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KILMINGTON POSTSCRIPT



A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE FROM THE POSTSCRIPT TEAM

As you can see Bob Farley has been busy with his computer and paint box again! What a stunning cover he has created with so much colour and detail. Thank you so much once again Bob. Our new garden writer, Mary-Anne, began this month with the intention of following the *12 Days of Christmas* theme for her contribution; although she ran out of space after eight, they make interesting reading. Towards the back of the magazine are some fun facts and figures about the well-known verses of *12 Days of Christmas*.

As I look out of the window this morning, the rain is rattling down, raining cats and dogs and possibly elephants too, and what do I see? No, not a partridge in a pear tree but a pheasant under a pear tree, and a very sorrowful-looking one too. It is not at all like Bob's jolly bird.

In this Christmas issue of Postscript we have many reports of recent events. The update from Mrs White, Head of Teaching and Learning at the primary school, notes the emphasis placed by the school staff on learning to read and she sends a photo of the well-stocked school library. Mrs White also tells us about changes in the school's Federation team during the year.

The collection held for the annual Poppy Appeal seems to have been extremely successful this year so Brian and Caroline Lavender must be thanked for their valuable work organising these collections around the village for many years.

On page 30 is an Application Form for the Village Hall 100 Club which raises much needed funds to contribute towards maintenance and repairs. You may recall that, this time last year, Postscript brought you a couple of articles to celebrate the 30th birthday of the Village Hall. Thirty-years old and in need of tender loving care - I expect many of us know or have known that feeling!!! Seriously though, the 100 Club, started many years ago and currently run by Angus Falconer, is an essential means of raising funds for the Hall. Angus is trying hard to encourage us all to help by joining. You may have noticed that the recent storm, the first big storm of this winter, was named Angus so perhaps we have a Storming Angus, working on behalf of the Village Hall.

We hope you enjoy this Christmas issue of the magazine with puzzles on pages 12 and 13 (no peeping at the answers please!), the Spot the Difference puzzle, a photo from the village Fayre and Flower Show, on the back cover and all the other contributions. Thank you contributors - without you the magazine would not be possible - and to everyone who plays some part in producing and delivering the magazine. A 'merry Christmas' to you all.

Judith, on behalf of the Postscript team

PS. As usual at this time of year this issue of Postscript covers both December and January. The PS team meets again in early January to plan the February 2017 issue. The copy date is at the top of the righthand column.

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Please see inside back cover for details.

*The front cover is created by Bob Farley.
Photos are from: Brian Lavender, Judith, Maureen, Pre-school, Sandra and David Ingles.*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

REMEMBRANCE

The annual Service of Remembrance of the Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch was celebrated this year at an ecumenical service in St Giles' Church. This was led by the Revd Simon Holloway and an address was given by Pastor Darrell Holmes, the Kilmington Branch Chaplain; the lessons were read by Royal Engineer Lance Corporal Alex Hill and Scout Ethan Crossley-Sloman. The

Branch Standard was displayed on the altar and the Lyme Bay Scout Troop paraded and presented their standard. The collection from the packed congregation was in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Most of the congregation then made their way to the War Memorial, where they were joined by other villagers for the Remembrance ceremony. Prayers were led by Pastor Darrell, who also read out the names of the fallen from the two World Wars. The exhortation was given by the Branch Chairman,



Commander Stafford Seward RN OBE (Retd) who also laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Navy, as did Marine Hewkin for the Royal Marines, Lance Corporal Alex Hill for the British Army, Group Captain Brian Lavender OBE (Retd) AFC for the Royal Air Force, Scout Charlie Dare for the Scout movement and also by a police representative.

After coffee in the Village Hall, 63 members and guests went by coach to the Haselbury Mill for Sunday lunch. During the evening a Quiz Night was held at the New Inn, organised and compèred by

Clive Garner. The evening raised an incredible £377 for the Poppy Appeal. On Armistice Day, 11th November at 11 o'clock, a large group of RBL members and other Kilmington residents gathered outside the Playing Field Pavilion to mark the two-minute silence. Maroons were fired by the Branch Chairman and by the President, Roger Lovegrove, to indicate the start and end of the silence. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Pavilion

Sandra Ingles

KILMINGTON BRANCH UPDATE

Contact details for the Kilmington Branch of the RBL

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As we go to press our membership remains close to 140 which is incredible. However, we are always looking for new members and new ideas. If you would like to join an organisation which cares for those who have given everything to keep us all safe and provided us with a future (including those who have died, been injured or are still serving), then please don't hesitate to call me, your Shepherd or any other member of our committee. Of course, we are also a very sociable group! If you want to know more, please remember details are on the Kilmington village website.

