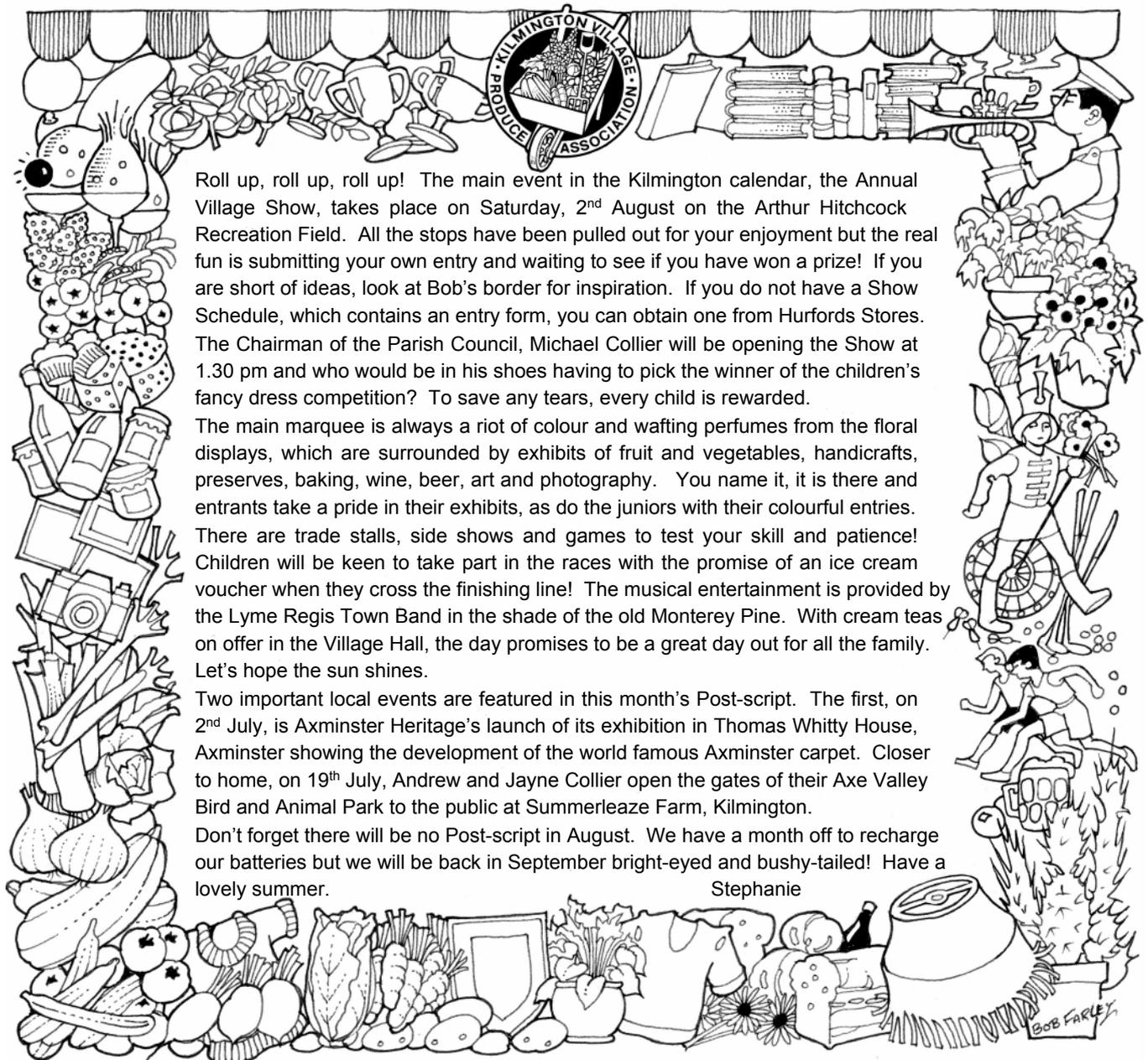


# Kilmington Post-script

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Roll up, roll up, roll up! The main event in the Kilmington calendar, the Annual Village Show, takes place on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August on the Arthur Hitchcock Recreation Field. All the stalls have been pulled out for your enjoyment but the real fun is submitting your own entry and waiting to see if you have won a prize! If you are short of ideas, look at Bob's border for inspiration. If you do not have a Show Schedule, which contains an entry form, you can obtain one from Hurfords Stores. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Collier will be opening the Show at 1.30 pm and who would be in his shoes having to pick the winner of the children's fancy dress competition? To save any tears, every child is rewarded.

The main marquee is always a riot of colour and wafting perfumes from the floral displays, which are surrounded by exhibits of fruit and vegetables, handicrafts, preserves, baking, wine, beer, art and photography. You name it, it is there and entrants take a pride in their exhibits, as do the juniors with their colourful entries. There are trade stalls, side shows and games to test your skill and patience! Children will be keen to take part in the races with the promise of an ice cream voucher when they cross the finishing line! The musical entertainment is provided by the Lyme Regis Town Band in the shade of the old Monterey Pine. With cream teas on offer in the Village Hall, the day promises to be a great day out for all the family. Let's hope the sun shines.

Two important local events are featured in this month's Post-script. The first, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, is Axminster Heritage's launch of its exhibition in Thomas Whitty House, Axminster showing the development of the world famous Axminster carpet. Closer to home, on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Andrew and Jayne Collier open the gates of their Axe Valley Bird and Animal Park to the public at Summerleaze Farm, Kilmington.

Don't forget there will be no Post-script in August. We have a month off to recharge our batteries but we will be back in September bright-eyed and bushy-tailed! Have a lovely summer.

Stephanie

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Level: Moderate

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 6.

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... CDs and DVDs

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*Please telephone Helen on 631063 or Sandra on 32234.*

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### KVPA Annual Show - *TOMBOLA* Stall

We beg your annual generosity once again to make the *TOMBOLA* stall a success for the village. Donations gratefully received at Hurfords Stores from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Many thanks.

