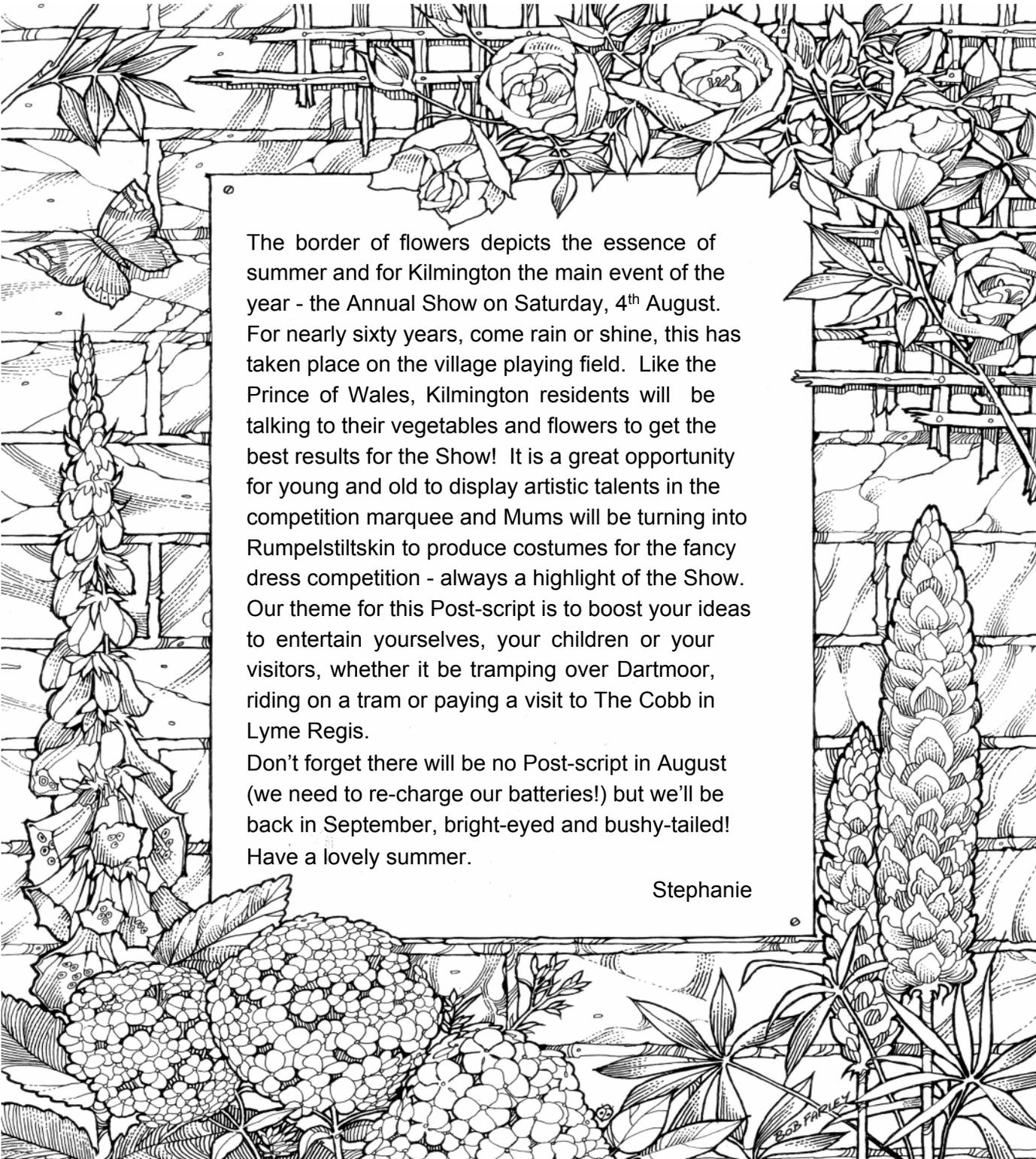


Kilmington Post-script

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The border of flowers depicts the essence of summer and for Kilmington the main event of the year - the Annual Show on Saturday, 4th August. For nearly sixty years, come rain or shine, this has taken place on the village playing field. Like the Prince of Wales, Kilmington residents will be talking to their vegetables and flowers to get the best results for the Show! It is a great opportunity for young and old to display artistic talents in the competition marquee and Mums will be turning into Rumpelstiltskin to produce costumes for the fancy dress competition - always a highlight of the Show. Our theme for this Post-script is to boost your ideas to entertain yourselves, your children or your visitors, whether it be tramping over Dartmoor, riding on a tram or paying a visit to The Cobb in Lyme Regis.

Don't forget there will be no Post-script in August (we need to re-charge our batteries!) but we'll be back in September, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed! Have a lovely summer.

Stephanie

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Easy

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To solve this puzzle each 3 x 3 row and each column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9.

The solution is given on Page 4

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Donations

We much appreciate receiving anonymous donations - a boost to our efforts - which this month were £22.00.

"Left undone the things I (or sometimes someone else) ought to have done"

This month we had internet problems and for several days emails did not get through to those who use Tiscali - apparently Tiscali were attacked by a spamming jammer - so if you sent me something which I did not acknowledge (for Post-script or for oil) it is lost for good. I can only hope everyone concerned chased me up for an acknowledgement (some resorted to hand-written notes!).

If some got lost it was a good thing from my point of view as I had to delete some words from some items and omit some other items to get in what we had to have in June - apologies to those who were disappointed or let down. This month the space pressure is even greater!

Savile

Dates for village events and any other items for the **September** issue ready for print by 15th August by email to **Savileburdett@tiscali.co.uk** (all will be acknowledged). Ring 01297 34200 if not acknowledged after 24 hours. Or on a disk (all disks returned). Please give copy, **PREFERABLY EARLIER**, to any of the team or leave at Hurfords Stores.

