



## SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Moderate

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

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## Baptist Church Planning Application

As reported on the Kilmington Village Website on 15<sup>th</sup> June, East Devon District Council has refused the above planning application for the construction of a church on land south of the A35 Gammons Hill, Kilmington.

## KVPA Show Cups 2011

I would be grateful if the 2010 winners could return their cups to me at the Old Smithy no later than Thursday 21st July. It would be appreciated if they were highly polished. Thank you. Madeleine tel 01297 34595

## Christian Aid 2011

Very many thanks to all those involved with Christian Aid Week this year, and donors. The amount raised in Kilmington was £465.70.

Sylvia Newbery

## SOS – any issue of *Picture Post* for “Dad’s Army” sketch on 2<sup>nd</sup> July

A plea at the eleventh hour for the loan of any one issue of *Picture Post* magazine, which was a Hulton Press publication in circulation in the 1940s - 1960s approximately and is required for the above sketch on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011, just for one scene. It would be returned in the same condition shortly after the performance. Please contact Nigel Burton on 01297 35303. Many thanks.

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## Donations

This month we report donations of £41.80. We are delighted with this and thank you. We try each month to improve on the last so what do you think this time?

## Help For Heroes

Jennie and Rodney Giles would like to thank all those who donated to Help For Heroes at their event on 11<sup>th</sup> June. The sum raised is in excess of £1,000.

## Thanks

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed our daughter Evelyn Anne into the world. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind wishes, cards and presents. You have made the occasion even more special for us.  
Gemma and Rob Hill

## Kilmington Players

The Kilmington Players AGM will be held on Monday 1st August at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. Come along and hear about our plans for next year's pantomime. Everyone welcome.  
Many Thanks

Louise Quincey

The closing date for submitting items for the September issue is 15<sup>th</sup> August. Please send by email to Savile@Savileburdett.plus.com. All will be acknowledged. (Ring 01297 34200 if not acknowledged after 24 hours). Alternatively, please give copy, PREFERABLY EARLIER, to any of the team or leave at Hurfords Stores.

# Stunning Displays in Kilmington

Good weather helped to attract crowds to the St Giles' Church Flower Festival and Photographic Exhibition with quilting and patchwork displays in the Village Hall over the weekend 3-5 June. Many visitors described the 27 floral arrangements depicting selected ancient and modern hymns as quite outstanding. The event organisers, Coral Dunmow and Caroline Lavender, admitted that it was the best ever, complimenting and thanking the arrangers from Kilmington, Dalwood, Stockland, Yarcombe and a few guest ones. Even before reaching the church porch, the entrance gate with its horseshoe sign, the willow donkey and figure with garments strewn representing "Ride On Ride On In Majesty" and the three decorated crosses depicting "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" gave an impressive indication of the standard of those inside which included colourful collages of "All Things Bright And Beautiful" produced by the children of Kilmington Primary School. Ann Marsh and Churchwarden Bill Kerslake as well as all the stewards gave everyone a warm welcome.

The well known photographer Richard Austin from Lyme Regis who opened the Photographic Exhibition on the Thursday Preview Night praised the very high standard of photographs exhibited by local residents and the quality of the quilts and patchwork. The organisers, Helen and Julian Shaw, Diana Church, Pauline Horwood and Joan Lovegrove were all commended for their expertise and hard work in arranging the exhibits and preparing the Hall so well. Mary Seward, Barbara Woodsford and their team of helpers were also thanked for providing refreshments throughout the weekend.

A Jazz Picnic in the Vicarage Garden was enjoyed by about 50 on the Friday Night with Kilmington's Cathy Clarkson singing with the "Swing of the Axe" music group led by Mike Tyler. The Lyme Bay Chorale directed by Alex Davies participated in a well balanced concert in the Church on the Saturday evening, organised by Margaret Hurford, which included performances by local artistes Rachel Burrough, Gemma Wakeley, Cathy Clarkson and Leah Stonex. Sixteen year old Lauren Kerslake gave an excellent rendering of "Scaredy Cat" on the clarinet while her younger brother Alex gave an impeccable performance of "All My Loving" on the trumpet, each receiving prolonged applause from the audience. Entertaining readings were given by the Rev'd Anne Mills and Elisabeth Miller.

The Sunday evening Flower Festival Service, conducted by the Rev'd Alastair McCollum, included several of the hymns chosen from the floral representations and was very well attended by members of all the Parishes in the Five Alive Mission Community, providing a fitting conclusion to a wonderful and memorable weekend in the Village. £3,464 was raised for St Giles' Church as a result of the weekend activities and £651 for the Village Hall maintenance fund. Thanks are due to the many people who worked so hard to ensure such a memorable and successful weekend. Joan Lovegrove raised £320 for the Church as a result of the raffle of her magnificent quilt and £320 for the Village Hall from the sale of the other goods which she displayed.

