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Postscript

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BOB FARLEY

EDITORIAL

“When Granny was your age the world was only black and white. You can see that from the photographs.” It wasn’t of course – the ‘evidence’ is misleading – but this year has certainly had some monochrome patches. Usual patterns and routines disappeared, it could be difficult to remember which day it was one day was much the same as another and time blended into a blur. There were brighter moments though. Early on, one of the few permissible reasons for leaving the house was ‘exercise’ and many used this rationed opportunity to walk in the woods or around the lanes with or without a dog. Walkers in the village during the summer found unexpected, imaginative and enjoyable entertainment in the growing company of scarecrows which they could see in the gardens and there is another competition now with Krisztina’s new ongoing Christmas tree challenge. With news of vaccines coming over the hill things are beginning to look up, but we still have to act as if they weren’t, continuing with the precautions, just in case it all takes longer than anticipated.

This month’s Postscript has one of Bob Farley’s lively Christmas covers and he has provided some notes to explain the medieval details. Steve and Georgie enjoyed their welcome to the New Inn and introduced themselves. There are some poems with a lockdown flavour and Marie has provided a pictorial review to remind us that the year actually did have its good and colourful aspects. Energy and ingenuity were expended to meet the requirements for the safe revival of some usual meetings and events, but just as arrangements had been made for ‘Covid-secure’ re-openings, they were frustrated by the second lockdown. Some plans were abandoned. Some were postponed or modified. The RBL Remembrance at the War Memorial went ahead with distancing, but the proposed RBL Open Market in the Car Park on 5th December has had to be cancelled. Positivity is good. Optimistic plans are brewing for a village show next July and John Watts outlines his project for achieving more film nights when possible.

We have included some new information. For any who do not routinely browse the East Devon Planning website we have listed recent individual planning applications of particular interest to Kilminster. The work of the Neighbourhood Planning Team in consulting widely on the development of the village as a whole will soon result in the publication of the full draft Neighbourhood Plan on the village website, preceded by a summary leaflet delivered to all households and accompanied by a request for your valued comments and feedback.

We also have Night Sky and Nature Notes and, to complete the mixture, there are some puzzles and a quiz. The next Postscript will be for February – and we wish everybody a happy Christmas!

Janfryd

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A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FRONT COVER

Bob Farley's energetic, bustling street scene was inspired this year by his research into the medieval Christmas customs of the late fourteenth century and he has kindly provided some background information to help us make sense of what is going on.

"The celebration of Christmas in the Later Middle Ages could be a pretty lively affair and eventually was banned by act of Parliament. It became a punishable offence to celebrate it! The "Lord of Misrule" (a minor deacon or even a peasant) was appointed to organise the festivities. He was usually dressed up for the part – in this instance he is wearing cap and bells and waving a pig's bladder. The Christmas celebrations here are taking place in the courtyard of the Tabard Inn, a hostelry made famous by Geoffrey Chaucer as the Southwark starting-point for the pilgrims in his 'Canterbury Tales', who set out on their pilgrimage to the shrine of St Thomas à Becket in Canterbury one April during the late 1380s/90s. The tabard was a short coat, quite often displaying a coat of arms, in this case on the inn sign

which has a shield with the arms of Chaucer. The brush hanging beneath the sign denotes that entertainment is provided.

The Landlord of the inn, Harry Baily, is presented as a great friend of Chaucer and was the host on the journey. Here he is standing with Chaucer in the inn door with a raised mug. The three musicians on the right are playing shawms (early wind instruments) and the chap with a peg leg is playing an early fiddle. The drummer seems to have taken something! The piper is in fact another friend and companion from the Tales. He is a Miller and has two pilgrim's badges on his cap, the cockle shell and Becket's head, showing that he has made journeys to the shrines at Santiago de Compostella and Canterbury. He is also renowned for having a bawdy sense of humour.

The dog is a Talbot, a breed popular in its day but now extinct. Some drawings and descriptions still exist."

Bob Farley

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

KILMINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In last month's Postscript we explained some of the background to the Kilminster Neighbourhood Plan, announcing that we would soon be publishing the full 100+ page document. We are now finalising the short summary leaflet which we will hand-deliver to every household in the Parish. Watch out for it popping through your letter box as it will give you a précis of the plan, its objectives and an outline of the main policies we propose.

However, to get the complete picture, only the full document will give you all the detailed policies with their background and justification. As soon this full draft Plan is available we will publish it on the village website. If you do not use the internet, a few hard copies will be available to read in The Beacon, St Giles' Church and in the phone box library for loan. If you want a hard copy and can't source one, please call Peter on 07747 636810 or Stafford on 07799 612557.

The Kilminster Neighbourhood Plan is our community's vision for how we would like to see the Parish change in the

coming years to 2031. It sets out our planning policies which will be used to evaluate Parish development proposals and planning applications. These come from a review of the 2007 *Parish Plan*, the 2011 *Kilminster Village Design Statement*, two questionnaires and extensive research and dialogue with local residents and East Devon District Council. This Plan and its policies cannot cover every issue identified as being important to the community; it has to focus on responding to proposals for development, the appropriate use of land and protecting areas of local value and importance. Policies must be evidence-based and justified, supported by evidence gathered and community consultation. It is these planning policies which carry legal weight and will help shape our future community. We welcome your comments and feedback on this draft Plan before a final version is formally submitted to EDDC for examination.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

This month and in future editions, for your information, we will list recent planning applications. Further details can be found on the East Devon Planning website.

- **Erect stable block, tack room and hay store.** Fernwood Farm Gore Lane Kilminster Axminster EX13 7NU
Ref. No: 20/2309/FUL | Validated: Wednesday 4th November 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision
- **T1, Oak : 30% crown reduction. T2 and T3, Birch: 30% crown reduction.** 9 Meadow Bank Kilminster Axminster EX13 7RL
Ref. No: 20/2145/TRE | Validated: Tuesday 3rd November 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Construction of 4 no. timber framed buildings comprising 1 no. shop (use class E), 1 no. office (use class E), 1 no. dog grooming parlour (sui generis) and 1 no. toilet block** Millers Farm Shop Gammons Hill Kilminster Axminster EX13 7RA
Ref. No: 20/2178/FUL | Validated: Monday 26th October 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

DECEMBER

10th The waning crescent moon close to the star **Spica** in the eastern sky. Spica is a blue-white star, the 15th brightest in our heavens.

14th, 15th **Geminid meteor shower** will not be obstructed by moonlight so, cloud allowing, you should be able to see 50 or more bright colourful meteors an hour. The peak is likely to be the night of 13th / 14th, this is one shower you can successfully watch in the (late) evening – but best viewing is typically around 2.00 a.m.

