

KILMINGTON POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

Prepare for a busy month. So many notices about events in April were sent to Postscript that our Diary almost fell off the bottom of the page! It looks as though many of us are in for an active time. Some of the events are regulars but there are also coffee mornings and, of course, many events to celebrate Eastertide. There must be so much organisation going on behind the scenes, lots of booking for the Village Hall and, in some cases, sale of tickets for forthcoming events. There is also the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 27th April - details on page 4. This is usually very well attended and, especially for newcomers to the village, the occasion is an opportunity to meet members of the Parish Council and other villagers, and to find out about local issues and offer comments.

In addition to details of events in April, this issue is full of memories of recent events - the village pantomime, the Big Breakfast for Cancer Research UK and a visit by a Bishop being just three. The review and photos of panto will doubtless bring back smiles to the faces of all who went along to watch. Although actually there was so much audience participation this year that I'm not certain 'watch' is quite the right word. Children in the audience were vociferous in their involvement, amusing everyone with many of their comments and even one Daddy (I won't mention any names!) just along the row from me, reduced everyone around him to tears of laughter with a particularly funny and clear shout, just at the moment everyone else had gone quiet. But, seriously, well done Kilmington Players. It was a great evening and all of you, the cast, musicians, lighting experts, scenery painters and all helpers, and especially Louise, are to be warmly congratulated.

This month, we have three contributions slightly different from the usual. David Wilsdon is kindly giving Peter a month off from Nature Notes and you will find David's article on page 19. There is also a brief article titled 'My first car'. I suspect many of us have fond memories of our first car and we hope some of you will put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) and share some of those memories. Val's first car was evidently very 'flash' and she tells us about it on page 13; mine had a starting handle and memory tells me that I needed to use it frequently! We are also particularly delighted to receive a contribution from a young member of the community, Frankie, who is 10 and in year 6 at Kilmington Primary School. His short story on page 11 should make you smile. We hope that Frankie and other youngsters (and the not so young!) will be encouraged to send in a short story, poem or short article. This might be on something that particularly interests them or a topic they think readers of Postscript will find interesting.

Last but not least, a very happy Easter to everyone and ... remember ... the Kilmington Kanter is on Good Friday.

Judith on behalf of the Postscript team

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KILMINGTON KITCHEN

Spring is here with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables to enjoy. The “Green Burger” recipe is full of loads of spinach which can be a tricky vegetable to get kids to eat. If you are having family for Easter the “Bun and Butter Pudding” is an Easter twist on an old favourite.

GREEN BURGERS

makes 8

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions chopped
- 250g spinach
- 5 slices bread blitzed into breadcrumbs (or 150g dried breadcrumbs)
- Good grating of fresh nutmeg
- 100g mature cheddar, grated
- 40g parmesan, finely grated
- 1-2 large eggs
- 3 tbsp plain flour



1. Heat half the oil in a frying pan and gently fry the onions for about 10 mins until pale and soft, then leave to cool a bit.
2. Finely chop the spinach in a food processor and tip into a bowl. Add the cooled onion, breadcrumbs, nutmeg, cheddar and parmesan, and mash together. Add the beaten egg a little at a time (you may not need all of it), until the mixture holds together. Divide into eight, flour fingers well, and shape into fat burgers.
3. Put the flour in a shallow bowl, season well and dip the burgers into the flour to coat. Store in a plastic container between layers of baking parchment. Either chill until ready to cook, or freeze.
4. Heat the remaining oil in the frying pan and fry for about 5 mins each side until browned all over.

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 25.

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BUN AND BUTTER PUDDING

serves 8

- 300ml pot double cream
- 600ml/1pt milk
- 4 eggs
- 100g caster sugar
- 1½ tsp vanilla essence
- 8 hot cross buns
- 40g soft butter
- 100g marzipan, cubed
- 3 tbsp chunky marmalade
- Icing sugar for dusting



1. Heat oven to 170C/150C fan/gas 3. Warm the cream and milk in a pan over a gentle heat. Whisk the eggs, sugar and vanilla together with a fork in a large bowl, then gradually add the warm cream mixture.
2. Halve the buns and spread with the butter. Arrange in a large shallow ovenproof dish (approx 25cm x 32cm). Dot with the marzipan and brush the marmalade on top.
3. Pour over the cream mixture and set aside to soak for 15 mins. Press the buns down into the custard mixture as they soften.
4. Bake for 50 mins until set. Dust lightly with icing sugar and serve while still warm.

Margaret Astbury

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Air Ambulance

We are holding a meeting with the Devon Air Ambulance to see if the village can provide a night landing area in case of an emergency.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Thursday, 27th April in the Village Hall (please see notice on page 4 for full details).

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4th April 2017 at 6.45 pm in the Pavilion. (Please note the earlier start time for this meeting).

Michael Collier, Chairman

STOP PRESS: Over £2,080 raised by Big Breakfast!

How wonderful! I can't believe that yet again we have topped last year's total for Big Breakfast. I am extremely grateful to all of those involved, be it one of our wonderful team who as always give of their best, our generous guests, or all those who supply the ingredients, tombola prizes, cakes etc. My "heartfelt thanks" to each and every one of you.

Plans are already afoot for next year's Cancer Research “Big Breakfast” which will be our 10th anniversary in the Village Hall. See you there - Jenny Nickolls

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

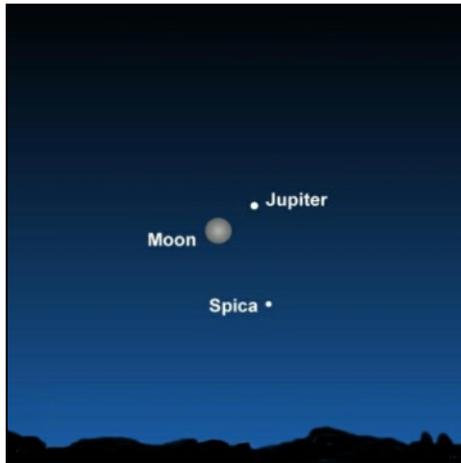
Another busy month with lots to see if you look up - put the dates in your mobile phone so you don't miss them.

2nd The **Moon** is within the **Winter Circle** found in the western sky at nightfall.

