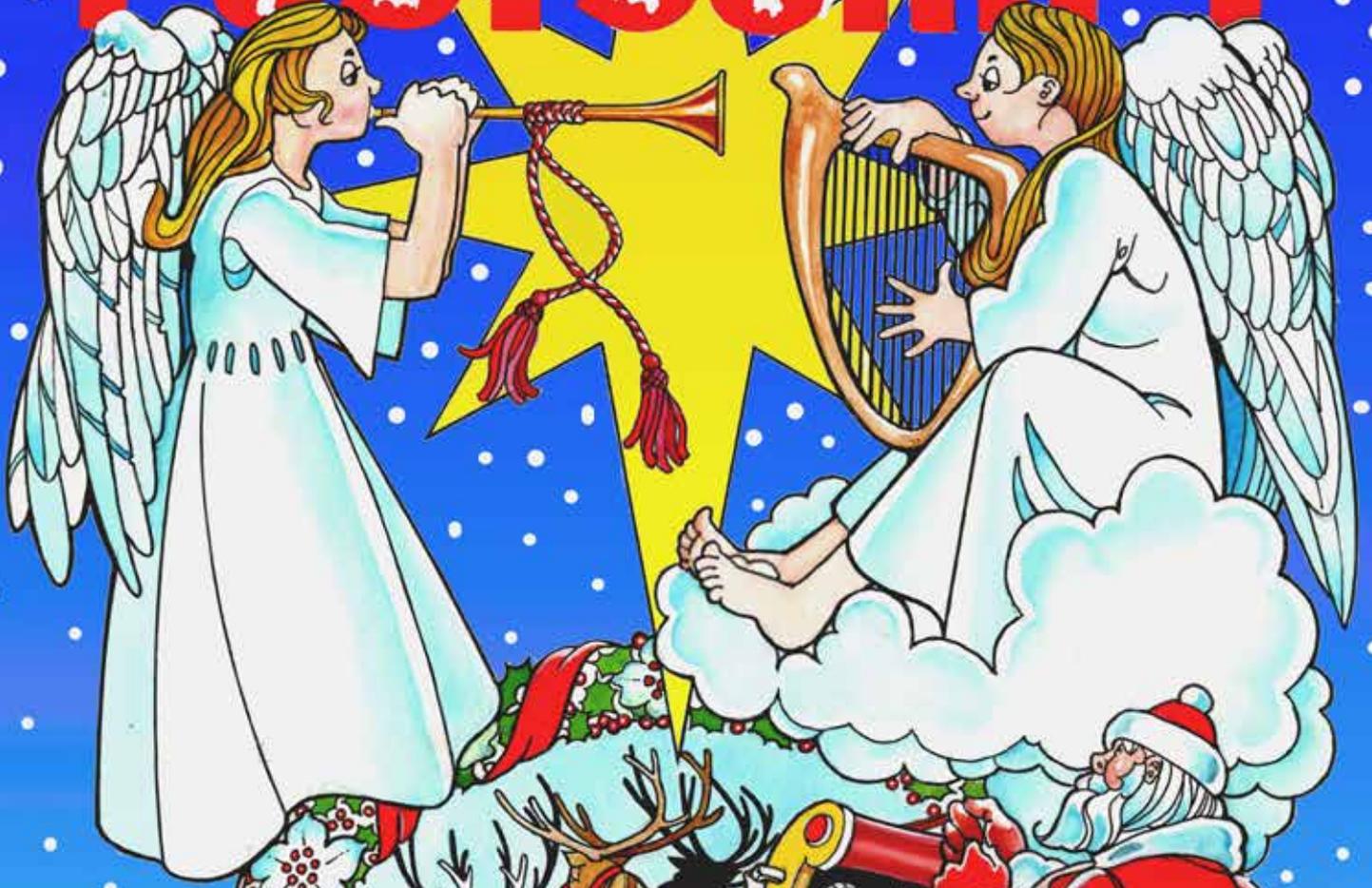


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**KILMINGTON**

# POSTSCRIPT



*BOB FARLEY*

## A MILESTONE FOR POSTSCRIPT

Something to celebrate. This is the 200<sup>th</sup> issue of Postscript which, as you will read in the centre pages, was started in 1998 as a means of communication in the village. Looking back through old issues, I am struck not only by the similarities in content but also by how much has changed in the design and presentation. Furthermore, some of those individuals who contributed articles in the early years still send in reports and other material now. What a record. There is no doubt in my mind that it is those of you who take the time to write, to take photos and send in items for inclusion, who make the magazine what it is. The Postscript team work hard but, without your input, the magazine could not reflect the wide range of interests that it does.

It is with some trepidation that I approach Bob Farley in September each year and ask if he is “up” for creating a Christmas cover for us again. To my delight and without hesitation, he said “yes” and what a colourful front cover he has given us. Maureen has responded to demand too and, hearing that many people liked “Spot the Difference” last year, she has come up with another challenge. Peter has written a fascinating and topical piece about owls with several stunning photos. We are hearing these beautiful creatures almost every night as I write this in mid November.

Also in this 200<sup>th</sup> issue, we have regular reports and photos from many village organisations, several Christmassy poems and a selection of limericks, chosen from those entered. In addition, John Robertson has penned in verse an ironic reflection on the year 2017.

Finally, I have to let you know that it is time for me to resign as editor of Postscript. I advised the PS team back in January that I would like to hand over the reins by the end of 2017 and here we are. I am delighted that Janfryd Gordon-Kerr has accepted the challenge and she will be taking charge in the new year. I hope she will enjoy her time as editor as much as I have done.

I have been involved in the Postscript team since issue 87 back in 2006. Then, in 2011, Stephanie twisted my arm to take over from her as editor. I have found my rôle a thoroughly enjoyable way to be involved with the village and I must thank the many people who have supported Postscript and me as editor over the years.

So, finally, I would like to thank everyone who contributes in any way, all the past editors whose previous work we have built on, the two proof readers who do their bit quietly behind the scenes, the speedy delivery team who take the magazine around the village, Axminster Printing and, not least, the Parish Council and the many individuals who make donations to help with printing costs; and, of course, my fantastic Postscript team. It has been good working with you. We’ve had loads of fun and lots of laughter. I shall miss our meetings but it is time for me to do other things. Thank you all and every good wish to Janfryd as she takes over.

Judith

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Please see inside back cover for details.

The Christmas cover was designed by Bob Farley. A sincere ‘Thank you’ Bob. Thank you to Maureen and all the other photographers who have contributed to this issue.

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## SEASONAL POEMS

### MY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me:  
"I'm glad we bought a fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree."

On the second day of Christmas, much laughter could be heard as we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the third day we entertained the people from next door. The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before.

Day four, relations came to stay; poor Gran is looking old. We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes flurried.

But we were nice and warm inside, for we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day, I must admit, the Christmas spirit died. The children fought and bickered, we ate turkey rissoles, fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince, When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.

Day eight, and nerves were getting frayed, the dog had run for shelter, I served up turkey pancakes, with a glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day our cat left home, by lunchtime Dad was blotto, He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto.

By the tenth day the booze had gone (except our home made brew), And if that wasn't bad enough, we suffered turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting, The mince pies were as hard as rock and the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day, my true love had a smile upon his lips - the guests had gone, the turkey too - and we dined on fish and chips.

Anon

### I HEARD A BIRD SING

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.  
A magical thing.  
And sweet to remember.  
'We are nearer to Spring than we were in September'  
I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.

Oliver Herford

### ‘T WAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber)  
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared,  
The gravies and sauces and beef, nicely rared.  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,  
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please".

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.

I said to myself, as only I can,  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"  
So - away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished.  
Until all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,  
But isn't that what January is for?"

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot,  
"Happy New Year" to all, and to all on a good diet!

Written by a disenchanting housewife

## SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Hard

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 26.

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The two Christmas poems on this page were sent to us by Julie Woodward and the December poem by Oliver Herford was found by Peter. Thank you to both of them. - Ed.

# KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

**December** Lots to see again: a Supermoon, planets, stars and a meteor shower. Through the month look east mid evenings to find the constellation of **Orion The Hunter**, with the three close stars of his belt running vertically. Behind it you'll see the stars of the edge of the Milky Way. Also, standing upright over the west-northwest horizon in December is **The Northern Cross** a famous star pattern which is pretty easy to spot. The star Deneb marks its top and Albireo the bottom, all part of the constellation Cygnus the Swan.



**Venus and Mars** are close in the low eastern sky 90 minutes before dawn throughout the first week, closest together on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Full 'Supermoon'** Of 2017's 12 full moons, only December's comes close enough, 222,443 miles, to Earth to enjoy supermoon status. This full moon and lunar perigee – the moon's closest point to Earth in its orbit – happen less than one day apart.

**12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Geminid Meteor Shower.** These are the expected peak nights with as many as 50 or more meteors per hour. One of the best, if not the best shower of the year. Best viewing is after midnight, look east towards the bright stars Castor and Pollux.

**18<sup>th</sup> The longest lunar month of the 21st century** (2001 to 2100) starts with this new moon of December 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 and ends at the next on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. A lunar month is the duration between successive new moons, also called a lunation or synodic month. Its length varies throughout the year but they average 29 days 12 hours and 44 minutes. This one is 29 days 19 hours and 47 minutes, some 7 hours and 3 minutes longer.

**21<sup>st</sup> December Solstice:** when the sun on our sky's dome reaches its farthest southward point for the year and we get our shortest day and longest night of the year.