Madeleine and Tony Scott-Nash (01297 34595)

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Kilmington Village Hall

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### A church bulletin notice

*The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.*

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### DONATIONS

Your gifts this month amounted to £15.75. Your generosity continues to inspire us.

### CHRISTIAN AID

My thanks to our collectors and our supporters. The splendid result was £716.22, an increase of £100 on last year with a drop overall in the Axminster area due to a problem with finding collectors.

Madeleine Scott-Nash

### KILMINGTON OPEN GARDENS

The two afternoons of open gardens on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> were a great success, the weather being much kinder than forecast. £658 was raised which will be a huge boost towards paying for the new lighting at St Giles' Church. Thank you to all the keen gardeners who worked so hard to open such beautiful and diverse gardens - I'm sure you have all enjoyed relaxing since then with everything in order! Thank you also to the ladies at Breach and their band of helpers who provided delicious teas on both days, and to those who made cakes, and Gill Collier for cream. Thank you also to Hurfords Stores for selling tickets. Next year we hope to be able to include some of the newer residents who are making interesting gardens.

Liz Stonex

**"Left undone those things I (or sometimes someone else) ought to have done."**

What a lot of effort the team puts into proof reading and then in this column last month we apologised for our omissions of the very tolerant BRAIN - we'll leave you to guess who best fits that description! Savile

David Lavender has been a friendly and familiar face in Hurfords Stores for the past 18 years, after returning to help his uncle Dudley Hurford run the shop when David's own parents retired from the business which his grandfather Harry had taken over in 1901.

Dudley retired eight years ago and since then David has run the shop, with help from his mother May, as well as the much-valued Post Office which has been there since 2003.



and not just because it saves the Post Office. He explains: "If we lost the Post Office contract then we wouldn't be able to sustain the shop because it doesn't generate enough money on its own, and this would be a real blow to many villagers, especially those without their own transport who rely on us for their groceries and so on."

While his and his family's support and dedication to Kilmington Cricket Club is legendary, David also takes the responsibilities which come with Hurfords Stores

very seriously too. Apart from national holidays he hasn't had any time off since 1994, when he went on cricket tour to East Sussex, but he says he enjoys his work: "I'm the last one of my family to work here and I am very proud of the shop; 107 years in the same family is some achievement."

Kilmington's previous Post Office - located on The Street - had closed a few years earlier, so when a licence to open another one in the village became available, David jumped at the chance. After a week's intensive training, followed by a week of on-the-job help, he was up and running.

He has certainly seen some changes during his 18 years working there. He says: "When I started here the nearest supermarkets were in Taunton or Exeter, and there was certainly no Tesco in Axminster. It used to be that we knew everyone in the village, but it's not like that anymore. However, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support whilst we have been waiting to hear about the fate of the Post Office. It has been great to know that we are considered such a valuable asset to the village."

It was 18 months ago that the news emerged across the country that a large number of Post Offices were going to be earmarked for closure, and Kilmingtonians waited with baited breath to see whether their own postal lifeline would be among those facing the chop.

At the end of May we all breathed a sigh of relief to hear the news that it had been given a reprieve, although this was tempered by the bad news of the Post Office in Millwey Rise in nearby Axminster being one of 45 Devon Post Offices making the list of those chosen to be shut down.

As for his own future, David says: "I have no plans to call it a day just yet, but I do want to see the world at some stage, and my dream is to watch the Ashes in Australia." The next Ashes series down under is in 2010, so we can rest assured that we will be greeted with the Lavender charm across the Post Office and stores counter until at least then.

However, as David explains: "We are still not out of the woods yet, because now the process has moved into the appeals stage, and if any of those Post Offices on the list win their appeal against closure, another one which thought it was safe could take its place. We will only know for sure at the end of June, when the appeals process is over, what the so-called 'Devon Plan' will actually be."

And to all you readers who are the 'unknown faces' to which David refers, go in and make yourselves known. The government may have left us with our Post Office for now, but if we don't continue to make use of it, and of the Stores, who knows how long that situation will last.

Despite this, villagers are optimistic about the future of their Post Office, and David says he is "delighted for the village" with this preliminary news that Kilmington is not on the list,

SJ

### Kilmington has got Talent! .....Have you?

Kilmington Players are planning a Revue this Autumn and are looking for people interested in taking part. We would like to offer a varied selection of acts including short plays, sketches, music/singing and poetry reading to make up a thoroughly entertaining evening.

If you are interested in getting involved we will be holding our AGM on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm in the Pavilion and this will be followed by a meeting about the revue at 7.30pm. If you can't make the meeting but would like to take part, ring Sue Deas on 01297 35011 or speak to David Lavender in Hurfords Stores.

Louise Quincey, Kilmington Players

### OIL and SOLAR

The oil price is very high - a good few are having oil in July even though now, as I write, we have no quotes but I expect the price to be around 60 p / litre. Perhaps it makes saving even more critical. Our buying Group now includes some from Chard and over 150 in all.

A few are joining me early in July to discuss solar water heating - can I persuade the Minister to extend grants for self-installed systems as well by then? I hope so. If you would like to join the discussion ring me on 01297 34200 today.

Savile



# **Kilmington Annual Show**

**at the Recreation Field & Village Hall**

**Saturday 2nd. August 2008**

**Gates Open 1.00pm.**

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## Mad about birds.....

With the school holidays fast approaching, Judith and I did a recce of Axe Valley Bird and Animal Park at Summerleaze Farm and discovered a wonderful source of interesting entertainment for young and old alike and it is on our doorstep in Kilmington.

It is appropriate that Post-script should publicise the opening of their gates to visitors on 19<sup>th</sup> July and we wish Andrew and Jayne Collier every success with their venture, which is the culmination of eight years of hard work.