10th **Jupiter** is close to the first full moon of spring tonight, in front of the constellation Virgo and near to Virgo's brightest star, Spica.

11th The **Moon** will continue on its path leaving Virgo after a few more days, but Jupiter remains in the vicinity of Spica for months to come until September. And, for a while the dazzling Jupiter will be the first star-like object to pop out into the south eastern sky at dusk.

15th – 17th **Saturn and the star Antares** are close to the moon for the next few mornings, while Venus, the brightest



planet, lurks low in the east as darkness begins to give way to dawn.

17th Find **Mars** low in the western sky for the rest of the month as soon as darkness falls. Look through binoculars and in the same field of view you'll see the Pleiades star cluster, also known as The Seven Sisters. The two appear closest on 22nd.

21st/22nd **The Lyrid meteor shower** peaks: a modest shower of no more than 10 to 20 meteors per hour. Best in the early morning when the slender waning crescent moon shouldn't be very bright.

23rd **Venus**, the dazzling planet, pairs up with the crescent moon in your eastern sky before sunrise.

29th **Venus** will be shining at, or near, its greatest brilliancy for the next several mornings before sunrise.

Peter

ST GILES CHURCH EASTER LILIES

A reminder to Kilmington residents who would like to give lilies in memory of loved ones at Easter: please pass your orders to Caroline Lavender on 01297 34922 or Coral Dunmow on 01297 33337 by Thursday, 6th April. The names of those to be remembered will be recorded in Church on Easter Sunday, 16th April, when prayers will be said for them.

Caroline Lavender

KILMINGTON KANTER

Bring along a muddy buddy!
Sign up now!

ON FRIDAY 14th APRIL 2017 AT 10.30am (GOOD FRIDAY)
HELD UNDER THE ASSOCIATION OF RUNNING CLUBS RULES.

Kanter: Approx. 7 miles of multi-terrain starting at Kilmington cricket field
2 challenging hills just over 1 mile long each. The rest of the course is downhill and flat.

2.5 mile fun run: A challenging course through Kilmington Woods
1k Children's Race: 3 laps around the cricket field

HOT CROSS BUN AND DRINK FOR ALL FINISHERS

Multi-terrain £8 attached, £10 unattached, £2 extra on the day.
Fun Run £5 adults and £3 11-16 year olds
1k Children's Race £2

PRIZES

Kanter: 1st Male, 1st Female and 1st Local runner
Male: 1st V40, V50, V60, Female: 1st V40, V50, V60
Fun Run: 1st Boy and Girl 11-12 years old, 13-14 years old, 15-16 years old
1K: First Boy and Girl under 11
CAKES and HOT DRINKS for sale.

(PARKING AT THE OLD INN, KILMINGTON (A35) & THE BAPTIST CHURCH)
ENTRY FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM
www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk

Money raised is for Kilmington Primary School

THIS RACE IS PART OF THE 2017 COMMUNITY RACE SERIES
on **Axe Valley Runners website: axevalleyrunners.co.uk**

KILMINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2017

7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Guest Speaker

FROM E.D.D.C. TO EXPLAIN THE
ENHANCEMENT OF THE
RECYCLING COLLECTION

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 33462) or Michael Collier (01297 32390) by 8th April 2017

ALL WELCOME – REFRESHMENTS

LENT LUNCHESES

Come and enjoy delicious
homemade soup

Kilminster Village Hall 12.45 pm
Every Thursday in Lent

£5 per head includes soup, cheese, rolls,
tea and coffee

From 2nd March until 13th April

All proceeds to Shelter Box

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The talk on Friday, April 7th is *Shady Ladies and Sun Seekers* by Mary Benger of Burrow Farm Gardens. Mary Benger will advise us on the best plants to choose for those difficult shady spots and the areas of full sun.

Non-members always welcome £2.00. 7.30 pm start.

Lesley Rew

VILLAGE HALL AGM

A reminder that the Village Hall AGM takes place on Wednesday, 19th April at 7.30 pm in the Cudmore Room.

Diana Church

ANNUAL VILLAGE HALL SPRING CLEAN

The Spring Cleaning date has been fixed for Monday, April 3rd at 8.30 am onwards. Many hands make light work!!!!!!

Diana Church

FIVE ALIVE OIL

The price of Brent Crude has been hovering around the \$55-\$57 range for a couple of months keeping domestic oil prices stable.

The April deadline is the 25th and as usual I ask that requests are submitted for a specific amount, an accurate estimate if requesting a top up with a minimum order of 500 litres.

Colin Stewart, 01297 792538
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MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 25th April 2017 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.



A United Kingdom

(12a)

Kilminster Village Hall
Wednesday, 5th April



This is first and foremost an impressively crowd-pleasing piece of intelligent screen entertainment. Its true-life tale of unity in the face of cultural apartheid and political expediency remains as relevant as ever in these divided times, but it is Asante's talent for making the personal political – and vice versa – that is the real story here. Her position as one of the UK's most accessibly agitating film-makers is confirmed.

Rosamund Pike is Ruth Williams, a clerk from Blackheath, south London, working in Lloyds of London in 1947, who is swept off her feet by handsome law student Seretse Khama (Oyelowo). Ruth doesn't know that Seretse is an African king-in-waiting, leader-to-be of the Bamangwato people of Bechuanaland (later Botswana), the British protectorate to which he is due to return on completion of his studies.

When Seretse proposes, having duly explained his true identity, Ruth imagines a new life away from the misty drizzle of London, a life that, she assures her fiancé, will be taken "moment by moment – together". But when the news of this high-profile black-and-white union reaches neighbouring South Africa, whose National party is busy enshrining apartheid in law, the cash-strapped British authorities move first to forbid and then to undermine the marriage, scared of alienating their supplier of cheap gold and uranium. Seretse's regent uncle, Tshekedi Khama (Vusi Kunene), also refuses to countenance a white queen and a rift develops that threatens to tear apart more than just love.

Mark Kermode, Observer, Abridged review.

Forthcoming Films: We await our next film selection list.

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: wattsjohn307@gmail.com

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Letter from the Churches

Children and Grandchildren?

During this season of the year, we begin to enjoy our gardens and the growth of new life in the fields, farms, hedgerows and families!