15th, 16th **The crescent Moon, Jupiter and Saturn** close. The two largest planets in the solar system can be seen together in the same binocular field in the west 45 minutes after sunset. Jupiter is the larger and brighter of the two.

21st **December solstice** when the sun reaches its southernmost point for the year. This solstice marks the beginning of the winter season in the Northern Hemisphere.

22nd, 23rd and 24th **Moon, Mars and Uranus** close in the south at dusk. You'll need binoculars to see Uranus, but it will be in the same single field as Mars.

30th **The last full Moon of 2020** – and the last full moon of the decade.

30th and 31st **Latest sunrises** of the year.



31st and 1st **Sirius** our brightest star might also be called the New Year's star. It'll celebrate the birth of 2021 and every New Year by reaching its highest point in the sky around the stroke of midnight. That's the case this year, and every year. Sometimes called the Dog Star because Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Major the Greater Dog.

JANUARY

8th, 9th, 10th and 11th **Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn** pop out at dusk, low, close and near to the sunset point on the

horizon. Jupiter is the brightest of the bunch, followed by Mercury and then Saturn.

19th, 20th and 21st **Moon, Mars and Uranus** Over the next several evenings let the moon show you the red planet Mars, then use Mars to find the distant ice giant planet, Uranus. Use binoculars to see Uranus with Mars both in a single binocular field of view for the next week or so.

24th, 25th and 26th **The Moon is inside the Winter Circle.** This circular pattern of stars is not a constellation. It's a lot of separate stars in different constellations. In other words, it's an *asterism*. This may be seen on these cold winter nights until well after midnight. These same bright stars can be seen before dawn every late summer and early fall. And they can be seen in the evening every winter, hence the name Winter Circle.

Peter

MEET THE NEW LANDLORDS

We're Georgie and Steve and we took over the The New Inn on Monday, 2nd November, together with our 12 year old daughter Loz (Lauren), Harry our dog and Roger the horse completing our family.

We had a great opening night and were really pleased to meet so many of you before we had to close the doors. However, we've been busy doing takeaways during lockdown!

Join us on Christmas Eve for the last BBQ of the year from 12.00 noon. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. We'll continue to update you all on our plans going forward and keep you updated as to what will be on offer here at this wonderful pub we have taken on.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and we look forward to meeting you all at The New Inn soon.

Georgie and Steve



MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 1st December and 12th January 2021 at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

GARDENS OPEN FOR HOSPISCARE

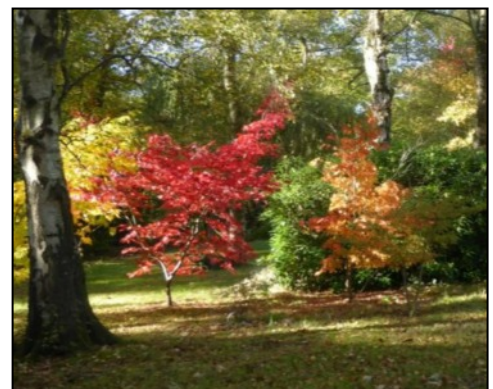
Breach and Betty's Ground opened their gardens for visitors on 24th October to raise funds for Hospiscare. It was a great opportunity for folk to see tremendous autumn colour and the gardens in a different season from the norm. Despite the appalling weather the total number through the gates of the two gardens was 50. Generous people came from far and wide to support us and Hospiscare and donations were

received from friends unable to come. The afternoon was a great success, raising a whopping £870 in total. Judith, BJ and Mary-Anne would like to thank everyone for their generous support as well as all the kind helpers on the day, all of whom helped maintain high spirits in the rain! Watch this space for next year's opening date.

BETTY'S GROUND



BREACH



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Letter from the Churches

In March this year we had the first national lockdown (what I called 1L). Now in England we are in our second lockdown (2L). Nevertheless, be encouraged as we will get through it, but we really will be going 2L and back (*Boom! Boom!*)

2020 was really the year we didn't expect, so many things we may not have seen coming and you might have been mocked if you had suggested they were coming. China reports COVID cases, Northern Ireland Assembly reconvenes, Iran reports COVID cases. Storm Dennis, COVID hits UK, L1, an exceptionally warm Spring and Summer, furlough payments, Zoom calls, social-distancing, Boris hospitalised, an NHS overwhelmed, no masks, Starmer made Labour Leader, exam results fiasco, international holidays cancelled en-masse, masks, Corbyn expelled from Labour, L2, Biden elected US President (maybe!)

And whenever 2L ends, we can be sure that this will be the Christmas we didn't expect. Church carol services may/may not happen, families may/ may not gather, Santa may/may not fall foul of travel restrictions.

But then the original Christmas story, the birth of Jesus, was an event that was full of the unexpected too. A National census, a virgin birth, God made man, a King in a manger, shepherds in the neo-natal ward, a star that led wise men from the East.

But there is a line in the bible that describes that momentous event

But when the right time came, God sent his Son
(Galatians ch4 v4)

Jesus was born in God's perfect timing. Even in the midst of chaos and unpredictability, God was at work, still in charge, still God... and still is and always will be.

So if you have grown dizzy from the roller-coaster year that 2020 has been, if you feel you have been 2L and back, then think back to the year 0AD (or 4AD if you're being picky) and there you will find the original Tales of the Unexpected. Read through the biblical nativity accounts in Matthew and Luke that describe the birth of Jesus. Though more surprising and amazing than 2020, they are also filled with the offer of hope and salvation for those who are depressed, distressed or a total mess. As they say on the news "if you've been affected by any of the events described in this report, do contact our helpline" – in this case it's your local Church. Available on the phone, online or in person at a village, town or city near you. We're waiting for you to contact us as a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, or someone to have a rant at.

Darrell Holmes

ST GILES SUPPORT GROUP FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES

It has been a hard time for mothers who have given birth to their babies during the Pandemic. There have not been the usual back up facilities for them. With all the restrictions, meeting up with other mothers has not been possible, and so the babies as well as their mothers have found life very lonely at times, at an age when interaction with other babies is so important. The Diocese of Exeter is encouraging churches to continue to support families with young children during these times and suitable guidelines have been issued.

Where it is possible to ensure that a safe and clean area can be maintained, the Support Group can continue even during lockdown. This can be done at the back of the church where there is plenty of space for social distancing between family groups. St Giles' Church must sanitise the area thoroughly

after each event that is held in the church, by means of a 'Fogging Machine', recently purchased by the church. It is a warm and friendly place for the new group to meet. Once lockdown is ended and the local Risk Level of Infection is reduced, the Group will hopefully restart on Wednesday, 9th December.

