

KILMING

POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

You will remember the lovely photo of Mrs Vera Hoskins on our cover in June 2014 at the time she celebrated her 100th birthday. Sitting in her favourite chair in her home with a card from the Queen in her hands, a gentle smile on her face and a large colourful balloon in the background, she was a lady obviously enjoying her celebrations. Her party in the Village Hall, when she greeted each of her guests with jolly banter, was attended by over 100 people and was an occasion which she enjoyed. Everyone who knew her will be sad to learn that this exceptional lady, who was born and lived in the village all her life, died in early March. Her life will be celebrated on Monday 23rd March.

Kilminster Players continued the village's long tradition of pantomime in great style again this year. The production of *Sleeping Beauty* produced and directed by Louise Quincey was a huge success with all four performances sold out. Last month we gave you a photographic preview of some of the preparations behind the scenes. This month we have photos taken at final rehearsals or during a performance together with drawings and writings from two of the younger cast members, who sound as if they enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks to everyone involved in putting on the Show for all the time and effort you put into giving the rest of us so much entertainment.

In this issue we have the second of Postscript's new series of occasional articles on farms and farming methods in and around the village. This time Richard Lane visited Birchwood Farm and talked with Nick, Jane and Oliver Bond (who, luckily, just happened to be home from the University of Reading where he is in his second year). The article gives further insight into changes in milk production and into the impact of technology on farming. The photo on the front cover is of Nick leading some of his herd out from the farm and up Shute Road for a day in one of the fields, a beautiful spring morning and a quintessential English scene for which we must thank Julian Shaw.

Last month, we started a series about organisations and clubs in the village. One of the ideas behind this was the wish to inform relative newcomers to the village about the range of activities available should they be interested to join. It occurred to us, also, that it would be interesting to know how the many clubs etc came into being. Our brief account of the origins of table tennis in the village has brought further information from Ken Wilcox. A sincere 'thank you' to him for filling in further details. Peter's series on the Kilminster Sky at Night has resulted, we understand from several quarters, in many of us becoming quite fascinated with what is going on up there in the starry skies. And, with the eclipse of the sun earlier this month, we have not been short of natural events to intrigue us. April 4th brings a full moon (see Peter's contribution on page 4) so let's hope there are no wolves around when we wander around in the dark with our eyes gazing upwards! Happy Easter to everyone.

Judith on behalf of the Postscript team

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DONATIONS

The donations collected from Hurfords Stores and Millers in mid-March, together with other donations, came to a total of £10.11. Thank you all for your support.

ADVERTISING RATES

Please see inside back cover for details.

Our thanks to Julian Shaw for the lovely spring photo on the front cover and to Maureen Lane for the panto photos.

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

K9KLEEN COMES TO KILMINGTON

EDDC, working hand in hand with Kilmington Parish Council, have stepped up their campaign to combat the street fouling menace in our village. Many of you will have seen stage one already: the road markings and posters aimed at educating pet owners. Stage two focuses on more effective cleansing, but a 'costs versus results' balance has to be maintained to manage reduced council budgets. As is frequently the case, manpower is the greatest expenditure. Now, a new hi-tech solution is to be trialled starting at the beginning of this month and Kilmington residents are asked to co-operate and provide feedback on its effectiveness as a possible long-term solution to dog and cat fouling of our streets and common areas.



For some time now robotic lawnmowers and domestic vacuum cleaners have been available and driverless parking is almost with us, and are becoming increasingly reliable. Following on from these developments

came the concept of robot street cleaning. On-going trials have been exceptionally effective. Kilmington has been asked to help evaluate a robotic unit, aptly named the 'K9Kleen'.

Using electronics similar to modern family cars, these small electric units can operate unmanned using Sat-Navs to find their way around and 'parking' style ultrasound sensors to avoid obstacles. Large coarse-treaded wheels provide excellent traction on and off road even if the surface is slippery, and allow the K9Kleen to climb slopes of up to 35%. Therefore, the cleaning of grass verges, the cricket field and Jubilee green should all be feasible. Rotating 'flippers' at the front collect the poo by flicking it into the chute on the underside and a conveyer pulls it inside and compacts it. A departing spray of disinfectant, bio-friendly to grass, helps to cleanse the area before the K9Kleen moves on. And, because it is electrically powered, the robotic cleaner produces no harmful emissions.

Somewhat ironically, much like a dog, sensors actually 'sniff' out the dog and cat poo communicating the directions to the unit's Sat-Nav directional computer. So sensitive are the small gas analysers used they can record the odour characteristics of the collected sample as it passes into the machine and log it in its memory. This then provides an 'identity-fit digital record' of that pet's products so that its

'movements and motions' around the village can be monitored. In theory, the unit could also then identify any garden with a similar powerful scent where the offending animal might reside! However, this part of the process is still being refined but it can already monitor atmospheric pollutants providing reports on air quality.



The K9Kleen robot is a metre wide, weighs 55 kilograms and can collect 22 kilograms of waste on each run. It travels at one metre per second and its battery provides it with 16 kilometres of autonomy. It can be programmed to do its rounds early in the morning or late at night to minimise disturbance. A small yellow flashing light provides a warning to pedestrians and other road users.

When the unit is full, or the batteries are running low, it navigates its way back to its base station. K9Kleen then docks and the poo is automatically emptied into a self-contained wormery reservoir which is kept at a high temperature to accelerate composting. Solar panels on the base station roof and sides help power the heaters and battery charging. This base dock will be set up in the convenience field at the rear of the Village Hall.

'It has taken us several years to combine and refine the various technologies already available' said Professor Sonya Shoe from the company's manufacturing plant 'Our first experimental unit often had unreliable runs. But this new number two version now works much more reliably'. Please let the KVPC or the editor have any comments at your earliest convenience on the K9Kleen if you see it operating. Thank you.

FIVE ALIVE OIL NEXT ORDER

With the oil price fluctuating so much, rather than have a single monthly order, if the price is good for the quantity I have listed, I place the order. Currently, an order is being placed about every 2/3 weeks around the middle and end of the month.

When you are thinking about ordering, and wish to have the advantage of the group ordering, please let me know. I will always acknowledge receipt, so if you do not receive this within 2/3 days please contact me. Please indicate the quantity you probably can take, rather than just top up, minimum is 500 litres.

As a guide to possible savings, the price we got on the 12th March was 35.59p plus VAT (37.37p with VAT). Please provide your full postal, telephone and email address. Information is sent to all on the email list when the next order is likely.

VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
20th February 2015

J Astbury	£25	J Church	£5
R Ody	£10	R Dare	£5
A Marsh	£10	J Mellows	£5

For further details, please contact

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KILMINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL 2015

7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Guest Speaker

ANNA CRABBE

on

Running a Duke of Edinburgh's

Awards Unit

plus

Village Reports

If you have any items you wish to be considered for the agenda, please contact Hilary Kirkcaldie, (Hunthay Close, Axminster, EX13 5RJ, 01297

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Michael Collier (01297 32390) by 8th April 2015

ALL WELCOME – REFRESHMENTS

INVITATION

To senior citizens to enjoy a
"A Great British Train Journey"
at The Beacon, Kilmington
Daily, Friday 24th to Sunday 26th April 2015



Enjoy a relaxing, fun time, with a choice of interesting activities in the mornings, a two-course meal, then a variety of entertainment in the afternoons, or you may prefer to sit and chat. Please book for meals at a cost of £3.50 per day or £10 for three days by 19th April.

Transport provided if required

For further details and booking form contact

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THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Firstly, I must apologise for not posting the partial solar eclipse last month. I put it to one side in my notes and then totally forgot about it! Anyway, the title is the sky at NIGHT!

Lots to see this month, with meteors and bright planets in the spring sky: the dazzling planet Venus is in the west after sunset. Keep looking in the same area just after twilight ends and you may be able to see the elusive pyramid of zodiacal light. Jupiter also beams out as the second brightest star-like object in the evening sky, after Venus. But you shouldn't mistake one for the other, as these two worlds shine in different parts of the sky: Venus in the west at nightfall, while Jupiter is much higher up overhead in the sky.

4th Full Moon.

REMINDER: Auction of Promises

Promises range from: quilts to wooden troughs; cakes to Exeter airport transfer; a week in North Wales to a round of golf in Lyme; spa treatments to lunches/dinners.

Saturday 28th March in Kilmington Village Hall

Further details from: Shelagh Beak, 01404 881760

7th-18th Virginid Meteor Showers: several meteor showers between February and May are collectively known as the Virginids. The Alpha Virginid shower peaks each year between 7th and 18th April.

22nd & 23rd Lyrids Meteor Shower peaks, usually producing about 10 to 20 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. These meteors sometimes produce bright dust trails lasting for several seconds. Best viewing will be after midnight.

25th International Astronomy Day. Search the internet for special local events.

25th, 26th & 27th The moon and Jupiter pair up as darkness falls these next few evenings giving a spectacular show as the brightest and third brightest heavenly bodies of night-time.

Peter

THE VILLAGE HALL AGM will take place in The Cudmore Room at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 28th April. The Hall committee represents the whole village and will be up for re-election at this meeting. We have always valued the support given to us by the regular users and we hope to see as many as possible at this important meeting. Thank you.
Diana Church

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 28th April 2015 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

EASTER EGG TRAIL

There will be an Easter Trail on Saturday, 4th April starting at 3.00 pm at *The Beacon*, the home of Kilmington Baptist Church (not at the Pavilion as in past years). The event is for all the family and is free of charge, with all children being awarded a large Easter Egg.

Darrell Holmes, pastor@beaconbaptist.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL SPRING CLEAN

Spring cleaning time again! We hope to see as many hall users as possible in the hall on Monday, 13th April at 8.30 am armed with buckets, dusters etc. to help us prepare the hall for another year. "Many hands make light work" for all of us, so do please give a hand.

Diana Church

SHUTE BARTON - YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTY

Open days are for 2015:

Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th May
Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st June
Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th September
Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th October

Opening times are:

First tour starts at 10.30 am and the last tour is 3.45 pm.
£5.00 adults - £2.50 for children. Free for NT Members

Hilary Abrams

GENERAL ELECTION

DO NOT assume you are on the Voting Register for the forthcoming election. Ensure you check, at least two people locally thought they would be OK because of previously registering but they were not.

Check by **internet** : www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or

Phone: 01395 517402,

Email: electoralservices@eastdevon.gov.uk

Post: Electoral Services, East Devon District Council, Knowle, SIDMOUTH EX10 8HL.



The Imitation Game (12A) Kilmington Village Hall Wednesday 1st April



Benedict Cumberbatch is brilliant as Alan Turing, the persecuted Bletchley code-breaker who helped win the Second World War

We're still trying to come to terms with the story of Alan Turing, the brilliant mathematician, logician and scientist who led the code-breaking efforts at Bletchley Park in the Second World War and helped invent the computer and artificial intelligence but was prosecuted for homosexuality in 1952 and, after enduring chemical castration, committed suicide, aged 41, in 1954.

What Turing achieved at Bletchley was kept secret until the Seventies, while the full significance of much of his work was only realised as the digital era advanced and is still being explored.

The story is boldly organised in three time-frames. We open with Turing, under arrest in Manchester in 1952, calmly recounting his whole life story to a detective (Rory Kinnear) who has innocently brought him to this pass because he suspects him of being a spy, not gay. "Am I a war hero? Or am I a criminal?", he eventually challenges the policeman and the viewer.

From this point we go back to Bletchley in 1939 and the story of how Turing's genius dominated the code-breaking

project, despite his extreme social awkwardness and rudeness. We see him successfully creating a "Turing machine" which he dubs "Christopher", a proto-computer, all whirring rotors and knobs, despite the hostility of the crusty naval officer in charge (Charles Dance).

The Imitation Game is elevated by its leads. Benedict Cumberbatch is just terrific, giving a really convincing sense of both Turing's untouchable intelligence and his social gaucheness, arrogance and tactlessness. It's a great performance and he interprets Turing to us far more tellingly than the film itself: And Keira Knightley as Joan Clarke, the co-worker to whom Turing becomes improbably engaged, is his match, her extraordinary looks somehow balancing Cumberbatch's. Together they are well worth seeing — and, simplified and conventionalised though it may be, this has to be accounted the most compelling dramatisation of Turing's story yet. Maybe take a look at the biography afterwards?

Review (abridged) David Sexton London Evening Standard.

Our next film on Wednesday 6th May is *The Theory of Everything*.

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

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Letter from the Churches

A PASSION for?

I wonder what you are passionate about? What are your hobbies and interests? Kilminster has many amazing people with a passion for a wide range of activities - country dancing, bee keeping, short mat bowls, croquet, cricket, tennis, gardening, table tennis, history, moths, drama, art, music making... and many more. It is great that those who have the time, energy and skill can develop them here and it is all about enjoying 'life in its fullness'.

By the time you read this, Riding Lights Theatre Company will have presented their Passion Play *Inheritance* at the wonderful new Baptist Church 'The Beacon'. We now move through the season of Lent to the last week of the life of Christ, often known as Holy Week. This begins on **Palm Sunday** and the two churches in Kilminster will join together for a walk led by a little Shetland pony this year (could not get a donkey!) and on to a Joint Service at St Giles' Church at 11.00 am. During the week, our churches hold several services to follow the journey of Jesus to the Cross. On **Good Friday**, however, we will be supporting special events in Axminster (March of Witness at 11 am) and the Seven Words at the Cross (3 hour meditations) from 12 noon-3 pm at Shute Church and School - with a special 'Easter Carol' film and craft time at Shute School from 1-2 pm. You can come for any of the 20 minute sections at Shute Church. Early on **Easter Sunday**, our churches join together

again for a short service at Shute Beacon at 7am, followed by Breakfast nearby before our main services later that morning.