As I write this, our family is awaiting the arrival of our first grandchild and we are beginning to feel our age more than before. We have not had any training in being grandparents, except that we have observed all the support which our parents gave to us when our own children came along. Times change, but many needs remain the same. Above all the special bond between children and their grandparents is so appreciated by both generations. And love is spelt T.I.M.E., which is what we saw in the support and care that our own parents have given to our own children.

But there is a famous saying by a South African preacher from the last century called David du Plessis '**God has no grandchildren**'. Why is that? Because God only has children, who have been adopted into His family through faith in Christ. Many scriptures remind us of this fact in the writings of the Apostles St. John and St. Paul. For example, John writes '*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called children of God...*' 1 John 3v1.

'The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and, if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...' Romans 8v16,17 What an amazing privilege!

But such a calling to be children of a loving, heavenly Father came at great cost. The events which the churches remember and celebrate during this month are the core of our faith and the Sundays in April this year remind us of them. Passion Sunday is on 2nd April, when we begin to remember the suffering and passion of the Lord Jesus. Palm Sunday is on 9th April, when we pray round our village and follow a donkey even as Jesus sat on one. Then, together as churches, we worship united at St. Giles' Church. On 16th April we celebrate Easter Sunday with an early service at Shute Beacon before our main services of worship later in the day. Sunday 23rd April is often called Low Sunday, and is a reminder that not all experienced the new, resurrection life of Jesus, but we will also celebrate St. George's Day then in our churches. We hope that you will join us for these and other events during this month.

Revd. Simon Holloway

PALM SUNDAY IN KILMINGTON

As usual, a donkey will be provided by the Sidmouth Sanctuary to lead the Procession on 9th April from Kilminster Common at 9.45 am, down The Hill to The Street and on to St Giles' Church, stopping for songs/readings and prayers on the way, and handing out palm crosses. This takes place on Sunday, 9th April and is always a colourful and photogenic scene which everyone is invited to watch or join in. The joint Anglican /Baptist / Ecumenical Service will start in St Giles' Church at 10.30

am, and those not wishing to walk with the Procession are invited to go straight to the church. The service will be led by Anna Crabbe and the Address given by Pastor Darrell Holmes. A crèche and activities for children will be available in the Village Hall during the Procession and service, and refreshments will be served there afterwards. Please bring family and friends as we approach the great Christian Festival of Easter.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

St Giles' Church will host a Holy Communion Service on Tuesday, 11th April at 9.30 am, following which refreshments will be served. Dalwood will be hosting the last Mission Community Lent Course at 7.30 pm in their village hall on Wednesday, 12th April at which the theme will be "Hope" with the question "Will tomorrow be better than today?" Lent Lunches will be served in the Kilminster Village Hall on Thursday, 6th and 13th April at 12.45 pm, the proceeds from which will go the West Country charity Shelterbox. The evening of Maundy Thursday, there will be a Mission Community Holy Communion Service in Stockland Church which will include "washing of feet" for a small number of volunteers. Hot Cross buns with tea/coffee will be served at St Giles' Church on Good Friday from 10.00 am until noon which will be followed at 2.00 pm by a Good Friday Service remembering the Stations of the Cross

when Jesus fell on the way up the Via Dolorosa to his death on the cross. The Baptist Church are again organising an Easter Trail for children on the playing field on Easter Saturday at 3.00 pm at which they will all be guaranteed an Easter Egg! On Easter Sunday morning at 7.00 am, there will be an informal gathering (children and dogs welcome) in the woods at the Shute Armada Beacon to "Reflect on the Empty Tomb", commemorating the disciples early morning visit to the tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then at 11.00 am, there will be the opportunity to take Easter Holy Communion in St Giles' Church which will be well decorated for Easter and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Please bring families, friends and visitors to one or all of these events and you can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH AGM

The Parish Church AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 24th April and will be preceded at 7.00 pm by a short “Vestry” meeting to elect the Churchwardens for the forthcoming year; all parishioners on the Government Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and will be most welcome to attend. The AGM will start immediately afterwards but only those on the St Giles’ Church Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote. Appropriate forms to propose the election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council can be found at the back of the Church or can be obtained from the Secretary. Applications are also invited for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll and the necessary forms will also be available at the back of the Church or from David Wilsdon, the Electoral Roll Officer, who will be standing down from the appointment at the AGM. The intention this year is to keep the AGM short by providing copies of the accounts and reports in advance. There will then be an interval for refreshments (wine/soft drinks and nibbles) to celebrate the achievements of the past year before a guest speaker, Peter Gill, who is a journalist, author and foreign correspondent, tells us about some of his experiences. Whether you attend the AGM or not, you are still welcome to join the celebration and to come to the lecture.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

HANDICRAFTS GROUP

The Handicrafts Group meet at the back of St Giles’ Church on Tuesdays from 1.30 – 3.30 pm and would welcome new members to join them and bring their own project if they so wish. They will be able to enjoy a couple of social hours with friends and a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits. There are Easter cards available for sale after the Tuesday and Sunday Services in exchange for a donation towards Church funds. Please contact Pauline Holloway on 01297 35433 or Barbara Woodsford on 01297 33777 for further details.

Barbara Woodsford

THE FRIENDS OF ST GILES CHURCHYARD UPDATE

The St Giles’ Churchyard League of Friends (FROGS) was launched at the beginning of February. The initial response from villagers (and some outsiders) has been encouraging and by mid-March nearly 50 people had signed up for either annual or life membership. At the same time, the Committee of FROGS has received some offers of equipment and also of a new shed in which to store the group’s equipment within the churchyard.

FROGS is out of the blocks. A working party was held in February to clear holly, rowan and elder from around the churchyard’s yew tree. Several people have put their names down to join the group of volunteers who will carry out the maintenance programme that is the central purpose of FROGS. At the same time, the Committee of FROGS wishes to acknowledge the efforts of those who have helped in the

BISHOP ROBERT’S VISIT TO KILMINGTON AND THE HONITON DEANERY

During his recent visit to the Honiton Deanery, Bishop Robert spent an evening in Kilminster outlining his vision of Mission in The Diocese of Exeter. The Village Hall was full to capacity with people eager to hear what the Bishop had to say. For some time now The Mission Action Plan has been on all our PCC Agendas but there has been little enthusiasm to discuss it at length and, therefore, it has not been successfully implemented beyond what the church is doing already, which is a good deal. However, the three directions which Bishop Robert wishes us to take and develop are:

Grow Deeper in Prayer

Of course we all pray in our own ways but knowing that others are doing the same at the same time makes it all the more meaningful and much more powerful.