**See pages 10 and 11 for colour photographs of the events.**

Brian Lavender.

## Flower Arrangers

Coral Dunmow and Caroline Lavender would like to record a huge vote of thanks to all the flower arrangers who produced the 27 innovative and beautiful displays in St Giles' Church over the weekend 3 – 5 June. The standard achieved was quite outstanding and many complimentary remarks have been received.

John Mellows has produced a particularly good DVD of the flower arrangements set to music and anyone wishing to borrow it, or buy a copy of it, should contact Coral or Caroline. An album is being produced recording events over the Flower Festival/Exhibition weekend for permanent display in the Parish Church and those willing to donate high quality photos (6x4 or 8x6 ins) are requested to forward them to Brian Lavender or leave them for collection in Hurfords Stores.

Brian Lavender

## Kilmington Tennis Club

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**Hurfords Stores on 01297 33203**

## Photographic and Quilting/patchwork Exhibition

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who helped organise and run the Exhibition during the first weekend in June.

The village supported us magnificently, and we raised a significant amount of money for the Village Hall.

We were particularly pleased that there were so many exhibits, and of such a high standard.

It was fun!

Helen Shaw

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**OIL and pv energy**  
The 'summer oil' has just been delivered. Next group buy at the **end of October**. I have lost the fight with DECC to allow me to install my own pv electrical solar collectors. But in selecting a system I have discovered a feature which is worth noting if you plan an installation on a new roof.  
Savile

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# Kilmington Pre-School Annual Duck race



On the sunny morning of Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, what must be Kilmington's biggest sporting event of the year, with 460 competitors, took place: the annual Kilmington Pre-School Duck Race!

The 460 plastic ducks, each sold for £1, were released into the brook at Jubilee Green and 'raced' to the winning line though the bridge and past the village shop.

Unfortunately, all of our recent good weather and the lack of rain threatened the progress of some of the participants due to the low water levels. However, Sam and Mac McDonald came to the rescue and kept the ducks moving, which even included crawling under the low bridges in the stream!

Some of the school children, the pre-school children and the toddler group came to watch and cheer on

their sponsored competitors. This is the main fund-raising event for the pre-school and following the duck race a raffle and refreshments were served in the village hall.

In all the day raised £430 for updating and maintaining pre-school equipment and funds towards the cost of a summer trip for the children. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the duck race and any of our other fund-raising events.

Laura Trott

## Crime Figures from 08/04/11 to 08/06/11

### St Giles' Church Fête

The St Giles' Church annual fête will be held in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July with activities in the Vicarage Garden if the weather is favourable. There will be a variety of stalls including plant, produce, cake, book, nearly new gifts as well as a tombola and a Draw for which contributions would be most welcome. There will be side shows to entertain the children, cream teas and other refreshments available. Please support the occasion by bringing family and friends as all profit will go to your Parish Church.

Brian Lavender

1 x Drink Driver

1 x Attempted Burglary to Business Premises

1 x Make Off without Payment

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## Free talks

Free talks to complement the **WINEFRED** community play. Friday 29th July, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Seaton Town Hall. Martin Graebe, Chairman of the Baring-Gould Appreciation Society will give an illustrated talk on the author's life and music. Donald Campbell will talk on the Great Landslip of 1839. All welcome.

## Going for a Song

**Wooden cot**, painted white, with mattress. Used for one child only. Contact 01297 32066  
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## Kilmington Songs of Praise

The Exeter Temple Band of the Salvation Army will be coming to Kilmington on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July to lead a Songs of Praise in the Vicarage Garden at 3.00 pm. A number of residents have responded to the request to choose a hymn or song and will say a few words about their choice. You can be sure of an uplifting event with this wonderful band, so please encourage family and friends to join you. In the event of inclement weather, the Songs of Praise will be held in the Village Hall.  
Brian Lavender

## Kilmington Village Show News

On behalf of the KVPA, may we remind all villagers that the above event is just a few weeks away on **30<sup>th</sup> July**. Many of you will be tending your gardens and allotments, encouraging winning vegetables or flowers, or selecting your best photographs to display. Whilst the marquee accommodates the produce, to make the afternoon a family occasion, I would like to remind you of other activities taking place.

At 1.40 pm there will be a themed Fancy Dress (hat competition) for both children and adults alike. The date coincides with another Royal wedding, that of Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall. The chosen theme, therefore, is to wear a hand-designed wedding day hat.

Following that at 2.00 pm there is the first of two categories for dog owners entitled 'The dog most like its owner'. The second is 'The best six-legged combination (four legs of pet,

plus the two legs of the owner). If you think you and your pet have the potential to receive either of these accolades, please bring them along.