The St Giles' Mother and Baby Support Group

A warm welcome to any of the mothers with young babies in the village. Wednesday mornings between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon, in St Giles' Church.

Please contact Diana on 01297 32334 or Mary on 01297 34958 for further details and a registration form.

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.



CHRIS ROWLEY - BRINGER OF JOY

A long while ago Exeter Diocese asked us to find a 'Bringer of Joy' and we recommended Chris Rowley, our postman. We were all due to attend a presentation dinner at Woodbury Park with the three Bishops. Sadly, that was all cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

The Exeter Diocese has recently sent a certificate and glass gift with a letter of thanks from Bishop Robert. Chris is delighted to receive this

We thank him for all he does for the village and surrounding area.

Anna Crabbe



Glass gift



Certificate

FUN ON THE RIVER AXE AT WHITFORD BRIDGE

It was a sunny morning at Whitford Bridge. The river was running high from the previous day's rain. Ratty was peeping out of his hole when he spied three humans, one coerced driver, and two giggly young ladies! They were attempting to carry a red canoe from the trailer which it arrived on, to the lowest part of the riverbank. This appeared to be quite a challenge as there was a lot of slipping and sliding and more giggling! The initial task was eventually completed, and the canoe was floating in the river. The young ladies attempted to get into the canoe with even more giggling. The task was completed eventually without disaster. This allowed them to get on their way and journey down the river (I suspect) to the sea! As rats can swim well, I decided I should warn other animals on the riverbank what to expect and to be careful of the humans travelling. I heard one human say, "Do you know, I've never been in a canoe before in all my life." This made me even more concerned because we animals know that water can be very dangerous. At one point during the morning, I had a report back from a swan that the giggly girls were going around in circles, much to the amusement



The two rowers Beverly Read and Nicky Bayley



of the cows on the riverbank! The cows stopped chewing their cud to moo with amusement.

I later heard that the kingfishers were scared by the hilarity of the girls arriving at the pub. They managed to safely disembark from the canoe and drag it up the bank

from the estuary, but, concerned for its security, they had to carry it, with its contents, up the road to the Harbour Inn.

Abandoning it in a parking space in the car park, they went to the bar for refreshments, ringing their coerced driver with demands to be picked up. However, he misunderstood the instructions as to where they were! Driving all along the estuary road looking for the canoe with no sign of it, he eventually rang and discovered it was in the car park! As he had now gone past the Harbour Inn with his trailer, it necessitated him going to the Tesco roundabout to turn around! All were finally reunited and the journey back to Kilmington was hilarious.

Anna and Robert Crabbe
(Aka Ratty)

A SINCERE 'THANK YOU'

On behalf of the Village Hall committee I would like to thank everyone who is a member of the Kilmington Village Hall 100+ club and especially Jean Falconer who organises the membership and distributes prize money. The number of members increases year by year due to Jean's efforts, hence the addition of the '+' just over a year ago.

The 100+ Club is one of the Village Hall's regular sources of income and so is exceptionally important at this time to help with maintenance whilst the hall is closed and other income-generating activities have not been permitted.

Judith Chapman
on behalf of the Village Hall Committee



KILMINGTON CINEMA

This year would have been the 15th year we have had regular monthly film shows in the Village Hall. Over the last seven years 2012-December 2019 the average audience of 60 has raised just over £13,000 for the maintenance of the Hall. This year COVID-19 has meant a loss in the region of £1,400 - we had just one film in February.



Moviola, the charity organisation who put the show on for us, has over the years had to increase its charges, so last year we decided to try and raise funds to purchase our own equipment, e.g. screen, projector, new sound system, and run the films ourselves. We applied for a Lottery Grant but unfortunately without success. We approached our Parish Council who gave us information about Devon County Council's (DCC) Crowdfunding Scheme. DCC have funds that can offer up to 50% of the target fund and provide help and guidance on how to present the project.

Our target is £6,500, which means we may need to raise just over £3,250 by 'Crowdfunding' to reach our target. Obviously, we cannot be sure we would get 50% or any funding top-up, they do have a set budget so the sooner we reach the halfway point the better. If we can raise just over a £1,000 quite quickly for a start, we can install a new screen immediately and avoid the assembly of the hired screen which requires two fairly fit people to erect.

Purchasing our own equipment opens the opportunity to offer additional film nights with a wider choice of films. Films which might attract smaller audiences, because we would not be restricted by needing 50-plus to cover the Moviola charge. We could consider Wi-Fi streaming services, children's film club, etc., an exciting prospect. All for the benefit of Kilminster and surrounding population.

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- We currently have a small team and are looking for anyone who would like to help in putting together our Crowdfunding Project onto the web. **If any family member, especially of school/college age, is studying Media/IT, please show them this article.** It might give them a very useful practical school/college project.
- When we are up and running we will need a good enthusiastic team to help research, select, advertise and run the film nights.
- Keep a look-out for the Crowdfunding page and donate to the Village Hall film night project for the benefit of everyone in the village and the wider community. We will provide details about how to find our Crowdfunding page as soon as we have it up and running.

Contact John on email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com
Tel: 01297 639758

SECOND LOCKDOWN COMPETITION TIME

In the first lockdown we very successfully brightened up our spirits and exercise time by creating various scarecrows around the village. So I thought, let's try something else this time.



Christmas is around the corner, so how about we attempt a tree decoration outside our homes? This could consist of baubles, ribbons, tinsel and lights. And there's no excuse if you don't have a tree, your decorations could even be around a step ladder! Use whatever you have at home, and the more original, the better.

Please make your creation available by Sunday, 6th December so we can all place our vote by Sunday, 13th December. We'll put a ballot box in the phone box library. On your vote please give the address where your favourite is on view.

The voting box will be available from the 6th December.

Children's Competition

For children who would like to join in we've got a drawing competition: Draw and colour a decorated Christmas tree.

Please write your child's name, age and address on the back of the drawing.

We'll feature winners in Postscript and small prizes will be awarded too. We can't wait to see all your creations - let's brighten up Kilminster!

Krisztina Talbot

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that there will be an oil order placed on Thursday, 10th December to ensure that deliveries are completed before Christmas. As usual I invite requests for either specific amounts or, if requesting a 'top up' or a full tank then please submit accurate estimates with a minimum order of 500 litres.

The first order deadline for the New Year will fall on Wednesday, 20th January 2021.

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KILMINGTON POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion has, for many months, been concerned how the situation with COVID-19 would impact on this year's Poppy Appeal, which is why we were asking people to consider other ways of donating. How has that impacted on Kilmington's traditional collection? IT HAS HAD NO IMPACT AT ALL!