Make New Disciples

This is not an easy one to implement, and most of us shy away from discussing religion with anybody. However, Bishop Robert invited us all to look outside ‘the proverbial box’ and we could be surprised at the results.

Serve the People of Devon with Joy

This is what we do already to a certain extent but we can and must do more. We must look for more ways in which we can help others and do it cheerfully.

After the talk and hearing Bishop Robert’s vision for Mission there was the opportunity for asking questions or voicing concerns. These were mainly matters on increasing pressure on parishes to pay more to the Diocese and the ever decreasing numbers of Clergy. It was a good evening and people felt free to speak about the good points in their lives as well as the difficulties. The Bishop spoke so well and clearly about his hopes for Honiton Deanery and the Diocese as a whole. Everyone in the Hall must have felt encouraged by what he said and wished they had had the opportunity to have the Mission Action Plan explained by The Bishop himself much earlier.

Diana Mellows, Churchwarden, St Giles’ Church

past and hope that they will continue their good work within the expanded team. We now need more volunteers from among the able-bodied, so please contact Liz Stonex (33944) or Gill Gibbs (631610) if you think that you can help.

We also want to increase the number of Friends; the membership of around 50 that has been reached in the first six weeks is an excellent start, but, in a village of some 800 people, surely more should want to support our efforts to create and maintain a churchyard of which we can all be proud. The Membership Secretary, Gill Gibbs (631610) would be pleased to hear from you and make additional enrolment forms available if necessary.

David Ingles (Treasurer)

During the Spring term, we were delighted to get a group of parents together to give our outdoor area a much needed make over!! It is now bright and welcoming as well as full of even more learning

opportunities! We would like to thank our fantastic committee and helpers for all their hard work! We couldn't have done it without them! Photos to follow!!



Our welly walks have continued to be very popular this term and the children have liked looking for signs of spring! We have been thinking about 'new beginnings'. We've looked at all the new buds coming on the plants, watched the lambs skipping in the field and we have our own tadpoles to look after and watch how they grow/change.

The children have also enjoyed having Mrs Neate and Axe Class, from Kilmington Primary School, coming over on Fridays to engage in a joint dance session. The children spend 15-20 minutes playing alongside the school children

before joining in with a dance activity which is led by Axe class. All the pre-school children really enjoy socialising with the school children and Mrs Neate.

During our science week, we were very lucky to have one of our new parents, Heather Gibbard, come in and do some exciting experiments with the children.



We finished the Spring term with an Easter coffee morning and a DISCO, which was enjoyed by all!!

Looking ahead, after the Easter break, we have a visit planned to Seaton Wetlands on the 4th May. This will be a fantastic morning where



the children will really explore and have fun! We can't wait!!

We then have our annual Duck Race on Thursday, 11th May, at 10.30 am from the Jubilee Green..

Carly Dare

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As another season passes us by, we look forward to the coming of the sunny days of summer. You may have seen that we have been working on various areas of the school. Initially, the area between the school and the church was stripped bare and since then new soil has been added to enable us to have an area where the children can grow plants. We will then be looking at relocating the pond and setting up some wildlife habitats to start up a nature area, which will support the science education in the school.

Our focus on reading has been a huge success so far this year – the library continues to flourish and we have also been developing the book corners in each classroom. All the children got involved in dressing up for World Book Day, and we started up a 'Book Swap' where every child was able to take home a new book, purely from donations provided by other children in the school.

Our sporting success continues. We have several new trophies and have once again been awarded the 'Gold Award' for



school sports for the third year in a row, which is no mean feat considering how challenging the criteria are. Although small, we have huge aspirations for all our pupils and this is a very good example of the school team developing the whole child – our students lead active lives in school and we hope they will lead active lives as adults too.

You may have also noticed the lovely mural on the wall of the PE shed in our playground. This was designed, made and installed by the children in the school, with the help of local artist Hugh Dunford Wood and has become the focal point for what we have called 'The Thinking Space' – an area primarily in memory of Malcolm Bettison, but also for children to have a quiet space in school in which to reflect, read, draw, or just have a quiet moment.

We are hoping to be out and about more now that the nicer weather is back, give us a wave if you see us!

Mrs Lee White, Head of School



MESSY SPARKLERS

The Messy Sparklers, under 5s sensory play group team, were pleased to welcome Sarah Breeze, from the Axe Valley and Honiton Children's Centre, this month. She prepared a hand print palm leaf activity, enabling the children to take part when they 'heard' about Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem and people waved palm leaves. She also shared with the parents details of the services the Children's Centre can provide.



face, colour a picture, or play with a Palm Sunday scene on a tough spot to use their 'sight'. The 'scent' activities this month were playdough-related where the children could use mint, lemon or caramel scented playdough on a hosanna playdough mat or use cutters to make people and trees.

Messy Sparklers takes place at The Beacon on the second Thursday of each month, during term time only. This means that we will not meet again until **Thursday, 12th May**, from 10.30 am to

Our 'taste' activity, following on the theme of Palm Sunday, was to use a breadstick, apple slices, blueberries and/or grapes to make a palm tree. For 'touch' we had hand print mother's day cards and cardboard donkeys to play in. The children could make a paper plate donkey

12.30 pm, first child £2 plus £1 for each additional child. In the meantime, we look forward to the Palm Sunday walk with the donkey from The Common to St. Giles' and The Easter Trail, at The Beacon, on Saturday 15th April between 3 and 4.30 pm where there will be some activities for pre-school children to engage with too. Juletta Obudo



“AM I BEING FAIR TO YOU?”

This was the theme for *The Women's World Day of Prayer* which was held in St Giles' Church on Friday 3rd March, highlighting the enormous contrast between the rich and poor people of the Philippines. Family life can be hard when the Harvest is poor on land or from the sea. 80% of the population works in the hospitality and care industry abroad, sending money home to support their families, often several generations. Children frequently work alongside other family members and have limited education. Each year a different country takes on the responsibility of organising and planning a Service. This year, the women of the Philippines designed the Service and St Giles' hosted it for the churches in this area. This same Service was being held by Christian Communities in churches and buildings used for worship all around the world.