**29<sup>th</sup>** Mars, Jupiter and Mercury line up across the south east morning sky about one hour before sunrise. Reddish Mars on top, below is dazzling Jupiter and project a line below to find a surprisingly bright Mercury - the solar system's innermost planet, last to rise near the sunrise point on the horizon. Technically, all five bright planets – Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are in the morning sky right now. However, Venus and Saturn sit so close to the glare of

sunrise that they are not presently visible.

**31<sup>st</sup> Sirius**, the brightest star in the sky, in the constellation Canis Major, up in the evening every year at this time. But it's a special night for Sirius, it's the star's official midnight culmination, when it's at its highest for the year in the sky at midnight. Look south and you'll easily notice Sirius shining there at around midnight.

**January** Another supermoon and meteor shower this month, together with views of Jupiter, Mars and Venus.

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Full 'Supermoon'** the "most super" of the year and the second in a series of three: Dec, Jan & Feb. Typically, the second of the three will most closely coincide with lunar perigee, giving the closest and largest supermoon in the series.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Quadrantids Meteor Shower** the first major shower of the year peaks tonight. Around 40 per hour, but a bright full supermoon will make it difficult to see fainter meteors. Best view after midnight.

**4<sup>th</sup> Moon and Regulus**, the twosome climb above the eastern horizon around mid-evening.

**7<sup>th</sup> Mars and Jupiter** in conjunction in your southeast dawn sky and this won't happen again until March 20, 2020.

**12<sup>th</sup> Moon, Jupiter and Mars close** before sunrise, in front of the constellation Libra the Scales. The king planet Jupiter outshines the red planet Mars by about twenty times at present.

**31<sup>st</sup> Full 'Blue' Moon** This year we have two months (January and March) that have two full moons, the second moon in one calendar month is called a Blue Moon. The calendar of moons run in a 19 year cycle after which the new and full moons then realign with nearly the same dates of the year. So in 2037 we'll again have Blue Moons in January and March. It's called the Metonic cycle and has 235 full moons (or 235 lunar months) yet only 228 calendar months. With more full moons than calendar months (235 – 228 = 7 extra full moons), at least seven of the calendar months must have two full moons. However, sometimes February has no full moon at all – as is the case this year. Therefore there's an extra 8<sup>th</sup> full moon that will fall into another calendar month.

Peter

## MOBILE LIBRARY

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## KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Once again we are delighted to have Anne Swithinbank from The BBC's **Gardeners' Question Time** returning to start the 2018 programme of talks at Kilmington Gardening Club.

Anne will be explaining "How to be a laid back gardener" on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome £5.

## AXMINSTER HERITAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8.30 am - noon. Cakes, books, almost new gifts and a raffle with teas and coffee.

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Donations for all stalls gratefully received and can be collected. Please call 01297 32417.

**Come along  
for pre-Christmas Coffee and Mince Pies.**

Diana Church



## The Time of Their Lives

(12A)

**Kilmington Village Hall  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**



It has all the elements, including one British Dame (Joan Collins), an attractive location (the French island of Ile de Ré) and a twinkly-eyed older gent (Franco Nero) to inject a bit of vim into our tired heroines. Aside from the Collins duo, the fine cast includes Marigold Hotel veteran Ronald Pickup as Pauline Collins's uncommunicative grump of a husband and Joely Richardson, in a late appearance as a grieving daughter burying her father and acting everyone else off the screen.

Pauline Collins's housewife Priscilla is still grieving over the death of her son in a drowning incident 40 years ago when he was four. Hubby appears to have barely spoken to her since.

Joan Collins is a very faded, apparently friendless, film star, Helen Shelley, now resident in a grim London retirement home and looking to fill the void in her life by gate crashing the funeral in France of a former lover. Her plan? To remind the attendant Hollywood players of her blazing talent and revive her career.

**Forthcoming films:** No film in January, details of next seasons films will be in the next edition of Postscript.

**Doors open 6.45 pm** when wine, soft drinks and tea/coffee are available, with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 10.00 pm. Tickets £5.50 on the door or £5 in advance **BY PHONING: 01297 32335** leave contact details and booking will be confirmed, or email: [wattsjohn307@gmail.com](mailto:wattsjohn307@gmail.com)

See <http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/moviola.html> for more information about the film.

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## Letter from the Churches

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### REJOICE

On her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, a newspaper reporter asked the elderly lady what she enjoyed about passing the century mark. Her reply came instantly, "No peer pressure!"

Well, *Postscript* has reached the double century! In this 200<sup>th</sup> edition of *Postscript* we celebrate a fantastic magazine with an illustrious history and this is a good reason to rejoice about it. All manner of folk have helped write, edit, produce, contribute pictures, recollections and ideas to make it consistently brilliant. *Postscript* is a great read and has to be the best village magazine around and will continue to be so - no pressure! :-)

Just as we rejoice with *Postscript*, so December is a month when we can rejoice in so much more. The word "rejoice" probably stems from around 1300 and is derived from a French word meaning "to gladden, own, possess or enjoy the possession of joy". I even discovered that there is such a word as a "rejoicer". (Remember this, all you Scrabble players!).

We can rejoice this month because December includes the celebration of Advent and Christmas, which is all about the rejoicing over the birth of Jesus which took place some two millennia ago. The bible records that, when Mary learned that she was carrying the child of God, she said (or possibly sang out)

*My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour*  
(Luke, chapter 1, verse 47)

And when the angel of God was announcing the impending birth of Jesus, he said

*He will be a joy and delight to you,  
and many will rejoice because of his birth*  
(Luke, chapter 1, verse 4)

May this Christmas season give us all cause to rejoice in God and to rejoice in the birth of Jesus once again. Then we can join with many around the world who have come to know that Christmas is so much more than an opportunity to spend money, buy and receive cards and presents, and eat far too much. If we were to ponder events and troubles of this world and took our cue from them, we could well become despondent. However, when we focus on seeing Him, who is at the centre of Christmas itself, the Maker and Saviour of the World, then joy, *real joy* gladdens us and is possessed by us. It really is true to say that, if any come to know Jesus, then He really will be a "joy and a delight to you" and you will become a "rejoicer".

Darrell

PS: As Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Kilmington Branch, I pass on my thanks to all who supported us on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Thanks, too, to the ladies and gents who made the amazing Poppy installations, working hard over the recent months to crochet and design the whole display. The Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch is probably the largest organization in the village, and enjoys loyal support and encouragement from most people. With over 40 folk at the Pavilion on 11<sup>th</sup> November, nearly 200 in the service on Sunday, and a large crowd at the War Memorial Ceremony, and still more in the New Inn on the Sunday evening, we are so grateful for that support. The understanding to "remember the fallen" from, and since, WW1 seems to be growing, and younger people are also showing their support too.

Pastor Darrell Holmes,  
The Beacon, Kilmington

### CHRISTMAS AT ST GILES

A **Christingle Service**, which is always popular with families and children, will be held at 3.00 pm in church on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Christingles will be provided and will be lit while the youngsters sing some well known Christmas carols. The theme for the **Open the Book** session at the school assembly in church on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December will be all about Christmas; the children certainly seem to look forward to these events.

Malcolm Miller has kindly agreed, once again, to host the Village Carol Singing, but a bit earlier this year on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm, to avoid the Christmas shopping rush. Mulled wine and other refreshments will be supplied and it is a good occasion to wear your Christmas outdoor kit! The traditional **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be held at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December in a fully decorated church and with a number of village residents reading the Lessons. Mulled wine and mince pies will be

served afterwards and it is a great occasion to get into the Christmas spirit. The **Crib Service on Christmas Eve** at 3.00 pm is another favourite for the children and there will be plenty of knitted sheep and other figures to place around the crib in the candlelight; some young musicians and choristers from St Mary's RC School will help with the carols under the direction of Rachel Burrough. Arrangements are being made for families to host overnight figures and sheep and pass them on in the Spanish Posada fashion. That evening is the first opportunity to take your **Christmas Holy Communion** at 9.30 pm which will also include carols. For those who cannot attend the **Christmas Eve Service**, there will be a **Family Communion** at 9.30 am on Christmas Day and children are invited to bring along their favourite present. The Revd. Simon and the Churchwardens send their best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas and for a peaceful New Year.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

## MESSY SPARKLERS

It is always a joy to greet the parents /carers and their children each month to *Messy Sparklers*. This month in attendance we had Mums, Dads and Grandmothers, but anyone caring for an under 5 is welcome to attend – there is no need to book!

*Messy Sparklers* is a sensory play group, so our activities are planned round our five senses. Our main theme this month was Light, with a focus on the Biblical story of God speaking to Moses through a Burning Bush that didn't get burnt up. Our activities included: Taste – chocolate finger 'sparklers'; Smell - vanilla scented playdough with cutters for making firework shapes; Touch - cooked spaghetti and coloured icing for making firework shapes, black rice and pulses with shiny items and tweezers, finger painting an outline of a bush with green 'leaves' and red/yellow 'flames'; Sight – A 'Dark Den' with light-up accessories, cardboard tubes and paint to make firework pictures on black paper; Hearing – story and songs. In addition, there was a range of other toys for the children of various ages to play with.



Our kitchen team, joined by two relief members this month, did us proud as usual. The new parents/carers are often surprised to realise that they are catered for as well as the children. It makes it much easier for the parents/carers if both they and their children have eaten when they leave at 12.30 pm. We have also been blessed with an efficient new member to our clean-up team which has meant that we are tidied up in half the time.



*Messy Sparklers* takes place at The Beacon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, during term time only. Our next two sessions will be Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, first child £2 plus £1 for each additional child.