We are delighted to announce that at the time of going to press a total of £3,970 was raised. This is very nearly the same total raised as last year! Additional funds will also add to the total when we take into account those of you who kindly gift aided your donation, although at the time of going to press these have not yet been processed.

COVID-19 was also going to require us to adopt a different approach, which is why just over 400 Gift Aid envelopes and two poppies were hand-delivered to every house in the village with guidance on the different ways that donations could be made. Our sincere thanks to Jean Falconer, John Watts, Jenny Nickolls, Louise Quincey, Jennie Giles, Carole Bolton, John and Pat Martell, Karen Hodder, Lesley Rew, Claire Dainton and Louise Wood for distributing the envelopes. They were assisted by two new team members; Richard and Sally Beckett who, not only covered a vacant round but also provided cover for one of the team who was injured. Approximately 45% of envelopes were returned and, of course, we have no way of knowing how many of you donated direct to the British Legion.



We are very grateful to Pastor Darrell Holmes and the team at the Baptist Church for not only taking in the donations but also for their wonderful Poppy Display outside the Church. You will no doubt have seen the knitted Poppies both at Millers and the Baptist Church and we are extremely grateful to Jenny Nichols and Sheila Hill for producing them - they were fabulous. Millers Farm Shop is historically one of our best sites and this year was no exception, raising £1,225. Thanks to all our local businesses and Kilmington Primary School for your support.

You will be aware from last month's Kilmington Postscript that our Branch Chairman, Stafford Seward, won a national award for his green waste collection service. For the Poppy Appeal he decided that he, and his wife Di, would again tour the village but this time in his 'gator' utility vehicle which was

festooned in Legion regalia. They raised a whopping £1,109!

And finally, to everyone who donated to the 2020 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: we are extremely grateful to you, as your contribution helps provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

THANK YOU KILMINGTON.

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

LOCKDOWN? NO FUN!

Feeling somewhat morose, I decided to try and increase my fitness and decrease my waistline, by taking a daily walk. So with the best intentions I set off into George Lane and only got a few yards before I was greeted by a certain neighbour and we stopped for a socially distanced chat. Apart from calling him Peter I shall refrain from identifying him, but let me say that he is one helluva nice guy. I revealed to Peter that all my life I had wanted to live as long as my paternal grandfather, my hero who died aged 80 years: then I realised that I am now 80 and having no wish to meet the Grim Reaper I decided to switch allegiance and live to be 103 in keeping with the late Dame Vera Lynn. Peter pondered, then said "John, with the miracles of modern medical science you may well live to be 103, but even if you do you will never replace Vera Lynn as the FORCES SWEETHEART."

Somewhat hurt, I kept walking and in so doing I thought I would try and overtake Captain Sir Tom Moore, another hero, by walking ten lengths of George Lane, raise £32m to add to my pension pot and get knighted into the bargain (yes, I meant to say get knighted) because I believe that a knighthood entitles the recipient to drive a flock of sheep across Westminster Bridge at midnight every 30th February. After five weeks and 350 laps of the lane I called it a day having received absolutely nothing by way of contributions.

I remain undaunted. Tomorrow I start on Shute Road where they have deeper pockets.

John Martell

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, presents and messages. The write-up and photos in the last Postscript were very humbling.

We had the most amazing time at the New Inn and look forward returning soon, on the other side of the bar.

Cheers.

Carey and Mandy

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KILMINGTON BRANCH

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

I cannot believe sitting here that we are writing our final article of the year. Of course we hope this finds you all well, in good spirits and looking forward to a better 2021, perhaps a little less affected by COVID-19? As we write, our thoughts are with all those who are suffering from illness and the families and friends who provide such essential and caring support. As we enter our Christmas period, we would urge you all to continue support and dialogue with our less mobile members, but also friends and neighbours who may feel particularly vulnerable at this time of the year.

Remembrance was once again honoured in true Kilmington spirit; over 70 people turned out for the service and act of remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday, 8th November, where self-distancing and personal protection was the order of the day. Our thanks to our pastor, Darrell and all those who helped to mark the occasion in an appropriate and safe manner. The two-minute silence marked by the firing of maroons on the cricket field, was witnessed by over 30 on Wednesday, 11th November; my thanks to everyone who braved the damp and cold wind. Generosity unmatched is the best way I can headline our Poppy Appeal this year. My thanks to everyone who participated in raising such an incredible amount, but especially to Peter and Louise Wood for heading up the appeal and their fantastic efforts, which, considering all the difficulties related to the corona virus, was a wonderful achievement.

Unfortunately, the current restrictions continue to impact our programme and it is with much sadness that we have taken the decision to cancel our Christmas Coffee Morning on



Saturday, 5th December. We felt that under current circumstances it would be unrealistic to expect people to gather in close proximity (albeit outside) when we have all been asked to self-distance and respect other peoples' space. We have all missed getting together this year and sincerely

hope that next year we will be able to make up for it.

On a positive note, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Richard Beckett who was voted onto our committee at our last meeting in November. Ex-Army and a retired Police Officer, I am sure that he will have much to offer and we all look forward to working alongside him.

Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion and we are continuing to progress ideas of how we will celebrate this memorable event. However, we would very much like to encourage our younger community, so if anyone has any ideas or wishes of how we might celebrate any of our events, please call me on 07799 612557 or speak to any of your committee.

As we finish the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee on your behalf for what has been an extremely difficult year and, of course, all of you for your generosity and continued support.

For those who are not members, please don't hesitate, come and join us.

Take great care and stay safe.

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch

VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on 29th October 2020

D Bonetta	£30	R Foster	£5
J Watt	£15	A Dowden	£5
C East	£15	G Burdon	£5

2020 has been unprecedented. We have had to become accustomed to social distancing, sanitising, face coverings and severe disruption to our 'normal' lives. All of which has meant that the Village Hall has suffered from the enforced absence of meetings, social events and club activities which in turn meant the loss of income. The 100+ Club has been crucial to the finances of the Hall, especially as there are always outgoings to be met. The Hall will still be there for us when we get back to normal and we are hopeful that existing members of the 100+ Club will be willing to renew their subscription in 2021.

The renewal notices for 2021 will be delivered to all existing members in January. New members are always warmly welcome and 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. The form will also be available on the Kilmington Village website:
(<https://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/the-village-hall.html>)

For next year, payment will be possible by bank transfer – full details will be on the Renewal/Application form in January.

In the meantime, may we thank you all for your much-needed support.