It was a lovely event, the leader, readers, dancers and singers were all colourfully dressed, representing women from different islands, carrying produce from all over the country. There were moving moments when stories were read of the



The Service in progress

exploitation of women and girls, but also stories of how, with help, girls can receive education which lifts them and their family out of poverty. This Service unites communities all over the world on the same day. On one day the prayer and praise are all said and sung to create an enormous circle of powerful prayer. Afterwards everyone stayed for a cup of tea and some delicious cakes. Thank you to Pauline Holloway and Iris Quick for organising the whole event and all the ladies who made cakes.

Recently, John and I were on a small expedition ship in the Indian Ocean. The crew were all from the Philippines and I took the opportunity of telling the Chief Steward about the *Women's World Day of Prayer*. She told me that the staff were all Roman Catholic and she copied the Service Sheet and promised to hold a Service on board on March 3rd, when they would be somewhere in the vicinity of Madagascar (which is 90% Muslim and the Christians are targeted on a regular basis) which I am sure they did.

Diana Mellows, Churchwarden

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KILMINGTON BRANCH

It is again with much sadness that I have to commence my report with the sad news that one of our long term members, Alan Harding, latterly of Coombe End, Shute Road, passed away at the end of February, aged 97; his funeral took place in St Paul's Chapel at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Wednesday, 15th March.

As we go to press we are busy preparing for our Easter Extravaganza (Spring Coffee Morning), which this year will have a distinct Easter Theme, and also lots of garden goodies. I would like to take this opportunity to provide a little more information about our 'away day' on Wednesday, 14th June. This year we are taking a coach trip to Torquay; the coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.00 am and on the way will stop at the village of Cockington, before travelling onto to the centre of Torquay, where there will be ample time to explore, have lunch or sit on the beach! At 3.00 pm the coach will take us to the House of Marbles at Bovey Tracey, before leaving at approximately 5.00 pm to return to Kilmington at 6.00 pm. All this, including the coach, for the princely sum of £8 per person. For more details, or to book,

please see your shepherd. This promises to be a fun day out, so come and join us.

Change of Dates – In the last issue we highlighted a change of date for our Annual BBQ. Unfortunately, the date that was given now conflicts with other village events and we will notify you all of the confirmed date as soon as possible.

Monthly Get-together - a reminder that our monthly 'get togethers' continue alternately at the New and Old Inn on the first Friday of each month; the next is at the Old Inn on Friday, 7th April, so please come and join us for a jovial pint, glass of wine or just a good chat!

Dates for your diaries:

Friday, 7th April – 'Get together' 6.00 pm in the Old Inn
Saturday 8th April – RBL Spring Coffee Morning – Easter Theme (watch out for the posters)

Friday 5th May – 'Get together' 6.00 pm in the New Inn

Friday 2nd June – 'Get together' 6.00 pm in the Old Inn

Wednesday 14th June – RBL Day Outing to Torquay (ask your shepherds for details.)

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch

ALAN AND THE QUEST FOR THE SQUIRTY CREAM

– a very short story by Frankie Adlam

One day Alan was happy in his kitchen making a Banana Split when he realised he had no squirty cream (dramatic music). He only had 5 minutes to get to Tesco before it closed! (more dramatic music). Jumping into his Alanmobile he drove at top speed but because it was the A35 that wasn't very fast.

But Tesco didn't have any squirty cream - only Calpol! He wondered for a "banana split second" if he could use Calpol instead of Squirty Cream on his banana split

No way.

So he tried Millers and Hurfords and when all hope was lost he tried Pets at Home and the Flamingo Pool.

But no one had any QUIRTY SCREAM!!!!

He then bumped into the Mayor of Axminster who told him the Queen had BANNED all foods except Calpol because she was in such a bad mood about Brexit. Apparently there was only one Squirty Cream left in England but no one knew where it was ... (mysterious Sherlock Music). But Alan thought he knew where the Queen might hide it ...

John Lewis! Back into the Alanmobile! When he got there he went up to the 5th floor where the Toilets were and hid quietly in a cubicle. Then he heard, "The store will be closing in 5 minutes, please make your way to the Exit" but Alan stayed huddled next to a toilet (luckily because this was John Lewis it was a clean toilet).

Then suddenly a Security Guard forced the door open and stared down at Alan on the floor hugging a toilet:

"Who are you?" asked the Guard.

Then Alan used his special mind tricks (Yoda-style) and said:

"You do not see me, go back down the stairs and leave the building. Go home."

And he did.

Then Alan was all alone in the huge dark shop. All he had to do was find the last remaining pot of Squirty Cream in England ... (even more dramatic music).

He walked down the escalator to the Men's Department and picked out a Deerstalker hat and an Inverness cape to help him think ...

Then he saw a door that said:

'Staff Only – Definitely NO Squirty Cream in Here'.

Alan wasn't sure this was the right door. It said so, didn't it?

He scratched his Deerstalker hat – was it helping him think?

He pushed the door and found himself in a dark small room full of dirty mugs and half-eaten biscuits. On the fridge door there was a note:

'Do NOT look in here.'

He opened the door, peered inside and found a small box with a note:

'I told you NOT to look!'

He opened the box and inside was a tiny freezer with a note that said:

'There is NO squirty cream in here, I told you!!!'

He then opened the tiniest little freezer door and read:

(something too rude for this family magazine)

And there – to his amazement – he found a small pot of Holy Squirty Cream! (holy music).

He grabbed the pot and ran out of the Fire Escape, feeling so good he did his a hero-style leap in the air but messed it up by letting out a large dose of flatulence!

He was so excited to make a proper Banana Split at last. He rushed to his kitchen where – because he had been away for so long – his banana had turned brown and soggy and the ice-cream had melted and so had all the hundreds and thousands and so had his appetite ... He stood in the middle of his kitchen and screamed NOOOOOOO!