Do check out our Facebook group *Messy Sparklers, The Beacon, Kilmington* for more information.

Juletta Obudo

## DONATION TO FRIENDS OF ST GILES CHURCHYARD (FROGS)



Lynda, the widow of Robin Cross who sadly died on 29<sup>th</sup> April this year while working as a member of FROGS voluntarily in the St Giles' Churchyard, came to the Coffee Shop on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October with Robin's Mother and other family members to make a generous donation to FROGS in his memory. A number of the congregation were present including churchwarden, Diana Mellows and prominent FROGS members including Bill Kerslake, John Thorne and David Smith, who all expressed their appreciation. Robin will long be remembered for his work in the community and for his support for St Giles' Church.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

Photo: *Lynda and Family (seated) at the Coffee Shop*

## Carols for the Community



**3.00pm, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
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# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

*'A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all'*

October seems a long time ago, however, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Martin Pelling, a retired WO1 Royal Marine gave an excellent overview of the Battle of Passchendaele in Kilmington Village Hall. The lecture was enjoyed by over 60 members of the Kilmington branch of the RBL, who showed their



appreciation by placing in excess of £100 in the Admiral's Jug. And so to November. Clearly, there was no requirement for me to remind you all of our acts of Remembrance, as this



year's attendance was undoubtedly the best for many years. In what might be described as less than perfect weather conditions, over 40 residents arrived in the rain at the Playing Field on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November to remember the Armistice Day 99 years ago. They observed the two minute

silence marked by the firing of maroons. On Remembrance Sunday, a fantastic display of knitted poppies in the shape of a wave marked the entrance to the Baptist 'Beacon' Chapel, where over 160 people, including members of Baden Powell Scout Troop from Lyme Bay, gathered for this year's service led by the Branch Chaplain, Pastor Darrell Holmes. In a very moving service, lessons were ably read by Chris Hill from the Baptist Church and Roger Lovegrove, the Kilmington RBL Branch President. In support, the Revd. Barry Brewer, gave a powerful and thought provoking address which held the attention of adults and children alike.

Despite the autumn chill and squalls of 'liquid' sunshine, at 10.45 am the congregation moved to the War Memorial to join other members of the community who had gathered to mark the two minute silence. In a short service led by the Branch Chaplain, the names of eleven individuals from Kilmington who lost their lives in the Great War and three who died in the



Second World War were read out. This was followed by the Exhortation and the laying of wreaths by the Branch President, Mr Roger Lovegrove on behalf of the RBL, Commander Stafford Seward, OBE RN Rtd, on behalf of the Royal Navy, Lance Corporal Alex Hill for the British Army, Group Captain Brian Lavender, OBE Rtd, for the Royal Air Force, PC Janette Bassett for the Police and Dylan Payne for the Scouts; a number of children also laid their own tributes. Afterwards the majority retired to the Beacon for refreshments, before over 60 Branch members went to Haselbury Mill for a Remembrance Day lunch. In the

evening residents and members packed the New Inn for a Quiz conducted by Clive Garner on behalf of the Poppy Appeal. On what was truly a memorable weekend, it would be remiss of me not to thank all those who worked in the background to make things happen, but especially

committee members and the tea ladies on Saturday; the congregation and helpers in the Beacon for providing refreshments and a brilliant display of poppies; our branch President for arranging the meal at Haselbury Mill and, of course, the New Inn and Clive Garner for a fantastic evening. Last but not least, to all of you who supported the Royal British Legion on Remembrance weekend, thank you again for all your support and generosity.



Of course by the time you read this we will also have held our Autumn (Christmas) Coffee Morning, where no doubt I will have had the opportunity to catch up with many of you again. In addition, I will have reminded you of our Battlefield tour in France (March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>). However, if you have not yet subscribed but would like to, please contact Jean Falconer or any of the committee members. We look forward to taking as many as we possibly can.

2018 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. With remembrance being one of the core objectives of the Royal British Legion, you can guess that 2018 is going to be 'a bit special' and Kilmington RBL hopes to bring some memorable occasions for you all to attend. As well as our normal programme which will be promulgated shortly, we also hope to take part in a national event entitled the 'Greatest Thank You' which will run from the 8<sup>th</sup> August to Remembrance Sunday. It is designed to

symbolise hope and celebration and is intended as an opportunity for all clubs, organisations and individuals to come together and find ways to say 'thank you'. So, if you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this, please contact your shepherds, Tony Thompkins (Events co-ordinator), Jean Falconer (Secretary) or myself.

Finally – honest!! Please join us for our last get together this year at the Old Inn on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6.00 pm and if you can't make it, then come and celebrate the start of 2018 with us at the New Inn on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Staff Seward, Chairman, Kilmington Branch RBL

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

## 2017 POPPY APPEAL

We are delighted to announce that at the time of going to press a total of £3,541.67 was raised during the two week Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrancetide).

Our fantastic team of house to house collectors raised £1,612.96 whilst the 'static' collection tins placed with local companies, businesses, the Baptist Church and the Village Primary School raised an amazing £1,299.06. The Remembrance Service, held this year in The Beacon Baptist Church raised £629.65.

The team responsible for the 'count up' was headed up by Roger Lovegrove (Branch President) and included Peter Guy (Branch Treasurer), Peter Huscroft, Tony as well as Peter and Louise Wood. We would like to pass on thanks to Jean Falconer who 'loaned' us the use of the Kilmington Gardening Club coin counter - what a help that was!

Our sincere thanks go to Pearl Hurford, John Watts, Jenny Nickolls, Louise Quincey, Angie Clark, Jennie Giles, Avis Lockwood, Jean Falconer, Marcia Wilmott, Carole Bolton, John and Pat Martell, Karen Hodder, Lesley Rew and Hilary Colbe, who undertook the House to House collections across the whole village and beyond. Hilary lives at Green Lane,

Raymonds Hill and collects there on behalf of our village collection. She has been part of our team for the past two years.

We are also indebted to: The Beacon Baptist Church congregation who hand crafted some wonderful poppies for sale, Millers Farm Shop who allowed us to set up a fantastic display of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal merchandise as well as Starbucks, A35 Pit Stop, Kilmington Cross Services, New Inn and the Old Inn who all permitted us to set up a static collection point. We also placed a special 'RBL kids pack' in the village primary school which was very well supported indeed.

And finally to everyone who donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Our total this year exceeded that raised during last year's Remembrancetide for which we are extremely grateful. Your contribution helps provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. Thank You.

**Peter and Louise Wood**  
Poppy Appeal Organisers  
Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch

## ANNUAL LECTURE

The 2017 RBL Annual Lecture was this year given by Martin Pelling in a well filled Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Martin served in the Royal Marines for 27 years until his retirement in 2013, and is now a member of the Guild of Battlefield Guides. He spoke about the events of 1917 on the Western Front leading up to the various phases of the Third Battle of Ypres and culminating in the mud and horrors of Passchendaele. His deep knowledge of the events came over as did his understanding of the pressures and uncertainties

that are an inevitable part of war. The warm applause from the audience was tribute to an excellent speech and Martin was thanked by Branch Chairman, Stafford Seward.

David Ingles briefly introduced some local flavour with a short account of the life of Gilbert Wright, killed at Passchendaele on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1917. A 39-year old father of four, Gilbert had been landlord of the Old Inn for 12 years before being conscripted into the army in 1916.

Sandra Ingles

## VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The Village Hall 100 Club funds are used to help maintain and improve the Hall for all to use. The renewal notices for 2018 will be delivered to all existing members in January. New members are always warmly welcome and, following the closure of Hurford's Stores, application forms will be available in January from me at 8 Whitehayes Close or to collect from either Pauline Horwood at Blue Haze (opposite St. Giles' Church) or The New Inn.

Meanwhile, thank you all for your much needed support.

Angus

For further details, please contact  
Angus Falconer - 01297 33708

### The winners of the draw held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

J Dalman	£25	S Bond	£5
D Smith	£10	N Bond	£5
J Giles	£10	J Nickolls	£5

### The winners of the draw held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

J Church	£25	E Stonex	£5
J Astbury	£10	I Evans	£5
G Gibbs	£10	K Chapman	£5

**THANK YOU** - Just a note to say a really big thank you to all those who sent me flowers, cards, and messages of encouragement during my recent illness. Both Bill and I were so grateful and also for the offers of help etc. that came our way.

I'm pleased to report that progress is being made and I hope to be back to full health before too long. Thank you all so much.

Molly and Bill (Kerslake)

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2017

### EXAMPLE

16 = O in a P answer:

16 ounces in a pound

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. 24 H in a D        | 7. 7 W of W       |
| 2. 7 D in a W         | 8. 3 WM           |
| 3. 168 H in a W       | 9. 9 L of a C     |
| 4. 366 N of D in a LY | 10. 3 BM          |
| 5. 26 L of A          | 11. 7 S on a TPP  |
| 6. 13 U for S         | 12. 1953 C of EII |

Answers to all the questions below are London rail stations

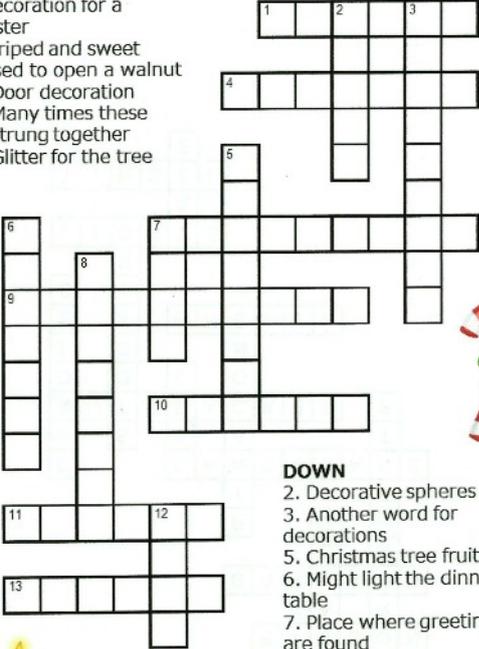
1. Heavenly residence
2. At the river side
3. Suggests a big one
4. A royal upset
5. Is it really falling?
6. The 1,760 yard
7. Not a cricket square
8. A big blue top
9. A hiding place for a king
10. Is this difficult to climb over?