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Thursday 26th Portland £5
Saturday 28th Shop in Weymouth or visit the
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Thursday 9th Otter Nurseries Garden Centre
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Thursday 16th Abbotsbury and Chesil Beach £5
Saturday 18th Poole or Brownsea Island £8
Thursday 23rd Mystery trip ending up in a town
for tea £5
Thursday 30th Lyme Regis £5

BENEFICE VISIT

While all five Parishes in the Five Alive Mission Community were represented at Evening Prayer on Ascension Day, Thursday 17th May, in St Giles' Church, overall attendance was somewhat disappointing. The Vicar welcomed the Rev'd Wilson Mwangi on the last day of his week-long visit to the Benefice in which he had visited all the Parishes, impressing everyone with his enthusiasm, wisdom and good humour. In a rousing sermon, he made it clear that the Church in Kenya was prospering with strong and lively congregations which made some of us think that we needed some African Missionary zeal in the UK! He must have been impressed, however, with the large Benefice choir which led the hymns/psalms and gave a good rendering of the anthem "God Omnipotent Reigneth". At the end of the Service, and on behalf of the Benefice, the Vicar presented Wilson with a book token to use in the excellent book shops during his time in Exeter, and his wife Jenniffer with a handbag. Wilson conveyed his thanks to everyone that they had met for the wonderful welcome and asked that his Diocese of Thika should be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian Lavender

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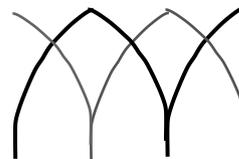
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Potato Salad

Cut cold, cooked new potatoes into bite-sized chunks, then lightly stir through roughly chopped sundried tomatoes in oil, mayonnaise and freshly snipped chives. Serve garnished with an extra scattering of chives to make a great barbecue accompaniment.

Margaret Astbury

The solution

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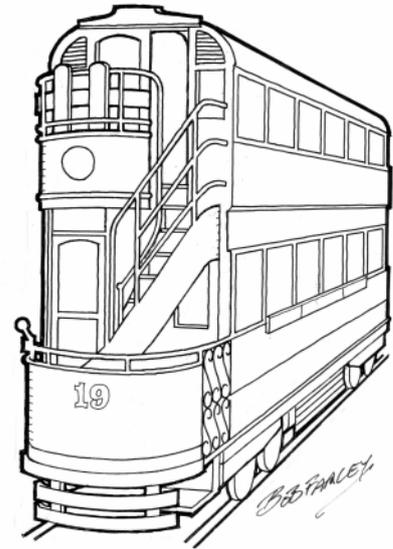
Our corner of Devon boasts few tourist attractions; the beauty of the surrounding countryside is attraction enough for us residents. We do, however, have the Seaton Tramway, and its success is such that it now carries in excess of 100,000 passengers each year. It runs, of course, over part of the track bed of the former Seaton branch railway line. This carried holidaymakers and goods to Seaton before the infamous Dr. Beeching wielded his axe (no pun intended!) in 1966.

Here is the writer E.P. Leigh-Bennett capturing the spirit of the Seaton branch line in its heyday during the 1930s:

"Your Atlantic Coast Express will have purred on its uneventful way as far as Seaton Junction. And then you really must wake up and begin to look about you; because henceforward the fun begins. Your coach will be detached from the main line train and you will proceed along the valley of the Axe. At one time the sea was mostly over here, when Seaton was a port of prominence. It contributed two doughty ships to Edward III's fleet when he set sail for Calais on high adventure in 1347. Now it is just a luscious valley, cattle strewn, with lovely uplands rising behind it. But look out of the windows, because the infinite softness of Devonshire will be manifest to you, its rich pastoral verdure and its tranquillity. Moreover, unless you are very alert you will miss the exciting spectacle of the train seeming to be about to spill itself into the sea at the journey's end. But it pulls up just short, and you step out practically on to the beach."

The closure of the Seaton branch line provided an opportunity that the tram enthusiast Claude Lane had long sought. Lane was the owner of a business in North London that built battery operated electric vehicles such as milk floats. In his spare time, he loved to renovate old trams and in 1953 opened a 2/3 mile tram service in Eastbourne. The growth of road traffic in Eastbourne threatened the future of this operation and, when he heard of the impending closure of the Seaton branch line, Lane began negotiations with British Railways. They agreed to sell the Colyton to Seaton section of the line to Lane, but there were many obstacles to overcome, including a public enquiry, before permission to run a tramway over the line was finally granted late in 1969. Locals thought that the trams would create unacceptable noise and spoil the beauty of the Axe Valley. There were also concerns about the safety of the Colyford level crossing.

The task of dismantling the Eastbourne system, transporting it to Devon and reassembling it, fell to just two men, Lane and his partner Allan Gardner. Amazingly, and it is said after 36 round trips to Eastbourne through the winter of 1969/70, they opened a passenger service on the line in August 1970. The rest is history; the Seaton Tramway has prospered to become a significant attraction both for tourists and for locals. Sadly, Claude Lane did not live to



see this success – he suffered a heart attack and died in April 1971, just as the first full season of operation was about to commence.

The Seaton tramway is a business that now employs over fifty paid staff and owns about twenty trams. Most of the trams are former commercial vehicles modified at the Seaton depot to run on the tramway's 2 foot 9 inch gauge. The permanent staff are helped by a group of volunteers, mainly during the peak season, at weekends and at special events. The service currently runs every day from April to October and on selected days through the winter months. There are the Santa Specials in the run up to Christmas and birdwatching trips during the year. The trams make marvellous grandstands from which to view the Axe estuary, Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common. For those with a hankering to drive a tram there are courses of instruction available. Is there a frustrated driver in your household?

David Ingles

It's Raining Cats and Dogs!

At the RSPCA centre at West Hatch rescue animals are always arriving and, as a voluntary organisation, your help is always appreciated, whether it be collecting or maybe adopting a pet (for life).

Iris and I have collected bedding, towelling and soft furnishing for some time now and West Hatch has recognised the collection throughout the village by writing "to the village" to thank you all for your contributions. Iris and I will

continue to collect all your old towels, blankets and soft furnishings. We have put copies of the letter from West Hatch on the notice boards and in Hurfords Stores.

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Better late than never!

I attend many of the Village Council Meetings as an observer and have been very pleased with the dedication of the members to try to improve the village.

I have on behalf of the village, I hope, personally put on record the thanks of the village for the work of the committee over the past years and to the retiring Councillors, Mary Seward, Bill Kerlake and Rachael Tattershall.