Andrew and Jane with the racoon CJ

You will appreciate this as you wander round meeting the “named” animals - the racoon, the wallabies, kune kune pigs, a porcupine and two rheas, which make a “boom” noise like the sound of a ship’s fog horn! Interspersed with the animals are the feathered friends - ornamental geese, black swans and ducks on three ponds, beautiful birds of prey including tawny, eagle and snowy owls, kestrels and kookaburras, rare breed chickens, cranes, egret and many more. Trees and shrubs share the enclosures with the animals and birds and are a testament to Andrew and Jayne’s thought behind this project.

As Jayne was busying herself feeding the birds and animals (this can take up to two hours and she is often helped by their children, Lily and Jake), Andrew told us how his lifelong ambition to own his own bird centre had now spread its wings and diversified into animals too and eventually will have Zoo status. Talking of spreading its wings, the sight of the unusual white peacock is quite spectacular! Andrew’s childhood interest in birds grew from looking after the family’s ducks and chickens when they farmed at Brooklands Farm in the village. He came to breeding birds with the experience of having been a gamekeeper for several years. Andrew began with ornamental pheasants and, having got an incubator, started to increase the variety of birds he was breeding by introducing more exotic species such as finches and parakeets.

Today, the business which started with a loan and a grant from the Prince’s Trust, is providing an income and continues to grow on its own merits. The plan is to have a tearoom and a children’s play area. Already well known amongst local bird enthusiasts, Andrew and Jayne Collier’s Axe Valley Birds and Animals is a gem of a place to visit and we had no idea it existed!

Stephanie

## “PATTERNS OF LIFE”

We met; we married; a long time ago  
We worked long hours; when wages were low  
No TV, no wireless, no bath; times were hard  
Just a cold water tap and a walk down the yard  
No holidays abroad, no posh carpets on the floor  
But we had coal for the fire and didn’t lock the door  
Our children arrived, no pills in those days  
And we brought them up without state aid  
They were safe to go out and play in the park  
And old folk could go for a walk in the dark  
No Vallium, no drugs and no LSD  
We cured most of our ills with a nice cup of tea  
But if you were sick you were treated at once  
Not fill in a form and come back in six months

No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob  
And we were rich on a couple of bob  
People were happy in those far off days  
Kinder and caring in so many ways  
Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing  
A night at the pictures was our mad fling  
We all got our share of trouble and strife  
We just had to face it “The Pattern of Life”  
But now I’m alone and look back through the years  
I don’t think of bad times, the trouble, the tears  
I remember the blessings; our home and our love;  
That we shared them together and thank God above.

submitted by Gladys Hubbard

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### Decadent dessert (Indulge) No-cook Chocolate Tart

Ingredients	2 tbsp icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
200g pack all-butter biscuits	200ml whipping cream
100g butter	3tbsp crème fraîche, to decorate
1tbsp golden syrup or honey	200g raspberries to serve.
100g bar dark chocolate	
100g bar milk chocolate	
1 tsp vanilla extract	

1. Crush the biscuits by putting them in a large, strong, plastic food bag and bashing with a rolling pin. Melt the butter with the syrup or honey in the microwave (or a small saucepan) then stir in the biscuits. Press onto the base and up the sides of a 12 x 36cm rectangular tin (or 25cm round flan tin) and chill while you make the filling.
2. Break up the two chocolate bars and put into a large bowl. Melt in the microwave for 2-3 mins on Medium, stirring halfway through. Stir in the vanilla extract, then sift in the icing sugar. Whip the cream until it just holds its shape, then fold into the melted chocolate. Pour into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Chill for at least 2 hrs or for up to 2 days.
3. Just before serving, remove the tart from the tin and slide onto a flat plate. Decorate the tart with tsps of crème fraîche and top each with a raspberry, dust lightly with icing sugar. Cut into slices and serve with extra raspberries.

Margaret

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## Watch the wall my darling...

Smuggling in the Devon Area, Part 1 - A short history of freetraders.

Thanks to authors such as Rudyard Kipling, Robert Louis Stevenson, Russell Thorndike and even Daphne du Maurier, the image we have today of smugglers is one of romance and daring, the commoner winning out in a war against an authoritarian state. Of course, the truth is vastly different. Smugglers were people who transported goods that were either illegal or regulated through tariffs and duties, not Robin Hood style folk heroes, but vicious criminals who were doing it for personal gain. The rewards were high but so were the risks; being chased by the revenue men and if caught, being sent for the 'morning drop'.

In fact, for three hundred years, the government waged a war against smugglers, wreckers and other lawless individuals, mostly without success. By the time of the war against France (the 'Golden Age' of smuggling and piracy), these 'freetraders' were actually threatening the country's financial stability. Desperate to raise revenue to fund the fighting, taxes were raised and some rather ridiculous ones were even invented (the wig-powder tax, the window tax, etc.), import duties were raised and French goods were banned. With embargoes, opportunities became available to make handsome profits in the underworld of smuggling. It wasn't, as many would think, a local pastime; it was big business, a supply network had developed with routes ranging from the Yorkshire moors, all the way to Cornwall. Each area was controlled by local gangs who traded with each other in a gentleman's club of criminality and with each area specialising in different contrabands. Whereas Yorkshire specialised in goods from Europe such as Brandy and Gin, the Westcountry was ideal for landing more exotic goods such as rum from Jamaica, tobacco from America and surprisingly, the most profitable cargo of all, tea from China.