# Christmas Decorating

**ACROSS**

1. Used to wrap a present
4. Decoration for a banister
7. Striped and sweet
9. Used to open a walnut
10. Door decoration
11. Many times these are strung together
13. Glitter for the tree



**DOWN**

2. Decorative spheres
3. Another word for decorations
5. Christmas tree fruit
6. Might light the dinner table
7. Place where greetings are found
8. Hung by the chimney
12. Might be cedar, fir or pine




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Answers are on page 23

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

I am writing this on the last day of the Autumn Lunches and despite a slow start we raised £868.50 in total which seemed incredible. Thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve lunches and to our faithful diners who are appreciative of the weekly social gatherings.

This week we also received the sad news that our reliable hall cleaner Terry, who was with us for many years had died suddenly. We have sent our condolences to his wife and two young sons who will obviously miss him terribly. We are in the process of advertising for a replacement for him and until we are successful we will do our best to keep the hall as we would expect to find it and we ask that all users try and clean up after using the hall.

Our last Users Meeting was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> and was attended by only three representatives which was extremely disappointing. As we only have two meetings a year we would be grateful if, in future, someone from your organisation would attend as has happened in the past. As the Administration Committee, we do need to inform users of our future plans etc. The minutes of that meeting can now be read in full on the Village Website.

Our BIG APPEAL that evening was to encourage some younger folk to come on to our committee. We URGENTLY need a couple of men to come forward to relieve an ageing, predominately female committee of some tasks that we can

no longer cope with!!! There must be some people in the village with a social conscience who are keen to see their hall face up to the years ahead and serve the needs of the whole village as it has done for the first thirty years of its existence.

We did discuss the type of memorial we would like to remind us of Mary Seward and her tireless support of the Village Hall both before and after it was built. The proposed plan to replace the existing shingle beds in front of the hall with decorative paving and install an inscribed bench on one side was met with the approval of those present. I hope those not there will be happy with that decision.

For some time we have been unhappy with the quality of the hot water produced by the water heater in the kitchen and an extremely generous donation has enabled us to replace it with a new model which has a filter built in. We are so grateful for the many people who are always willing to help us out in this way and we do hope this will give us enjoyable beverages in the future!

### Dates for your diary:

SPRING CLEANING - Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am in the hall.

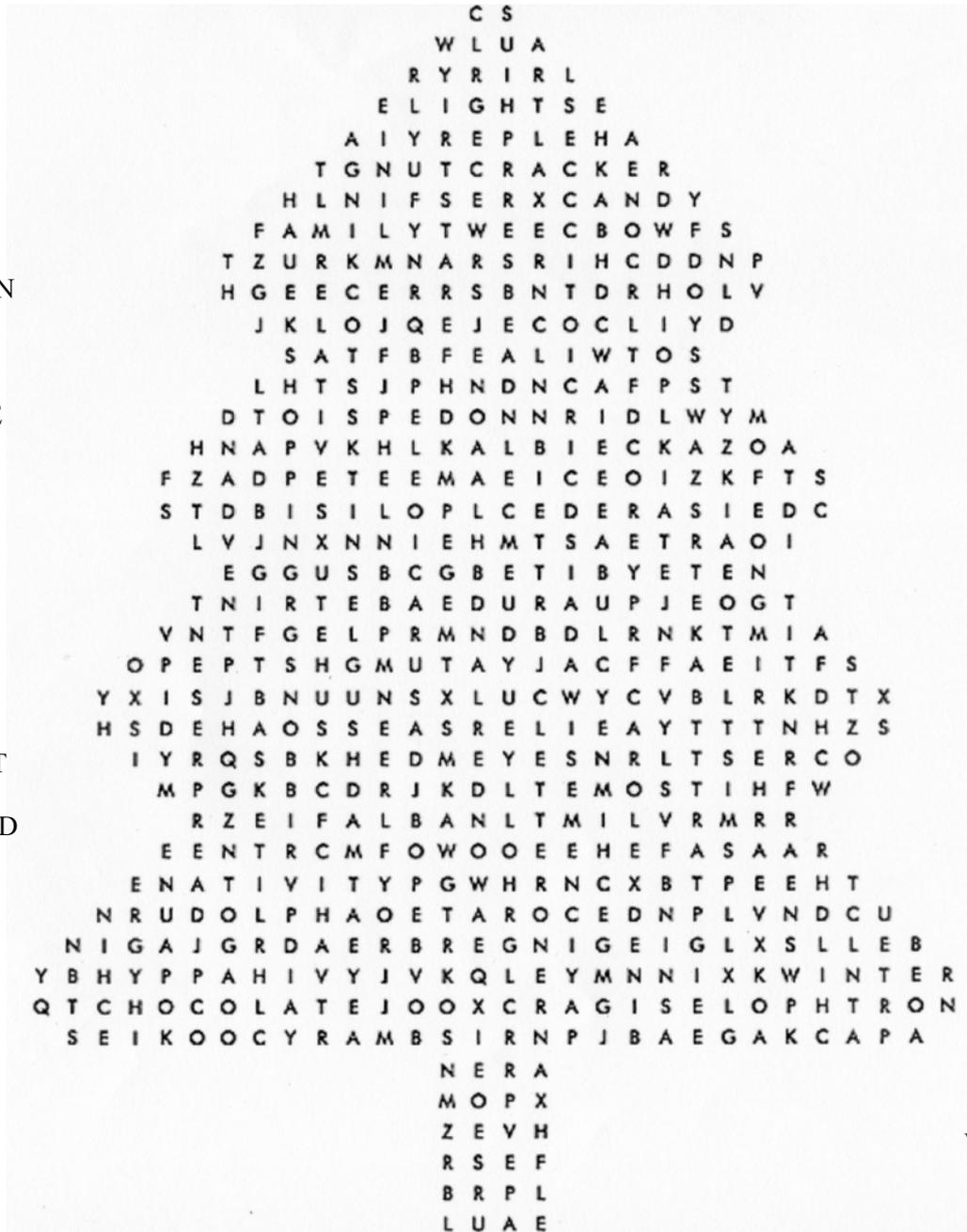
AGM - Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm in the Cudmore Room.

Diana Church

# CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Find the words in the list hidden in the puzzle grid below

- ADVENT
- BABY
- BAKE
- BELLS
- BOW
- CANDLE
- CARDS
- CAROL
- CELEBRATION
- CHARITY
- CHESTNUTS
- CHIMNEY
- CHOCOLATE
- CHRISTMAS
- CINNAMON
- COOKIES
- DECEMBER
- DECORATE
- ELF
- FAMILY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDS
- FRUITCAKE
- GIFT BASKET
- GIFTS
- GINGERBREAD
- GOLD
- GREEN
- HAPPY
- HELPER
- HOLIDAY
- HOLLY
- ICICLES
- IVY
- JESUS
- JINGLE



- JOSEPH
- LETTER
- LIGHTS
- MANGER
- MARY
- MERRY
- MISTLETOE
- NATIVITY
- NAUGHT
- NICE
- NORTH POLE
- NUTCRACKER
- ORNAMENTS
- PACKAGE
- PRESENT
- REINDEER
- RELATIVES
- RIBBON
- RUDOLPH
- SALE
- SANTA
- SHEPHERD
- SHOPPING
- SILVER
- SLEIGH
- SNOWFLAKE
- STAR
- STOCKING
- TINSEL
- TOY SOLDIER
- TREE
- TRIM
- WINTER
- WISEMEN
- WONDERLAND
- WRAPPING PAPER
- WREATH

## ST GILES CHURCH POP-UP-CAFE

Every day Kilmington Primary School run "After-School" Clubs for pupils. Some parents/ guardians find themselves collecting one child at 3.30 and waiting for another to finish a club activity around 4.30 or 5.00 pm. In the summer this is not a problem, as there is the playground to visit or they take a walk around the village but, on cold winter days, the car may be the only place to wait. In agreement with the Head Teacher at the School, the Parochial Church Council decided to open up the back of St Giles' Church as a Café on Tuesday afternoons in term time from 3.15-5.00 pm This will offer somewhere safe where parents and guardians can sit and chat in the warm, have refreshments and also somewhere for the children to play. There are toys and games available and a Story Corner for a quiet time.

There is no charge for the refreshments but offers of biscuits, cakes and help will be welcomed. So far this has proved popular and already people are asking if it will be opening up on other days. Wait and see!

Diana Mellows, Churchwarden



# KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

There was a Parish Council election in the autumn and we think that readers will like to see who their representatives on the Parish Council are. Further details can be found on the village website. Thank you to Julia Mear for the photos.