During the meetings there is an "Open Forum" at which any member of the public can put forward any constructive criticism and usually a short answer can be given. Why not come along and see the Council in a new light?

F. D. Piper

The Devon game that has gone global

In 1854, James Perrot of Chagford, a Dartmoor guide left a glass bottle at one of the moor's most inaccessible spots; Cranmere Pool. His idea was that any hikers, who had travelled that far should place his calling card in the bottle as a token of their achievement. By the 1900s, the glass bottle had been replaced by a tin box and a visitor's book had been provided for travellers to record their names. In 1937 a granite box had replaced the tin box and in 1938 a box was placed at Duck's Pool, in the centre of the south moor. This box was set up in memory of William Crossing, the great Dartmoor writer and gazeteer. The Duck's Pool box was financed by a group of Plymouth walkers known as "Dobson's Moormen" who raised funds to pay for a stamp, a book and a plaque by Tom Grant which shows 15 letterboxes in existence. This excellent little guide not only had the effect of encouraging people to walk on Dartmoor and enjoy its beauties, but also produced a host of letterboxers

Around the same time, rubber stamps and ink pads were also provided so that hikers could keep records of their visits. Soon afterwards more and more boxes began to appear. The habit also grew up that any stamped card or letter placed in the box would be picked up by the next visitor and posted on and so this unique Dartmoor pastime gained its name: 'Letterboxing'.

Initially, letterboxes were placed in view for all visitors to see,



however in the early '40s the boxes began to be hidden in the crevices of tors, under rocks or in bushes. Cryptic clues were left in the visitor's book of one letterbox about the location of another, and in that letterbox, there would be a reference to another, leaving a web of clues across Dartmoor in what has become the largest treasure-hunt game ever, covering 400 square miles with over 21,000 letterboxes. Any person who collected 100 letterbox stamps, on providing the proof of their achievement, was allowed to join the 100s Club, the most exclusive band of letterboxers.

In the early 1980s, a London art student, and keen letterboxer decided that the game didn't have to be solely for Dartmoor, and after one beery night at the 'Union' with like minded students, 'Urban Letterboxing' was born. By 1990, London alone possessed 2000 letterboxes, but it didn't stop here, students talked to each other about the game, and the craze also invaded Europe. Berlin had 400 letterboxes, Paris had 100, Dublin 900 and Rome possessed a staggering 1700. In 1998, the Smithsonian Magazine published an article about Dartmoor and soon afterwards, a small group of people began to start planting letterboxes across the USA. To date, there are 70,000 letterboxes spread out across America. The switching off of 'selective availability' on satellites in 2000, instantly made all GPS units ten times more accurate and so GPS-based clues became viable. This evolved a new form of letterboxing known as geocaching. In essence however, the game hasn't changed... The letterboxes still contain a pen, a visitor's book



a rubber stamp and an ink pad. One other thing has remained constant: to letterboxers and geocachers across the world, Cranmere Pool is considered to be the site of their sport's origin and for those who are able, a place of pilgrimage and worship, visited by only the most devout.

To start letterboxing, all you need is a pocketbook, a compass and a Landranger Series OS map of Dartmoor. If you have internet connectivity, there are many sites which will start you off on Dartmoor Letterboxing, Urban Letterboxing and Geocaching. If you don't, Dartmoor's wonderful Visitor Centres sell several books and pamphlets on the subject with easy clues to start you off, but one word of warning must be issued...

Letterboxing is intended to be an environmentally friendly activity, with no destruction of nature involved in the hiding or discovery of letterboxes. Boxes are hidden in publicly-accessible areas, yet out of sight to casual visitors. Dartmoor is however, an ancient place with evidence of habitation dating back to the neolithic. It is important that the letterboxer never destroys the history of the area in an attempt to discover a letterbox. If it is too well hidden, it is not worth finding. Perhaps, even more importantly, be very, very careful if you see something unusual. Dartmoor has been a military practice zone for over half a century and, although originally letterboxes were found in old munition tins, today they are mostly to be found in plastic luncheon boxes. So, nowadays it is wise to be cautious about anything metallic. Two children at Fur Tor in 1997 thought they had discovered a letterbox, but in fact the item was an old, yet live, piece of ordnance which detonated when picked up. Tragically one of the children was killed.

That said, Letterboxing is one of the most important global phenomena to have evolved from a Devon pastime. It is unlikely to become an olympic sport but, if you wish to make a start, here are a few locations with OS Map references:

Cranmere Pool - 603 858	Fox Tor - 626 698
Duck's Pool - 624 679	High Willhays - 580 894
Fur Tor - 588 831	Hen Tor - 593 653
Crow Tor - 607 787	

Jonathan Farley

OIL

We now have 110 'members' of whom 53 had an oil delivery in June taking over 50,000 litres at 30.1p/litre. (Bulk quotes ranged to 31.85)

Next bulk buy about November 8th.

Savile

Closed books

To many there are some things that are just out of reach which might make a difference if only one could get started. One is the **Christian faith**. Ask Nigel Freathy (33156) if you would like to join an introduction to the Christian faith course in the autumn. Another is '**computers**'. Some people would



love to be able to contribute to Post-script, and perhaps to others, by email or use the machines for all sorts of other things but do not know how to start. Post-script is aiming to run a very elementary course for those who just want to start. Contact me, Savile Burdett, at 2 Knapp Cottages or by phone on 01297 34200 if the idea interests you.

Savile



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Kilmington Primary School

The summer term is well advanced and the children have been extremely busy undertaking various activities.

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Earlier, our middle group of children took part in the Fossil Day at Lyme Regis, and though they found many fossils, they were unable to find a dinosaur!

This term our older children have been to Haven Banks in Exeter and were actively engaged at doing kayaking, archery and wall climbing. They have a further visit later in the term when they will be doing sailing, canoeing and raft making. Our youngest children have been on a visit to Axe Valley Birds as part of their science work and yrs 5 and 6 took part in satellite navigation trail around the woodland at Offwell Nature Reserve.