The success of the gangs was dependant upon the goodwill of the local people. This was generally secured by provisioning the locals with contraband at good rates. A small loss in income was worth far more to gangs who could be sure of 'safe-houses' and alibis when required. Also, in nearly every gang area, a church or chapel was available to store contraband. Mostly the crypts were used but when no crypt was available, more creative means were employed. In one documented Devon case, several tombs were erected to the memory of a completely fictitious local family at a church in Colyton (for more, see part 2). These tombs were used for the safe storage of contraband. The golden age of smuggling was also an age of superstition and while a revenue man might ransack a church, he would never open a grave. The common belief that the ghosts of the deceased would eternally haunt whoever disturbed their bones was probably put about by smugglers in order to protect such caches.

Bovey House at Beer is a Tudor structure which has a wonderful 'Gothic' air (using the word in its supernatural rather than its architectural sense). In the late eighteenth century, the house was empty, the family having removed to Bath, to be 'important at very little expense'. During this time, the house was used for hiding contraband, assured that it would be protected by the many ghosts that frequented the place. Ghosts were always friendly towards smugglers and many of the hideaways used were conveniently haunted by them. It can be argued that the superstitions promoted by the freetraders (many of which were invented by them) gave rise to England's fondness for ghost stories, eventually giving us such literary masterpieces as Dracula and the works of M R James.

The downfall of the smuggling gangs, and the end of the golden age was brought about not by the revenue men, nor the militias, but by the government's more invidious invention: Income Tax!

Initially a temporary measure to fund the War against France, income tax became such a good method of collecting revenue that it was not removed as promised and we have had it and cursed it ever since. More importantly, the more unworkable taxes and duties were removed, which reduced the incentive to purchase from freetraders and slashed their profits. With no income, some gangs resorted to burglary, which lost them the goodwill of the locals, thus turning one-time confederates into informants. King George's Men (George IV by now) suddenly found themselves more successful in catching rogues and by the reign of William IV, the smuggling gangs had disappeared.

So, in the end, the government beat the smugglers, but the romantics of the Victorian era set to work and turned these murderous villains into swashbuckling heroes, irrevocably fixing their image as folk heroes:

*"Five and twenty ponies, trotting through the dark -*

*Brandy for the parson, 'baccy for the clerk;*

*Laces for a lady, letters for a spy,*

*Watch the wall my darling, while the gentlemen go by!"*

Extract from "A Smuggler's Song" by Rudyard Kipling

Part 2 in September - Who was the King of the Smugglers?

Jonathan Farley



## This Month with the Parish Council

### Best Kept Village Competition

Again we have entered this competition but this year we are in the Past Winners section. The judging usually takes place during June and July so I hope all residents will do their best to keep Kilmington looking smart and tidy. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

### Affordable Homes

The Housing Providers have been very busy holding meetings with various parties concerned with this project and are pleased with their progress. They hope to report to the Parish Council early in September so watch this space.

### Parish Plan

We have now completed the Plan and a printer has been appointed to complete this project. If everything goes to plan, every house will receive their copy in July. It is hoped that the full analysis will be available for you to see on the Village Website. A more complex design statement will also be produced in connection with the Parish Plan and will be available at a later date.

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in the Cudmore Room at 7.30 pm. Everybody welcome.

Michael Collier

# Kilmington Primary School

As we are nearing the end of this academic year here is a round up of this term's activities. Years 2 and 6 sat their SATs and we held a successful Maypole and Country Dance Afternoon with the PTFA providing a cream tea. Axe Class produced a poem and rhyme show and Year 6 had the opportunity to go canoeing on the river Axe and to the annual Life Skills put on by the police and other services. Year 4 went to an Athletics Festival at Colyton Grammar School and we have taken part in a rounders tournament at The Axe Valley College.

During July we have several sporting events to look forward to. These include a Tennis Festival for Years 5 and 6, the Area Sports afternoon when we join with the other schools in the Axe Valley and we are hosting an Infant Sports morning on the Village Field. We will be finishing the term with our own Sports Afternoon and Mrs Millman has, once again, instructed Year 5 and 6 children in Cycle Training.

Axe Class will be visiting Escot for the day and we are producing a Talent Show and will be having a Drumming Workshop.

The PTFA have been very active fund raising for the school. Their events have included a jumble sale, an auction of promises and a marquee at the Axe Valley Festival. On a lighter note, there was the annual Walking Quiz around the village one Friday night. In July, to round off the year, there will be the hotly contested rounders match and barbecue.

Malcom Bettison

## Kilmington Creative Kids

A few of us in Coly Class (year 5 + 6) at Kilmington Primary School, share and enjoy our creative writing with each other. We call ourselves 'Kilmington Creative Kids'.

This month we have decided to share three poems with you. The theme is 'Imagination'. The first poem was inspired by a film about an imaginary place, called 'The Bridge To Terrabithia'. The last verse has been adapted from actual words in the film.

The last two poems were written using an adapted technique sometimes used by David Bowie, whilst writing song lyrics. One of us asked our friends 'What is imagination?', as we were having lunch one day. Someone wrote down everything that was said in reply. These replies were then cut up into phrases. Stephanie Colvin then arranged some of the phrases, into two different poems.

### The Imaginary Place

I know an imaginary place  
Where only I and you can go.  
It's quite impossible to find  
Unless you know the way

All you've got to do  
Is close your eyes,  
But keep your mind

**open**

Stephanie Colvin

### It's A Big World

Pink rabbits bouncing around a field,  
Fairies that are dreams,  
Adventure stories where you just  
think fantasies;  
Imaginary pixies.

Imagination,

**It's a big world.**

### Reality

I don't have a clue  
I think imagination, is make believe  
It's like enchanted good dreams  
Not your brain!  
When you think of like, chocolate land  
and.....  
Bunnies that have really big eyes  
staring at you!  
It's,

**reality**

Stephanie Colvin, Celine Davies, Polly Gambier, Alex Kerslake and Alastair Heasman

## KILMINGTON SONGS OF PRAISE



Nearly 90 people, including several members of the Baptist Church, attended the Songs of Praise in the Vicarage garden on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June led by David House, Director of Music at Colyton Grammar School with 11 young musicians/choristers. Among the favourites were, "Be still, for the presence of the Lord", "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", "Amazing Grace", and "Make me a channel of your peace", and the choir with David on the keyboard treated us to some Taize music and other songs while some good Readings were given by the girls. Although the weather looked threatening, it was warm and sunny most of the time, and refreshments were enjoyed afterwards. Michael Marsh thanked David and the school children as well as some of their parents for giving up their Sunday afternoon to provide such a moving and uplifting Service, and the audience showed their appreciation.