Children's Races will be at 2.30 pm so, children, please bring your running shoes.

As well as the above events, other activities and sideshows will be taking place. We will be organising a 'Paperback Parade' together with a tombola entitled, 'Booze Barrow'. For both of these to be a success, we require donations of good quality paperback books, DVDs and bottles (full ones) please.

Please take any of the above donations to the KVPA talk on Friday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. I should also be grateful to receive more offers of help if you are able.

Gillian Gibbs (Show Secretary) 01297 33121

# Kilmington Open Gardens



## All of the players

The afternoons of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June saw garden lovers from far and wide, as well as many locals visiting no less than twelve village gardens and the allotments. Numbers were up on last year in spite of the weather forecast which could have been better especially for the Saturday, but we got away with only a couple of heavy showers and a dry Sunday afternoon.

This year four new gardens were open: Westbrook (Peter and Christine), Springhead (John and Diana), The Acorn (Mike and Mary) and Doulting (Dickie) – thank you for taking the plunge! Thanks also to the other gardens open: Old Ruggs (Simon and Yvonne), The Old Smithy (Tony and Madeleine), Alderley (Ron and Pat), Waysfield (Sydie), Oakwood (John and Margaret), Breach (BJ and Judith), Lambley Brook (David and Stephanie) and Spinney Two (Paul and Celia). The tidy allotments were manned by John and Madeleine.

A magnificent £791 was raised from ticket and plant sales, an increase of almost £300 on last year to be distributed to St Giles' Church and other local causes.

Cream Teas were provided by a team of helpers from the Church at The Acorn with live music entertainment on Saturday, resulting in a further £276 for St Giles.

Well done to all concerned and thanks to everyone who pulled on their wellies and coats to support this fund-raising event.

Paul Dunsford

# NATURE NOTES

## "Always someone resting there - a lone rock in the summer field"

The harvest months are with us and as the hedgerows ripen, the nuts and berries colour up and provide a new source of food for the animals and birds. But the unusually dry spring has stunted the growth of many of our plants and is a cause for concern.

However once again our lawn, full of white clover, is busy with bumble bees and other insects and, as we move into the summer months, their buzz seems more noticeable. Perhaps the lack of birdsong heightens their background hum. The birds that do become more noticeable are the house martins and swallows but not for their song, they seem suddenly to take to the skies swooping around to catch their dinner.

An equally aerobic sight long into August are dragonflies and damselflies. They look very similar but are in fact two distinct subspecies. Dragonflies are usually larger and stronger with wings which are held away from their bodies. The smaller more delicate damselflies have wings that fold back parallel to their long bodies. Both have huge eyes and two pairs of wings which can propel them at suprisingly high speeds to make them one of our fastest flying insects. Once on the ground, however, most cannot walk, whilst those that can, struggle only short distances.

Their eggs are usually laid under water and hatch into 'nymphs' or larvae. As they grow larger they progressively moult their skins until they emerge from our ponds, lakes and streams as winged adults. This process can take several weeks. However some of the larger dragonfly larvae take six or seven years to mature! Flying adults live only a few

weeks but throughout their entire lifetime they are carnivorous and provide a valuable service eating mosquitoes and other small insects.

Their varied and sometimes beautiful colours have given nature lovers an alternative to bird watching. In Texas the hobby is known as Oding, from the dragonfly's Latin species name *Odanata*; to date they have logged over 225 species. There is also an active British Dragonfly Society.

In many countries dragonflies are considered sinister. But dragonflies don't bite or sting although it looks that way as they arch and curl their abdomen when caught. It was probably this behaviour that gave them the old name 'Horse stinger'. Another is 'Devil's Darning Needle' which must come from an old English myth which tells if you sleep by a stream on a summer's day, a damselfly may use its long thin abdomen to sew your eyelids shut!



In China they are used in medicine (but what isn't) and in Indonesia they are caught and fried in oil as a delicacy. So the next evening you have the BBQ lit .....

Peter



## RECIPE CORNER

### Picnic pie (serves 6)

- Butter for greasing
- 1 500g block puff pastry
- 350g/12oz sausagemeat or 6 skinned sausages (a pork and apple variety works well)
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and grated
- 1 onion grated
- 1 tbsp thyme leaves
- 8 slices cooked ham, fat trimmed from edge
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 egg beaten to glaze

1 Heat oven to 190C/170fan/gas 5. Butter a 20cm springform tin or a deep loose-based tart tin. Cut one-third off the block of pastry. Roll out the smaller piece and cut a circle to make the top of the pie – use tin base as a template. Roll out the remaining pastry and line tin, leaving a good amount of excess hanging over the edge.