Continuing our sporting activities, the children are taking part in the area rounders tournament and recently the older children took part in a 'Marathon of Sport' at the Axe Valley College. Congratulations must go to our year 4 children who recently won the small school athletic festival at Colyton Grammar School and now go on to represent the area at the finals at the King School, Ottery.

Finally, congratulations to our Chair of Governors, John Martell, who has just recently completed thirty years service as a governor of the school. This event was recently recognised by a ceremony at County Hall.

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Why we don't give it up's
Past understanding.

Buffeted, blown, half-dead...
Hey, look, there's Beachy Head!
Green turf and milk-white
Chalk-cliffs like Dover!
Sun gleams at last, hurray!
...I'm off down Uckfield way,

Country'll be looking grand
Now the rain's over.

Primroses, blowing leaves,
Thatched roofs and cottage eaves,
Oast-houses, dusky-dark,
What sites for nesting!
Come on, the fun's begun,
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Mary Holden from "Words for
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Being British

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Some Facts about the British:

3 Britons a year die after trying to see if a 9v battery works by using their tongue.

31 Britons have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were still plugged in.

18 Britons had serious burns in 2000 while trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouths.

543 Britons were admitted to A&E in the last two years after trying to open bottles of beer with their teeth.

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This Month with the Parish Council

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Website

The Website is proving to be very popular and is receiving about 34 hits per day and some are worldwide. Please keep Alison Vickers informed of events and updates.

Green Boxes

Part of the Parish Plan included a question "Is there anyone who has not received a Green Box for recycling?" Many people did not and their names were forwarded to East Devon District Council and hopefully now get a collection. If anyone is still not getting a recycling collection, please let us know.

Road Survey

Devon County Council is going to survey all village roads to assess the conditions of them. If there are any major faults, please report to us so we can pass the information on.

Next Meeting

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Madeleine and Tony Scott-Nash, tel. 34595

The Cobb, Lyme Regis

At this time of year many of us visit or take our visitors to walk around the Cobb. Below are a few things, familiar and perhaps not so familiar, that may be seen on this walk. In recent years the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, based on the novel by local author, John Fowles, re-created Victorian Lyme and included many shots of the town, the pink thatched cottages on the parade, and the Cobb. It is difficult to look at the Cobb without remembering the first haunting image of the story, a woman dressed in black, enveloped in a voluminous cloak, standing alone at the far end of the Cobb, staring out across the water to France.

The Cobb as we know it today has not changed much in the last two hundred years. The recent addition of hundreds of tons of rocks and stone to extend the sea defences to protect Lyme itself has changed very little the original distinctive shape of the harbour. Old buildings still stand although many have changed their use. For example, the old warehouses, now flats and shops, stand behind the Cobb Arms.

Along the Cobb, set into the wall and mounted by steps on either side is the *Gin Shop*. At one time wooden doors covered this former ammunition store where ball and powder was stored for the cannon defending the Cobb. The name has nothing to do with the alcoholic beverage but was the name of the hoist set high on the wall above the store and used for lifting the powder and shot.

Approximately ten metres on from the *Gin Shop* the wall is known as the *Whispering Gallery*. The curve in the wall makes it possible for someone whispering at one end of the "gallery" to be heard twenty yards away at the far end of the curve, but wait for a quiet evening when the hum of conversation and the drone of boats has faded! Another well-known feature of the Cobb is *Grannies Teeth*, the stones set diagonally into the wall near the Cobb houses, now the aquarium. It was from these projections that, legend tells us, the frivolous Louisa Musgrove in Jane Austen's *Persuasion* jumps down into the arms of Captain Wentworth. Unfortunately she slipped and fell on to the lower Cobb in a faint, creating one of the most dramatic moments in the story. It is now more often believed that she jumped from the *Gin Shop* steps. Jane Austen herself spent some weeks in the town in 1804, when it was fashionable for the newly created middle classes to stay at the seaside.

One of the buildings on the Cobb has been converted to house a marine aquarium, giving the opportunity to see examples of local fish. A fascinating chart to the left of the entrance to the aquarium refers to the local levy paid on imports coming through the harbour. The capstan was once used to haul sailing vessels out of the harbour. A rope would have been tied to the stern of the vessel and passed through a large iron buoy anchored a short distance from the Cobb mouth, a few turns of the capstan and the boat would be gently eased out of the harbour in all but the strongest winds.

Helping to protect the harbour from north-easterly winds from the direction of Charmouth is the North Wall built in 1849 and superseding a former structure which had been built further to the east. The cannons on the North Wall were restored by Richard Fox, a Lyme town crier, as part of Lyme 1200 Celebrations in 1974. The cannons date from 1600 and 1601 and have the Tudor Rose and date stamped on the barrels. It is possible they were used to defend the town against Royalist forces in the siege of 1644 during the British Civil War. The same cannons also saved the town from attack by the French fleet of Admiral Touerville in 1690. Old cannons can still be seen embedded in the harbour as mooring posts.

The first record of the Cobb is in 1372 but a storm in that year destroyed much of the structure and damaged the town also. The first drawing of the Cobb known to exist dates from the reign of Elizabeth I and was requested by Lord Burghley whilst reviewing the coastal defences against the Spanish Armada. The drawing shows a semi-circular harbour consisting of two arms fortified with cannon. Initially the Cobb was not joined with the mainland but in 1756 a causeway was built. Also missing from the Elizabethan drawing is the North Wall which was not built until later.

The present structure is not very old, much of it dating back only to the 19th century.



What does Cobb mean? In various documents the harbour is referred to as Connors, Connor, Obb and Cobbe. Some of the early spellings were written phonetically which might explain Obb but no firm evidence exists to support other speculations. Perhaps we must be satisfied that the word "cobble" means to put together clumsily or to pave with cobbles; either would have been an appropriate description of the techniques used to build the original structure.