Brian Lavender

### St. Giles' Church Gift Day

The Rev'd Anne Mills with Michael and Ann Marsh will be at the Parish Church gate (or under the porch if wet) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm to receive monetary donations in support of the Church. The Church Warden will be writing to all households in Kilmington to thank them for the magnificent efforts last year and to ask for generous support, particularly when we are without a Vicar. Contributions can of course be handed to the Church Wardens or to Michael Marsh at any time.

Brian Lavender

### HOPE 2008

The Rev'd Darrel Holmes and members of the Baptist Church took the initiative to support the UK mainstream churches attempts to take Hope to the Nation through acts of generosity. They decided to purchase an energy saving light bulb to give to every household in Kilmington, and members of St Giles' Church were invited to help put messages of greeting on them and deliver them on the afternoon of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. While they were being delivered others prayed for all homes and families in the Village. Further plans are being made to support the Hope initiative.

Brian Lavender

### Four Worms and a Lesson

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister

reported the following results:

**The first worm in alcohol - Dead.**

**The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead**

**Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead**

**Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.**

So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration?

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said

**'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!'**

That pretty much ended the service !!

### Axminster Heritage Ltd

The work taking place in Axminster's historic Thomas Whitty House is almost complete as Axminster Heritage Ltd counts down the days until the launch of its exhibition devoted to the development of the world famous Axminster carpet.

Opening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the exhibition tells the story of how the market town of Axminster became the home of this now multi-million pound industry. As well as describing how carpets were manufactured, it also highlights where many of the original carpets made by Thomas Whitty are still in use today in the UK and abroad. In addition to a genuine Axminster carpet woven more than 200 years ago, the exhibition also includes a 2005 replica carpet commemorating the first 'Axminster' of 250 years ago, an original loom and other period artefacts. Another highlight is a short film, shot recently in and around Axminster by film maker and director Henry Davies, telling the story of Whitty's life and work.

The exhibition will be open during the summer season from 2<sup>nd</sup> July until 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008, from 12 noon until 4.00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 10.00am until 12 noon on Saturdays.

If you would like to offer your help as a steward with this project contact the Secretary, Rachel Pike, on 01297 639808.



Filming outside Whitty's old house in Silver Street, which is now the offices of Bevis & Beckingsale



## Letter from the Churches

### Words, words, words ----- !

In matters of belief and unbelief, so much depends on the meaning of the words we use or think, to say nothing about what we understand by the words that others use. For example, to me, the existence of God is not a problem, because without what I mean when I use the word “**God**”, nothing in the whole universe could exist or have any meaning; which must mean that I am a “**believer**”. On the other hand there is much in religious teaching that I have doubts about or just don’t know; in these cases I am an “**agnostic**” – and to those people whose way of talking about God I think is mistaken, I may well be thought of as an “**atheist**”.

Again, we are told more than once in the Book of Proverbs that the “**fear**” of God is the beginning of wisdom”; but can this mean anything more than just being afraid? Certainly, for, it appears, fear in this sense is closely allied to “**reverence**”- to awe-struck appreciation of what is implied by belief in God; which means that we, in our generation, as we understand more and more about the complexity and enormity of all that is in time and space, have, more than

ever, cause to be thus humbled by even the little that our human minds can take in.

For wonders there are in abundance – but what about “**miracles**”? The root meaning of this word is “**wonderful things**”, and, to my mind, there are more than enough truly wonderful things that occur without having to suppose that any of them happen contrary to what is possible in God’s universe; and one of them is, surely, what may, in a single phrase, be called the “**Jesus Phenomenon**”.

What is more, this particular miracle is still with us today. Over and above, and in spite of, the kaleidoscope of different shades of what is upheld as Christian teaching or Church practice, the Jesus dimension is still with us. As the popular hymn puts it in the words of the risen Christ:

*They buried my body and they thought I’d gone;  
but I am the dance and I still go on - - - -  
they cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that’ll never, never die;  
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.*

David Wilsdon

### Archdeacon’s “Court”

This year the Ven. Penny Driver, Archdeacon responsible for our Deanery, came to Kilmington on 21<sup>st</sup> May for her ‘yearly Visitation’. Strictly speaking, the Archdeacon holds her “Court”. There is an act of worship, during which the Archdeacon presents her “Charge” in the form of an address to the congregation. Churchwardens are formally admitted to their office, as are Rural Deans and, where applicable, the appointment of a Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod will be acknowledged. It was a formal occasion with a full church - Wardens from so many parishes and many others present - but it turned out to be a lively event with her preaching and engendering a degree of enthusiasm for our year ahead.

Savile

### Resignation of Church Warden

Bob Farley, one of St Giles’ Church Wardens for the last two years, resigned in late May for personal reasons. Bob has done an excellent job leading the new porch/toilets project and other fabric enhancements in addition to the numerous and demanding Church Warden duties. Members of the KPCC and all Kilmington residents send their thanks to Bob and their best wishes to him and his wife Jan. The procedures for the election of a new Church Warden are in progress.

Brian Lavender

### Thanks from the Dendles

Gordon and Brenda would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness, help and cards when Gordon was in hospital. He was not allowed to drive when he came home and Brenda was very grateful to so many who helped with transport. Many thanks to them all.