As we approach the General Election on May 7th, the churches of Axminster are hosting a 'Hustings' on Thursday 23rd April at the Guildhall in Axminster to help us all decide how to vote. All the candidates will be given opportunity to respond to prepared questions and tell us what their party is passionate about. Do come!

You may remember the film *The Passion of the Christ* directed by Mel Gibson some years ago. It is a very graphic account of the sufferings and pain of Christ during the 12 hours or so leading up to and including his crucifixion. It makes '**Fifty Shades...**' look tame! But followers of Jesus worldwide believe that '*By his stripes we are healed*' (Isaiah 53v5). And Christian belief goes further, we also believe that, after Jesus died on the cross, he rose from the dead and is alive today. Easter is the central festival of the Christian faith, when we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Thousands across Devon and around the world will gather to celebrate this belief. I wonder what you think and believe about all this? A free copy of the book *A Case for Easter* is available for anyone who asks.

Simon Holloway

LENT 2015

The Lent Lunches in aid of the Tear Fund, the charity which is providing such vital help to the refugees from Syria, proved to be very popular. The six lunches held on Thursdays at 12.45 pm from the 26th February until the 2nd April were well attended (by around 40 people) each Thursday. A delicious meal of homemade soup, bread and cheese followed by tea and coffee was greatly enjoyed by all.

Lent courses have been well attended this year, boosted by visitors from Axminster because of the Minster Church repairs.

John and Jean Thorne

EASTER FLOWERS

A reminder for residents who would like lilies in memory of loved ones at Easter: please place your order with Caroline Lavender, 01297 34922. St Giles' Church will be decorated by the flower arrangers in time for the great celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The collection from Dennis Pidgeon's funeral was kindly donated to St Giles' Church and will be used for the Easter Flowers. Any other contributions for the flower fund would be appreciated.

John and Jean Thorne



Good attendance at the Lent Lunches

FAIRTRADE FAMILY SERVICE

Rachel Burrough, assisted by her husband Mark, led a Fairtrade theme Family Service on Sunday, 22nd February.

YATIMA ORPHANAGE

We would like to thank everyone for their continued interest and support for the orphanage through another year. For those who don't know, the orphanage is situated on the outskirts of Dar-es-Salaam, in Tanzania. We first heard about it when our daughter Juletta was teaching in Dar-es-Salaam. The work was founded in about 2001 by Mrs Winifirda Lubanza, who continues to be their 'mother' figure. When we first visited they were in an extremely inadequate and 'grotty' bungalow but, thanks to the generosity of an American Paediatrician, were looking forward to their new site which has gradually developed as funds permitted. It now homes around 150 children and teenagers, many of whom have lost parents to HIV/AIDS. They also seek to keep in touch with, and counsel, those who have moved on to college or university or, hopefully, to employment. Although officially recognised by the Tanzanian government, they receive no help from them, seeking in part at least to be self-supporting.

During 2014 we have been able to send a total of £3,100, which is transferred direct from our bank in Axminster to theirs, with no 'middle-man'. This sum is thanks to the support from many in the village and beyond who buy preserves etc. from our stall on the pavement outside our home, Koceda, Wellmead, and also to members and friends at Kilmington Baptist Church. Occasionally, we also attend table-top sales and various church and other groups. In addition, we had a stall at the Village Fayre and held a three day garden party and sale in our garden. We are always grateful for donations, large or small, as the advert says 'Every little helps'. 5ps and other small change last year amounted to £227. We have also been grateful for gifts of bric-a-brac for sale, plus sugar, seasonal fruit and suitable jars for preserves.

Thank you again.

Lionel and Iris Quick

ST GILES CHURCH MOTHERING DAY SERVICE

The service held on Sunday, 15th March was attended by 42 adults and twelve children and was led by Mike Marsh. The music was provided by Rachel Burrough who is a teacher at St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School in Axminster and her very talented music group, accompanied by Margaret Hurford. Everyone greatly enjoyed their playing of musical instruments and singing.

Daffodil posies created by Diana Mellows were placed on the altar and then handed out by the children during the service. Two Simnel cakes, made by Ann Marsh and Sally Huscroft, were used during the service to help explain the traditions of Mothering Sunday. The cakes were offered to the congregation as part of the refreshments after



the service. They proved to be very popular and not a crumb was left! As it was Mothering Sunday, Christopher Thorne and Ron Foster took over the serving of refreshments and gave the ladies a much deserved break, (although we did help with the clearing away afterwards!) Christine Leckie and

Barbara Woodsford helped some of the children make a beautiful collage depicting spring flowers, which was greatly admired by the congregation. Anna Crabbe, assisted by Sally Huscroft did a presentation about the meaning and traditions of Mothering Sunday. Anna had prepared a quiz where every answer had the word mother in it.

John and Jean Thorne

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read this the cricket season will be only three weeks away. At the recent Annual General Meeting, Ralph Cook was again elected to be 1st team captain with Tom Gooding vice-captain once more. The 2nd XI captain this year will be Jonathon Tattershall and we wish both captains and their teams the very best for a successful season. The fixture card is currently at the printers and a copy of this will appear in future issues of Postscript.

Friendly games start on Sunday, 19th April and the League Season starts on Saturday, 2nd May with both teams hoping to play 18 League matches.

At present we have a problem with the preparation and serving of teas at matches and wonder if there is anyone in the village interested in undertaking this task? If so, please could you contact David Lavender on 01297 631868 to discuss what's involved.

I look forward to reporting on the season in future issues of Postscript.

David Lavender



Sleeping Beauty



From: Lily Doolin

"I have been practicing my part as a fairy green and learning all the songs. I have enjoyed it lots. We have all made mistakes but we have all persevered. So many people have helped like helping with: electronics, backstage, playing the piano and drums, prompting and the parents who have sat through the rehearsals (giving up their evenings). Of course Louise, who has put this show together. Without her the pantomime would not have been put on at the standard it is. Well done to everyone practicing the songs and their lines. I am sure everyone has enjoyed it. I was nervous when we were behind the curtains on Wednesday night (the first night) but once we were on stage, I was fine".



