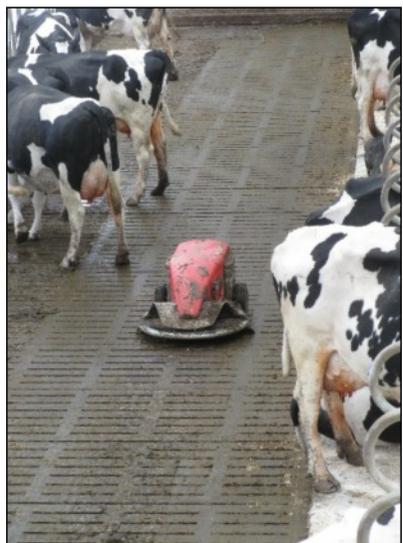


Robot sweeping silage

A NEW ROBOTIC MILKING

In a huge, airy and light barn overlooking the Axe estuary is a remarkable example of modern dairy farming – a robotic milking facility. Here dairy cows choose when to be milked, are attended by rotund robots shuffling silage towards them while more slender robots even clear up after them. At Higher Hampton Farm, where the Williams family have been farming for over 60 years, they have just embarked on their sixth different milking system. Mother and father Williams first started milking 15 cows by hand and since then they have adapted to changing farming challenges and opportunities until three years ago they made the big decision to acquire the fully automated robotic system they have now. Building started in June 2013 with huge excavations to construct the three metres deep concrete

Back in the barn, there is a calmness as the cows circulate freely, choosing to lay down in sawdust covered stalls on a rubberised surface with a ‘mattress’ underneath, feed on silage supplemented with blend-feed or even seek out a robotic brush to scratch their back and neck. It is obvious that the welfare of the cows is paramount. They seem indifferent to the woodlice-like robots scraping slurry through slats into the massive underground tanks – large enough to hold six months slurry – and which dutifully creep off to their recharging stations when their batteries are running low. So what made the Williams family take this big step? Firstly, it was a business decision, milking twice a day was very labour intensive, and therefore expensive, and to some extent the old system limited the size of the herd. Secondly, the modern Holstein dairy cow is a very refined and productive breed but it also requires an exacting



Robot clearing slurry into



Enjoying a back



Drinking



Waiting their turn for one of four



Cleansing and sterilising before automated milking





have limited spaces for this age group but we hope that this opportunity would appeal to families looking for their children to settle into pre-school at an earlier age.

Kilmington Pre-School and Primary Partnership update

The partnership of Kilmington Pre-School and Primary School is working well and is starting to benefit the children. We had a busy autumn term, with regular Friday dance sessions, Diwali celebrations, the popular Axe Valley Animal Park visit, tractor visits, and Christmas celebrations. The pre-school children are benefitting from getting familiar with the 'school' setting and the 'behaviour and conduct' expected at primary school. The primary school children make new friendships and help the pre-schoolers take part in activities.

Looking ahead, we are hoping to make the most of spring by looking at growing plants.

Emma Styles, Kilmington Pre-School Chairperson

The children enjoyed a busy time leading up to Christmas, making Christmas cakes for their parents, decorations and a special framed picture all wrapped up for their parents to open.

The Nativity this year was 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We were pleased that Caroline Rochfort kindly spent time to rehearse with the children. She narrated the story of the stick man who was trying to get home in time for Christmas. The children enjoyed their first taste of being on stage with many having lines and great singing too!

We are also delighted to announce that, from the summer term this year, we will be accepting children the term in which they are three years of age. Some families may be eligible for two-together funding for this term. We will



AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

Firstly, Happy New Year to readers from all at Axe Valley Wildlife Park. We had a fantastic year last year, our visitor figures significantly up on the previous year. It was great to see more local people visiting the park; however, we still think many local residents don't know about us, so keep spreading the word.

We are due to reopen on Saturday 14th February which is half term week. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week will be our activity days where you can come along and join in the fun. You can handle and touch many of our animals, whilst learning about them at the same time. Suitable for all ages, check out our website for full details. We are revamping our coffee shop and there are many other improvements happening around the park in readiness for half term.



We have a new agouti at the park which has joined the original one and they seem to be getting on well. We also now have a zebra stallion which has been introduced to the two original females. Once again, they seem to be getting on well so, who knows, maybe a zebra foal in the future?