- 2 Mix the sausagemeat with the apples, onions and thyme, and divide into two portions. Line pie dish with four slices of ham and spread ½ tbsp mustard over the ham. Add a half of the sausagemeat to the pie and press down to level it. Add another layer of ham and mustard, then the rest of the sausagemeat.
- 3 Put the pastry lid on top and brush with beaten egg. Fold the excess pastry over and press gently to form a rim. Brush again with beaten egg and cut a steam hole in the centre. Bake for 50 mins to 1 hour. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then release the sides of the tin and cool completely on a rack still on the base. Serve cold with pickles and salad.

Margaret Astbury

# Retirement Rogation?

After a lifetime in farming, Michael and Jill Collier hosted a St Giles' Church Rogation Service in one of their barns at Summerlease Farm in Kilmington on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The service, which was attended by over 80 people, including a good number of children, was conducted by the Rev'd Kate Woolven who explained the significance of Rogation as the season of planting. Readings were given by Michael and Jill while Margaret Hurford (also a farmer) and the Church Music Group led the hymns and songs. Pastor Darrell Holmes, the Baptist Minister, promoted thoughts for Rogation by pointing out that one of the greatest challenges in the future was the provision and fair distribution of food throughout the world as its population increases at an alarming rate. Kate, Mark Burrough and Ann Marsh led the prayers for farmers and for their crops which were being adversely affected by lack of springtime rain, and gave thanks for the animals, birds and other creatures with which we were blessed.



Jill and Michael Collier close to retirement

During an interview, Michael gave interesting insight into his experiences as a dairy farmer explaining that he and Jill were running down the milking herd of Holstein Friesians prior to retirement but would continue to rear young stock for a time. They would support their son Andrew and daughter-in-law Jayne in running their popular Bird and Animal Park on the Farm. Asked how he had managed to find time to serve for so many years as a Parish Councillor and as its Chairman for the last few, he explained that he had spent his whole life in Kilmington and its future was most important to him.

Children then charged their pots with compost and planted giant sunflower seeds while being given advice on how best to look after the plants in the hope of winning prizes at the Harvest Festival next October.

The Service concluded with thanks to Michael and Jill for all they had done for the Village and the community over the years, and the Rev'd Kate gave the Blessing before refreshments were enjoyed while the children cuddled the springer spaniel puppies and admired the exotic birds that had been brought to the barn.



Jo McCollum and children with the springer pups

Brian Lavender

The new Council's first meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Once again I was elected to be Chairman with Chris Bolton as our Vice-Chairman. Other councillors you may wish to contact are Sid Newbery, who will deal with complaints about village roads and verges, and Sally Huscroft will again be looking after the play area. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our Parish Council if you have any village matters which need some attention.

### Milestone on the A35

This milestone adjacent to the Dalwood junction has been damaged by the grass cutting contractors. My thanks go to David Vickers who contacted the relevant

authorities. They have promised to repair it and place it back in the correct position.

### Affordable Housing

We have received a letter from our housing provider (Hastoes) to inform us we are on the reserve list for their next round of funding applications. The outcome of this will not be known until July so progress is still very slow.

### Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. All welcome.

Michael Collier, Chairman of Kilmington Parish Council

### Solution

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## Mission Community All Age Holy Communion

As befits Pentecost, "a rushing mighty wind" greeted over 100 people with about 20 children as they approached St Giles' Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June and many were drenched before they came through the door. However, the Rev'd Alastair McCollum gave everyone a warm welcome to celebrate Whit Sunday and the appropriate hymns were accompanied on the organ and by the music group. Joan Ewins read the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit before the assembled disciples which enabled them to pass on God's word in many languages. The Rev'd Anne Mills preached the sermon and the Rev'd Kate Woolven led the prayers. 83 adults took Communion and all of the children came up to the altar for a Blessing and afterwards displayed their "tongues of fire" which they had been making during the Service. It was a lively occasion, following which refreshments were enjoyed at the back of the Church.

Brian Lavender



*The beautiful patchwork quilt made by Joan Lovegrove which was raffled during the weekend*



*All Things Bright and Beautiful - Philippa Beckingsale / Kilmington School*



*Lead Kindly Light - Joan Cudmore*



*When A Knight Won His Spurs - Elaine Penzer*



# **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND QUILTING FLOWER**



*There Is A Green Hill Far Away  
- Jenny Nickolls*



*Fair Waved the Golden Corn  
- Monica Dare*



*Will Your Anchor Hold  
- Pam Burge (Minster Church)*



*Preview evening with Richard Austin, well known photographer from Lyme Regis who also exhibited several of his works*

*Our thanks to Bill Kerslake and Julian Shaw for the photos on this page*



*Bind Us Together Lord  
- Caroline Lavender, Coral Dunmow*

**EXHIBITION, PATCHWORK  
AND CRAFTS DISPLAY  
FESTIVAL**

# Kilmington Cricket Club - July 2011

As the nights begin to draw in we are still hoping that at some point we will be able to play cricket without our jumpers on. So far we have been lucky, with no games cancelled in the league. However, standing on the side of a hill in Upottery with the wind driving the rain into your face is not my cricket ideal.