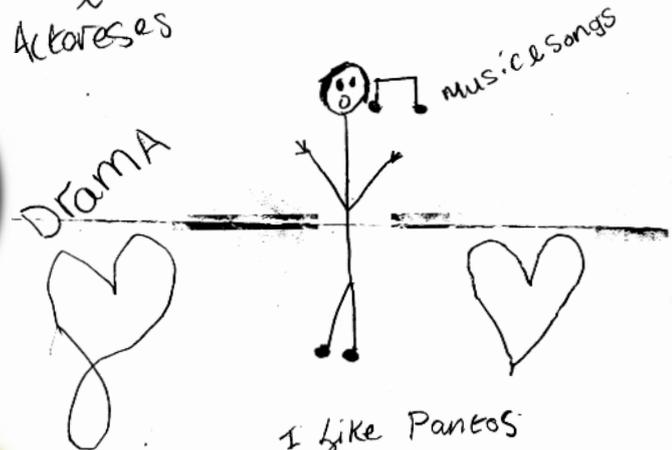
From: Maisy

Actors
&
Actresses



Panto Fun
 Pantos have songs
 Pantos have dances
 Pantos have acts
 Pantos have music
 Pantos are fun
 Pantos are good
 Pantos are cool
 Best of all they ride

By Maisy Hott



I Like Pantos
 Because I like
 Acting.

Love

**Pantos
 Rule**



More photos on back page

AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

We have now reopened for the year and welcome people six days a week (closed Mondays). School holidays are increasingly busy and we are currently preparing for our Easter Holiday Activity Days, which are on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 31st March – 3rd April and 7th – 10th April. Come along for an Easter fun-filled day, there will be handling sessions and talks all day, a free Easter trail to complete, get yourself a glitter tattoo and feed our free range birds (small charge applies).

During the Easter Holidays the RSPB will be joining us on 1st, 3rd, 12th April and The Wildlife Trust on 28th March, 10th and 11th



April. It is great to work in partnership with these charities.

Spring has finally arrived and our bookings for our keeper for a day and follow my keeper animal experiences are increasing. These unique experiences make a fantastic present for a special occasion.

As our visitor numbers are increasing rapidly, one of our projects going forward is to offer a larger and more comfortable area for our visitors to enjoy our talks and handling sessions.

We thank you all for your continued support.

Marie, Education Officer

MESSY SPARKLERS



This month *Messy Sparklers* followed the theme of Easter and Mother's Day. We had a range of themed sensory activities including chocolate smelling playdough, an Easter garden and finger painting flowers for Mother's Day.

After enjoying the sensory activities, 18 parents/carers and 21 children under 5 years listened to stories and a prayer, then sang songs. Afterwards, we shared a delicious lunch prepared by lovely ladies who

had to contend with the dishwasher overflowing and flooding the kitchen as they were preparing it!

If you care for children under 5, please join us next month (Tuesday 14th April) for more sensory activities. For more information please contact us at events@beaconbaptist.co.uk.

Messy Sparklers is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (excluding August) from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Cost, £2 inc. lunch. Venue, The Beacon.

Juletta Obudo

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Easy

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 20.

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The children from the village and beyond have been busy planting seeds and flowers in the garden space of the Village Hall, exploring what happens to seeds and flowers in spring. The children have each planted a sunflower and we look forward to seeing whose

is tallest. The primary school have also joined us on a couple of occasions; we shared a dance session (with an animal theme!).

We are going to be welcoming some of our youngest starters to the preschool in May. We are now taking children from the term they turn three years old. Please pop by or contact us if you are interested in starting your child at Kilmington pre-school; spaces are limited for this age group. We hope that this will appeal to more families. We accept government funding for the 2gether scheme, making childcare accessible for two year olds.

We had a very successful crazy crafts in March raising essential funds for our charitable pre-school. Thank you to those who attended. Looking ahead, we will be holding the *Annual Duck Race* on Wednesday, 6th May at 10.00 am from Jubilee Green. Tickets (£1 each) are available from pre-school or Hurford Stores.

Emma Styles, Chair, Kilmington Pre-School



Down the garden path

Secateurs and loppers have been put to good use over the past few weeks as I have a number of shrubs which need pruning in late spring. In addition, others are outgrowing their allotted space and are lining up for a haircut. It is so much easier pruning when the branches are bare; you can see which stems are at cross purposes or crowding out the centre. The fuchsias, ceratostigmas and caryopteris were easy; the hydrangeas less so. There are three large hydrangeas in the bed under the cherry tree – *villosa*, *aspera* and *paniculata* – as well as a fast-maturing oak-leaved variety. The pruning bible wasn't much help: 'cut out weak stems' it said. Mine don't have weak stems; they have strong, far-reaching ones interfering with their neighbours. The illustrations didn't look anything like my bushes so the book went back onto the shelf and instinct took over, resulting in three disciplined if rather less than elegant bushes. It's hard not to get carried away with pruning – two poor performers landed up on the bonfire with scarcely a moment's hesitation. One, a choysya, was old and weak and needed to go; the other was a sickly rhododendron bought in the recent past to go under the cedar tree. The time seemed ripe to get rid of that as well.

Awkward corners abound in all gardens. They are usually in shade, often under deciduous trees, and most noticeable in early spring. This is where toughies do well, traditional perennials which flower early and then disappear or decline into boring clumps. Pulmonarias, omphalodes, doronicum

and brunnera are good examples; their leaves are lovely when fresh, they flower generously and survive year after year. I have corners where even violets and celandines are tolerated, Welsh poppies seed freely and swathes of euphorbia have been allowed to colonise. Fortunately they fade into the background when the leaves appear on the trees above them and attention is switched elsewhere.

Euphorbias have a bad reputation for colonisation yet many of them are well worth including in any garden. Certainly avoid *cyparissias*, the cypress spurge, or the wood spurge *robbiae*, unless you are happy to let them run, but don't exclude the eye-catching 'Blackbird' with its deep purple foliage and lime-green flowers, or the prostrate *mysinities* which hugs the ground or the top of a wall. Among the taller varieties, the handsome *wulfenii* makes a splendid specimen plant, its tall greyish leaves bearing yellow-green whorls of flowers. Twice I have tried the stylish variegated euphorbia 'Silver Swan' and twice failed to bring it through the winter. It is a stunning plant with dazzling silver leaves and white to silver flowers. Perhaps I'll give it one more try.

Plant of the month: *Pieris japonica* 'Little Heath', the lily of the valley pieris. A pretty, dwarf evergreen shrub, with variegated foliage and delicate pink buds opening to white flowers from March to May. Grows slowly to less than a metre tall and wide. Requires a little shelter and a neutral to acid soil.

Acantha

Kilminster Gardening Club Meeting 13th March: Moths in Your Garden – David Brown

What an evening! I suspect that everyone present had their brains stimulated by the thought of the numbers (at peak times several hundreds) of such fascinating creatures being abroad in our gardens. David's talk could have been called "Night life in Kilminster" if it were not for the fact that he also featured a good sample of day-flying moths.

Starting with the Jersey Tiger moth (Kilminster's star day-flying spectacle?) he illustrated about fifty species of local garden moths and their caterpillars, and explained their strategies for survival - sometimes being cryptic, sometimes startling, sometimes advertising or pretending to advertise that they are toxic to eat, and, quite often, not looking like moths or caterpillars at all. No colouring, wing pattern or shape of any moth, butterfly or caterpillar, is accidental, David assured us, and it is this - not their beauty - that has helped them to survive through the 180 millions of years of their evolution.