Jean Falconer, Secretary: 01297 33708

My thanks to you all for supporting us in what has been again an excellent and outstanding year for the Kilmington Branch. In case I don't see you before, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year.

Cdr Stafford Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman, RBL Kilmington Branch

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Lots to see over the next two months: great views of some planets, meteor showers and another Supermoon, but not quite as big as the last one. Wrap up warm and do some star gazing – just watch out for wise men and shepherds doing the same!

2nd Moon and Venus couple up close at dusk through early evening. Look higher and you can see the red planet Mars. Over the next few days watch how the gaps between them shift.

4th Moon and Mars are close.

7th–17th Geminids Meteor Shower, considered the best shower in the heavens, up to 120 multi-coloured meteors per hour at its peak from debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 Phaethon, discovered in 1982.

13th/14th Geminid meteor shower peaks but the full moon will reduce their visibility.

14th Full Moon and our third Supermoon this year. This full moon is known as the Cold Moon or Long Dark Moon for obvious reasons!

17th–25th Ursids Meteor Shower is a minor shower producing about 5-10 meteors per hour produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tuttle, first discovered in 1790.

21st Winter Solstice, the first day of winter and the beginning of our shortest season of the year: 89 days until the March Equinox, whereas our summer is five days longer.

21st/22nd Ursids Meteor Shower peaks. Best viewing just after midnight

22nd/23rd Jupiter is close to the moon.

31st/1st Sirius, the sky's brightest star's official midnight culmination is tonight, when its highest in the sky at midnight – comes only once every year, tonight's the night!

Early January Moon and Venus light up the western sky after sunset, look above them for the red planet Mars. Venus is just a touch smaller and less massive than Earth. But in many respects Earth is more like Mars than any other planet. A day on Mars, measured from noon to noon, lasts 24.7 hours versus our 24 hours. Mars also has four seasons but as a year on Mars lasts almost two Earth-years, a season on Mars lasts twice as long as a season on Earth.

1st–5th Quadrantids Meteor Shower with up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak, thought to be produced by dust grains from the extinct comet 2003 EH1, discovered in 2003.

3rd/4th Quadrantids Meteor Shower peaks



10th Winter Circle A good time to look to the south to view this huge circle of first-magnitude stars. Also called the Winter Hexagon, the southeast part of it, formed by bright stars Sirius, Betelgeuse and Procyon, is called the Winter Triangle.

12th Full Moon Known as the Ice moon or Full Wolf Moon because at this time of year hungry wolf packs howled.

Venus reaches its greatest eastern elongation from the Sun. This is the best time to view Venus as it will be at its highest above the horizon. Look to the west after sunset.

14th Moon and Regulus very close as they climb above the eastern horizon mid-evening.

19th Mercury reaches its greatest western elongation from the Sun making it the best time to view the planet as it will be at its highest point above the horizon. Use binoculars to look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

Peter

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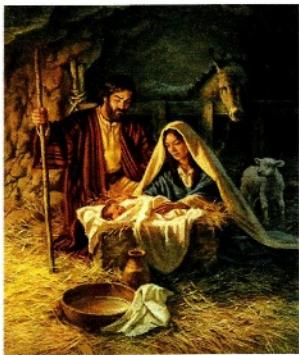
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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Friday, 13th January will see the start of the 2017 Gardening Club programme. Our first speaker is David Usher with his talk on Hestercombe Gardens near Taunton in Somerset. The talk will complement a visit to the gardens planned for the spring, when the gardens are at their best.

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

Lesley Rew

WANTED

Kilmington Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to keep the two village bus shelters clean and tidy weekly. Small honorarium available.

For details, please contact Michael Collier, Chairman, KPC on 01297 32390.



Eddie The Eagle
(PG)

Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 7th December



Eddie the Eagle tells the true story of Eddie Edwards (Taron Egerton), an odd young man who was to the Olympic Games what Don Quixote was to windmills. Despite not having much athletic skill (unless breaking your glasses can get you a medal), his childhood was a string of track and field disasters until he discovered downhill skiing. His never-say-die attitude, at odds with his pragmatic plasterer father, dovetails nicely with his discovery of an oversight in the GB Olympic team. Since no one else is representing Great Britain as a ski jumper, all he needs to do is achieve some modest qualifications and they'll have to accept him.