Brain Lavender

### Death of Lt Col John Speller (Ret’d)

Kilmington’s John Speller sadly died on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at the age of 84 having had a remarkable career. Born in Calcutta where his father was in the Civil Service, he was educated at Norwood and Exeter Schools. Commissioned into the Dorset Regiment, he was quickly posted to the Parachute Regiment in 1943 and was one of the Pathfinders dropped at Arnhem. At the end of the war he served with both the Devon and Dorset Regiments and when they amalgamated, before joining the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment. He served in Korea, Hong Kong, Germany, Malta and Borneo, before retiring in 1970. His distinguished service resulted in the award of 10 General and Service Medals and Decorations. During the next 23 years he worked in the Health Service. He had many interests e.g. sailing with the Royal Dart Yacht Club, Friends of Exeter Cathedral, the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Parish Clerk at St Mary at Hill Church in London. He had the distinction of being made a Freeman of the City of London in 1985 in view of his valuable work. He was also created a Commander in the Order of St John of Jerusalem and was a dedicated Freemason. John was a proud Devonian and served on many Committees in Exeter including the Royal British Legion. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held in Exeter Cathedral on 20<sup>th</sup> May attended by his widow Joan, other family members and many friends.

## DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Why don't all varieties of the same plant behave in similar ways? The hostas in my beds are many and varied, with leaves ranging from large blue-green through medium-sized bright green to those edged with gold, and all are planted in full or half-shade. In one flower-bed, however, *Hosta crispula* has burnt margins to the leaves and looks anything but happy. If this is as a result of late spring frost, which the RHS dictionary suggests, then why are not other adjacent hostas showing the same symptoms? When plants look unhappy, my solution is usually to move them to a different part of the garden and I shall be looking for a more sheltered spot for these in the autumn.

There is hardly a month when clematis does not provide interest but summer is when they are at their best. On the pergola, the large white flowers of 'Marie Boisselot' appear in succession from May onwards, and the rich velvety-red 'Niobe' twines through the yellow rose 'Easlea's Golden Rambler', but will continue flowering long after the rose has finished. A clematis that will put up with exposed conditions is 'Polish

Spirit'; mine is planted on the field boundary where it tolerates strong winds from the south and west and yet remains generous in its flowering.

Throughout June I have been watching one plant with intense interest. The giant Himalayan lily, *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, which flowers once in seven years, has this summer finally produced a flower spike which should open in July into a spectacular cascade of up to a dozen huge white bells on top of its two metre (6-7ft) stem. After flowering the main bulb will die, but there are already young offshoots around the parent stem, ready to take over. Alas, they too will take seven years to flower.

**Plant of the month:** *Eremurus*, the foxtail lily; a hardy bulb producing majestic (1-2m/4-6ft) spikes of various colours – cream, yellow, bronze, pink – excellent for the back of the border. They do have large, fleshy roots which require space. Plant in a well-drained, sunny position.

*Acantha*

### KVPA Trip to Dartmoor and Lukesland, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008

The weather forecast was grim but 36 of us set off with little mention of it. Mortonhamstead presented a traffic problem before entering it but once on the moor the light was different and we were able to see some of the views. The rain abated to a degree at Princetown and, preceded by coffee, some people went to the Prison Museum others stayed in the Visitor Centre and both were enjoyed.

We arrived at Endesleigh at the height of the lunch hour so the service was delayed. After people had done a little shopping the rain increased as we made our way to Lukesland, Ivy Bridge. The majority of us put up our umbrellas to explore, after the owner had provided us with maps and given us a brief history of the garden. Mrs Howell has some wonderful trees and she and her family keep the garden in very good order with the minimum of help.

The original walled garden where vegetables were grown for the house is now given over to allotments which were doing well. Opposite is the summer garden where much care had been lavished during the winter. We had pitched the timing of our visit to perfection although the huge *Magnolia campbellii*,

referred to as a Champion Tree, was not in flower. The *Davidia involucrate* (handkerchief tree) was superb. Mrs Howell kindly took some of those who had missed it to have a closer look and explained the botanical nature of the bracts. She also explained that a pinetum was not an area planted up with pines but it has other interesting trees and at Lukesland those such as the snowdrop tree and cutleaf beech and two junipers were of particular note. The walks either side of the Addicombe Brook, which has been harnessed and laid out with bridges, where there was a mass of campion, bluebells, iris and primulas amongst the azaleas and many other shrubs, even in the heavy rain failed to dampen our pleasure. The lower and upper pools made an additional attraction.

We all enjoyed the homemade cakes in the billiard room heated by a roaring log fire and by the time we departed the sun was making a feeble appearance. We had a good run home and apparently the trip was enjoyed by a high percentage of the 'bus supporters'.

Madeleine

### K.V.P.A. MEETING - TALK on CARNIVOROUS PLANTS by DENNIS BALSDON

In the first weeks of June a curious poster appeared on village notice boards showing an exotic flower with a pair of trousered legs protruding from its centre, the body presumably imprisoned out of sight! It was, of course advertising the lecture by Dennis Balsdon, a self-confessed enthusiast, if not an obsessional, of carnivorous plants!

For over an hour he kept a large audience enthralled with a demonstration using slides, live plants and a non-stop wealth of information about these fascinating plants. To those who, like me, had only the sketchiest of acquaintance with the Venus Flytrap, it was a revelation, not only of their beauty, but the efficiency and ingenuity of the mechanisms by which they trap their victims, source of their food. As the plants were handed round the hall, some complete with a victim, either in their pitcher or held fast to sticky hairs, we had an opportunity to touch and observe their structures, diversity and curious beauty of form and colour, while we listened to the different methods used to entice and then digest their prey.

Although he modestly described himself as an amateur, the range of the knowledge of his subject, both historical and horticultural, was extremely professional. He began with

illustrations of common myths about a tree, reported by missionaries to entrap a man in its branches, then moved on to the more reputable writings of Darwin and Dobbs. The Victorian planthunters brought back many specimens from all over the world, to satisfy the taste for the exotic which had become a passion with gardeners and owners, first of the great estates, then of the increasing properties of the wealthy industrialists.