He also encouraged gardeners to think carefully about what natural species of plants to introduce (top recommendation being valerians), and what "weeds" (food plants) they could preserve! He concluded by answering many questions, including some about the way global warming can affect the distribution and movement of species. He was heartily thanked for his memorable contribution to the Gardening Club's Programme of Talks.

David Willsdon

N.B. For an experience of the moths themselves, mark down Sunday, July 5th and Tuesday, October 6th in your diary, when the Kingcombe Centre (just beyond Beaminster) is offering "Breakfast with Moths" events, led by David Brown. (Ask D.W. for details).

Next talk: Friday 10th April: New tricks for old gardeners - Kath Couch

Kath Couch is well qualified to give us all some useful tips in her usual light hearted manner. She was the first winner of the BBC Gardener of the Year competition and then followed it up by winning BBC Gardener of the Decade. Kath has designed over 150 gardens and is also a gardening journalist with BBC Somerset.

7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Non-members welcome at £1.00.

Lesley Rew, KGC Talks Organiser

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Kilmington Village Sign

The village sign on the roadside bank of the Village Hall Car Park is going to be taken down for repairs. Bob Farley has kindly agreed to re-vamp the sign to its original state. It will probably take quite a time but it will be replaced when renovation work is completed.

A35 Update

A small committee met with the Highway's Officer for the A35 to discuss an update on a possible speed restriction on the main road that runs through the village. The next stage will be a study of this part of the road to look at the speed of vehicles and the danger for pedestrians crossing the A35 and many other traffic aspects. A report will be made to the Highway's Authority and, hopefully, the report will be completed by the end of the summer.

Affordable Homes

At the time of writing these notes some work on the site adjoining George Lane has begun. This is mainly trimming of trees and cutting back hedge banks. I really hope by next month's issue of Postscript a start on the site will be under way.

Donations

At our last meeting we were able to make a donation to the Ring-and-Ride (used by many Kilmington residents) and also to Postscript to help with the cost of printing this magazine for the village.

Michael Collier, Chair, KPC

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7th April 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

A dozen years ago I installed central heating in our house and had a large empty oil tank. I visited a few neighbours and soon had seven others who would like to see if we achieved any saving by forming a group. Over time Five Alive Oil grew until more than 300 were on the list with 20 to 30 ordering each winter month and in summer - on one occasion there were 92 orders. I simply collected the names and placed the orders without too many errors. As time goes by I found I was doing all this more slowly and made more errors and it seemed to me the time had come to retire.

A very rough calculation suggests that, in our Five Alive villages overall, we have saved between £20,000 and £30,000. Fortunately, as you know, John Watts has offered

to take on the job for a while and I hope you go on making savings.

The real surprise for me is the reaction the members of the Group have made, giving me a good load of oil! I could never have imagined anything more than an odd friendly email but never such a present. I really am embarrassed but, as it is in oil, I can do nothing more deserving with it. We will keep warm a little longer!

I do not know who individually gave so much to make this enormous present. I would certainly like to thank you all and hope you saved a lot over the years and now each will accept my great thanks.

Savile Burdett,
01297 34200 (Savile@savileburdett.plus.com)

WI REPORT

Apologies were received and read. The meeting started with the news that Joy our president is able to go to the National Federation AGM at the Albert Hall to be our delegate.

Our speaker, Val Sutherland, told us of her life acting and teaching and how words played a great part in her life. Three people were to influence her, the first Joyce Grenfell who she met as a visiting speaker in her student days. Joyce had suffered badly from stage fright at first but persevered and started her monologues which got marvellous reviews. Val performed one for us which we greatly enjoyed. Joyce inspired her to use her voice to full advantage. Few actors make much money and are often out of work. One such was Mona Bartlett. She played a Golden Goose and carried her costume around to engagements with great difficulty. She

inspired Val to keep going. The third influence on Val was an Indian pupil who was very poor and seemed not very talented but who came back into Val's life a great success. Val was thanked by Joy.

The competition was won by Christine and flower of the month by Phyllis. Final arrangements were made for our Ploughman's Lunch and Dessert on April 11th. Members need to be at the Hall at 10.30 am for a 12.00 noon start.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting is on 9th April at 7.00 pm when the speaker will be George Williams and the subject *Walking around Britain*.

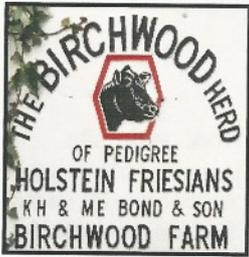
Margaret Andrews

DOORSTEP CRIME INFORMATION PACK

This contains a very good, bright sticker stating no cold callers and the statement that trying to enter/sell at door will be committing an offence. Plus a useful form to fill out if you do have a caller you do not want or did not ask for. The

form/leaflet can be obtained from the police or Trading Standards.

Sandra Ward



"Dairy farming is all about attention to detail"

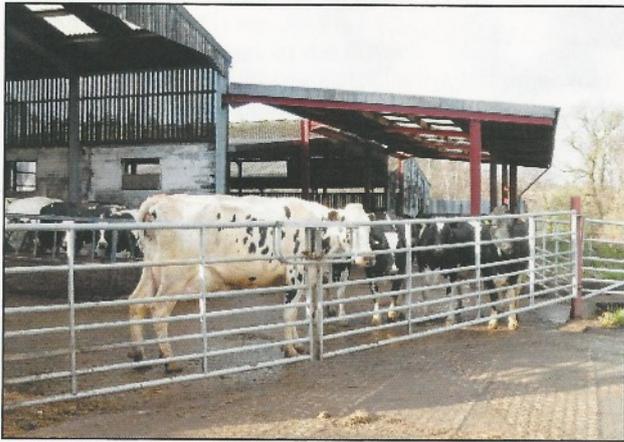
There was a palpable relief in the Bond household at Birchwood Farm; last week's TB tests show the herd is clear. This sword of Damocles hangs over dairy farmers with regular monotony and is especially poignant when decades have been spent establishing a notable herd.

Both Nick and Jane Bond are from dairy farming families, Jane from Tiverton way and Nick from Kilmington, where his grandfather started with Guernseys in the 1950s. By the 1960s, Nick's father had Friesians and when the Holsteins were introduced from Canada in the 1980s they gradually moved over to the new high productivity breed. Their 170 strong, home reared herd, which averages 10,500 litres per year, has been built up meticulously over the years. The real skill is in selecting which dams (cows) to put to which sires. Many factors are selected for – conformation (legs, feet, udders), fertility, amiable behaviour, longevity and milk quality. They use artificial insemination (AI) from just the right bull. Such is the quality of their cows that they are featured in a major AI company's publicity brochure. The company's products are sold worldwide so that's global reach for Kilmington!