Jean Falconer
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AN ODE TO LOCKDOWN

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside,
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth,
But we grew up in the 60s –
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock'n'roll,
The pill and miniskirts.
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full,
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside

For four weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller,
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whisky, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

This poem has been on Facebook attributed to Pam Ayres
but Pam says it was written by Jan Beaumont

A BRIEF PAGEANT OF ENGLISH VERSE

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
I'll sanitise the door knob and make a cup of tea.
I won't go down to the sea again, I won't go out at all.
I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall.
There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of
Katmandu,
But I won't be seeing him just yet, and nor, I think, will you.
While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to
Mandalay,
I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.
I shall not speed my bonny boat across the sea to Skye,
Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye.
About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go,
To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow.
And no, I won't be travelling much within the realms of
gold,
Or get to Milford Haven, all that's been put on hold.
Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends,
Nor come within a mile of you until this trial ends.

Contributed by Sydie Bones
Author unknown



Scott Rowe
Solicitors

TAKING CARE OF YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

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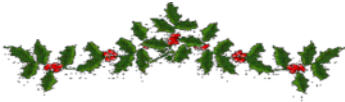


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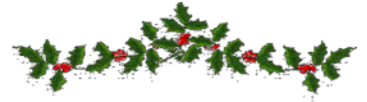
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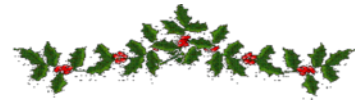
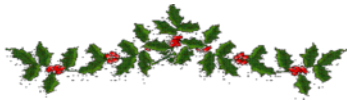


A CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. According to the poem, 'The Night Before Christmas', how many reindeer did Santa have to pull his sleigh? Eight, nine or 10?
2. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
3. What is the name of the character in Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' who gets visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future?
4. A foreign city has donated a huge Christmas tree to the people of Britain every year since 1947, which is always displayed in Trafalgar Square. Which city is it? A) Munich B) Stockholm c) Oslo
5. How many days are there on a traditional advent calendar? 12, 24, 31?
6. In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many gold rings does the singer's 'truelove' give him?
7. There are 365 days in a year. What number day is Christmas Day?
8. Why did Father Christmas need Rudolf the Reindeer to use his large, glowing nose to guide his sleigh?
9. What is the last day of Christmas called?
10. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas?
11. What is 'Happy Christmas' in Spanish?
12. What's the name of the ballet traditionally performed around Christmas each year?
13. Stollen is a cake with fruit and marzipan, traditionally eaten at Christmas and originating from which country?
14. Who introduced the Christmas tree to the UK?
15. What is a female turkey called?
16. Which unusual ingredient did Victorian cooks use in mince pies?
17. If you're born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
18. When Santa got stuck up the chimney, his beard was all black, his nose was tickling, and what did he have in his sack?
19. Because of the time difference, do the people of Australia get to celebrate Christmas Day before we do in the UK, or after us?
20. What's the fun name for the sausages wrapped in bacon traditionally eaten with the Christmas dinner?

Answers on page 19



CHRISTMAS word search

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CHRISTMAS	MERRY
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GINGERBREAD	RIBBON



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Solutions on page 19

KILMINGTON 2020 - AN UNUSUAL BUT STILL EVENTFUL YEAR



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAD moments in the garden

This year, much more than most, we were given the opportunity to slow the pace, dwell a bit more perhaps on enjoying the natural world and our local environment. I could not begin to count the times I have stopped, drawn breath and realized what a privilege it is to have a garden and live in such beautiful countryside. I am in the lucky position to be at the stage in my life when paid work no longer dominates my days, so I can give time to other challenges and find different rewards. Gardening, all things gardening, has dominated and been my saviour this year. Not just the planning and doing of it, but also having the time to enjoy and learn from the results, either on my own or sharing it with others.

The great thing about gardening is it forces you to look forward, past Christmas and all that uncertainty, to the future. I am looking forward to the next season, when I will do something a bit differently to achieve a different result. Perhaps a bit more drama in one patch with some new bulbs, a calmer patch in another corner focusing on more shades of green and a variety of textures, thinking about what I want to put on my plate and share with others. That of course leads to uncertainty: what will it look like, taste like and of course will 'it' grow? That leads me to a sense of excitement, anticipation, recognizing that nature is, of course, in charge, despite what I would like to think.

Out of my window where I write I can see a tree. A *Prunus Autumnalis*, it is just coming into flower as its name suggests. This year, due to it being so mild, it still has some leaves and plants close by are less bare than usual, somewhat spoiling the effect of the new blossom. What I know is that it will go on flowering right through to the spring, startling me and others when it comes into view. It seems out of kilter with the seasons, looking as if it has arrived at the party four

months early. It is, though, a reminder of spring blossom to come. Meanwhile let's gather holly and ivy for our doors and have a happy Christmas in this lovely village.

Having said all of that, Christmas is a-coming folks and the family are asking what they can buy me. The question always puts me in a bit of a panic, as an answer seems more difficult every year. My daughter, with whom I have had many veg growing chats since she acquired an allotment, suggested giving and applying volcanic rock dust to my veg patches. She had read of its magical properties of restoring the minerals in the soil which over time get depleted. Who knows if it will work, but we have decided on a mini trial. She will apply half to half of my raised beds and half to hers and we can compare notes at the end of the season.

I have a suggestion for the rest of the family which I hope they will think a good one: a book of promises. They might buy a small notebook and on each page write the task they are prepared to promise to carry out once or even twice over the coming year. So these would be the sort of gardening tasks that have to be done but aren't very interesting and hence a treat for me, the gardening equivalent to housework. So promises that come to mind are, weeding and sweeping paths, cleaning outdoor furniture, putting bark mulch onto paths, trimming the box balls, weeding the fruit cage, turning the compost, power-washing the terrace, oh the list is endless. Thank goodness I have such a big family. Let's hope they go for the suggestions, I have a suspicion some may opt for taking me out for lunch (let's hope so) and some socks on Christmas Day. Either, both or all will be welcome.

Mary-Ann Driscoll



Kilminster Gardening Club - December Update

Last month I expressed our hopes that we could hold a meeting in November. However, due to the latest Government Lockdown measures, the event had to be cancelled. Despite the fact the speaker had not been on our original programme, a number of members had pre-booked to attend, many looking forward to participating in hearing a talk whilst seated at a social distance. Being denied our monthly talk and the opportunity to keep in touch has been a disappointment to so many members. The AGM which should have taken place on 13th November has to be postponed until next year.

During the last few months, many of you have heeded scientific advice. Most of us are lucky here in Kilminster to have a garden which we can view and access, helping our mental and physical health. This year they have been an extra blessing.