(With thanks for the information above to booklets by Nigel Clarke, Lyme Regis town council and other articles and leaflets)

Judith

Gardening and General Maintenance

- All aspects of gardening and general maintenance undertaken
- Experienced and reliable
- References available

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Letter from the Churches

One day a new puppy wandered out to look round the farm where he lived. First he met a horse who said, "You'll soon learn that I am the family's favourite animal because I carry big loads for them. I suspect that an animal of your size is of no value at all." A little further on the puppy met a cow who said, "I am the most special animal on the farm, because I give the family milk and butter." "I give wool to make their clothes," said the sheep, "so I am as special as the cow. What could a little puppy possibly have to give?" The puppy did not know so he walked on sadly. The chicken told him that she produced eggs and the cat said that he was special because he rid the house of mice.

That night when the farmer came back from long hours of working in the hot sun, the little puppy ran to him, licked his feet and jumped up into his arms. Falling to the ground the farmer and the puppy romped and played in the grass. Finally, holding him close and patting his head the farmer said, "No matter how tired I am when I get home, I feel better when you greet me. I would not trade you for all the animals on the farm." Now the puppy knew his special gift.

In St Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth he wrote, "There are varieties of gifts but always the same spirit – working in each person for the good of all." There are some whose role in the scheme of things is very prominent and seemingly very important but they are no more important than the backroom people whose faces nobody knows but without whom life would grind to a halt. In village life, in church life we need our public speakers and our committee chairmen but we also need the people who make the tea and who scrub the floor. We need the preachers and the readers but we also need the people who cut the grass and arrange the flowers. Everyone has a role to play in the great scheme of things and everyone's contribution is vital.

Nigel Freathy

"Reduced fishing quotas"

Most of us have seen the occasional heron fishing in the village brook, but I have just discovered why the fish levels may be a little lower this year! On Sunday 3rd June 2007 I spotted a very welcome sight in the brook right in the centre of this delightful village – an otter. At first I couldn't believe the noise coming from the water – splashing, and then rustling in the undergrowth, which was the thing that drew my attention to it. Then suddenly I could see it very clearly moving about on some spoils on the edge of the water. Unfortunately no sooner had it come into view, it disappeared on its journey further upstream. This was the day of the open gardens with lots of people moving about, so perhaps I wasn't the only one to have enjoyed this wonderful sighting.

Lots of West Country animals and birds have been brought to our armchairs courtesy of the BBC's Spring Watch programme. However, they somehow pale into insignificance compared to my sighting in Kilmington. So, next time you are out walking in the village keep looking around you, as you never know what you might see.....!

Martin Overton

The Parish Plan

Have you forgotten the Parish Plan? The questionnaire was exceptionally well received with 92.95% of them being returned. The replies have been analysed and the next stage - the writing of the report is about to begin. If you are interested in helping with this please get in touch with Michael Collier (32390) or Julie Austin (34490). Already the need for affordable housing has been identified as an issue and a working party has been set up to look into this. Other issues include the A35 and villagers' interest in maintaining the local environment.

Julie

Yatima Orphanage News

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who continue to support the orphanage by buying marmalade and jam from our stall.

Some readers may be unaware of the background to our involvement with the Yatima orphanage in Tanzania. Our daughter, Juletta, was teaching in the country and we became increasingly concerned about the many children suffering there as a result of the widespread HIV/AIDS situation. Through some members of her church in Dar-es-Salaam, Juletta was able to put us in touch with an orphanage where the majority of the children had lost both parents to the disease, though not actually suffering from it themselves. In 2004 we started raising money to help provide food and medication for them. Some will know that we had the privilege of visiting the orphanage in December 2005. We saw the squalid and inadequate house where the orphanage's founder Winifrida Lubanza had taken in her first child. A few years ago an American paediatrician purchased a plot of land on which to develop a new orphanage at Chamazi, just outside Dar-es-Salaam. We visited this new site which is in a lovely position, looking over unspoilt African countryside with plenty of space and fresh air. Development can only take place as funds become available and these are slow to come; there is no government help. Although some buildings had been erected at the time of our visit there was still no water or electricity on site. At the end of 2006 a well was sunk and a pump installed. Unfortunately the water was "salty" and the pump was stolen. Now there is a supply of clean drinking water and how this came about is an amazing story which we would like to share with you in a future issue of Post-script.

Please continue to buy our products. We invite you to a three-day sale of books, bric-a-brac, cakes etc in our garden at Koceda, Wellmead, Kilmington (opposite the New Inn) on 5th, 6th and 7th July from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Lionel and Iris Quick

ST GILES' CHURCH ANNUAL FETE

The St Giles' Church Garden Fete will be held in the Vicarage garden on Saturday 7th July at 2.30 pm. There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, nearly new, books etc. and a raffle for which contributions would be most welcome. There will also be a "Save the Planet" Tombola and prizes would be welcome which should be Fair Trade, Organic, Recycled, Green or Eco-friendly to be received by Elizabeth Stonex or Caroline Lavender. Games for children will be organised and cream teas available. Please come along with family and friends in support of the Parish Church.

Brian Lavender

KILMINGTON VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Trip to Castle Hill Gardens and Eggesford Gardens on Tuesday 29th May 2007

We departed on time and collected two passengers in Honiton. We took the Awliscombe route to the M5 to bypass Tiverton on the Barnstaple Link road and turned off for Filleigh. After coffee the Countess of Arran gave some of us an interesting history of her estate and showed us her home; others climbed the hill to the Castle to enjoy the views of Lundy Island and Exmoor. After lunch served by the Filleigh Church ladies people explored the grounds. The flowering cornus were superb as were the rhododendrons and the stream was clear and looked enticing. The Millennium Garden looked effective with its white alliums and accompanying purple flowers. Some of us penetrated the vegetable garden and the greenhouse. We thought that our produce was an improvement on theirs! We had a beautiful drive down the B3226 and passed two surviving factories producing both cheese and meat until we reached the Barnstaple to Exeter road which in places runs

beside the single track railway line and the Taw River. Eggesford Gardens was our tea stop where some of us did some competitively priced shopping. One of the new owners gave us a resumé of his plans to work in conjunction with Devon Wild Life Association. We particularly enjoyed live pictures of grey wagtail fledglings being fed and of the bird table.

Shaun our driver was concerned to avoid rush hour traffic and he kept us all guessing until we emerged at Widdon Down. Ten miles out of Exeter a problem developed with the suspension at the rear of the bus. However, we were fortunate that despite there being a relief bus waiting for us at Honiton, we did not reload and we were not too late returning home.