Cows will only produce milk of course when they have had a calf, so, on average, each mature cow produces a calf every year. Three to four calves are born each week. Some are top notch calves bred as replacements and to expand the herd (30-40 each year), while others are cross-breeds to sell on for beef production. To do this they use their Ruby Red Devon bull ("Snippy") to 'fill-in' as well as AI from 'British Blue' bulls. Breeding all their own calves also minimises the introduction of disease from 'bought ins'.

Calving takes place in sand floored cubicles to reduce bacterial infection. The calf is given colostrum and milk from their mother. They continue to be fed this milk when the frisky youngsters are moved to their individual straw laced mini-barn or 'hutch' in the fresh air, again to reduce possible infection. Jane gives the calves her special attention. After 6-8 weeks the calves begin to be grouped together until, as young heifers, they are turned out into the fields. They will produce their first calf at 2 years old, and maybe another 3-4 calves after that, up to 10 in exceptional cases.

The daily rhythm of the farm is driven by milking which takes place twice a day, 24 at a time in a herring-bone style parlour. An electronic tag registers each cow entering the parlour so a computer can monitor its milk production and deliver a personalised measure of concentrate (cake). The teats are cleaned, dried and the cluster of suction cups applied by hand to each cow, a specialist business. It takes about 5 minutes for the cow to be milked. While one row of cows is being milked, another twelve are being



Free movement around the barns



Silos for storing feed mix



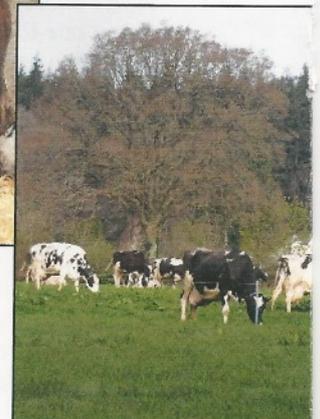
Cows taking to parlour



The milking parlour



"Snippy" with his heifers



Summer grazing o



Nick, Jane and Oliver Bond

prepared. Milking them all takes about two and a half hours. While milking takes place, sawdust is replaced or sand cleaned in the cubicles and the holding sheds are scraped clean of slurry.

Despite being very calm, separating an individual cow is difficult when they are in the herd or strolling around in the yard, so computer controlled exit gates are used after milking to separate individuals for examination or specialist treatment; for example, when the foot trimming specialist comes every three weeks to attend to their feet!

The cows go into the fields from April to September, although the herd comes in at night all year round to minimise the risk of contamination with mastitis-causing bacteria in the relatively small number of fields around the farm. Inside, cows delight in the dry bedding and slow access feed.

Nutrition is critical to milk production, grass is cheapest but varies in quality throughout the year so supplements are given from June onwards.

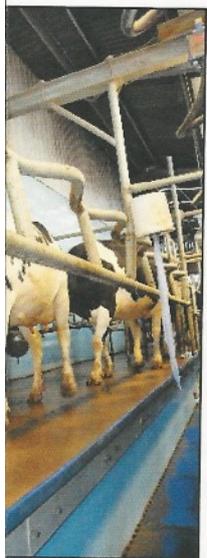
In the autumn and winter they are fed with a special ration, some 7.5 tons

of this silage and goodies cocktail is mixed freshly each day.

Along with Nick and Jane there are 5 part-time staff, undertaking a wide variety of jobs around the farm. Birchwood Farm sells its milk to Sainsbury's for supermarket retail. This is a very difficult time for dairy farmers so it is particularly reassuring that Sainsbury's is standing by their producers. In 2012 Nick and Jane won the Sainsbury's Best Herd, Health and Welfare award for their efforts. The award is based on milk quality, yield, lack of lameness, low mastitis and other parameters. Coming top of 300 farms nationally was a real achievement.

There is so much more technology and skill below the surface of 'cows, fields and muck' that passers-by see and each farm works differently. To put it into Nick's words "dairy farming is all about attention to detail".

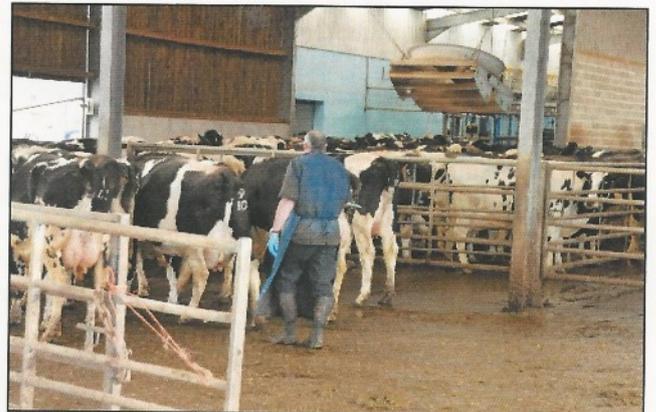
Nick and Jane Bond in conversation with Richard Lane



their place in the parlour



Young calves in individual rearing pens



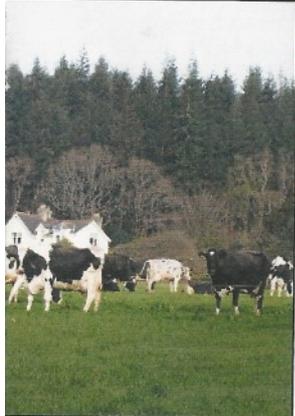
Herding towards the milking parlour



Slurry removal in the sheds



Cows relaxing on rubber mattresses bedded with sand



in Shute Road fields

NATURE NOTES

*The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.*

March gave us our birdsong back and the countryside once again started to stir. Now, in April things should really take off! As the early snowdrops fade, the wood anemones and primroses take over this month and then the wild garlic and bluebells will come to the fore. Many of our spring flowers such as anemones and celandines are forgotten through the rest of the year; whilst so abundant now, they just fade away and are covered by other vegetation leaving not a trace. However, an underrated and consistent display is provided almost all year long by gorse. The bright golden yellow flowers smelling of almonds or coconuts are at their best from April to June.

Another prolific wild flower is the forget-me-not. Most of the 50 species have small flowers with five petals and I always think of them as blue. However they also come in pink and white, and all have delicate yellow centres. In the past, the flower was often worn by ladies as a sign of faithfulness and enduring love. The story goes that, in medieval times, a knight and his lady were walking along the bank of a river, where the plants like the moist conditions. As the knight bent down to pick a posy of the flowers, the weight of his armour toppled him into the river. As he sank into the waters and was drowning, he threw the posy to his lady, pleading: "Forget me not!"

Someone we didn't forget was our resident blackbird who, whilst he never went away, did stop singing over the winter. How nice it is to see him sitting high on the roof and hear him back in full voice. And soon the house martins should return to the roof too and take up their mud nest under the eaves. There are reports of plenty of house martins in southern Spain and Greece, and swallows moving up through the Mediterranean. With insects increasing in numbers there will be plenty for them to eat, including those annoying large black swarming St Mark's flies which are due on their namesake's day, 25th April.