The Garden Club committee are waiting 'in the wings' to resume just as soon as it safe to do so. The committee are

currently planning the programme for next year. These include talks, our popular plant market and visits. We have also taken the decision to go ahead with holding the Village Show in July next year. This takes a great deal of planning and preparation, which needs to begin shortly. All of which will depend upon the Government Guidelines in place at the time. We will keep you all updated as soon as possible. News will appear on our website: info@kvpa.co.uk, which is available for all to view.

The committee extends good wishes to all members, villagers, friends and families in these strange times. As gardeners we live in hope that we have a good winter, whether it be gardening in our acres, allotments, balconies, patios, pots or window boxes over the Festive Season.

Please stay safe and well.

Gill Gibbs (Chair) and Committee

NATURE NOTES

VILLAGE HELP FOR HEDGEHOGS

My past articles about hedgehogs in the village seem to have created quite a lot of interest and I've had quite a few calls. Therefore, I thought I would continue to provide information about our prickly friends in the village.

Having been helped when we found a sick hedgehog in our garden by Alison at the Hedgehog Hut rescue, I followed their activities. I soon learnt that they were forever busy and at times needed some further help in the area. So Alison and I decided to set up a satellite branch in Kilmington and it's now up and running. Peter has had to clear part of his garage so I could house our prickly residents.



Sick or injured hogs are taken over to Alison for an initial assessment and she will keep the very small and the very sick to nurse them herself. If they only need regular medicines or fattening up, then myself or helpers in other villages take and look after them until they are fit and big enough to survive winter, then we release them. If not we keep and look after them until spring.

We keep them in individual containers with a hay-filled bed at one end and food and water at the other. Each has a record card; it's like a mini-hospital. So each morning I weigh them to check and log their progress, giving any medication

needed. It's amazing how fast some of them can put on weight. The largest hog I have at present weighs over one kilogram and he'll be ready to release in the next week, providing the weather doesn't turn cold.



As the weather continues to be mild, our own garden hogs and others are visiting to be fed each evening. However, they are now appearing much earlier, around five o'clock, but they don't like heavy rain, so they don't appear when it's wet. It's not unusual to see them out and about until it really does turn cold and frosty and their food source of insects and worms disappears. So don't be concerned if you see

large hedgehogs foraging at night. However, if you come across one during the daylight then it could be sick. Also, if you see a very small one at any time, then it would be unlikely to survive winter if it turns cold. In both cases, if you can catch it (garden gloves are a good idea!) pop it in a box. Then, contact me (07900 827689) and I'll be very pleased to take it. We're lucky to have quite a population in Kilmington, so let's try to keep it that way.

Lesley

HO HO HO FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO KILMINGTON ON SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER!



Father Christmas and his happy helpers will tour the village setting off from the New Inn at 4.00 pm. So please wrap up warm and be outside to meet and greet him as he drives past with sweets for the children. He will be accompanied by joyous Christmas carols beautifully sung by his helpers. Any donations collected on the evening will be passed on to the Royal British Legion.

Father Christmas knows all about social distancing and current government guidelines so he will be complying with the rules as they apply on the day. He is very much looking forward to seeing you all, so please come outside to see him with a Christmas cheer on the 19th.

Denise Massam

AUTUMNAL TINTS IN KILMINGTON

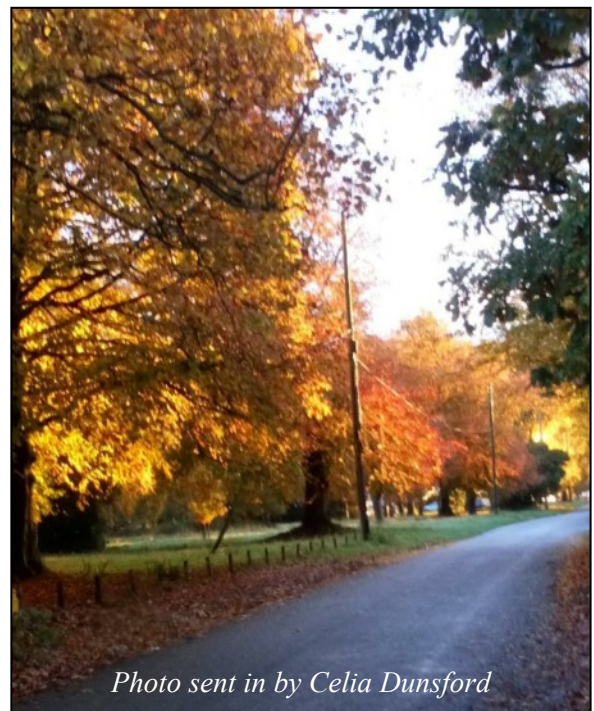


Photo sent in by Celia Dunsford

Christmas is a great time for cooking favourite recipes. I expect we all have those that we do every year without fail. So rather than have Christmas as the theme for this month's Cookery Corner, I thought I would include a few recipes which may give you some ideas for edible gifts. At the time of compiling the recipes, we are still in the second lockdown and although Christmas is only a few weeks away, we don't know if present-shopping is going to be permitted, so perhaps homemade, edible gifts is the answer. There are so many things you can make such as fudge, Florentines, cupcakes, savoury or sweet biscuits, marrons glacés, Christmas chutney, the list is endless. The recipes below are all quick and easy to make and don't use too many ingredients.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW BISCUITS Makes approx. 20

175g/7oz chilled butter, cubed
225g/9oz plain flour
75g/3oz caster sugar
1 tsp. vanilla essence
1 large egg, beaten
1 bag of boiled sweets, preferably the round disc type. Don't use Fox's Glacier Fruits as they are too hard to smash properly.

Method

1. Put the butter, flour and sugar in a food processor and pulse until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the vanilla essence and beaten egg and continue to pulse until a smooth dough is formed. At this stage you could add the zest of an orange or some ground ginger or ground cinnamon if you want the biscuits to have a more Christmassy taste.
2. Roll the dough out on a floured board until approx. 5 mm thick. Using a biscuit cutter cut out as many biscuits as you can. Using a smaller cutter, cut out a circle in the middle of each biscuit, making sure that there is at least 1cm of biscuit between the hole and the edge of the biscuit. Place the biscuits on a baking tray which has been lined with baking parchment, and chill in the fridge for 10 minutes.
3. Whilst the biscuits are chilling, prepare the stained glass. Put all the sweets of the same colour into plastic bags and using a rolling pin, smash the sweets into fine grains but not completely into a powder.
4. Remove the biscuits from the fridge and fill the hole in the biscuit with the sweet grains. If you want to make the biscuits as decorations, make a small hole near the top of the biscuit with a skewer.
5. Bake in a preheated oven, 180C/160C fan/Gas 4 for 15-17 minutes until the biscuits are golden brown and the sweets have melted. Leave on the tray for 5 minutes to firm up before putting on to a wire rack.