Madeleine

DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

After the excitement of the first week-end of June when Kilmington gardeners welcomed visitors down their own garden paths, revealing just how many inspirational plots lie behind the houses, it was back to work as usual. The strong winds and heavy rain which preceded the week-end had not only scattered brittle pieces of the mighty oaks all over the garden and into the gutters, but had also battered the taller plants in the borders, especially the poppies. Staking is a skill which still evades me: mine is generally too late, too flimsy and not tall enough. I have problems with all kinds of stakes: the bamboo canes which refuse to go deep enough into the ground; light metal hoops which bend; strong metal half-hoops which bunch the stems too closely together; the linking variety which spring apart as soon as plants begin to grow; and the spiral contraption demonstrated with such skill at Chelsea but which snapped the heads off my delphinium when I tried it for myself. However, any of those would have been preferable to untangling the knots of prostrate poppy stems.

At this time of year there are stalwart performers in the garden which never fail to give pleasure. One of mine is the hydrangea. In addition to the mop-head varieties so familiar in seaside resorts, there are more unusual ones of woodland origin which add colour and interest from midsummer to the end of autumn. At the outside end of the range is the Himalayan *Hydrangea aspera*, also known as *villosa*, a majestic shrub which can reach 8-12 feet tall (3-4m) with velvety leaves and abundant flowers, inner circle purple with an outer ring of white or pink; equally large is *Hydrangea paniculata*, a spectacular bush with pointed long white flower heads, turning pink in autumn. One species that hardly looks like a hydrangea is the American *Hydrangea quercifolia*, so named because of its oak-leaf foliage, 4ft tall (1m), not as easy to flower as most others, but with the added bonus of dark green leaves turning red in autumn. Among the lacecaps is 'Lanarth White', a compact form about 3-4ft (1m) tall and wide; lastly, the smallest hydrangea in my garden - a *Hydrangea serrata* from the Far East called 'Shinonome', a delicate shrub just 2ft (60cm) tall with white to pink sparkling lacecap flowers. All do well in dappled shade and require a position in the garden where the soil remains moist.

Plant of the month: *Gillenia trifoliata*, a hardy perennial border plant with the recommendation of an Award of Garden Merit (look for AGM on plant labels); 3-4ft tall (1m), star-shaped white flowers on red stems; sunny position but will tolerate part-shade.

Acantha

K.V.P.A. TALK BY ROGER CLARK on 'GREENWAY' and BEYOND - PLANTS and TRAVEL

A glorious evening in June might be expected to find gardeners enjoying the delights of their own gardens - either actively or passively! Instead, the Village Hall hosted an impressive turn-out of members to listen to Roger Clark, former Head Gardener at Greenway for 13 years, entertaining them with his experiences both at Greenway and the many celebrated gardens he had visited all over the world. His stories of management at Greenway before its takeover by the National Trust revealed a great love of the rare and unusual plants collected by Mr and Mrs Hicks and nurtured by his predecessors, so it was easy to understand his bitterness at the less than sensitive approach to the historic landscape of National Trust administrators who removed many of the rarities in favour of indigenous plants. His stunning slides introduced us to plants and trees, many of which we had neither seen nor heard of, but which inspired admiration - and envy! He had used the Jimmy Smart bursary and other grants to travel to gardens like Kirstenbosch in South Africa, botanic collections in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand and to areas all over the world where he could find exotic and unusual specimens. Throughout he provoked laughter at his experiences, usually at his own expense, particularly his encounters with wild life - though the loudest laugh came with a cliffhanging story of the Spitting Snake at his back which turned out to be an automated irrigation system! We were enthralled and fascinated for over an hour by the breadth of his knowledge and the beauty of the plants. The rare Horse Chestnut plants he had propagated and brought along were snapped up by members so future years may well see Kilmington's fame spread as the source of the largest conkers in the country! Another small unusual tree with beautiful foliage - and an unpronounceable and unspellable name has gone to grace future Garden Open days at Waysfield! Another great evening for K.V.P.A. JD

NEXT MEETING: JULY 6th 7.30 pm VILLAGE HALL - PLEASURES AND PERILS OF SHOWING AND JUDGING by JOY EVERINGTON

David Preston, family and Staff would like to welcome you to your Local Restaurant. The Cafe is open early till late every day for freshly cooked meals & Snacks, Teas & a great choice of Real Coffees and our own Home Made Cakes. We are licensed, so you can enjoy a glass with your meal. Our CARVERY with four Freshly Roasted Meats is open every Sunday from 12.00 till 3-ish - booking is advised.. The MOTEL ROOMS have been fully refurbished and are now in use, with excellent feedback from our guests! Please call in - we're just round the corner! TELEPHONE 01297 35293.

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K.V.P.A. Outing

Monday July 16th to Kingston Mauward Dorchester £10.50 for fare and entrance RHS Members free . Please Note Depart 9.00am return 15.00 . Excellent meal facilities are available.

Madeleine

Compassion

Some people in the village have 'adopted' a third world child under the 'Compassion' organisation. I offered to coordinate the efforts of those who felt unable to meet the whole needs of one child. I have had some, but insufficient, response to achieve further support so raise the matter again. If it escaped your memory and you would like to join, ring me on 01297 34200.

Savile



Kilmington Gardens

The open gardens weekend on 2nd and 3rd June was a great success, with rain only arriving in the last ten minutes of Sunday. The total raised was £1006 - a fantastic result due to hard work

by many people. So a huge thank you to all the gardeners

for their weeks of preparation, to all the tea helpers, and the scone and cake bakers, and to the many visitors, some of whom had two teas in one day, perhaps next year we should have three tea stops!

Liz Stonex



Mission Community

The parish of Kilmington is now part of the new Five Alive Mission Community which consists of the present benefice of Dalwood, Kilmington, Shute, Stockland and Yarcombe. The Community now has a logo, thanks to the artistic skills of Bob Farley. This shows the 5 parish churches and the various rivers that feature in our area - Axe, Coly, Corry, Yarty and Umborne Brook.