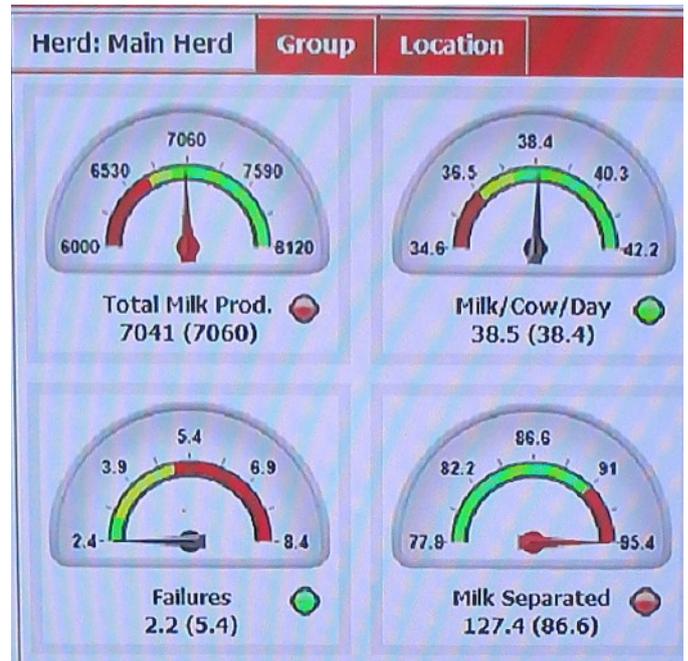
Frankie is 10. A big 'thank you' to him for his contribution.

CYBER-CRIME: DON'T LET THEM MILK IT

The arrival of super-fast broadband in the village probably means that we are all spending longer online as we say goodbye to the past frustrations of waiting ages for downloads. Sitting in front of the fire in an armchair in Kilmington and being able, at the touch of a button, to reach out and access information across the world is taken for granted. However, be warned! This can be a two way process with others reaching in and accessing your information.

Cyber-crime, as it is called, refers to a variety of crimes carried out online and is currently the third most common type of economic crime in the UK. In the United States the Federal Bureau of Investigation considers Cyber intrusions as more commonplace, more sophisticated and much more dangerous because their nation's critical infrastructure is targeted. You can't fail to have read that they say they claim to have proof of Russian interference in the US Presidential elections. It is feared similar activity is also playing a part in this year's European elections. Those responsible can switch on cameras and microphones within our computers, take screenshots, track what is being typed and change the behaviour of programs.

Whilst this kind of activity may seem to be a million miles from our idyllic Devon village, think again. If you're connected to the internet you are connected to the rest of the world, your cyber security is vital, and that milk jug on your breakfast table illustrates one example a bit too close to home. Nationally, last year over a nine month period, the milk yield across the UK fell considerably. To make up for the shortage, supermarkets were forced to look for imported products. Luckily at just the same time, increasing supplies of foreign Wytka dairy products came onto the market. A lucky coincidence you may think. But, as some of you may recall, we reported last year on the new automatic milking system installed at Higher Hampton Farm. There, cows voluntarily visit robotic stalls for milking whenever they wish and are encouraged to do so by getting some food dispensed to them when they arrive. To control how often each cow is milked it has an identity tag that is read by a sensor. If she enters the stall and has been milked too recently, she doesn't get the food and an automatic gate system sends her away without milking. The whole system



is computer controlled and linked to the dairy through the internet. After a look into the historic dairy farms data, it became clear that cows in all the UK automatic milking stalls were being milked much less frequently than they should be. Further investigation revealed that the UK computer programs controlling these automatic feed dispensers and release gates had been hacked and changed by some overseas organisation. Cows were arriving at the stalls but not getting their food reward and were released without milking; hence the lower yield and the shortage. A spokesman for the Wytka Dairy Industry, Milkail Pa'loroff denied any involvement, "It is crazy to suggest we have been creaming it off in this way" he said.

The UK DAFTA Dairy Director, Paul Dudder responded "How dare he? Pouring over this we knew something was wrong. I went quite pail when I herd what had been found. These unscrupulous criminals have gone whey over the top. I was streaming and iphoned our engineer who found the leak in quicktime. I told him he deserved a cookie for finding this."

Peter

ST GILES CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

The Parish Church flower arrangers are facing two problems at the moment for which your help is requested. The list of those willing to take on the task of arranging flowers on one or two Sundays in the year and help during major festivals, has been decreasing steadily and more people are required if we are to continue to provide fresh flowers each week to keep the Church looking lovely and cared for. The second problem is that the number of people contributing to the Flower Fund has reduced markedly with the result that the arrangers themselves have to contribute even more, though some of them are not Church members. Please help by sending contributions to the Flower Fund to Caroline Lavender or Coral Dunmow and contacting them to offer to join the team.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

KILMINGTON PCC MEETING

Lay Chairman John Thorne welcomed members to the first Council meeting of the year on 23rd January 2017 and the Revd. Simon opened it with a prayer. During various reports it became obvious that the finances were in good shape; the Church sound system had been upgraded satisfactorily; a faculty to apply for the installation of new lighting and the removal of the old electrical cables and wiring had been forwarded to the Diocese for approval; the "Friends of St Giles' Churchyard" had been launched; the St Giles' Church history book was about to be sent to the publisher; and proposals for new external notice-boards were considered. There was considerable discussion about the visit of Bishop Robert to the Deanery, about the proposed Lent course and future events. John Thorne informed members that he would not stand for re-election at the AGM on 24th April and members were asked to consider prayerfully who might be suitable and willing to join Diana Mellows and replace him.

Nigel Burton, Acting Secretary

KILMINGTON PLAYERS PRESENT *DICK WHITTINGTON*

The audience that was assembled in the village hall to watch the annual pantomime on its final night expected to be well entertained and were left in no doubt that their active participation was essential to it too. If they did not cheer, boo, commiserate or shout warnings as the occasion required, the action stopped and did not resume until their response was deemed satisfactory. There were people of all ages in the hall watching people of all ages on the stage as they gave us a lively and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The old story of Dick Whittington, a poor country boy seeking his fortune in London and eventually becoming Lord Mayor, was the framework for all the traditional pantomime elements. The fairy (Jean Falconer) was dignified and sparkly, ensuring continuity and a good outcome despite all the setbacks. Dick (Jasmine Hussey), naive but persevering and ever optimistic, was undaunted when he realised that the streets were not actually paved with gold and went on to rid them of rats, making himself very popular. In this he was aided by his talking cat (Karen Hussey), a phenomenal rat-catcher with a line in cynical and sarcastic commentary. The swaggering King Rat (Bev Reed) was a splendid antagonist but his formidable appearance and all his threats and blustering were of no avail against these two. Dick had found employment with Alderman Fitzwarren (Nick Young), a larger than life store owner with a beautiful daughter (Maia Booth), and an indomitable but lazy servant Jack (Jack Mear).