**Ben Trott,  
Chairman**



**Michael Collier,  
Vice-Chairman**



**Simon Hodges**



**Arnold Dare**



**Julia Mear**



**Mark Jones**



**Stafford Seward**



**Sally Huscroft**



**Chris Bolton**

## YATIMA ORPHANAGE

We would like to thank all who support our pavement stall at Wellmead and in other ways. For those not familiar, the orphanage is at the village of Chamazi, just outside of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Recently we received an update from Winifrida Lubanza, the founder and 'mother figure'.

At present, they are responsible for 107 children and young adults, 23 in the kindergarten, 34 at local primary schools, 25 at various secondary schools and five at high schools (secondary education on the whole is fee paying). 12 young people are in vocational training and eight at college and university.

Accommodation consists of two dormitories for the girls and two for the boys: a building for the kindergarten, a kitchen and one for admin. In recent years, they have acquired more land enabling them to have fruit trees, grow maize, bananas and other vegetables and have 13 cows for milk to feed the children. As they are unable to pay very much, they have to rely largely on volunteer labour including local ladies to cook and do the washing (by hand) for that large family.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Iris and Lionel Quick

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you very much for your time.

The Neighbourhood Plan team would like to thank you all for the great response we have had to the public survey. We really appreciate the time you took to complete these lengthy surveys and we will endeavour to write some policies on development within the parish that will suit all of us.

The next step is analysis of results and we will be doing this over the next couple of months. In February we will hold a community meeting to discuss the results and our draft policies. This will be another opportunity to have your say and to meet us and discuss any concerns.

If you have completed your survey but not had it collected please let us know on the email below. If you haven't received a survey or have misplaced one, please let us know and we will get another one to you. If you have any questions you want to put to the team also contact us below.

We will update you on progress in the New Year.

The Kilmington Neighbourhood Plan team  
kilmingtonnp@gmail.com



# KILMINGTON KITCHEN

Christmas comes around again with all its many tasks, so perhaps the following recipes will be of help.

They are mincemeat recipes with a bit

of a difference aiming to make life a bit easier.

## MINCEMEAT CUSTARD PIES

Makes 16-18

**2 x 150g pots Devon or Cornish custard**

**6 level tbsp ground almonds**

**375g pack ready-rolled puff pastry**

**16-18 tsp mincemeat**

**Flaked almonds, for scattering**

**Icing sugar, for dusting**

1. Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Stir the custard and almonds together. Unroll the pastry, then cut out circles using a 7cm plain round cutter. Gather up the trimmings, re-roll, then cut out more circles – you should get 16-18. Use to line a couple of bun tins.

2. Spoon a heaped tsp of the custard mix into each tart case, then top with a scant tsp of mincemeat. Scatter over some flaked almonds, then bake for about 10 minutes until puffy and golden. Cool briefly in the tin, then dust with icing sugar and serve slightly warm.

## CHRISTMAS TART (a twist on a bakewell tart)

Serves 8

**125g butter, at room temperature**

**125g caster sugar**

**125g ground almonds**

**3 eggs**

**2 tbsp rum**

**200g mincemeat**

**1 x 25cm ready-made sweet shortcrust**

1. **Make the frangipane:** turn oven to fan 160C/con 180C / gas 4. Cream together butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. Add the ground almonds, eggs and rum and beat until well combined.

2. Spread the mincemeat over the base of the pastry case. Spoon or pipe the frangipane over the tart and leave to set for 10 minutes.

3. Bake for 30 minutes until golden, then cool on a wire rack. Mix the icing sugar with 1 tsp water and stir well. Drizzle the icing over the tart.



## MINCEPIES WITH A DIFFERENCE

- a crispy meringue type topping

**2 egg whites**

**75g caster sugar**

**100g ground almonds**

**Ready made sweet pastry**



1. Roll out pastry, cut 15-18 circles, and line 2 tart tins.

2. Whisk egg whites with caster sugar a little at a time until they are stiff but not dry. Fold in ground almonds.

3. Place 1tsp mincemeat into pastry case and top with 1 tsp egg mixture, spread to cover. Bake for 18-20 minutes (180C/fan C160/gas 4) until golden crispy.

## Now, how about going back in time?

Jo and I have been reading a “Mrs Beeton” cookery book and came across this rather appropriate recipe. I might add that I have have not tried it - yet!

## EXETER PUDDING

Serves 5-6 persons

**Ingredients -** 5 oz breadcrumbs, 2 sponge cakes sliced, 1 oz of ratafias, 3½ oz of suet, finely chopped, 2oz of sago, 3 oz moist sugar, 3 eggs, 1 wine glass rum, 2-3 tbs of cream, ½ tsp grated lemon rind, jam, sauce.

**Method –** Mix all ingredients except the ratafias, sponge cake and jam, well together. Coat a well greased mould or basin lightly with breadcrumbs, and cover the bottom with ratafias. Add a layer of the mixture, cover with slices of sponge cake, spread thickly with jam, and on the top place a few ratafias. Repeat, until all the materials are used, taking care that the mixture forms the top layer. Bake gently for about 1 hour, and serve with a sauce made of 3tbs of blackcurrant jelly, a glass of sherry and a little boiled water.



Jo also discovered that Mrs B regarded cinnamon as a stimulant. So be careful how many mince pies you leave for Father Christmas. No wonder he's so jolly. Wonder how many chimneys he gets stuck in?

Margaret Astbury

## FANNY'S GROUND

An interesting person to have lived in Kilmington was the Revd Bastable who was Baptist Minister from 1876 to 1916. He succeeded the Revd G. Medway. A man who held the courage of his convictions, he occupied a seat on the School's Governors in 1877, was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years and also represented the Parish on the Axminster Board of Guardians and the Rural District

Council. In Kilmington he built four houses which are known to this day as Fanny's Ground, named after the faithful pony which pulled his trap and who was buried there. These houses were built in 1932 by Moulding & Sons of Axminster.

Sidnie Newbery

Aren't we lucky to live in  
Kilmington?  
A look back at happy  
times throughout 2017



FIRST PRIZE  
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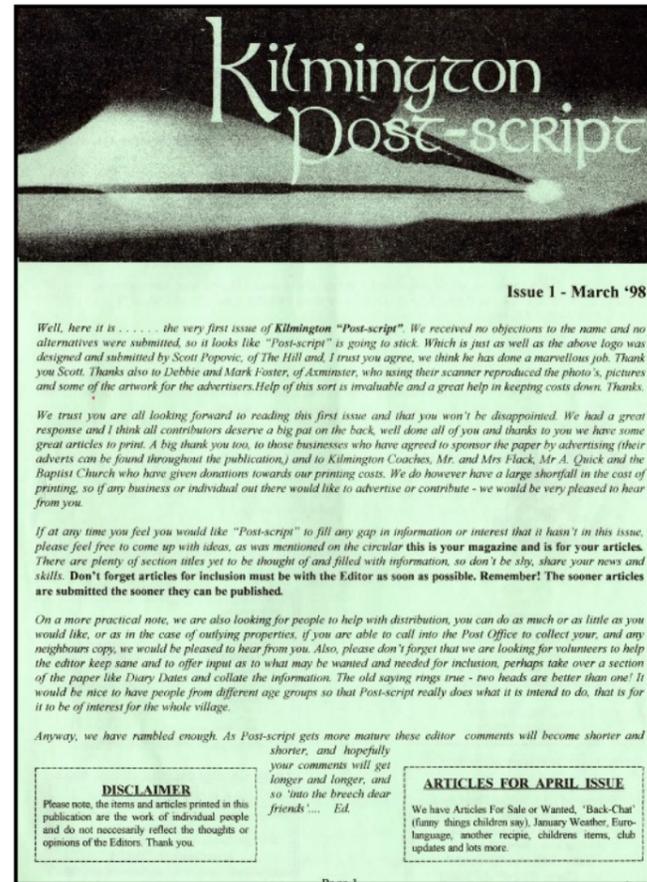
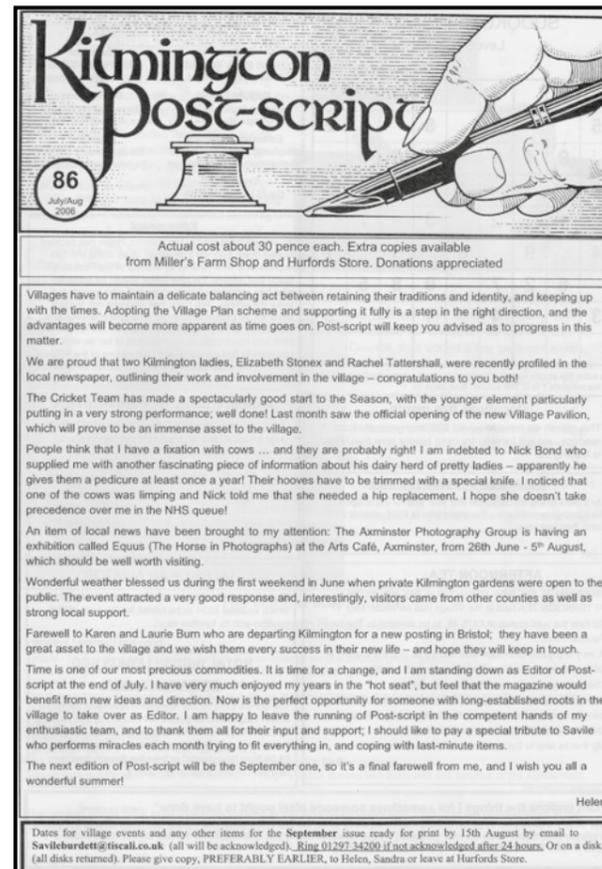


## 200<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF POSTSCRIPT - TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Can you believe that the village magazine has reached its 200th birthday? This Christmas is the 200th issue of Postscript which was first published in March 1998. Congratulations are due to everyone who has been involved in producing the magazine during its almost 20-year existence: to all of you who write for PS, some of you regulars for many years sending material almost every month, often sending photos too; to all those of you who distribute copies around the village; to our printers in Axminster; and last, but not least, to past and present members of the PS team through the years - compilers, writers, photographers, distributors, treasurers, editors. To all of you, an enormous thank you and congratulations.