It looks like the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's fortunes may be on the up after a month of two halves. Tommy Gooding 49 and Hal Cook 2 for 48 could not hold off a defeat to Filleigh. This was followed up the following weekend by a disappointing loss to local rivals Upottery, where a total of 182 proved too much for Kilmington. A trip to Kenn saw Adam Culley hit 102 in a total of 258 for 8, but Kenn held on for a draw, reaching 210 for 5 with skipper Maurice Beviss taking 2 for 32. A win finally arrived at home against Kentisbeare. A total of 125 was set by the visitors with Ben Noble bowling an inspired spell to take 5 wickets for 10 runs. Dave Cook with 54 made sure there were no real dramas during the run chase. The delighted captain Maurice Bevis said: "That's been coming. We really did play very well and the great thing from my point of view was the all-round show."

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had three games in the last month. There was a battling draw with Upottery when facing a mountainous total of 340. Next, a rout at home against Kenn; Tommy Wallis doing the damage with 5 wickets for 14 runs to skittle the visitors out for 54. Graham Watts finished on 31 not out in the simple run chase. The only issue was that there were 22 men not knowing what to do with themselves on a Saturday afternoon after finishing 4 hours ahead of usual playing time. Even the Old Inn was not open. The final game of the month took them to Seaton for an enthralling game of cricket. Seaton set a competitive total of 191 all out, with Craig Seward taking 3 for 19. The run chase looked to be going very well until the 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain (me) decided to get showered and changed before the end of the game. Such was my confidence in a relatively easy victory. Sadly, as some of you will have seen many times over the years, Kilmington's batting line up imploded. This left me red faced and I duly returned to the dressing room to put my whites and batting pads back on. However, we scraped to victory with three balls to spare, Graham Watts top scoring with 34 runs.

J U L Y	1st XI						2nd XI					
	Sat	2nd	Uplyme & Lyme Regis	DL	2.00	A	Sat	2nd	Halberton & Sam Peverell	DL	2.00	H
Sun	3rd	Wye Rustics		2.30	H							
Sat	9th	Woodbury	DL	2.00	H	Sat	9th	Topsham St James	DL	2.00	A	
Sun	10th	Chardstock		2.30	A							
Sat	16th	Tiverton & Bickleigh	DL	2.00	A	Sat	16th	Exeter III	DL	2.00	H	
Sun	17th	Les Erbs		2.30	H							
Sat	23rd	Filleigh	DL	2.00	H	Sat	23rd	Axminster IV	DL	2.00	A	
Sun	24th	Seaton		2.30	A							
Mon	25th	Tiffintits		2.30	H							
Tues	26th	Southall		2.30	H							
Wed	27th	Four Counties Nondescripts		2.30	H							
Sat	30th	Upottery	DL	2.00	A	Sat	30th	Upottery (at Chardstock)	DL	2.00	H	
Sun	31st	Axminster		2.30	A							
A U G U S T F I X T U R E S	Sat	6th	Kenn	DL	2.00	H	Sat	6th	Kenn	DL	2.00	A
	Sun	7th	T.B.A									
	Wed	10th	Uganda Kobs		2.30	H						
	Thurs	11th	Spar Ramblers		2.30	H						
	Sat	13th	Kentisbeare	DL	1.30	A	Sat	13th	Seaton	DL	1.30	H
	Sun	14th	Honiton		2.30	H						
	Mon	15th	Old Haberdashers		2.00	H						
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	Sun	21st	Blacksmiths & Artisans		2.00	H						
	Tues	23rd	Devon vs Hampshire over 50s		12.00	H						
	Sat	27th	Honiton	DL	2.00	A	Sat	27th	Exeter Civil Service	DL	1.30	H
	Sun	28th	Tenty-Tenty		11.00	H						

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## Letter from the Churches

What do you see around you? - God says to  
Jeremiah

**Poem by Og Mandino-**  
**Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful  
woman**

Today, upon a bus,  
I saw a very beautiful woman.  
And wished I were as beautiful.  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and wore a crutch.  
But as she passed, she gave a smile.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two legs; the world is mine.  
I stopped to buy a paper.  
The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.  
If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank  
you,  
you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you.  
You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God,  
forgive me when I whine.

### A scam

A scam consisting of someone phoning and saying they are from Microsoft and they need you to switch on your pc so that they can correct an ongoing problem .....  
I was dubious and managed to put them off while I phoned someone reliable who told me that Microsoft would NEVER phone !!  
This foreign person was VERY convincing and VERY persistent - he phoned back 10 times in all, in spite of being warned that I would report him, obviously confident in the knowledge that I had no idea who he was or where he was !!