Somehow a voyage was arranged to exotic Morocco in 'The Leaky Tub', in the safe hands of Captain Cod (Tim Leat) and Bosun Chips (Louise Quincey) and crew, excellent hornpipe dancers but ineptly steering northwards for Whitby. This allowed the appearance of Dracula (Alan Rowley) to calls of

"He's behind you!" They were accompanied by Sarah (Kieran Marshall), the cook in Fitzwarren's store and on the ship, a striking dame with high pink hair, high pink shoes and high glamour. The sultan of Morocco (G.R.Davie) had them arrested but changed his mind about executing them when his palace was also freed of rats.

A most important role was played by the delightful junior chorus, multi-tasking as Londoners, rats, sailors, guards, dancing girls, sea creatures and beachgoers. They were impressive – they had learnt many different songs and dances and had given three performances already but their obvious enjoyment was infectious. Much credit is due to all the adults and especially the producer, Louise Quincey that the children were so confident and proficient in all they did.

None of this would have been possible without a magnificent production team of dedicated volunteers who were responsible for the effective and skillfully managed scenery, provision of costumes and props, music and lighting and, not least, organising the children backstage so that they each appeared at the right moment and in the right costume.

The chairman and erstwhile dame, David Lavender, wrote in the programme of Kilmington's fine pantomime tradition of which it is rightly proud. Long may it last!

Janfryd Gordon-Kerr

FROM PONY TO PRODUCER - the serialisation of memories of panto from Sandra Ward will be continued in a later issue of Postscript. We thank her for her stories so far.

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MY FIRST CAR



The first car I can really say was mine was an Austin Healey Sprite. I worked in the family business at Marshwood Garage so I was lucky enough to have the use of any of the cars that were part of the business. My father and brother were the mechanics

and often bought insurance write-offs and repaired them. One of these was a Sprite! I asked if I could have it once it was finished. I think I was about fifteen at the time.

Over the next couple of years they worked on it and by the time I had passed my test – six weeks after my seventeenth birthday – it was almost finished. The one thing remaining to be done was to purchase a new bonnet. However, I was not too enamoured of the 'frog eye' one and persuaded them to put on one from a Triumph Herald. I kept this car until I became engaged when I sold it to help towards the deposit on our first house.

FUNDING TO HELP AXMINSTER HOSPITAL PURCHASE NEW X-RAY EQUIPMENT

- excerpt from Press Release:

Good news for Axminster Hospital. The League of Friends of Axminster Hospital has been asked by the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Trust to help fund the replacement of X-ray equipment at the Hospital. The current machines are old and have become unreliable with repairs becoming expensive and replacement parts difficult to acquire. The League of Friends has agreed to donate £65,000 which equates to 50% of the total cost of equipment.

Ann Viet

Val



Dick Whittington
another wonderful production from Kilmington Players

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Telephone: 01297 33193 Email: info@cranberrieshideaway.co.uk



MAD moments in the garden



I love this time of year in the garden. There is a brief window before the weeds really get going when you can tidy all those dead leaves and stalks that have lost their seed heads and now are looking nothing but tatty. I like to think all that detritus provided food and shelter for lots of creepy crawlies over the winter and feel vaguely guilty as I sweep it all into the wheelbarrow and in to the compost bin. I hope that, once there, the bugs will settle down and work their magic in the composting process.

I have been escaping some of the endless showers this last month by working under some deciduous trees. It is dry, compacted with old roots and full shade in summer months. Having cleared some ferns, wild irises, and a couple of very large old shrubs well past their sell-by date, I now have a patch in need of that compost before I plant it up.

Looking online for a bit of inspiration as to what might grow in this difficult spot, I was reminded of how well *Epimedium* grows here, forming ground covering thuggish clumps, several of which I have already divided up in order to fill other difficult spots. The plant is also known as Bishops Hat, Barrenwort, Fairy Wings or Horney Goat Weed, but more of that later. This thought sent me on a further journey into my books to see if I could identify the variety which I have. The new leaves unfurl in Spring, bright green with red veins that over time become mid-green, the leaves are held high on wiry stems before turning a good dark red in autumn. The plant has the dearest of cheerful nodding yellow flowers standing six inches or so above the clump. They are best seen by cutting off the foliage sometime before mid February when they start to emerge. The variety that I have,

is, I think, *Epimedium perralderianum* or something similar. The flowers grow from a hairy reddish stalk with an average of 8-10 flowers, each flower having three separate parts. The inner cup of petals, and the inner and outer sepals, on my variety, are coloured different shades of yellow. Some species have developed spurs on the petals making them look more distinctive, and star or spider-like. *Epimedium grandiflorum* looks an interesting one to try out. There are several varieties with either white, pink or yellow flowers. I succumbed to buying online *Epimedium x rubrum*, a different hybrid form, before writing the article. It is probably not the best I now discover. What arrived is so small, it will be years before it presents a problem to anything else. I worry more that it will get lost under the detritus or inadvertently weeded out.

I have discovered that there are around 30 different species of *Epimedium*, both deciduous and evergreen. According to Karan Junkers's excellent book *Gardening With Woodland Plants*, they have been grown in Western gardens since the 19th century, but originated from Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean, a reminder of the debt we owe to the Victorian plant collectors. They are used in China and Japan medicinally for their aphrodisiac properties. Hence, I guess, the name Horney Goat Weed. My apologies for not being able to give advice as to which part of the plant is best consumed for those medicinal properties, but I am sure the answer is out there on the internet, somewhere.