RBL POPPY TRAIN OUTING

Ron Reynolds and his stoker on the

It was a lovely summer evening on Tuesday 12th June when 21 members of the Royal British Legion (Kilmington Branch) joined nearly 250 from other branches in Devon at Buckfastleigh to catch the special Poppy steam train to Totnes and back. Ron Reynolds, Chairman of the Newton Abbott Branch, drove the train on the very beautiful winding route along the River Dart while all on board tucked into the picnic provided, and drinks from the buffet car. The Iscapella Singers wandered though the train providing great entertainment on the journey. Everyone disembarked at Totnes for a World War 2 singsong on the platform before commencing the return journey with more sustenance from the buffet car! Just 500 yards from Buckfastleigh station, the engine ran out of steam, but some frantic stoking soon enabled the engine to pull us up the hill . It was a great evening, and was obviously enjoyed by all, raising considerable funds for the Poppy Appeal.



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ANNUAL SHOW - 4th August 2007

Volunteer Stewards

The KVPA are looking for volunteers who would like to act as Stewards at the Annual Show. This involves accompanying the judges and carrying out various tasks to assist them on the morning of judging. An informal meeting will be held during the week before the Show to explain what is required.

Would volunteers, both experienced and first-timers, please contact Sydnie Bones on 01297 35525 or

email sydie.bones@btopenworld.com

KVPA Annual Show

Would current holders of KVPA cups and trophies be good enough to clean and return them as follows:

Either to Hurfords Stores or to Roger Lovegrove at 3 Eastleigh Close (off Meadow Bank) tel. 631091.

Please return them no later than Saturday, 21 July 2007. Unfortunately it has not been possible to continue with the collection service as in previous years.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Kilmington Cricket Club

The cricket season is now well under way with both of the Kilmington teams having played six league matches.

The **First XI** have had a difficult start to life in the 'C Division' league, winning two games, losing three games and drawing one which leaves them third from bottom in the league table, which is as follows:

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points			Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1	Cockington	6	5	1	0	99	1	Axminster	6	5	0	1	109
2	Stoke Gabriel	6	4	1	1	95	2	Ottery St Mary	6	5	0	1	103
3	Heathcoat	6	4	1	1	88	3	Kilmington	6	4	1	1	87
4	Clyst Hydon	6	2	2	2	82	4	Woodbury	6	4	2	0	87
5	Ivybridge	6	2	2	2	77	5	Honiton	6	2	2	2	68
6	Feniton	6	1	3	2	59	6	Upottery	6	2	4	0	58
7	Kingsbridge	6	1	3	2	57	7	Thorverton	6	1	3	2	52
8	Kilmington	6	2	3	1	54	8	Uplyme	6	1	3	2	51
9	Babbacombe	6	1	2	3	50	9	Feniton	6	1	4	1	39
10	Dawlish	6	0	5	1	34	10	Cullompton	6	0	6	0	7

Hopefully I will be able to report on better results for the First Xi in the next Post-script.

The **Second XI** have had a tremendous start to the season, winning all of their last four games since my last report in Post-script, with the league table as follows:

Don't panic Captain Mainwaring, don't panic!

We were having a late breakfast one Sunday and as I scanned the report on the Test match, I observed that it looked as if we needed a new toaster. (For the kitchen - not the England cricket team!) A few minutes later my wife shouted that there was smoke in the corridor outside the kitchen. Looking up reluctantly from the paper, I saw the smoke in front of the door furthest away from the kitchen.

Unlike me, my wife had read the book on what to do in case of a fire.

"Close all the doors! Get out of the house - where's the dog? Come on!" Ever sensible, she grabbed the phone and ran into the front garden, calling the fire brigade.

How many wickets had Monty taken? Five? No - fire. Fire? Oh, the fire! Yes. Where is it?

"Don't look for it - get out of house quickly!"

"We've no need to panic," I said. "It can't be big - just let me find it. Don't ring the fire brigade yet."

"Too late - I've already done it. Get out of the house!" she replied.

A quick reconnoitre established that there was no fire where the smoke was. Then I remembered the trouble with the toaster and went back into the kitchen. Sure enough, at the bottom was a piece of burnt toast. Strangely there was no smoke but this was undoubtedly the cause of the panic.

"Dial 999 again," I called out. "Tell them there's no need to panic - the emergency is over."

"We're too late - they're on their way and won't turn back"

"Probably can't do a three-point-turn in a fire engine," I murmured.

In just a few minutes a fire engine was backing into our drive and out jumped half a dozen firemen. The dog greeted them in her usual noisy manner but they were undeterred. The speed with which they had arrived was most impressive and reflects well on our local service.

We explained that we had found the cause of the smoke and were sorry to have troubled them unnecessarily. We explained that we had tried to stop them but they said we had done the right thing and would just check that everything was in order.

Every thing was in order but as they were leaving they asked if we would like a free home safety visit. Anything that is free appealed to me so I accepted.

On the Tuesday following, two volunteers from the fire service arrived at our house - one in her lunch hour and the other on his day off. They conducted the survey, made a few recommendations and declared we were not a high-risk property. (I had indicated that we were getting a new toaster!) However, one recommendation was that we have two smoke detectors fitted - something that they fit on the spot and for free. For free? I agreed and it was all done in a few minutes. The whole process was done most efficiently in less than half-an-hour.

This survey and the fitting of two smoke detectors is a free service provided by the Devon Fire and Rescue Service to any householder that requests it. The service is being advertised by them on area by area basis - Kilmington is to be targeted sometime in the future. However, if you wish for a visit now, call 0800 7311 822 and they will happily come out.

It is something I recommend thoroughly, so to avoid panic - give them a call!