The first editor was Jan Elliott who was the sub-postmistress of the Post Office when it was located in The Street. Some readers may remember her although she moved from the village some years ago. Hard to believe now, but Jan is reputed to have typed and produced the magazine single-handed for a while. You can read the first issue on the village website in the Postscript Archive. In December 2007, in the 100th issue, Stephanie Hathaway then editor, posed the question 'why the name Post-script?' At the start, items for the magazine were handed in or posted to the Post Office; they were hand-written scripts/notes which were then typed and printed for everyone in the village. The name and a logo, a hand holding a fountain pen designed by Scott Popovic of the Hill, resulted in the title 'Post-script'.

The content of issues has changed over the years but that of the first issue bears some similarities to the content in later issues. Not surprisingly, there have always been reports of village events, notices about events planned, articles about aspects of our beautiful environment, the birds, news from the primary

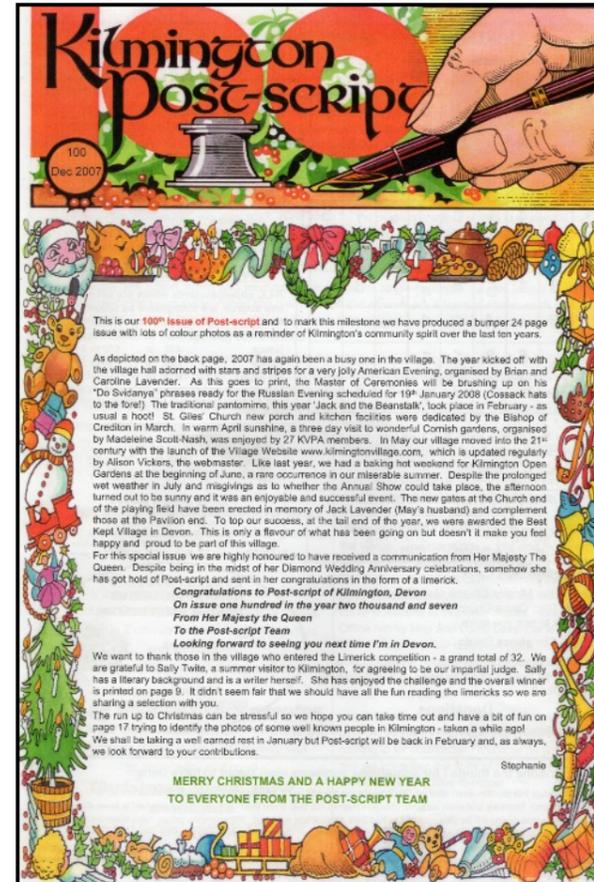


school and recipes - Tuna Fish Flan from Mrs Burton of Shute Road. Is this Mrs Pat Burton, well known to many of us today? There was gardening and allotment news; a letter from one of the ministers, news from village clubs and dates for your diary. In that first issue the editor appealed for help with distribution of the magazine and so, from that time, the basis of the wonderful distribution team, now about 23 people, was established. An appeal was made also for volunteers to "help the editor keep sane". Not a bad idea and my experience as editor suggests this is just as necessary today!

Over the years there have been many editors. Jan was followed by Helen Burn (daughter of Laurie, then Baptist Minister) who undertook the task at the tender age of 17. She was followed by Jay Dawe and then Rosemary Priestley. Helen Shaw took over the 'hot seat' for four years and then Stephanie Hathaway for five until 2011 when she handed over the editing baton to me. Each editor has contributed to the magazine in their own way. All have continued the initial ethos of the magazine which aims to be a means of communication, informative, light-hearted and occasionally amusing or thought provoking.

Other main players have included Bob Farley and Savile Burdett. Bob has delighted readers for many years with his amusing illustrations for articles and, most recently, with the glorious covers, drawn and coloured by hand for our Christmas issues. Then it was Savile who, around 2002/03, searched out a suitable desktop publishing program for the production of Postscript. Initially, he was the compiler and

*The four illustrations of Postscript front covers show something of how the magazine has changed over the years : issue 1 in 1998, issue 86 in 2005, issue 100 in 2007 and issue 177 in 2015. Many issues can be seen on the village website which includes a Postscript Archive.*



designer for the magazine, then, as illness set in, he taught me. We still use the same program to this day and I have been able to teach others.

Of particular importance throughout the years has been the contribution made by members of the village community. Without the reports, articles, comments, recipes and photographs there could be no magazine. There are many individuals who have contributed regularly over the years. I will not mention anyone by name because I may omit someone since my involvement spans only the last eleven years. It is these contributions, which arrive regularly by the due date each month with scarcely a reminder needed, which make the magazine what it is. In Jan Elliott's words 'this is your magazine and it is for your articles'.

The last ten years have witnessed several technological developments which have enabled changes to the look of Postscript possible. The availability and ease by which photos can be taken and inserted on to pages for printing allowed us to include more photos in the magazine. Gradually, the quality of the photos enabled us to have them printed larger rather than postage stamp size and then, as costs reduced a little, we have been able to print some photos in colour. From 2007 we began to include a double page spread of colour photos of special village events, initially the panto, the village show and a review in photos of village life through the year in the Christmas issue. Over time further themes lent themselves to this kind of presentation and so the magazine continued to change. As

membership of the Postscript team has altered over the years the interests, the experience and skills of different individuals have contributed to the development of the magazine.

The magazine is, and always has been, produced by a small team of volunteers. The cost of printing around 460 copies ten months of the year comes from making a modest charge for advertising, from generous donations from individuals and from an annual gift of £250 from the Parish Council.

In early 2012, it was suggested to us that Postscript should enter a national competition for parish and village magazines. None of us was aware that such a competition existed and would not have thought of entering unless we had been encouraged to do so! In 2012, we were delighted to be told we had come 18th out of 890 entries - in the top 2%. Then, in 2014, the only other year we have entered, we came 24<sup>th</sup> from an increased entry of over 1000.

Currently, the team is strong with individual members having varied experience and backgrounds - some have extensive knowledge of the village, its families and history, some were born and brought up here, some married into the village, others were brought up in the village but went away for many years and returned to settle here again; about half the team are incomers, each with their particular interests and skills.

We are delighted to be told that many readers look forward to receiving their copies of Postscript each month. However, let us be cautious and remember the Postscript team must always be open to comments and suggestions about content. We must keep the magazine fresh and we need the continuing input of readers to help us achieve this. Keep those contributions coming. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved over the years!

Judith (editor)





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## MAD moments in the garden

Well, present buying is back on the agenda! It doesn't get any easier, trying to find something memorable, fun and not too "useful" seems to challenge me every year.

This year, I am thinking of all presents having a gardening theme to 'spread the love' so to speak. While I have been cleaning my greenhouse and clearing out an embarrassing number of plastic pots, I have been thinking how to inspire and nurture the seeds of interest the family are showing in gardening. I hope it might give you inspiration too.

So, my initial thoughts. My daughter has cleared the rubble from the back of her house this year and laid a small patio and some lawn. She has taken a car boot full of perennials and shrubs dug up from here for her borders but the patio looks very stark and bare. By the time you read this I will have bought her three terracotta pots and planted them up with some of my favourite spring bulbs. First a layer of lily flowered tulips, Tulipa Ballerina, a sweet scented orange flower with pointed petals that seems to be a reliable returner. On top of that, a layer of Narcissi "Topolino" which has a creamy white surround and a pale yellow trumpet. It stands up well to wind and rain. The narcissi will flower in March/April and be dying back by the time the tulips take over in April/May. With occasional watering if it is dry and a feed or two, if she has time, these bulbs will look lovely. She can then plant them in a corner of the garden once the foliage has died down and use the pots for a summer display.

One of my sons has acquired an allotment so it's vegetable seeds for him. When I was looking for best quality/cost seeds on the Internet I came across an article by Val Bourne about her favourite ten vegetables and the best, most cost effective, seeds to buy. I realised I was unaware of the difference between F1 hybrids and other seeds. I had only noticed the former were less expensive than the latter! A lot of seeds are produced through open pollination but Val Bourne says this leads to seeds that are often less uniform and vigorous. The F1 hybrids, however, are produced in more controlled environments such as polytunnels using blowflies as pollinators. This leads to more reliable germination and crops, but also makes them more expensive. She goes on to describe how companies are responding to competition from overseas seed producers who are now coming into the market, Europe, Chile, South Africa and China being just a few. This puts pressure on British companies to reduce costs and, of course, one way of doing that is reducing the number of seeds in the packet. Do read her article for the list of what she is buying for next year. I will buy a set of ten packets for my son and another ten for me and see how we do.

Two down and only sixteen more presents to think of! Have a very Happy Christmas everyone and a suggestion for your Christmas present lists: *Head Gardeners* by Ambra Edwards. It's on mine!

Mary-Anne Driscoll

## KGC Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November: AGM and Social Evening

On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November the Gardening Club held its AGM and Social. Over 50 members of the club and the committee gathered to review the work of the year, which has been considerable.