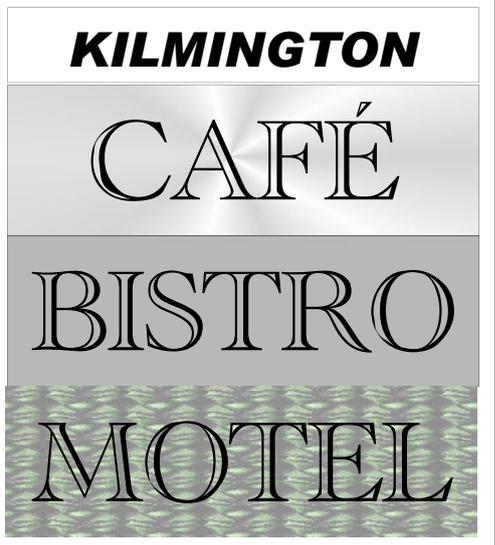
He was generous with tips on cultivation - surprisingly many of the plants will grow outside here - the Butterwort can be found on Dartmoor. Propagation by division is a quicker and more reliable method than seed - though, seeing some of the attractive flowers and their seed pods, it would be tempting to sow seed and see what offspring might emerge.

Throughout, images, some speeded up, some slowed down, others moving, were revealing the immense range of colour, size and form of these truly amazing plants. Pots of pitcher plants particularly, were carried off at the end so Dennis may well have inspired a fresh band of enthusiasts in Kilmington!

Jay Dawe

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Memorial Hall and coach pick up points are arranged in Axminster, Colyton, Colyford, and Seaton for outings and trips. Non-members are welcome to the meetings and talks for a small additional entrance charge of 50p over the standard £1 for members.

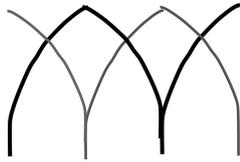
The Centre publishes a quarterly Newsletter which includes details of forthcoming events. The cost of membership is £5 annually which includes the Newsletter and a copy of the National Trust Regional magazine, Oak Leaves. If you would like to join, please contact the Membership Secretary, Mrs Janet Creasey on 01297 35880.

### RING & RIDE PASSENGER CLUB - TRIPS FOR JULY-AUGUST 2008 - ZONE 2 + 4

Please pay for your trip on the day directly to the driver.

**Saturday trips:** First pick up 9.30 a.m. Return: 4.00 p.m. **Thursday trips:** First pick up: 1.30 p.m. Return: 5.00 pm.

JULY 2008		AUGUST 2008	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shopping in Exeter £5	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Forde Abbey £5 (+£6.70 entrance)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hestercombe Gardens	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Minehead £9
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Otter Nurseries Garden Centre £5	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monkton Elm Garden Centre, Taunton £5
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spend a day in Taunton £8	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lyme Regis £5
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery trip ending up in a town for tea £5	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Shop in Bridport £5
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## KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB - JULY and AUGUST

		1st XI FIXTURES				2nd XI FIXTURES			
<b>JULY</b>									
Wed	2	Wye Rustics		2.30	H				
Sat	5	<b>Babbacombe</b>	DL	2.00	A	<b>Kentisbeare II</b>	DL	2.00	H
Sun	6	Hemyock		2.30	H				
Sat	12	<b>Ivybridge</b>	DL	2.00	H	<b>Woodbury II</b>	DL	2.00	A
Sun	13	Weymouth		2.30	H				
Sat	19	<b>Tiverton &amp; Bickleigh</b>	DL	2.00	A	<b>Exmouth III</b>	DL	2.00	H
Sun	20	Les Erbs		2.30	H				
Mon	21	Tiffintits		2.30	H				
Sat	26	<b>Stoke Gabriel</b>	DL	2.00	H	<b>Uplyme &amp; Lyme Regis II</b>	DL	2.00	A
Sun	27	Seaton		2.30	A				
Tues	29	Southall		2.30	H				
Wedns	30	Four Counties Nondescripts		2.30	H				
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat	2	<b>Feniton</b>	DL	2.00	A	<b>Feniton II (to be played at Plymtree)</b>	DL	2.00	
Sun	3	Yarcombe & Stockland		2.30	A				
Wed	6	Uganda Kobs		2.30	H				
Sat	9	<b>Chagford</b>	DL	2.00	A	<b>Honiton II</b>	DL	2.00	H
Sun	10	Whimble		2.30	A				
Tues	12	Wessex Stags		2.30	H				
Thur	14	Spar Ramblers		2.30	H				
Sat	16	<b>Clyst Hydon</b>	DL	1.30	H	<b>Upottery II</b>	DL	1.30	A
Sun	17	Honiton		2.30	A				
Mon	18	Old Haberdashers		2.00	H				
Wed	20	Southend		2.00	H				
Sat	23	<b>Seaton</b>	DL	1.30	A	<b>Countess Wear II</b>	DL	1.30	H
Sun	24	Tenty-Tenty competition		11.00	H				
Thurs	28	Boffins		2.00	H				
Sat	30	<b>Kingsbridge</b>	DL	1.30	H	<b>Thorverton II</b>	DL	1.30	A
Sun	31	Chardstock		2.00	H				

## KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB RESULTS

	1st XI								2nd XI						
	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Aban	Points	Played		Won	Lost	Draw	Aban	Points		
1	Clyst Hydon	6	3	2	1		79	1	Thorverton	6	4		1	1	92
2	Kingsbridge	6	2		2	2	75	2=	Kilmington	6	3	1	1	1	87
3	Kilmington	6	3	2		1	74	2=	Countess Wear	6	3	1	1	1	87
4	Seaton	6	3	2		1	71	4	Kentisbeare	6	3	3	0	0	77
5	Stoke Gabriel	6	2	2	1	1	68	5	Uplyme/Lyme Regis	6	2	2	1	1	66
6	Tiverton	6	2	3		1	64	6	Feniton	6	2	1	2	1	61
7	Feniton	6	1	3		2	58	7	Woodbury	6	1	2	1	2	46
8=	Babbacombe	6	2	1		3	56	8	Honiton	6	2	4			41
8=	Ivybridge	6	1	1	1	3	56	9	Upottery	6	1	4	1		39
10	Chagford	6	0	5	1		30	10	Exmouth III	6	1	4		1	32

### Report for the season

The 2008 cricket season is well under way with one third of League games already played. The 1st XI, after their struggles of last season, have produced much improved performances this season with them in third place in the League, just 5 points below the

leaders. The 2nd XI continue their good season lying joint second in their League. I hope to report on further successes in September's Post-script.

David Lavender

## POPPY STEAM TRAIN

22 members of the Royal British Legion (Kilminster Branch) with a couple of guests from the Colyton Branch joined the Special Poppy Steam train at Buckfastleigh on 10 June for a lovely evening journey along the river Dart to Totnes. Fish and chips or a picnic were enjoyed on the way with entertainment provided by a melody quartet. A rousing sing song of World War 2 songs took place on the historic platform before the return journey to Buckfastleigh. Nearly £2,000 was raised for the Poppy Appeal as a result of the support by many Branches throughout Devon.

Brian Lavender Branch Chairman

### Going for a Song

Current assorted Aircraft magazines - telephone 01297 32066. With most magazines getting more expensive, these might be enjoyable.

### JAM MAKING?

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11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> July & 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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Electricity Emergency	0800 365 900	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Chiropody (Sheila Holland)	35362
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<b>Police -</b> Crimestoppers Emergency General E.D.Support team	0800 789321 999 0845 277 7444 01395 226156	Pre-school (Mrs Caroline Lambert)	34513	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	Nursery loan equipment (Helen Shaw)	631063	Table Tennis	32335
		The Hitchcock Pavilion booking (M O'Flaherty)	35873	Tennis (Sharon Dickins)	443723
		Neighbourhood Watch (Angela Overton)	The Old Parsonage	www.kilminstervillage.com (Alison Vickers)	631275
		Kilminster's Little Helpers (Sally Huscroft)	32243	KVPA (Sydie Bones - Secretary)	35525
<b>CHURCHES</b>					
Churchwarden St Giles' Church	32741	Rev'd Darrell Holmes Baptist Church	34815	Fr Michael Koppel Catholic Church	32135

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

Sunday	10.45 am	Baptist Church	Morning Service with Sunday School & Crèche
	6.30 pm	Baptist Church	Evening Service
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	Baptist Church	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Wednesday	10.00 - noon	Baptist Church	Parents and Tots
	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

**DATES FOR JULY 2008**

Wednesday	2nd	All day	Thomas Whitty House	Axminster Heritage Ltd Opening of Exhibition (see page 9)
Friday	4th	6.00 pm	Old Inn	Royal British Legion Get-together
	4-6th	All w/end	The Hill	Skip for garden refuse
Sunday	6th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion + Sunday School & Crèche
	6th	6.30 pm	Village Hall	Harlequin Carnival Club: A Family play & Ploughman's Night
Monday	7th	early	Your house	Green boxes
Thursday	10th	10-12.00 pm	Baptist Church	Create Club (2nd Thursday of every month)
	10th	1.00 pm	From Village Hall	KVPA visit to Mapperton, Beaminster (½ day)
	10th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	WI: talk by Miss Minson, Ferne Animal Sanctuary
Friday	11th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KVPA talk: British & European Wild Orchids by Simon Andrew
Saturday	12th	2.30 pm	Baptist Church	Scrabble (2nd Saturday of every month)
Sunday	13th	10.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Monday	14th	7.00 pm	Cudmore Room	KPCC Meeting
	14th	7.00 pm	Pavilion	AGM Kilmington Players
Tuesday	15th	12.15 pm	Baptist Church	Contact lunch (12.15 for 12.30)
Friday	18th	2.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Council Meeting
Saturday	19th	All day	Summerleaze Farm	Opening of Axe Valley Bird and Animal Centre
	19th	2.30 pm	Vicarage Garden	St Giles' Church Fete
Sunday	20th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion + Sunday School & Crèche
Monday	21st	early	Your house	Green boxes
Friday	25th	6.00 pm	New Inn	Royal British Legion BBQ
Sunday	27th	8.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	27th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Matins + Sunday School & Crèche
Tuesday	29th	7.30 pm	Cudmore Room	Parish Council Meeting

**DATES FOR AUGUST 2008**

Friday-Sunday	1-3rd	All w/end	Allotments	Skip for garden refuse
Saturday	2nd	1.30 pm	Recreation Field	KVPA Annual Show
Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion + Sunday School & Crèche
Monday	4th	early	Your house	Green boxes
Friday	8th	6.00 pm	New Inn	Royal British Legion "Get-together"
Saturday	9th	2.30 pm	Baptist Church	Scrabble (2nd Saturday of every month)
Sunday	10th	2.15 pm	Pump Farm	Procession to Whitford Chapel
	10th	3.00 pm	Whitford Chapel	Mission Community Family Service for St Mary's Chapel Centenary
Sunday	17th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion + Sunday School & Crèche
Monday	18th	early	Your house	Green boxes
Tuesday	19th	12.15 pm	Baptist Church	Contact lunch (12.15 for 12.30)
Sunday	24th	8.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	24th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship + Sunday School & Crèche
Saturday	30th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Gift Day until 4.00 pm
Sunday	31st	11.00 am	Shute Church	Mission Community Service

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