The increase in available food and the warmer days will bring out our reptiles too, including lizards basking in the spring sunshine. There are around 5,000 different species of lizard, some just a few centimetres in size to the largest, the Komodo dragon which is around 10 feet in length. Thankfully, it's only found in Indonesia

as it has been known to stalk, attack and kill humans! Lizards are thought to have been on Earth for more than 200 million years and back then some were as large as the dinosaurs. Today, they can be found worldwide except in Antarctica.

We have three species of lizard in the UK: the common lizard, the sand lizard and the slow-worm which is often mistaken as a snake, its close relative. You're most likely to see slow-worms or common lizards in your garden. They are cold-blooded and spring is a good time as they tend to move more slowly warming up from winter hibernation. The

common lizard is up to 15 cm long, coloured various shades of brown with some green or black patterns of spots and stripes along its back. It chooses a warm sheltered home with a sunny dry area in which to bask in the sun – sounds ideal! Like all lizards they grow throughout their entire lives, shedding their skin as they get bigger. Many lizards lay eggs but the common lizard is viviparous, giving birth to live offspring. Many species have highly acute colour vision and sight is crucial both for locating prey and for communication. They use specific postures, gestures and movements to

communicate: defining their territory, resolving any disputes and enticing mates. When in danger, a lizard can shed its tail which continues to move, confuses predators and allows the lizard to escape. The tail will grow back again but is often slimmer or a slightly different colour.

Sand lizards are one of the UK's rarest reptiles and are rigorously protected. They tend only to be found in sandy heathland or dunes. Bigger than the common lizard, they grow to around 20 cm long, are brown and grey with mottled dark spots on their sides. The male develops a bright green colour along its sides during breeding. Sand lizards are not viviparous and the female buries her eggs in the warm dry sand, where the summer sun provides the heat necessary for incubation.

Occasionally, other non-native lizards escape from captivity and can sometimes be found. But I haven't seen any 'LOST: Have you seen our Komodo Dragon?' notices in the village so you should be safe!



Forget-me-not flower



Common Lizard



Sand lizard, male (below) and with eggs (right)



Peter

KILMINGTON KITCHEN

EASTER BISCUIT LOLLIES

140g/5oz butter
100g/4oz light soft brown sugar
3 tbs golden syrup
½ tsp vanilla extract
350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 large egg

FOR THE ICING

Food colouring
1kg pack ready-to-roll icing
Icing sugar for dusting
Icing writing pens



1. Heat oven to 200C/180fan/gas 6. Line 2 baking trays with baking parchment. Melt the butter, sugar and syrup in a small saucepan. Mix in the vanilla, remove from the heat and leave to cool for 10 mins.
2. Sieve the flour and bi-carb into a bowl. Pour in the butter mixture, add the egg and stir together to form a stiffish dough. Pop the dough into the fridge for 10 mins to firm up. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to 5mm thick, then use an egg-shaped cutter to stamp out biscuits. Poke a lollipop stick or coffee stirrer up into the bottom of each biscuit, then bake for 12 mins until golden.
3. Knead some food colouring into lumps of fondant icing. Roll out on a surface dusted with icing sugar, then use the cutter to cut out matching egg shapes. Using the icing pens dot a little icing on each biscuit, then stick on an icing shape.
4. Decorate the biscuits with the icing, or pipe on names to use them as place names for Easter lunch

A SQUARE MEAL- An extra from last month's story

When on a guided tour around the ship HMS Victory, we saw square wooden plates which the sailors ate their meals from. We were told this is where the saying a good square meal comes from.

Gill

KILMINGTON LITTLE LIBRARY

The little library is proving to be extremely popular with a steady stream of fresh books for the shelves. When adult books are replaced on the shelves, I would appreciate it if care could be taken not to put them back on the two shelves reserved for children's books. I have a contact in Axminster Library who very kindly keeps me supplied with children's books but more are always welcome.

If you are leaving new books, if there is room, please put them on the shelves rather than leaving them on the floor where, if it rains they will get damp. Other than that, it all runs very smoothly. I appreciate your help in keeping it tidy.

•Hilary Abrams

SMOKED HADDOCK MACARONI CHEESE

This is real comfort food. Serves 2 but easily doubled.

250g smoked haddock fillet
300ml milk
1 pack of Schwartz or Colman's cheddar cheese sauce mix
200g pack baby leaf spinach
80g macaroni pasta
1 tbsp finely grated parmesan
grated cheddar cheese for topping
a few slices of tomato
1tbsp snipped chives

1. Preheat oven to 200C/fan 180/gas 6. Place the smoked haddock in a shallow pan, cover with water and simmer gently for 6 mins or until fish starts to flake. Lift out onto a plate, remove skin if necessary, and break into chunky pieces.
2. Rinse the spinach and wilt in a pan (or cook it in the bag in the microwave, be sure to follow the instructions on the pack). Cook the macaroni in salted boiling water until al dente, then drain and rinse in cold water to stop from sticking together. Squeeze out the excess moisture from the spinach and chop roughly and set aside.
3. Make the cheese sauce according to the packet with the milk. Stir the drained macaroni into the cheese sauce.
4. Scatter the smoked haddock over the base of an oven proof dish, then add the spinach and season well and scatter over the parmesan cheese. Spoon the macaroni cheese over the top. Finally, top with sliced tomato, then mix the grated cheddar with the chives and sprinkle over the surface.
5. Bake in the oven for 20 mins until the sauce is bubbling and the top is golden brown.

Margaret Astbury

COLOURS OF EX13

Photographs invited for entry

The production of the LIFE IN EX13 calendar for 2015 was a community project which exceeded all expectations. People took the project to their hearts. More entries were received than expected and the quality of the entries was excellent. Twelve local businesses supported the project, over 700 calendars were sold and £5,000 was raised for the Minster.

By popular demand, there is to be a second competition to produce a calendar for 2016. This time we want pictures celebrating the COLOURS OF EX13. These can be the colourful people, events or scenery that we live with day by day. Photographs can be taken at any time but must be within the boundary of the EX13 postcode. *Let's have some pictures of Kilmington in next year's calendar.*

Application forms can be found in EX13 churches and village shops including the Kilmington store, or by e-mail from: mary.harding617@btinternet.com

Closing date for entries is 31st May.

MAKE IT SAFER CAMPAIGN - AN UPDATE

The campaign to make Kilmington Cross junction safer for all users is still going strong. Last week Nigel Dyson from the Highways Agency met with members of the campaign group and the Parish Council to update us. There will be a survey carried out by a contractor to assess the current situation and this will cover the section from above the bridleway all the way down to the junction between the A35 and Trafalgar Way. They hope to conduct this study during a two-week period at some point between now and the end of

September, after which a feasibility report will be written. Once this has been done, we hope to have some further involvement with the process.

It is positive news that this survey has been commissioned and we hope that it will lead to improvements to safety for all users of this particularly tricky junction.