Letitia Mace

I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,  
I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play,  
but he did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said,  
"Why don't you join them dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word.  
And then I knew, he couldn't hear.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two ears; the world is mine.  
With feet to take me where I'd go.  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

DEAR LORD, teach us to be thankful for all  
that you have given us.  
Help us to be content with what comes from  
You, remembering that what You choose is  
better than what we choose.  
You are the Potter and we are the clay.

## Royal British Legion Revue Night

It is regretted that so many people were disappointed that they could not obtain tickets for the Revue Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> July but the 120 sold out very rapidly because of the demand from the Kilminster Branch members and the cast of Dad's Army. Those attending are advised that there will be a little disruption after the wartime supper because of the need to remove some of the tables.

Brian Lavender

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### Kilmington W.I.

Memories of the Kilmington Flower Festival, held last weekend at St Giles' Church, were still fresh in members' minds at this month's meeting. Those who had attended the evening service at the church were pleased to have sung 'Jerusalem' as the last hymn, reminding us of Joy's beautiful arrangement as the W.I.'s contribution to the festival. Our grateful thanks go to Caroline Lavender and Coral Dunmow and all the arrangers for all their hard work and for creating such a magnificent display.

This month's speaker was Mike Tyler, known to many of us already as he has lived in Kilmington for the past ten years. After a career in local government, Mike is now free to pursue his interests, such as taking an active part in a local jazz and swing group. It was, however, his keen interest and depth of knowledge of ornithology that we celebrated at the meeting as Mike was there to tell us about his experience of bird ringing in the Axe Estuary. He was the original member of a group now numbering forty, drawn from a wide variety of professions and backgrounds. There are about 3,000 ringers in Britain, all of whom have to be licensed. Each year about 800,000 birds are ringed but sadly only 2-3% are recovered, not only in the UK but across the near continent and even Russia and Africa. A variety of methods of capture are used, including mist nets and cannon nets, for which Mike had to have a long period of training in order to work with explosives. We saw a wonderful collection of slides of the captured birds, ranging from the little sedge warblers and the ever popular kingfishers

## A BIT TOO FLASHY?? or "The mysterious case of the invisible cars"

Something strange and unusual happened the other day as I walked alongside the A35 – or should I say several strange things happened. Firstly, it was a bit unusual for me to be walking along the A35 and the second strange thing, and certainly quite rare for this time of the year, was that for a while there was absolutely no traffic in view along this stretch of the road - but the strangest thing of all was the new road sign flashing to tell me to slow down to 50 mph.

Now I'm prepared to admit that a long time ago while still at school I was, without my knowledge, entered into a walking race (I was one of the last to finish) and that I was once warned by the police that I was cycling at over 30 mph (my excuse was that I was late for choir practice). But there is no way that I was walking along the A35 at anywhere near the speed limit - so I was a bit put out – as I'm sure are any drivers who get flashed when they are not breaking the speed limit.

Seriously, it was great to see the flashing sign finally installed and turned on as it is hoped that it will significantly slow down those drivers who are exceeding the speed limit as they approach the crossroads. The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), as the highways people call it, is the final part of the lower speed limit and road safety improvements that the Highways Agency started at the end of 2009. The VAS was not actually part of the original planned "improvements" but was added after some pressure from us and was actually paid for by Connect, the road maintenance contractors for the A35 (hence there being only one).

That the VAS is malfunctioning is clearly not good. Several people have seen the sign flash when there are no cars around at all and at cars travelling in the other direction. I suspect that it also flashes at drivers who are not breaking the speed limit. It is obvious that if drivers regularly get flashed when they are within the speed limit they will not react to it flashing when they are exceeding the limit.

I have therefore been in touch with Connect about the mysterious flashing and am waiting to see what happens. I would be pleased to hear from you if you notice the VAS malfunctioning. Also please contact me to tell me what you think about the "new" speed limit. Have there been fewer accidents? Do you want the speed limit to be lower? What other improvements do you want? It is unlikely that anything will happen in the short term but I would like your comments so that I can build up my file for the future.

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through to the much larger shelduck, particularly common in this area. Mike recounted how one night he had about 50 damp and sulky crows drying off in his garage after having been caught over water by the cannon nets! The work of the group is becoming well recognised as Mike and his colleagues have recently appeared on television, once with the well known presenter, Chris Packham. Members of the public are able to observe the birds for themselves, as the recently developed reserve with hides and walkways is freely accessible from several points around Colyford and Seaton.

This month's competition winners were Christine East for a poem about birds and Joy Churchill for her Flower of the Month.