Our toddler time sessions will commence on Tuesday, 24th February and then every Tuesday and Thursday during term time. If you visit the park with a child under school age on those days, you will receive one free hot drink and one free glass of squash. There will also be two activities suitable for the age group. Why not come along and meet other parents?

Marie, Education Officer

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone to another eventful term at Kilmington Primary. If I can begin with a whistle-stop tour of the Autumn term ... The Autumn term was, as ever, a busy start to the academic year with numerous events taking place within the classroom and outside the school. We took part in a huge number of sporting events:

- a swimming event for Years 1 and 2 held at Seaton Primary School
- a swimming gala for Years 5 and 6
- two dance mat competitions for Year 5 and Year 6 – of which we won both!
- High 5 netball league
- a gymnastics festival for all children in Year 3
- Bikeability training for all Year 6 children who wanted it
- indoor athletics for a group of Year 5 and 6 children
- cyclo-cross event – a strenuous off-road cycling event for a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils
- cross-country running event for Years 3 and 4 – our girls team won this event by a long way and also came second in the next round – they will be taking part in the Devon and South West finals this term!

My thanks go to Mrs Quick, our sports co-ordinator, for organising our attendance at these events, and of course the many parents who transport the children to and from the venues. I am sure you will agree that promoting a love of physical activity and celebrating sporting achievement is extremely important in our modern times.

While on the subject of sports and outdoor activities, I would like to draw your attention to the new posters that you may have seen popping up around the village regarding the collecting of ‘dog mess’. The Parish Council has requested that we highlight the problem of dog owners not always collecting and disposing of their pet’s mess appropriately. This has been particularly noticeable on the village playing field where the whole community are affected by this problem. Several PE lessons have been interrupted by the discovery of dog mess. This is something that shouldn’t be a problem as there are bins provided.

Most of the children in the school have been on an outdoor visit already – the youngest children have visited local farms as part of their curriculum studies, and the older children visited Maiden Castle and the Charmouth Heritage Centre to

support their class-based learning on Pre-history. The whole school was able to watch the Theatre Alibi production of ‘Mucky Pup’ – a delightful story of a young boy whose confidence grows with the help of an unusual choice of friend.

The two older classes did some food technology this term. Coly Class made Christmas cakes and also made packaging to present their cakes. Otter class reviewed shop-bought cupcakes, made their own cakes (from scratch!), decorated them and then reviewed their finished products. Fun was had by all during these activities, even if the classroom did look as if a box of icing sugar had exploded!

Our Christmas Production was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks again to the Village Hall and for the loan of the microphones and sound system by Axe Music.

The PTFA were particularly busy, arranging a Christmas Fayre that was held in the Village Hall. There was plenty to keep everyone entertained – games made up by each class, craft and local produce stalls, refreshments including mulled wine, a barbeque, Santa was in his grotto (taking orders!) and we were entertained by a series of performances from ‘Skydance’ – comprising several familiar faces of current and past pupils and other children from the community. I was extremely impressed with the quality of the pieces and it was lovely to have an entertainment slot during the evening. The PTFA raised a great deal of money with this and the many other events last term, and we look forward to buying some new musical instruments in the first instance.

We also opened our doors earlier in the term for an Open Day where current and prospective parents were able to visit the school during working hours and get a feel for what sort of things go on inside the walls of Kilmington Primary. We had a good turnout and we think that we will probably be well subscribed for next September’s intake, when our ‘planned admission number,’ which is set by the County, rises to 15.

And so to the Spring Term ... where our diary is already filling up with such events as a Science Week, an e-safety Week, Year 5 Gospel Singing Workshop, and the famous ‘egg-rolling’ and treasure hunt scheduled for the last day before the Easter holidays! We hope to see you all out and about when we’re around the village and I look forward to reporting back to you next time on the successes of this term.

Mrs Lee White, Assistant Headteacher



KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

A very Happy New Year and our thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership and to all the new members who have joined for 2015. Application forms for anyone else who would like to join are available from either Kim at Hurford's Stores or from me at 8 Whitehayes Close. Again, our sincere thanks for your support.

Angus Falconer, 01297 33708

Winners of the Christmas Draw

Y Cilia	£5	B Lavender	£5
M R Hiatt	£5	R Dawe	£5
	B Perkins	£5	

THE WOOD FIRE

Here is a rhyme that we can learn
To know which woods are better to burn.
Know your trees and know them well
Before you choose which trees to fell.