The Kilmington Gardening Club's year encompassed interesting talks on many different aspects of gardening, visits to gardens both nearby and further afield, open gardens, a plant market and of course the Annual Fayre and Flower Show. Displays of photographs on the walls illustrated these activities.

Members were able to renew their membership and, at only £5, it represents remarkable value for the year. With wine, soft drinks and nibbles available on entry and, following the



AGM, a wonderful cold buffet produced by Rodney and Jennie Giles with help from Celia and Gill, members enjoyed chatting with friends in a very convivial atmosphere. Not only did we go up for seconds for each course but also Rodney offered the left overs for sale. This was very popular and an amazing £90 was raised for Hospiscare.

If you would like more information about the Club, have a look at our website: [www.kvpa.co.uk](http://www.kvpa.co.uk)

The website is updated every month so there is always something of interest.

BJ Lewis, Chair, KGC  
Jean Falconer, Secretary, KGC



# NATURE NOTES

*A wise old owl sat in an oak; The more he saw the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke the more he heard; Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?*

Winter's arrived and from now until spring nature's battle for survival is at its most extreme as food becomes scarce and temperatures drop. There are different tactics to get through this lean period. One is to migrate to a warmer location; another is to stick it out on stored food reserves and what is still available; whilst another is to just turn in and hibernate. Sounds a bit like the population of Kilmington!

As I hope you'll not be sleeping all winter, one job to do in the coming month is cleaning out nest-boxes if they've been used during the summer by birds or bumble bees. Remove any old nests to make sure there is room for a new resident next year and this reduces the risk of parasites or fleas overwintering in the box. You can wash boxes with boiling water

but avoid insecticides. Let the box dry out thoroughly, perhaps add a handful of shavings and place it back up again. If you don't have any boxes why not put a couple up before spring. Hints of where to place them can be found on the RSPB website.

Another job, if you have a pond, is clearing the surface of excess leaves. Frogs, newts and other larvae can lie dormant at the bottom of a pond in winter. But water can become deoxygenated in darkness and toxic gasses build up if there's a blanket of leaves across the pond surface. Frogs and other wildlife can then die.

Many species of mammals such as bats, hedgehogs and badgers hibernate over winter when food is in short supply or difficult to get to. However, if weather warms, they may venture out and make a sortie. Squirrels tough it out, feeding on buds, stashed food supplies and by 'stealing' chicken and bird feed. Notorious for scrounging food, they can even be tamed to come to you to take peanuts. During January you may see them engaged in a courtship chase when females are pursued by one or more males vying for their attention. They can be very noisy with strange chattering. But love or loathe them, they do provide a close up experience of nature.

Something you will hear around the village most nights are the call of owls establishing their territories. Our population of owls fluctuates significantly as while British birds migrate, some flying as far south as Spain and central Africa for the winter, many other owls from further north come here to winter.

Our most common is the Tawny Owl and it is their 'hoots' we are most familiar with at night, as they are nocturnal.



*Tawny Owl*

About the size of a pigeon, the Tawny is reddish brown with black, beige and white streaks. They nest mainly in woodland, beginning their courtship displays in winter and are at their noisiest in December. They can breed as early as March, laying two or three eggs. However, our most frequently seen owl is the Little Owl as they are active during the day. The size of a thrush, you'll sometimes see them resting on top of fence posts. Their flight is low and undulating, dipping like a woodpecker. We have seen them along the Whitford Road at dusk.

We also hear the occasional Barn owl screech in the village; without doubt the favourite of our five owls with its distinctive white heart shaped face. In the last 30 years the breeding numbers in the UK have fallen by around 50-70% but that decline has fortunately halted and in many areas they are on the increase. The RSPB estimates around 4000 breeding pairs in the UK, but over winter the number of birds is boosted with migration from Europe and can shoot up to nearly 25,000. They nest in trees, buildings and large nest boxes.



*Little Owl*



*Long Eared Owl*

The Short Eared owl is our largest indigenous British owl but few visit the south, preferring Scotland and northern counties. You have more chance to see one around coastland marshes through the winter, when their numbers are boosted by migrants from Russia, Iceland and Scandinavia.

There are several other owls in the UK but we're unlikely to see them here in Kilmington. The nocturnal and secretive Long Eared owl rarely visits the south. The Snowy Owl is another visitor, but usually only to Scotland. Snowy Owls have been particularly popular since appearing with Harry Potter as the boy wizard's pet Hedwig. With a wing span of up to six feet, it's probably just as well they are not southern visitors; although a couple of years back several were seen in Cornwall. The largest owl in the world is the Eagle Owl which was a native of Britain until the latter part of the 19th century. Today very few nest in Britain, they may have flown over from the continent and settled, but their origin is difficult to prove as dozens of captive birds are known to have escaped. Large Eagle Owls have been known to take roe deer and foxes, which they kill by crushing their skulls with huge, powerful feet - Better they stay up north I think!

Peter

## KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Kilminster Cricket Club held their Annual Dinner and Presentation evening at Honiton Golf Club on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. After a super meal the trophy winners were announced.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI trophies for Batting + Bowling + the Players' Player were all won by the same player, Josh Short, who had had an exceptional season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batting Cup was won by Sean Perry and the Bowling Cup by Mike Summers.

The Young Player of the Year was Sam Olive.

The Clubman of the Year trophy was presented to John and Pauline Naylor.

David Lavender



*From the left, Mike Summers - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Bowling Cup; Josh Short - 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batting and Bowling Cups and Players' Player Trophy; Pauline and John Naylor - Clubman (People) of The Year Trophy, for their services to the club throughout the season: and Sam Olive - Young Player of The Year Trophy*

## MY FIRST CAR



My first car was an Austin 7 two-seater, painted a smart cream with black wings and had a folding canvas roof. It was known throughout its life with us as 'The Insect'. It was given originally to my parents as a wedding present in 1933 and then used throughout the war for shopping, school runs etc. Its great economy was invaluable with petrol being scarce and tightly rationed and we regularly free-wheeled down hills. My sister learned to drive with it and passed her test first time! It was sold and then bought back for me in 1959 to use while an undergraduate at Oxford. I did much of my courting in it as well as ferrying books and gear between Kent and College. My girlfriend was so impressed that she married me in 1961 and it was then passed on to my brother who took it to Wales and finally disposed of it as not fit for ferrying sheep and straw bales.

Like all cars of that era it had its idiosyncrasies; leaf springs with no shock absorbers, crash gearbox, a single top mounted windscreen wiper, powered by suction from the engine (it gave up going uphill and had to be manually operated), no indicators or heater, dim lights, cable brakes which were pretty ineffective, especially going round corners and hand-crank starting. It used more oil than petrol, or so it seemed, and the radiator leaked in winter as anti-freeze dissolved the Radweld.

Altogether a great little car with lots of character.

John Thompson

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

#### ACROSS

1. Ribbon
4. Garland
7. Candy cane
9. Nutcracker
10. Wreath
11. Lights
13. Tinsel

#### DOWN

2. Balls
3. Ornaments
5. Pine cone
6. Candles
7. Card
8. Stocking
12. Tree

### QUIZ 2017

1. Hours in a day
2. Days in a week
3. Hours in a week
4. Number of days in a leap year
5. Letters of the alphabet
6. Unlucky for Some
7. Wonders of the World
8. Wise men
9. Lives of a cat
10. Blind mice
11. Sides on a twenty pence piece
12. Coronation of Elizabeth II

### LONDON RAIL STATIONS

1. Angel
2. Embankment
3. Wapping
4. Kings Cross
5. London bridge
6. Mile End
7. Oval
8. Oxford Circus
9. Royal Oak
10. Highgate

Back in October, we had a lovely trip to Pets at Home. A bus collected us from Pre-school for the drive into Axminster where we were dropped off outside the doors to Pets at Home. A treat for a number of the children was

holding some of the small animals and we were challenged to fill a trolley full of items we would need to have a pet ourselves - a real team task. The children loved their time with the pets and, before leaving, were given a booklet and stickers to take home. We then got back on the bus and headed for Miller's Farm Shop, where we stopped for a drink and a snack. Throughout our morning trip some of the 'quotes of the day' were "this is amazing", "this is the best day ever" and "can we go again?". All children and staff had the most amazing time.



Since the autumn half-term break, we have embraced the chilly weather, wrapped up warm and enjoyed a number of autumnal walks. We have also cooked some delicious warming treats, as well as being creative making bonfire and firework pictures.

Since mid-November, our planning has turned Christmassy!! We have set up a post office area, where the children have written Christmas cards, wrapped presents and delivered post! We've also written and posted our very own Christmas card!! We've put scents into our play dough to make it festive and, of course, we have used lots of GLITTER!

As we head into December, we will be decorating our Christmas tree, making many festive crafts, enjoying our Christmas Disco (Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-6.00 pm. Please

see poster for more details) and getting ready for our Christmas show. This year, we will be presenting 'The Nativity'. The children and staff will perform on stage on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11:25 am. All welcome! Refreshments will be available, as well as tickets for our lovely Christmas hamper raffle. Tickets for the hamper will also be available at The New Inn.



On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, we have arranged for a 'Bag 2 School' collection at 9.00 am. Bags for collections must be at the Village Hall by 9.00 am. On the poster attached, we have listed the items that can be in your bag and ones that cannot be accepted. 'Bag 2 School' bags are available to fill. Items will also be collected if placed in a black bin bag. We can collect your bags by arrangement. If you need to have bags collected, please contact Leane on 07817 758621. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Carly Dare

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**We are pleased to announce that Kilmington Preschool have arranged a clothes and shoe collection to help raise vitally needed funds. Please sort through your cupboards and wardrobe for any unwanted items listed below. Please just pop everything into a bag. If you are able to donate any item to help please drop them into preschool or call Leane 07817758621 who can collect your donations. All donations will need to be received by 9am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you**

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## HEDGEHOG HOUSE FOR SALE?