**Next month's meeting will be held at Jean Rainsford's home, Silver Birches at Blackpool Corner, where she will give us a**

## Down the garden path

Mid-summer already, the leaves from trees and shrubs overhang the paths, rose petals cover the ground, beans are in flower - every good thing about gardening is evident all around. Not everything, of course, is wonderful: for instance, there are traces of lily beetle on the flower spike of the giant cardiocrinum and a few dead branches on the acers.

Although some tender plants failed to come through the cold winter, the survivors are thriving in the warmer temperatures. The evergreen jasmine with abundant small yellow flowers, *Jasminum humile*, is now almost two metres tall, a bushy shrub quite different from the more usual scrambling jasmines. Another unfamiliar species from a familiar family is the Japanese Mock Orange, *Pittosporum tobira*, a dense evergreen shrub with glossy dark green leaves and masses of fragrant creamy white flowers. In its shelter is an unusual perennial, *Lobelia tupa*, which promises bright red flowers in late summer but has yet to perform at its best. The oriental poppies in the same west-facing bed have given great pleasure this year, Patty's Plum in particular yielding lots of flowers.

Searching recently for a shrub with golden leaves, I came across a variety of the Smoke Bush, *Cotinus coggygria*, called Golden Spirit, height only one and a half to two metres according to the label. *Cotinus* is a member of the cashew family from Southern Europe, deciduous and fully hardy; its familiar name refers to the effect of its abundant feathery plumes which resemble smoke. The two familiar varieties are Flame, green leaves with brilliant autumn colour, and the purple-leaved Notcutt's Variety that I have as a backdrop to the pink and mauve hydrangeas. *Cotinus* can be allowed its full space of four metres in height and not much less in width, or trimmed to order; one garden in

Kilmington has a superb specimen clipped to make a cloud formation.

If a plant does well in a garden, my advice is 'Use it'. Heucheras are a good example. They seem unfussy about position - I have them in sun and half-shade, in open beds and under shrubs. They also come in various sizes and many colours, greens, yellows and all shades of purple. Grown mostly for the shape and colour of the leaves, flowers are of secondary importance but are abundant, generally white but also in shades of pink and coral. They do become rather woody in the centre and require rejuvenating about every three years, by discarding the middle and replanting the young crowns.

**Plant of the month:** *Aruncus sylvestris*, Goat's Beard, hardy, herbaceous perennial, clump-forming, with spikes of delicate white flowers up to two metres tall. Prefers an open position but tolerates half-shade.

*Acantha*

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## KVPA TALK: 10TH JUNE: NEW OPEN GARDENS IN NGS DEVON, AND THE GARDEN AT BICKHAM HOUSE - MRS JULIA TREMLETT

KVPA members were delighted to welcome back Julia Tremlett, Treasurer of the Devon area of the National Gardens Scheme, who opened her talk with descriptions of the gardens in Devon that have opened their gates to the public for the first time in 2011. Approximately 10% of gardens leave the Scheme each year, mostly because of change in ownership or physical abilities, so new gardens are constantly encouraged to join, the criterion being that they should provide at least 40 minutes of interest. 'Group gardens', whether based on a village, a street, or simply near neighbours, are especially welcome as small gardens can be included. Three group openings were mentioned: Mill Street gardens in Great Torrington, two mill gardens at Hartland near Bideford and, closer to home, Sidmouth Gardens in Manor Road and Woolbrook Park. Among the individual entries, particular mention was made of Thorn House on the River Yealm at Wembury, where the owners are restoring a 9-acre Victorian replica of Arkwright's famed garden at Sutton Scarsdale. We were also reminded of the attractions of local gardens: orchids in the meadow at Goren Farm, Stockland, unusual planting at Yonder Hill in Colaton Raleigh, and exotics in the Chardstock garden of Dicot where the owner gardener at 93 is the oldest in the Scheme.

Julia's own gardener at Bickham Cottage is another newcomer to the Scheme and, describing his dedication to horticulture and his love of plant families, led the narrative seamlessly into the subject of her own garden which she and her husband have nurtured since 1967. Photographs illustrated the enormous changes made over the past 40 years - mighty oaks rotted and had to be felled, ornamental ponds were restored and a large lake created, new shrub borders and herbaceous beds have been developed. The scale of this nine-acre garden is impressive. The one-acre walled garden has been divided into three sections: a decorative area with pergola, a small arboretum, and an organic vegetable garden with six large beds managed on a six-year rotation. She has four greenhouses and two polytunnels. The only crop planted into open ground is potatoes; all others are grown from seed in the greenhouse before planting out and all beds are edged with flowers. Julia's enthusiasm is boundless - her vision is evident in every corner of her beautiful garden; yet despite the work required to maintain it in such superb condition, she remains a tireless worker for the Devon National Gardens Scheme.