Beech wood fires are bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year:
Chestnut's only good they say,
If for long it's laid away.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast,
Blaze up bright and do not last.
Elm wood burns like a churchyard mould,
Even the very flames are cold.

Make a fire of Elder tree,
Death within your house will be;
It is by the Irish said,
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.

Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Apple wood will scent your room,
Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom.

Oak and maple, if dry and old,
Keep away the winter cold.
But ash wood wet and ash wood dry,
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Pot Holes

We have come to that time of year when, because of bad weather and winter conditions, the number of pot holes increases greatly. Many residents will spot them on their walks around the village. Please report them to Mr S. Newbery or myself so that we can pass on the information to the right authority.

Silver Street

The repair work on the wall has been completed and the road has re-opened. I must thank local residents for their patience and understanding during road closures.

Michael Collier, Chair, Kilmington Parish Council

No meeting in February

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd March 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Axminster Heritage Fund Raisers plan to hold a *Promises Auction* in Kilmington Village Hall on March 28th in the evening. These occasions can be very good fun with the Auctioneer entering into the spirit of the event! More information will be available nearer the time but I wanted to use this opportunity to ask for offers of 'Promises' from anyone who feels able to help us in this way.

If you have attended such an auction before you will know what it involves but, if you haven't, can I just say promises such as generously offering an hour of your time to take someone to the shops, doing some ironing, gardening or car washing are some of the promises you might see in the catalogue. I have already been offered the opportunity to bid for a Wood Turning Course or something similar from Axminster Tools which will give someone a great chance to 'have a go'. Piano and weaving lessons are also on the list and, to make it an enjoyable and successful evening, we need many more so PLEASE contact me if you have anything you can offer. I am longing to hear from you ALL!!!!

Diana Church

IS YOUR CAT MISSING?

A tabby cat has taken up residence at Cowley, the home of the Taylor family. Helen Taylor says that the cat has been coming through the property for some time to get to a field. The cat has been wearing a collar but this has now come off and she appears to be spending all her time there now.

If you think this may be your cat, please contact Helen on 01297 631566 for more information.



KILMINGTON KITCHEN

Treat for Two

Spoil your Valentine with something a little bit special for supper.

RHUBARB SPICE CAKE

February sees the beginning of the rhubarb season so here is a lovely moist cake reminiscent of an old-fashioned gingerbread.

140g/5oz butter, softened, plus extra for greasing.

300g/10oz self-raising flour

2tsp mixed spice

1 tsp ground ginger

100g/4oz dark muscavado sugar

150ml/5 fl oz golden syrup

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 eggs beaten

300g/10oz rhubarb, cut into short lengths

Icing sugar for dusting

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan160C/gas 4 and put the kettle on. Butter and line a deep 20cm square cake tin. In a large bowl beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the golden syrup. Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in 200ml boiling water, then gradually add to the mixture. Beat in the sieved flour and spices along with the beaten egg. Then gently stir in the rhubarb.

2. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for approx. 1hr 20mins, until the cake feels firm to the touch and springs back when pressed. Cool in the tin for 5 mins, then turn out and cool on a wire rack.

The cake will taste better the following day, but you will need to eat it up within three days because of the fresh rhubarb.

APRICOT & CUMIN-STUFFED PORK

1 tsp cumin seeds

100g ready-to-eat dried apricots

400g/14 oz lean pork fillet

1 tbsp sunflower oil

150ml/¼ pt Marsala, Maderia or port

1 sprig rosemary

1. Heat oven to 200/fan 180/gas 6. Lightly toast the cumin seeds in a frying pan. Tip into a blender with the apricots and whiz until well chopped, but not smooth. Slice the pork in half horizontally, not cutting through completely, and open it out like a book. Season the meat, spread the apricot mix along the centre, then fold the meat back to envelop the stuffing.

2. Heat the oil in a pan and brown the meat on all sides for about 5 mins. Remove the pork, place on a roasting tray and cover loosely with foil. Cook for 15 mins, or until how you like your meat.

3. Meanwhile, add the wine and rosemary to the pan and bring to the boil. Simmer for 5 mins or until you have a sauce. Remove the meat from the oven and rest for 5 mins before carving into slices. Pour any juices into the sauce, remove the rosemary and pour over the meat to serve.

JOCK THE WAYWARD PHEASANT

I'm having such a battle,
In fact it seems absurd,
My life is being hampered
By a great big lumbering bird.