At the end of the summer, I had an enquiry about whether I had ever made a hedgehog house. I replied that I had done so, but did not have one at present, but would make one and put it on show, should my enquirer be passing Wellmead again. I did so. To encourage potential buyers, Iris knitted a little hedgehog which we placed in the entrance. We priced the hedgehog house at £25 and the 'resident' at £2.

Much to our amazement, six 'residents' were sold at that price. Realising that the wool to make them cost more than that, meaning that they were being sold at a loss, the price of the 'lodger' has been raised to £3. To date, a further four have been sold, making it ten in all. The whole idea was to sell the hedgehog house which, as yet, remains unsold!

Lionel Quick



# Christmas Quiz



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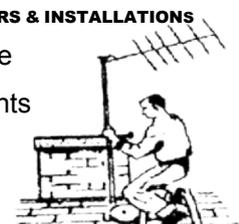
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Fri	1st	6.00 pm	Old Inn	RBL Get-together
Sat	2nd	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Christmas Crafts
Sun	3rd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
Tue	5th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	6th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>The Time of Their Lives</i>
Thurs	7th	9.00 am	Village Hall	Pre-school's 'Bag 2 School' Collection
Fri	8th	4.30 - 6.00 pm	Village Hall	Pre-school Disco
Sat	9th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	10th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Christingle Service
	10th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz: <i>The Bonetta Family's choice of charity</i>
Mon	11th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Thurs	14th	8.30 am - noon	Thomas Whitty House	Axminster Heritage Centre Christmas Bazaar
	14th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
	14th	11.25 am	Village Hall	Pre-school Nativity
Sat	16th	2.00 pm	The Minster, Axminster	"Come and Sing" Messiah Choruses ( <i>see page 5 for more info</i> )
	16th	3.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Village Carol Singing
Sun	17th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	17th	5.00 pm	The Beacon	Carol Service
	17th	6.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
	17th	9.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of Kilmington Pre-school
Sun	24th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Nativity Service
	24th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Crib Service
	24th	9.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Christmas Holy Communion
Mon	25th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Christmas Day Family Service
Wed	27th	Early	Your House	Recycling Only
Sun	31st	11.00 am	Dalwood Church	Mission Community Holy Communion

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAYS OF 2017

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;  
 We're leaving the EU so I've got to eat my hat.  
 The NHS will flourish, farmers too so we've been told.  
 Who needs Johnny Foreigner when streets are paved with gold?

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;  
 The USA has Donald, the Russians saw to that.  
 There's no more global warming and Health Care's a mistake,  
 Bad hombres are the problem and all bad news is fake.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;  
 North Korea's gone ballistic and will lay the US flat.  
 We're ruining the planet and have got to find another,  
 Reality's now virtual and my father's now my mother.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;  
 Or should we now say 'Winterval', what do you think of that?  
 For it's not a holy festival - it's simply a pretence;  
 Don't mention birth of Jesus, it might cause some offence.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;  
 We'll pull a festive cracker and put on a silly hat,  
 But *The Times They Are a-Changin'*, some things we might regret,  
 So we'll have another drink or two to help us to forget.

Christmas is coming, the poor geese are getting fat;  
 So now we should remember, amo, amas, amat,  
 Because that was His message, that all conflict must cease  
 And we should count our blessings and learn to live in peace.

John Robertson

Doubtless, John's irony will make many readers smile! - Ed.

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#### Dog Walker Required

Tuesday & Saturday 4.30pm

45 mins approx. at £5 per session

Reliable, experienced person preferred

Contact 01297 647082

**WEEK TO VIEW (Events that happen the same time every week)**

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
	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

**DATES FOR JANUARY 2018**

Wed	3rd	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	New Inn	RBL Get-together
Sat	6th	7.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Epiphany Praise
Sun	7th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
Tue	9th	Early	Your House	Recycling Only
Thur	11th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Fri	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC talk: How to be a laid-back gardener - Anne Swithenbank
Sat	13th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	14th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
Mon	15th	6.30 pm	The Beacon	World Mission Prayer Meeting
Tue	16th	10.30 am	The Beacon	CAMEO Coffee Morning
	16th	12.30pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Sun	21st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	22nd	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Sun	28th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	28th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service

**2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March **Loot in the Loft**. A 50/50 auction in aid of the Heritage Centre in Axminster. Please phone Diana Church on 01297 32417 if you have an item you no longer need - it might be just what someone else wants!

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30 pm. **The Parnham Singers** in St Giles' Church

**CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED**

The animals and birds at Axe Valley Wildlife Park would be pleased to have your Christmas trees, after you have taken the decorations off, to have in their pens for shelter and play.

Please drop them off at the Wildlife Park or we can collect them 01297 34472.

**DONATIONS, PAYMENT FOR ADVERTISING SPACE AND ARTICLES/NOTICES FOR POSTSCRIPT (i.e. THOSE NOT SENT BY EMAIL)**

It has been necessary to set up alternative arrangements following the closure of the village shop.

**DIRECTIONS FOR FINDING** Vicky Larcombe's house. Vicky is treasurer for Postscript's - With your back to Hurfords Stores, turn left and walk up The Street, passing Koppers, Kushi Kitchen, the Bull Pen and West Gate on your right. The next house is **Brookside** where Mrs Vicky Larcombe lives. If you find yourself crossing Meadow Bank, you have gone a few steps too far.

Please post payments for advertising in Postscript and donations to help with printing costs through the front door of Vicky Larcombe's house. Thank you.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### VILLAGE NUMBERS

Badminton - Derek Gould - Paula	01404 831749 01297 33070	KGC - Jean Falconer, Secretary	01297 33708	Scrabble - Sylvia Newbery	01297 34326
Bell-ringing - Roger Lovegrove	01297 631091	Kilminster's Little Helpers - Sally Huscroft	01297 32243	Short Mat Bowls - Ron Foster	01297 35529
Bridge - David & Stephanie	01297 35033	Kilminster Pre-School - play manager	07747 856598	Sunday School - Christine Thorne	07795 552675
Country Dancing - Sheila Hill	01297 33795	Kilminster Primary School	01297 32762	Table Tennis - Jenny Nickolls	01297 32335
Cricket - David Lavender	01297 631868	Millers Farm Shop	01297 35290	Tennis - Sue Moore Sue	01297 32361 07912 272102
Footpath co-ordinator - Elaine Penzer	01297 34287	Moviola - John Watts	01297 32335	Village Hall bookings - Louise Quincey	01297 32358
Hitchcock Pavilion bookings - Peter Huscroft	01297 32243	The New Inn	01297 33376	Village 100 Club - Angus Falconer	01297 33708
Kilminster A35 Pit Stop	01297 598060	The Old Inn	01297 32096	www.kilminstervillage.com - Luke & Maxine Lawson	07719 909532
Kilminster Cross Services	01297 631089	RBL - Jean Falconer - Sec Stafford Seward - Chairman	01297 33708 01297 33909		

### MEDICAL AND SUPPORT

Axminster Hospital	01297 630400	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Veterinary Surgery	01297 630500
St Thomas Court Surgery	01297 32126	Dentist Helpline	0845 4647	Chiropody (Sheila Holland)	01297 35362

### SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Refuse Collection	01395 571515	Axminster Library	01297 32693	Clerk to the Parish Council	01297 33462
Water - general - leaks	0844 346 2020 0800 230 0561	Mobile Library	01404 42818	E. Devon District Councillor - Iain Chubb	01297 35468
Electricity - emergency	0800 365 900	Ring & Ride	01404 46520	Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown, Iain Chubb	07932 459595
		Axminster Care Service	01297 35550		

**Police:** Crime stoppers - 0800 555111: Emergency - 999: General - 101

### CHURCHES

<b>St Giles' Church</b> Revd Simon Holloway Diana Mellows Pastoral teams	01297 35433 01297 32334 01297 33777	<b>Baptist Church Office</b> Pastor Darrell Holmes	01297 631638	<b>Axminster Catholic Church</b> Parish Priest: Father Anthony Cockram	01297 32135
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Credit card (70 mm x 40 mm)	£ 5 or £22.50 for 5 months	
¼ page (90 wide x 136 mm high)	£12 for one-off or £50 for 5 months	£15 for one-off or £75 for 5 months
½ page (184 x 136 or 90 x 276 mm)	£20 or £90 for 5 months	£30 for one-off
Full page (184 x 276 mm)	£30 or £130 for 5 months	£40 for one-off

**BACK COVER:** *Occasionally the back cover is available for a one-off colour page advertisement. Cost: £50*

*Additional fee of £1 if Postscript has to edit, size or set copy.*

**PAYMENT:** Cheques should be made payable to: Kilminster Postscript and posted to: **Mrs V. Larcombe, Brookside, The Street, Kilminster, EX13 7RJ. Alternatively, post through Vicky's front door (please see directions opposite).**

**COMING AND GOING FOR A SONG:** There is no charge for these entries for items valued up to £20 or less. However, donations are appreciated - these can be popped through Vicky Larcombe's door (please see directions opposite).

# CAROL SINGERS AT MILLERS FARM SHOP - SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are 12 differences between the top and bottom pictures. Can you spot them?