Vikki Hillier

AXMINSTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - AN UPDATE

Axminster is a community hospital with a great reputation and very high standards of care. The fact that the inpatient beds have been moved to Seaton for 'safety reasons' is a travesty, albeit on a 'temporary' basis; but if the CCG have their way this could become permanent.

The temporary closure is justified by the NDHT as a shortage of registered nurses leading to so called 'lone working' with only one RN on the night and evening shifts. Not alone, as there are always highly qualified and skilled HCAs on duty. Recruiting by the NDHT, responsible for the provision of staff, has been pathetic, advertising appearing on one NHSP site only.

The availability of Nurses and HCAs has been proven by two Recruiting Open Days at Seaton on the 10th February and Axminster on the 14th. Seaton had a total footfall of 55, 8 RNs and 47 HCAs whereas Axminster had a total of 106, 30 RNs and 76 HCAs. This is sufficient to find the 11 RNs and 13 HCAs required to fully staff two 16 bed units. The interviewing process has begun and the NDHT have

promised as soon as staff are available [Axminster beds will reopen](#).

The CCG, the commissioning group for contracting Trusts to run East Devon Hospitals, is proposing the permanent closure of all in-patient at Axminster and several other Devon Hospitals, thus limiting maximum capacity in Community Hospitals dramatically. If you want to save Axminster Hospital beds please write to **Managing Director, John Finn, Eastern Locality Devon CCG, Newcourt House, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7JU. Emails to – D-CCG.EasternLocality@nhs.net**

A big thank you is owed to all the local people who have supported the campaign so far and gave us 6,800 signatures on the petition sent to the CCG, NDHT and the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt MP.

Saving our Hospitals is up to us all.

Ann Veit,
Axminster Hospital League of Friends and Action Group

TABLE TENNIS IN KILMINGTON - ADDENDUM

What a splendid article about Kilmington table tennis in the March issue of Postscript. It was pleasing to read how it has developed over the years and rewarding to hear of its continued success. May I add a few comments on how it all began in 2001?

My late wife Imogen and I attended a very successful Table Tennis Club in Vancouver whilst visiting her sister there in the spring of 2001. We decided that a club might start in Kilmington and, together with the late Don Taylor, an ex-county and services player who supplied a table, and one already in the Village Hall, occasionally used by the Badminton Club, the first sessions were held on Tuesday mornings. Imogen had to retire from tennis through injury but was able to play ping pong so, after a few sessions when attendance grew, Imogen ran the club whilst I continued with my tennis commitments. Imogen handed over to Jenny when she became village church warden with Bob Farley in the Spring of 2006.

Ken Wilcox

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WHO'S FOR BRIDGE?

The history of contract bridge, one of the world's most popular partnership card games, may be dated from the early 16th century invention of trick-taking games such as whist. Bridge departed from whist with the creation of Russian whist and evolved through the late 19th and early 20th centuries to form the present game.

Does it have an image problem? Springing to mind are cucumber sandwiches, the blue rinse brigade and arguments at the table "why didn't you play such-and-such?" Not so at Kilmington Bridge Club, however! We meet on alternate Mondays in the Pavilion. Our maximum membership is 20 and we have "floaters" to call upon to make up numbers. We are good natured bridge players who enjoy the continuous challenges



Happy moments at Kilmington Bridge Club when this is your hand and it's your call!!!

of Duplicate bridge. We are a gentle "family" with no pressure put upon us and we stop for tea and biscuits (no cucumber sandwiches!) midway through the afternoon.

Bridge in Kilmington was started 12 years ago by Dorothy Lomas. Our home then was the old Baptist Chapel. Ken and Linda Perrott took over when Dorothy left the area and we are the present custodians.

Although we may not be able to accommodate you at the moment, we are always on the look out for new members for this exciting and social game of cards. Do get in

touch if you are interested.

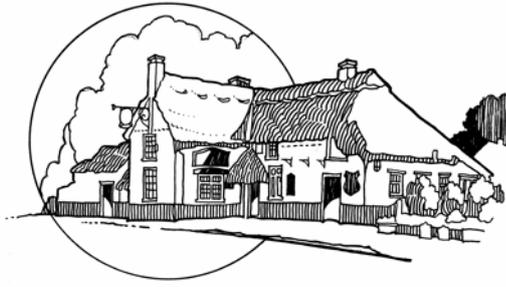
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Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	The Baptist Church morning service
	6.00 pm	The Beacon	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome
	10.00 - 3.00 pm	Pavilion	Art Group

DATES FOR APRIL 2015

Wed	1st	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>The Imitation Game</i>
Thurs	2nd	12.45 pm	Village Hall	Lent lunches
	2nd	7.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Maundy Thursday Mission Community Service
Fri	3rd	12 noon	Tesco's Car Park	Good Friday Walk of Witness
	3rd	7.30 pm	Guildhall, Axminster	'The Filling Station'
Sat	4th	3.00 pm	The Beacon	Easter Egg Trail
Sun	5th	7.00 am	Shute Beacon	Easter Sunday Dawn Service
	5th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Easter Day Service
	5th	10.30 am	Lymewood Residential Home	The Baptist Church Service
	5th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Easter Sunday Holy Communion
Tues	7th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	9th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	WI Meeting: <i>Walking around Britain</i> - George Williams
Fri	10th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Gardening Club: <i>New Tricks for Old Gardeners</i> - Kath Couch
Sat	11th	12 noon - 2.00 pm	Village Hall	'Eat & Greet the Freewheelers' hosted by the WI - <i>page 17</i>
	11th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	12th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	12th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in Aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Mon	13th	Early	Your House	Landfill with Recycling
	13th	8.30 am	Village Hall	Hall Spring Cleaning
	13th	7.30 pm	Cudmore Room	KPCC Meeting
Tues	14th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
	14th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Thurs	16th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis
Fri	17th	7.30 pm	The Beacon	Latin & Ballroom Dancing Course
Sun	19th	10.30 am	Shute Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Mon	20th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	St Giles' Church AGM
	20th	8.00 pm	The Beacon	Christian Meditation in the Style of Lectia Divina
Tues	21st	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
	21st	7.30 pm	Purzebrook Chapel	Prayers for Axminster and The Valley
Wed	22nd	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Annual Parish meeting - <i>details page 4</i>
Thurs	23rd	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	23rd	7.30 pm	Axminster Guildhall	Axminster Churches Together: <i>Hustings Meeting</i>
Fri	24 - 26th	tba	The Beacon	'Holiday at Home' - <i>details on page 4</i>
Sat	25th	9.30 am - 12 noon	Yeovil Baptist Church	Safe Guarding Course Level 2
	25th	10.30 am	Village Hall	Royal British Legion Spring Coffee Morning
Sun	26th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	26th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Mon	27th	Early	Your House	Landfill with Recycling
Tues	28th	7.30 pm	Cudmore Room	Village Hall AGM
Thurs	30th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Table Tennis

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