Mary-Ann Driscoll

KGC Meeting 10th March: Seed Sowing, Pricking Out and Potting On - Adam Wallis

Adam Wallis from the Castle Gardens Group has become a favourite Gold Club speaker, always interesting, informative and entertaining. Two years ago he demonstrated the art of taking cuttings; this month his subject was propagation by seed. Having been brought up in a specialist nursery run by his parents, he has a lifetime experience of growing plants from seed. On the table in front of him was all the necessary equipment - seed packets, compost, additives and containers. Anything and everything can be grown from seed but the conditions required for germination vary widely, some needing to be put in the freezer and others kept hot and dry. Seeds are also graded by merchants: F1 seeds are from controlled pollination and produce consistent plants whereas open-pollinated F2 have a varied outcome. Compost must be low in nutrients and have a close-grained texture to encourage root formation.

Next came the practical demonstration. First of all, perlite was added to multi-purpose compost and all lumps removed. Of the many container options laid out on the table, Adam chose a standard seed tray, filled it to the rim with the compost mixture and flattened it. He then sowed the seed,

half in one direction then the remaining half the other way, and covered the tray with vermiculite to anchor the seed while allowing in the light. A label and a gentle overhead watering with a fine rose completed the procedure. Producing another seed tray, 'one I prepared earlier', in which the seedlings were sprouting their true leaves, Adam showed how to prick out safely, handling the new plants by the leaves to avoid damage to the stem. He recommended Thompson and Morgan's website for a detailed video on handling young plants. Finally we were shown the stages at which mini-plants were ready for potting on into increasingly larger pots. The compost now has slow-release fertiliser added which would maintain them until time for planting out in the garden. It had been an inspiring and informative talk from an expert. If only it was that easy for the rest of us!

Sydie Bones

Friday, 7th April: Shady Ladies and Sun Seekers - Mary Bengel

REMINDER - Gardening Club Plant Market is on Saturday 6th May, 10.30 - 12 noon

NATURE NOTES

A TALE OF KINGCOMBE MEADOWS



Besides offering access to its treasure-trove of ancient meadows, pastures and woodlands, the Trust puts on around sixty courses each year, both non-residential and residential, from - I quote - “photography, painting, traditional craft or willow weaving, to conservation, wildlife and ecology”.

Over the years I have attended six courses there: ***Dorset’s Butterflies and Moths***, led by David Brown, the Warwickshire Moth Recorder, whom you may remember gave a talk to the Gardening Club a year or two ago.

Identification of Wild Flowers (twice). Following this course, to the amusement of Diana and John Mellows, I was delighted to find **Corky-fruited Water-dropwort (*Oenanthe pimpinelloides*)** in the grounds of Springhead House, if only because of its wonderful name.

Although it is less than twenty miles from Kilmington as the crow flies, I have many times been surprised to come across friends in the village, often with wide botanical interests, who have never heard of The Kingcombe Centre. So - to quote the single sentence on the front of its currant brochure - “Welcome to The Kingcombe Centre, nestled in the heart of 450 acres of stunning nature reserve within the ancient West Dorset landscape of rolling hills, woodland and wildflower meadows”.

Situated some two thirds of the way between Beaminster and Maiden Newton, a farm that had not been touched by modern agricultural methods, Kingcombe was obtained by a Trust about thirty years ago, and now forms the heart of what is known as Kingcombe Meadows. Over the years more land has been added, and the whole concern is now farmed, and run by the Dorset Wildlife Trust.



Identification of Grasses (twice).
 Identification of grasses is hard work!
Brush with Nature - painting Spring flora.
 Most relaxing.

This year, in September, I have booked a place on a three-day Course, entitled ***Wildlife Garden Planning and Design***, which invites you to “Enjoy visits to some of Dorset’s best gardens, large and small”, and to “Learn from demonstrations and design sessions to take your inspiration home”.

I have to admit that, being a member of The Dorset Wildlife Trust, I am biased, but, just in case you wish to know more about what the Centre provides, their address is:

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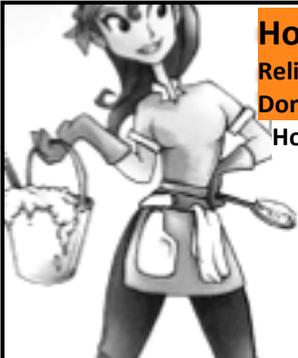
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	6.00 pm	The Beacon	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing 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
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	St Giles' Church	St Giles' Handicraft Group
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	The Beacon	Spectrum Youth Club
	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

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Sat	1st	4.00 pm	St Andrew's Church, Colyton	WWI Memorial Concert
Sun	2nd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
	2nd	8.00 am	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Mon	3rd	8.30 am	Village Hall	Annual Spring Clean
Tues	4th	6.45 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	5th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>A United Kingdom</i>
Thurs	6th	12.45 pm	Village Hall	Lent Lunch
Fri	7th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
	7th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: <i>Shady Ladies and Sun Seekers</i> - Mary Bengier
Sat	8th	10.30 am - 12.00 noon	Village Hall	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning (details on page 10)
	8th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	9th	9.45 am	Kilminster Common	Palm Sunday Procession through the village with donkey
	9th	10.30 am	St Giles' Church	Joint Service with the Baptist Church
	9th	6.00 pm	The Beacon	'Sankey Service'
Mon	10th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	11th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Week Communion
Thurs	13th	12.45 pm	Village Hall	Lent Lunch
	13th	7.30 pm	Stockland Church	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri	14th	10.30 am	Playing Field	Kilminster Kanter
	14th	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	St Giles' Church	Hot Cross Buns, Tea and Coffee
	14th	12.00 noon	Tesco's Car Park	Good Friday Walk of Witness
	14th	2.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Good Friday Service: <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	15th	3.00 pm	Playing Field	Easter Trail
Sun	16th	7.00 am	Shute Beacon	Sunrise Service
	16th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Easter Day Service
	16th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt
Tues	18th	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	18th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Wed	19th	7.30 pm	The Cudmore Room	Village Hall AGM
Sun	23rd	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	23rd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	St George's Day Family Service
	23rd	6.00 pm	The Beacon	L.I.F.E. Film Evening
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	24th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	St Giles' Church AGM
	24th	8.15 pm	Village Hall	Talk by Peter Gill, journalist (please see page 7)
Thurs	27th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting (details on page 4)
Sat	29th	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Elm Lodge, The Street	Coffee Morning in Aid of the Village Hall (details on page 10)
	29th	7.30 pm	The Minster, Axminster	Axminster and District Choral Society: <i>Gloria</i>
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