The specifics are a little vague (and, after peeking at Wikipedia, it appears the film has taken some liberties), but the important thing is that Eddie soon heads out to Germany to train. After nearly killing himself a few times, he befriends an ex-pat American (Hugh Jackman) who, as it happens, could have been the greatest ski-jumper of all time, if ego and drink had not got in the way. Why he stays there in the shadow of his failure is anyone's guess but, in time, they become teacher and master – freeing each other from their psychological shackles, letting their spirits soar, et cetera.

The final third of the film is set during Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics, when Eddie's first Calgary jump results in a poor competitive showing, but still marks a new British record and the world makes an immediate connection with this goofy twerp just thrilled to be there.

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

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Letter from the Churches

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Another year is closing and we may be reminded of our increasing years.

For me 2016 was “the year of the glasses”. Having resisted for many years, I conceded early in Spring my need for glasses and booked a sight test. This confirmed that I would indeed benefit from some lenses to sharpen my vision at distance and also close up. I duly ordered a pair of clever varifocals and boldly wore them out of the shop. I was convinced that the dizziness would abate and they would soon help me see everything perfectly. They didn’t!

“Should have gone to Specsavers” you cry – thankfully I did and I went again claiming that I couldn’t get on with varifocals. Thankfully, a friend had told me of the joy of “executive bi-focals” and I convinced the salesperson that this is what I had needed all along. They happily provided me with a pair of these at no extra charge and I went on my way (like a nodding dog) figuring out that the near sight lens didn’t work for the car dashboard unless my nose was on the steering wheel.

So, back to Specsavers once more. This time I managed to convince the lovely salesperson that I could cope with just a single-lens prescription. They supplied yet another free replacement pair of glasses that are perfect for distance, but useless for reading a book. Hence I rarely wear glasses!

But the bible readings for Christmas (which I still read unaided) tell us of the birth of the infant Jesus, Son of God, born in the flesh, as God in the flesh in accordance with the promises to the people of God over generations. His mother

Mary needed to disappear during her pregnancy, aware of the consternation and anger that an unmarried mother would have caused in her society. She went to visit her elderly relative Elizabeth to pass those months as Jesus grew in her womb, little knowing that Elizabeth herself was pregnant (Elizabeth was pushing on eighty years old but was soon to be pushing on a pram!). As Mary walked into Elizabeth’s house, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped and both women rejoiced at the goodness of God. Mary was inspired with a song, known as the Magnificat, which begins *“My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”* (read the whole song in Luke chapter 1 verses 46-55).

My glasses magnify the world around me, but Mary stated that her soul magnified the Lord. That’s quite something. The humility and obedience of Mary made God seem bigger to her, more awesome, more immanent. This teenage girl could understand the huge implications of the child that she was carrying and the God who was at work through her; though she was in grave danger, still she chose to trust in God’s word to her.

So this Christmas, take time to consider the wonder of God made flesh in Jesus. At the start of 2017, ask if God might become more real to you in the coming year, asking that you can “rejoice in God as your Saviour”. Let your soul magnify the Lord, and bring him into sharp focus in your life, that you may have an inspired Christmas and a truly Happy New Year.

Pastor Darrell Holmes

ST GILES CHURCH PASTORAL TEAMS

At a meeting of Pastoral team members on 29th September 2016, chaired by the Revd Simon Holloway, some changes to the Pastoral teams were made as a result of the move of Michael and Ann Marsh to Axminster. The responsibilities of the team were reviewed; the need for the team was strongly endorsed by Simon who declared that they were an essential back-up to his Ministry in the widely dispersed Mission Community. Now that Michael and Anne are no longer immediately available, Brian Lavender agreed to coordinate the activities of the Kilmington Pastoral teams, advising the Minister when his personal involvement or other specialist advice was required. Team members had been chosen because of their wide experience in life and of the training they had received in their earlier vocations and all had current DBS vetting clearances. Each team member had been allocated an area of responsibility in the village and would be able to visit, listen, advise or refer, in absolute confidentiality.

The team members are listed below with contact details and any resident who wants help or advice is encouraged to

contact Brian, the KPCC Secretary, in the first instance. Simon, who has responsibilities for all five parishes, should of course be contacted first in an emergency and he and Pauline would always be ready to provide immediate assistance. It is stressed that the Pastoral teams are here to support all residents and are not exclusively for members of the church. The Baptist Church has a similar team operating in Kilmington, details of which can be obtained from Pastor Darrell Holmes. Please don’t be afraid to use the team members – they often feel that people are disinclined to bother them, whereas a bit of help at an early stage of a problem usually works wonders.