JS

Cricket Fixtures

JULY		1ST XI		2ND XI				
Sun	1	Axminster		2.30	H			
Wed	4	Wye Rustics		2.30	H			
Sat	7	Heathcoat	DL	2.00	H	Honiton II	DL	2.00 A
Sun	8	Hemyock		2.30	H			
Wed	11	Devon over 50's v Dorset over 50's		1.00	H			
Sat	14	Cockington	DL	2.00	A	Axminster III	DL	2.00 H
Sun	15	Weymouth		2.30	H			
Sat	21	Babbacombe	DL	2.00	H	Cullompton II	DL	2.00 A
Sun	22	Les Erbs		2.30	H			
Mon	23	Tiffintits		2.30	H			
Sat	28	Feniton	DL	2.00	H	Feniton II	DL	2.00 A
Sun	29	Seaton		2.30	A			
Tues	31	Southall		2.30	H			
AUGUST								
Wed	1	Four Counties Nondescripts		2.30	H			
Sat	4	Kingsbridge	DL	2.00	A	Woodbury II (at Plymtree)	DL	2.00
Sun	5	Chardstock		2.30	A			
Wed	8	Uganda Kobs		2.30	H			
Thur	9	East Herts Cavaliers		2.30	H			
Sat	11	Clyst Hydon	DL	1.30	H	Thorverton II	DL	1.30 A
Sun	12	Whimble		2.30	A			
Tues	14	Wessex Stags		2.30	H			
Thur	16	Spar Ramblers		2.30	H			
Sat	18	Ivybridge	DL	1.30	H	Ottery St Mary II	DL	1.30 A
Sun	19	Honiton		2.30	H			
Mon	20	Old Habadashers		2.00	H			
Wed	22	Southend		2.00	H			
Sat	25	Dawlish and Teignmouth	DL	1.30	A	Upton II	DL	1.30 H
Sun	26	Tenty Tenty competition		11.00	H			
Thur	30	Boffins		2.00	H			

USEFUL VILLAGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Services and facilities		Medical and support			
Refuse Collection	01395 516551	Axminster Hospital	630400	Dentist Helpline	0845 4647
Water Emergency	0800 1691 144	St Thomas Court Surgery	32126	Veterinary Surgery	630500
Electricity Emergency	0800 365 900	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Chiropody (Sheila Holland)	35362
Axminster Library	32693	Village numbers			
Mobile Library	01404 42818	Hurfords Stores	33203	Badminton - day - evening	33482 32610
Ring and Ride	01404 46520	Miller's Farm Shop	35290	Bridge	33482
Clerk to the Parish Council	33462	Kilmington Primary School	32762	Country Dancing	32741
Police - Crimestoppers Emergency General E.D.Support team	0800 789321 999 0845 277 7444 01395 226156	Pre-school Mrs Sarah Leat	35187	Cricket	33203
E. Devon District Councillor (Ian Chubb)	01297 35468	Village Hall Bookings - (Caroline Lavender)	34922	Scrabble (Sylvia Newbery)	34326
Devon County Councillor Douglas Hull	01297 33522	The Hitchcock Pavilion booking (M O'Flaherty)	35873	Table Tennis	32335
		Neighbourhood Watch (Angela Overton)	The Old Parsonage 32066	Tennis (Sharon Dickins)	443723
		Kilmington's Little Helpers (Sally Huscroft)	32243	KVPA (Sydie Bones - Secretary)	35525
Churches					
Rev'd Nigel Freathy St Giles' Church	33156	John Whiteley Baptist Church	32258 john@jwhiteleyex137st.wanadoo.co.uk	Fr Michael Koppel (Catholic Church)	32135

Week to view (Events that happen the same time every week)

Sunday	10.45am	Baptist Church	Morning Service with Sunday School & Crèche
	6.30pm	Baptist Church	Evening Service
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2-4pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2-4.30pm	Baptist Church	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	10 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	7.30pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Wednesday	10 - noon	Baptist Church	Parents and Tots
	2-4pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Thursday	2-4pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	6-7pm	Baptist Church	Bright Spot for 7-9 yr old

Dates for July-August 2007

Sunday	1st	9.30am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion with Sunday School & Crèche
	1st	10.45am	Baptist Church	357th Church Anniversary Service
	1st	4.00pm	Loughwood Church	Anniversary Event
	1st	6.30pm	Village Hall	Play and Ploughmans Night
Monday	2nd	10.00am	New Inn	Royal British Legion Committee meeting
Tuesday	3rd	early	Your house	Green boxes
Thur-Sat	5-7th	10.30-4pm	Koceda, Wellmead	Yatima Orphanage Fund Raising
Fri- Sun	6-8th	all w/e	The Hill	Skip for garden refuse
Friday	6th	6.30pm	Old Inn	Royal British Legion "Get Together"
Friday	6th	7.30pm	Village Hall	KVPA "Pleasures and Perils of Showing and Judging"
Saturday	7th	7.30am	Baptist Church	Prayer Breakfast
Saturday	7th	2.30pm	Vicarage Garden	St Giles' Church Garden Fete
Sunday	8th	10.00am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	8th	7.30pm	St Giles' Church	Concert for Jim with Exevox Chamber Choir
Monday	9th	7.00pm	Village Hall	KPCC Meeting
Thursday	12th	10.00am	Baptist Church	Create Group for Arts and Crafts
Saturday	14th	2.30pm	Baptist Church	Scrabble Club
Sunday	15th	9.30am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion with Sunday School & Crèche
Tuesday	17th	early	Your house	Green boxes
Tuesday	17th	12.30pm	Baptist Church	Contact lunch
Sunday	22nd	8.00am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	22nd	11.00am	St Giles' Church	Matins
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Shute Church	Five Alive service
	29th	6.30pm	Seaton Baptist Church	Joint event - opening Tent Mission
Tuesday	31st	early	Your house	Green boxes
Tuesday	31st	7.30pm	Cudmore Room	Parish Council meeting
Friday	3rd	6.30pm	New Inn	Royal British Legion "Get Together"
Saturday	4th	1.00pm	Playing field	KVPA Annual Show
Sunday	5th	9.30am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion with Sunday School & Crèche
Sunday	12th	10.00am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Sunday	19th	3pm	Dalwood Fairground	Five Alive Service
Wednesday	22nd	10.30am	Lovegrove's house	Coffee morning for St Giles' funds
Sunday	26th	8.00am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	26th	11.00am	St Giles' Church	Matins

Mobile Library 13th, 27th July- 10th, 24th August

The Crescent 10.40 to 11.00; Outside Newtons in The Street 11.05 to 11.15 Gore Lane 11.20 to 1.30

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