The biscuits can be put in bags tied up with ribbon or they look effective hung up as decorations on something like a piece of twisted willow.



CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES Makes approx. 24

150g/6oz dark chocolate, chopped
150ml/6fl oz double cream
25g/1oz unsalted butter, cubed
1 tsp of Brandy, Baileys, or Rum (opt)
Suitable coatings: chopped, toasted hazelnuts, chocolate curls, desiccated coconut or sieved cocoa powder.



Method

1. Melt the cream and the butter together in a saucepan until it reaches simmering point. Put the chopped chocolate in to a glass bowl and pour the warm cream mixture on top and stir until the chocolate has melted and the resulting mixture is smooth. If you want to add some alcohol, add it at this point.
2. Alternatively add in some finely grated orange zest. Cover the bowl with cling film and put in the fridge for a minimum of 4 hours to firm up.
3. When the mixture is well chilled and firm, the truffles can be shaped and coated. A melon baller is good to scoop out the mixture, but a teaspoon works equally well. The main thing is to work quickly. Put the coatings on to a piece of baking parchment, shape the truffle and roll into the coating.
4. Put the coated truffles into petit four cases and return them to the fridge.

The truffles will keep in the fridge for 3 or 4 days. Alternatively, the mixture can be frozen, but I haven't managed to try this as they always get eaten in our house!



Method

1. Put the flour, butter, gruyere cheese, 25g/1oz of the parmesan cheese, mustard and salt and pepper into a food processor. Pulse until the mixture forms a soft ball. Alternatively, this can be done by hand by rubbing the ingredients together until it starts to form clumps and then pushing the clumps together to form a soft ball.
2. Divide the mixture in to two pieces. Roll out each piece in to an oblong approx. 10cms by 25cms.
3. Brush each piece with the beaten egg and sprinkle over the remaining parmesan.
4. Cut the oblong into 'sticks.' I prefer the biscuits to be a little larger than the original recipe suggested so I cut them into sticks about 5mm wide. If you prefer, cut the mixture into small squares.
5. Bake at 200C/180C fan/Gas 6 for 10-12 minutes.

GRUYERE AND PARMESAN ALLUMETTES (MATCHSTICKS) Makes approx. 48 depending on size

100g/4oz grated gruyere cheese
40g/1½oz grated parmesan
100g/4oz plain flour
75g/3oz unsalted butter
¼ tsp mustard powder
Salt and pepper
1 egg, beaten



Diane Overton

CRANBERRY AND MACADAMIA COOKIES

Makes approx. 24

300g/12oz white chocolate, chopped, or chunky white chocolate chips.

100g/4oz unsalted butter, softened

1 egg

50g/2oz light muscovado sugar

75g/3oz golden caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

175g/6oz plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

½ tsp ground cinnamon

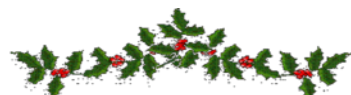
50g/2oz dried cranberries plus a few extra for decoration

50g/2oz macadamia nuts, chopped

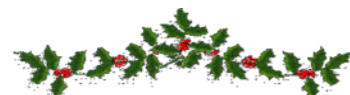


Method

1. Melt 85g of the chocolate and allow to cool slightly. In a bowl, put the softened butter, egg, sugars and vanilla. Add the chocolate and using an electric whisk, beat together for 2 minutes.
2. Stir in the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, cranberries, nuts and the remaining chocolate chunks.
3. Place dessertspoons of the mixture on to greased baking trays and poke in a couple of the extra cranberries into each cookie.
4. Bake at 180C/160C fan/Gas 4 for 12-14 minutes. Allow to cool for a couple of minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.



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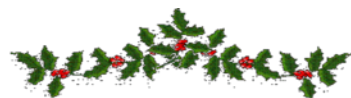
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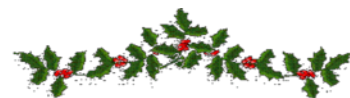
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ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ



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| 2. A coin | 7. 359 | 12. The Nutcracker | 17. Capricorn |
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| 4. Oslo | 9. Twelfth Night | 14. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert | 19. Before us |
| 5..24 | 10. Poinsettia | 15. Hen | 20. Pigs in blankets |

AXMINSTER HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

FUNDING AXMINSTER HOSPISCARE AT HOME

As with most organisations, the League of Friends of Axminster Hospital Funding Hospiscare at Home in the Axminster District are finding fund raising efforts very restricted.

However we continue to support requests for help whenever possible.

Recent requests for funding that the LOF have agreed to are:

Firstly, for three online places at the Annual Dementia Conference for some of our Dementia nurses. Allowing them to learn of new developments and share experiences in their specialist field of nursing.

Secondly, funding the purchase, at a cost of approximately £3,000, of a continuous Blood Pressure Monitoring Machine for our wonderful Community Nurses. This is invaluable when treating housebound patients. This is in addition to the

large quarterly payments to H@H for care in the Axminster area.

Some of you may have been wondering about the building work going on around the Scott Rowe Centre. The reason for this is that all therapies and clinics are being relocated to what was the Morton Ward in the main hospital. The existing Outpatients Department will be turned over to mainly ophthalmic procedures, thus increasing their capacity at Axminster. This should be a great benefit to staff and patients and means that all clinics are in the main building.

I wish you all well and ask you to keep safe during this difficult time.

Ann Veit – Hon. Secretary
Telephone- 01297 552376
Email – lof.annv5@aol.com

FUNDRAISING FOR HOSPISCARE

HOSPISCARE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



For many, Christmas is a time of being with family, sharing memories and traditions and enjoying delicious food. Hospiscare wants Christmas 2020 to contain all of these special things for the families in their care and are appealing to the community to support their Christmas Raffle campaign.

Anyone can take part in the Hospiscare Christmas Raffle, which takes place during November and December. Simply

source a prize and the charity will send you everything you need to make your raffle a festive success.

For further details, go to www.hospiscare.co.uk/support-our-work/fundraise/hospiscare-christmas-raffle/.