Kilmington Pastoral Teams:

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Brian Lavender: 01297 34922
John Church: 01297 32417
Sally Huscroft: 01297 32243
Gill Heighway: 01297 33951
Barbara Woodsford: 01297 33777

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH LAY LED SERVICES

There was an excellent response from members of the St Giles' Church congregation to the request to bring their own bibles to the Family Service on Bible Sunday, 23rd October. 23 different versions of the Bible were counted, the oldest and largest being a Cassell, Peter & Galpin Illustrated Family Bible with 1,284 pages of Old Testament and 424 New Testament, published between 1820 and 1880; it included 900 engravings, maps and a lengthy concordance. 13 owners of the Bibles explained their source, the use to which they were put and quoted some of their favourite passages, all of which proved very interesting and encouraging. The Service was led by Brian Lavender, the Collect given by Christine Thorne, the Readings by Mark

and Rachel Burrough and the Intercessions by Chris Thorne and Dylan Burrough.

The first Service of Morning Prayer for over a year was held on 4th November and attracted a good congregation. It was led by Brian Lavender and the Lessons were read by Elizabeth Stonex and Peter Huscroft while the Intercessions were given by Sally Huscroft. David Wilsdon gave an interesting Address and the choir was in full strength under the direction of Margaret Hurford, leading popular hymns and with an excellent rendering of Psalm 17 which was the one set for the day.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

Mike Tyler, the Church Historian, has been busy over several months researching the history of St Giles' Church, the Parish Church of Kilmington, with the aim of writing a book to be sponsored by the KPCC and published next year covering over one thousand years during which a place of worship has existed on its present site. He is seeking information, records, photographs and memories which might be of interest and of relevance for inclusion in the book.

A record of all contributors will appear in it and anyone who can help is asked to contact Mike on 01297 34959 or by e-mail (mwtyler2@googlemail.com). Papers and photos will be copied and returned safely and can be delivered to the Revd Simon Holloway at the Vicarage, if more convenient.

Any help would be much appreciated by the Revd Simon, Churchwardens and members of the congregation.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR ST GILES CHURCH

A new sound system was installed in St Giles' Church on 10th and 11th November at great expense, and it is hoped this new equipment will end the many complaints about it in the past. It certainly proved very effective at the Remembrance Sunday Service and we are now looking forward to new

lighting being installed once the detailed specification has been drawn up and tested by the manufacturer, and a faculty approved by the Diocese.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST GILES CHURCH

St Giles' Church will host on Saturday, 3rd December, a concert organised by Margaret Hurford and Rachel Burrough. The concert will be held at 3.00 pm during which the choir and orchestra from St Mary's RC Church will perform, as well as the Mission Community choir and other artists.

A Christingle Service, which is always popular with the children, will take place at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 11th December. The collection will be donated to The Children's Society.

The congregation will join residents and members of the Baptist Beacon for carol singing outside Miller's Farm Shop at 3.00 pm on Saturday, 17th December.

On Sunday, 18th December, the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in St Giles' Church at

6.00 pm with residents reading the Lessons; mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

On Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm, there will be a special Crib Service for families during which figures and knitted sheep will be placed around the crib in the Spanish Posada fashion. Later that evening, there will be the opportunity at 9.30 pm to take Christmas Communion.

Children are invited to take their favourite present to a Family Communion Service on Christmas Day at 9.30 am.

There will be a warm welcome for everyone attending any of these events. The Revd Simon Holloway and the Churchwardens wish all readers a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

Since the half term break, the children have enjoyed learning about 'people who help us'. We have talked about the variety of people who help the children and had visits from a few people in the community. We've been lucky enough to have a visit from the local police station, an engineer and a farmer. The children loved a visit from local farmer, Dave Dare, who brought a tractor to pre-school for the children to look at and sit in!!

Throughout the weeks either side of bonfire night, we focused on firefighters. The children described the bonfires they had seen and expressed their feelings about the fireworks. We had fun making bonfire pictures and we made some yummy 'firework biscuits' for the children to take home. We enjoyed dressing up for rôle play and even practised a fire drill.

We paid our respects on Remembrance Day by having a moment of silence outside the Village Hall, seeing the flares and listening to the 11 bell chimes from the church.