**Next month: 8th July 'Barrington Court' - Christine Brain**  
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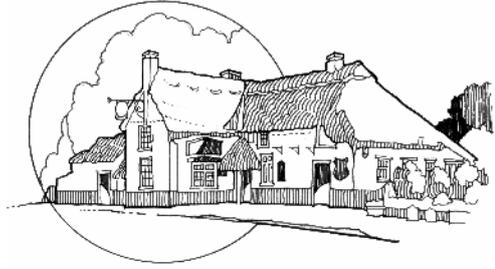
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Some of the glass has been removed to deal with the rust behind the frames.

**Stage two** – after painting has been completed, the frames and glass will be replaced and sealed with a silicon sealant.

**Stage three** – after the renovation has been completed, we will fit out the Box with shelves and notice boards so that it can be used as an information and magazine/paperback book/DVD/CD library exchange.

## Financial Position

At present this is satisfactory. To date, we have received donations of £260 and spent £186 on paint and other maintenance materials. We are investigating the most appropriate way to replace the glass “TELEPHONE” panels at the top of the Box and will make a decision shortly.

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Bill Kerslake 32816 and Peter Ball 32631

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Fri	1st	2.30 pm	Lymewood	Baptist service
	1st	6.00 pm	Old Inn	RBL Get-together
Sat	2nd	7.00 pm	Village Hall	RBL Revue Night
Sun	3rd	9.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion
	3rd	10.45 am	Village Hall	361st Anniversary Service. Preacher: David Steere
	3rd	4.00 pm	Loughwood	361st Anniversary Service. Preacher: David Steere
Mon	4th	10.00 am	New Inn	RBL Committee meeting
Thurs	7th	7-9 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis
Fri	8th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KVPA talk: "Barrington Court" Christine Brain
Sat	9th	8.00 am	Pavilion	Men's Breakfast
	9th	2.00 pm	Check venue	Scrabble Club (2nd Saturday of every month)
Sun	10th	8.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	10th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service
	10th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	10th	8.00 pm	New Inn	Quiz in aid of FORCE
Mon	11th	early	Your house	Landfill collection with recycling
Tues	12th	9.30 am	Adrian Dodds	TWAM Workshop
	12th	10.00 am	Pavilion	Create Club
Thurs	14th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	WI talk: "Summer Foods" Jean Romsford
	14th	7.30 pm	ACF	Axminster Churches "Prayer for the Axe Valley"
Sat	16th	2.30 pm	Village Hall	St Giles' Church Annual Fête
Sun	17th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service
	17th	3.00 pm	Vicarage Garden	Songs of Praise with Salvation Army Band
Tues	19th	12.15 pm	Pavilion	Contact Lunch (12.15 for 12.30) (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Thurs	21st	7-9 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis
Sun	24th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service
	24th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	All Age Communion
Mon	25th	early	Your house	Landfill collection with recycling
Sat	30th	1.30 pm	Playing Field	Kilmington Village Show
Sun	31st	10.30 am	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
	31st	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service

<b>DATES FOR AUGUST 2011</b>				
Mon	1st	early	Your house	Landfill collection with recycling
Fri-Sun	5th/7th	All w/e	Allotments	Skip for garden refuse
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	New Inn	RBL Get-together
Sun	7th	9.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion
	7th	10.30 am	Lymewood	Baptist Service
	7th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service followed by Church Picnic
Tues	9th	9.30 am	A. Dodd's house	TWAM Workshop
Sat	13th	2.00 pm	Check venue	Scrabble Club (2nd Saturday of every month)
Sun	14th	8.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	14th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service
Mon	15th	early	Your house	Landfill collection with recycling
Tues	16th	12.15 pm	Pavilion	Contact Lunch (12.15 for 12.30) (3rd Tuesday of every month)
	16th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	21st	9.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
	21st	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service
Tues	23rd	9.30 am	A. Dodd's house	TWAM Workshop
Sun	28th	10.45 am	Village Hall	Baptist Service. Preacher: Rev'd Laurie Burn
	28th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	All Age Holy Communion with Baptism
	28th	2.00 pm	Honiton Hill	Honiton Hill Rally Service
	28th	4.00 pm	Loughwood	Baptist Service. Preacher: Rev'd Laurie Burn
	30th	early	Your house	Landfill collection with recycling

### Mobile Library

At 10.20 to 11.05 am on Tuesdays July 12th and 26th and August 9th and 23rd at junction of The Street and The Hill  
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# Kilmingington Village Show

Saturday 30th July 2011

**Come and see:**

Flower & Vegetable Show

Produce & Craft

Cream Teas & Ices

Side Shows

Book Stall

Trade Stalls

Barbecue & Beer

**The Kilmingington  
Village Show**

**Saturday 30th July  
Kilmingington Recreation Field**

Gates open at 13:00  
Official opening at 13:30



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