Ali McGeown
Marketing Assistant
Hospiscare

AXMINSTER AND LYME CANCER SUPPORT

ALCS sends us newsletters which are much too long and detailed to print in full, but they are anxious to make them available to all who are interested and are happy to add you to their mailing list and send them to you by post or email. Their newsletters can also be found on their website: axminsterandlymecancersupport.co.uk

Their latest newsletter, number 26, contains a request for feedback, so that they can do their best to support people over the coming months. They would welcome any suggestions. It has information about booking their beach hut and updates about the wide choice of services they offer, which in many cases are free to users. There is news of psychotherapy, yoga and mindfulness, counselling, work to help with breathing, scar work after breast surgery, and, as physical activity can be so beneficial in aiding recovery, they offer a class called 'Move, Dance, Feel' as well as Nordic Walking.

They express thanks to generous donors who help to support them and make all this provision possible. An estate agent has adopted them as her local charity and gives them a donation for every sale. There is news of the charity's own fundraising efforts. They have an online shop selling cards, keyrings and CDs and have successfully applied to benefit from arrangements such as Easyfundraising, the Amazon Smile scheme and the Co-op Community Fund.

They also invite volunteers to help with administration and fundraising. Further information can be obtained from the following sources:

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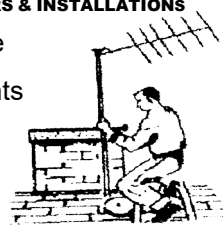
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DIRECTIONS FOR FINDING Vicky Larcombe's house. Vicky is treasurer for Postscript.

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.

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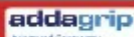
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Wed	9th	10.00 am - 12 noon	St Giles' Church	Mother and Babies Support Group
Sun	13th	5.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Evensong with Gill Heighway
Sat	19th	4.00 pm onwards	Around Village	Father Christmas and Carollers
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Sun	20th	5.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Carol Service led by Anna Crabbe - 60 places available please book
Tues	22nd	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
Thurs	24th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Church open to receive Pasada sheep and give out Christingles
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	6th	9.30 am	Dalwood Church	Epiphany - Book of Common Prayer
Tues	12th	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	12th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
Tues	19th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Wed	20th	P.30 am	Dalwood Church	Holy Communion
Mon	25th	Early	Your House	Recycling only
Tues	26th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion

THE TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY

The Covid situation has meant a few changes in the way we operate the Telephone Box Library. It's important to quarantine all books for 72 hours before they can be placed on the shelf. A bin has therefore been provided for returned books.

In a previous Postscript, I offered to collect and quarantine all donated books. I would like to thank everyone who responded, your generosity means we now won't need any more donations of books until further notice. So going forward, we are asking that the bin be used for RETURNED BOOKS ONLY and NOT DONATED BOOKS. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

A massive thanks to Caroline Baylis and Linda Loveridge who stepped forward to help with the extra work and generally keeping the telephone box clean, tidy and well stocked.

Also thanks to Peter Ball for gathering guidance from the local council on the Covid protocol, which meant we could keep the Telephone Box open.

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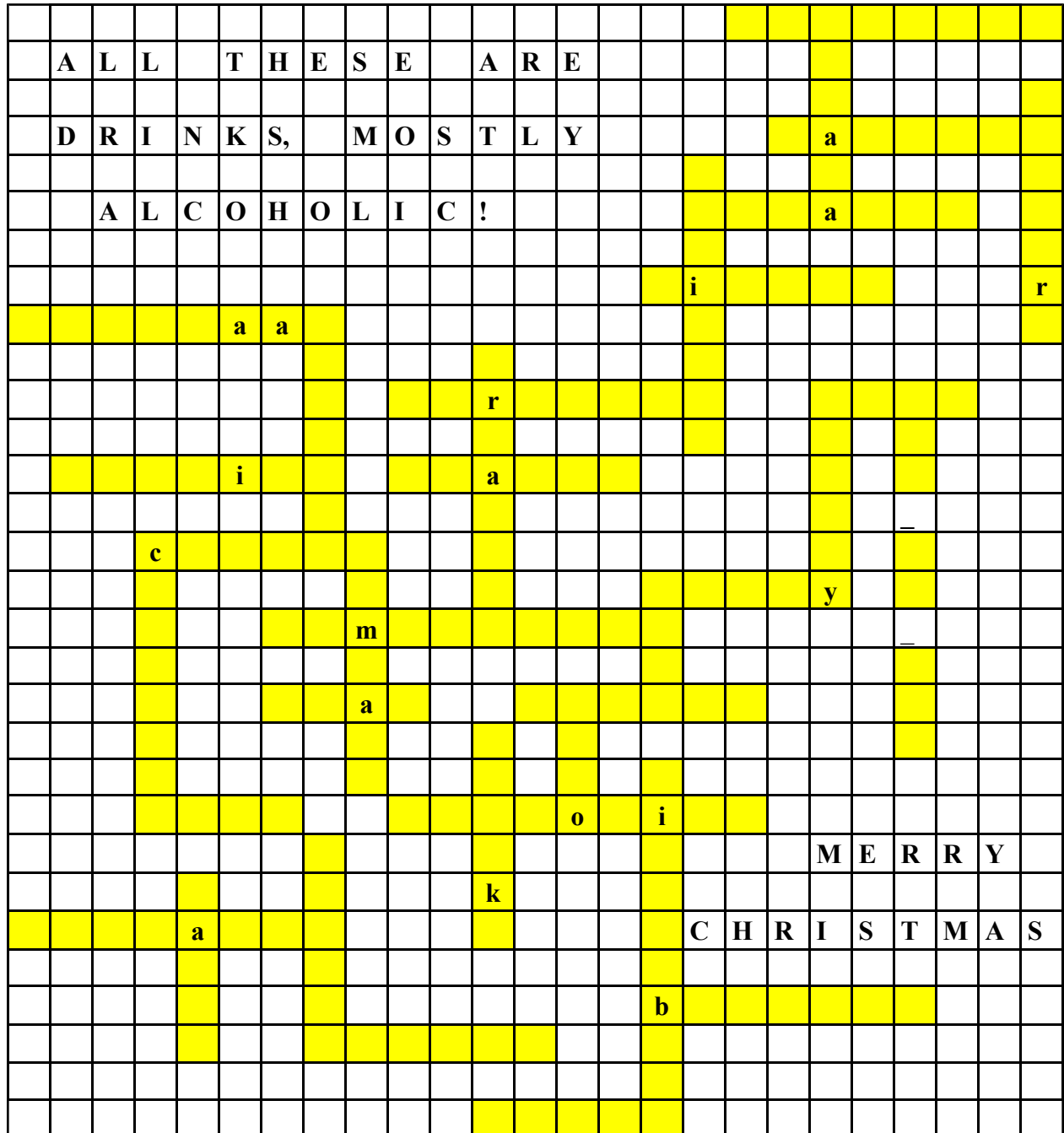
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