I bought a plastic feeder
And filled it up with seed
In no time it was busy
Fulfilling all the needs

Of pretty little blue tits
And yellowhammers too
Who swing and peck and flutter,
All having quite a do.

But strange things started happening,
The seed just disappeared
There was a robber somewhere.
At least that's what I feared.

And then one day I caught him
This great big hulking lump
He leapt upon the windowsill
And landed such a thump.

His headbutt was quite expert
Delivered with such force
His scarlet mask enhanced him
A handsome bird of course.

The feeder shattered open
Seed scattered everywhere
And Jock the wayward pheasant
Grabbed more than his fair share.

But I plan to outfox him
I've bought one twice as strong
It's made of shiny metal
I hope I'm not proved wrong.

(Source: www.patsygoodsir.com)



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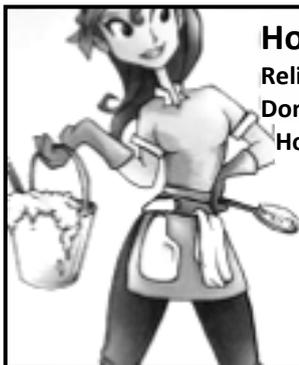
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WEEK TO VIEW (Events that happen the same time every week)

Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	The Baptist Church morning service
	6.00 pm	The Beacon	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	The Beacon	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

DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	1st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
	1st	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind
Mon	2nd	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Wed	4th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>Magic in the Moonlight</i>
Fri	6th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
	6th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Kilminster Cricket Club AGM
Sun	8th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
Mon	9th	2.30 pm	The Beacon	World Mission Prayer Group
	9th	7.30 pm	Purzebrook Chapel	Axminster Churches Together - prayers for the Axe Valley
Tues	10-11th		Westpoint	Christian Resources Exhibition
	10th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
	10th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers' for under-fives, followed by light lunch
	10th	7.30 pm	St Marys PS, Axminster	Axminster Churches Together Meeting
Wed	11th	10.30 am	Koppers Residential Home	The Baptist Church Hymn Singing
Thurs	12th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	W.I. Meeting: Social Evening
Fri	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Gardening Club Talk: <i>Modern Medicines from Plants</i> - Dr Henry Oakeley
Sat	14th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	15th	10.30 am	Stockland Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Mon	16th	early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	17th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Wed	18th	7.00 pm	Dalwood Church	Ash Wednesday Mission Community Holy Communion with Ashes
Wed-Sat	18-21st	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Kilminster Players: <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>
Sun	22nd	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	22nd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Wed	25th	7.30 pm	The Beacon	United Service
Thurs	26th	12.45 pm	Village Hall	Lent Lunches
	26th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis

Saturday 14th March 2015 The Baptist Church "Building Dedication"

GOODBYE FROM AMANDA

I just wanted to let you know that today, January 2nd is my final day as a PCSO in Axminster. I will now be working in the Control & Command centre in Exeter. I want to wish everyone well and, although I haven't seen you as much as I would have liked, I will miss you all!!

Thank you.

PCSO 30200 Amanda Wooster, formerly at Axminster Police Station

USEFUL VILLAGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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 - Ken Wilcox	01297 32741
Ring & Ride	01404 46520	Kilminster A35 Pit Stop (formerly cafe)	01297 598060	Cricket (David Lavender)	01297 631868
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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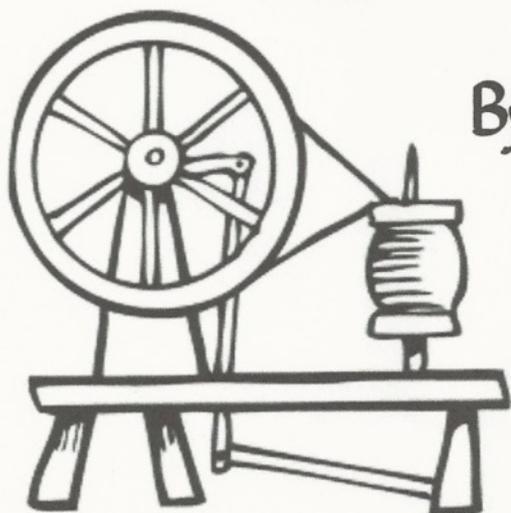
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present

Sleeping Beauty



By Alan P. Frayn

Weds. 18th - Sat. 21st
February 2015

7.30pm

Kilmington Village Hall

Tickets on sale Monday 2nd February
from Hurfords Stores

Adults £6.00 Children £3.00

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