As we look forward to Christmas, we have been practising our Christmas Performance, which this year will be 'Shine Star Shine'. The children will take to the stage on Thursday, 15th December at 11.00 am. We will perform a short play and sing some festive songs for all to enjoy.

We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing break over the festive period and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year on Wednesday, 4th January 2017.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR from everyone at Kilmington Pre-School.

Carly Dare

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you read this Christmas will be almost upon us. The festivities in school are always incredibly exciting and the children have a wonderful time learning their parts for our Christmas production; practising the singing; making Christmas decorations; making and giving out cards and decorating the classrooms.

Standards across the school continue to be high; indeed we even received a letter from the MP Nick Gibb congratulating us on our outstanding achievement, in the top 3% of primary schools in the country in the 2016 phonics screening check. As he quite rightly says: a firm grasp of phonics will ensure that those children have a strong foundation in reading which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers. We place a great deal of emphasis on reading in our school, with our well stocked library, as we all firmly believe that if children can develop a love of reading, their life chances will be greatly improved.



This year our Federation Leadership Team has changed significantly, with a new Head of Teaching and Learning at Shute Primary and a new Executive Headteacher, following the retirement of Alan Simpson who was the Head of The Axe Beacon Federation until July this year. The new team have had several planning meetings and are all really enthusiastic about taking on the four schools to new heights in partnership with

each other.

This year's Harvest celebration was well attended and the huge number of donations for the Axminster Foodbank barely fitted into a supermarket trolley! We received a letter of thanks from the charity for our 'enormous' donation. We were all really keen on supporting this local charity – really helping us to feel part of our wider community.

Please keep an eye on our school website: www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk to see what we are up to.

Lee White, Head of Teaching and Learning

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Every Thursday throughout September Autumn Lunches were held again in Kilmington Village Hall. They were extremely well received, with 30-40 hot meals cooked and served on each occasion by a variety of local chefs. Because of the heavy use of the hall, our lunch breaks were hardly long enough for everyone to have lengthy chats with other diners but every week was always a good social occasion.

Thank you to everyone who helped and to all our visitors. Over £900 was raised for Hall funds for which we are most grateful.

We held our annual *Hall Users meeting* in The Cudmore Room on October 16th, the minutes of which you can now read on the village website. We were extremely sad to hear that our excellent bookings secretary of too many years to count has decided to hand the book over. Caroline Lavender

VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The 100 Club raises much needed funds to keep the Village Hall in a good state of repair for everyone in the Village to enjoy. Application forms for annual membership of the Club are normally distributed in January for inclusion in the first monthly draw that takes place at the end of that month. This year, however, the application form has been inserted as an advertisement in this edition of Postscript (see page 30). I have done this not only in the hope of increasing membership but also to save my weary legs from having to trek all around the Village! Spare forms will be available at Hurford's Stores.

Will you kindly return completed forms to one of the addresses shown before the end of January. Meanwhile, many thanks to existing members for your support.

Angus Falconer

PLEASE JOIN THE 100 CLUB

THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 100 CLUB IS ON PAGE 30 OF THIS ISSUE.

OUR WONDERFUL VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT IN TIP TOP CONDITION SO EVERYONE CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY IT. THANK YOU.

VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
24th October 2016

S Seward	£25	V Sissons	£5
E Styles	£10	G Jones	£5
P Ball	£10	A Lockwood	£5

For further details, please contact
Angus Falconer - 01297 33708

never let us down and we always knew that when she did something it was always done well. Thank you from all hall users, Caroline, and especially from our little team of administrators. She will stay with us until the spring and then we will be delighted to welcome Louise Quincy who has offered her services.

We do appreciate the regular users of the hall who turn up to these meetings and we are always pleased to receive suggestions for the way forward.

I cannot stop without saying how much I appreciate the help given to me by all the other members of the administration committee. They are fantastic!

Diana Church

FIVE ALIVE OIL

At the time of writing the current oil price has fallen back to \$46.5 a barrel that equates to 39.4 ppl before the bulk order discount.

I am now taking orders for December and have amended the deadline date to Friday 9th December to ensure that all deliveries are completed before the Christmas holiday period.

Please submit your orders requesting either a specific amount or, if requesting a top up state an estimated amount with 500 litres being the minimum order.

Colin Stewart
cogstewart@ao.com
01297 792538

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Moderate

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 24.

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KGC Meeting 11th November: AGM and Social

Around 70 members attended a meeting in the Village Hall which looked very welcoming with pictures of club activities on the walls and flowers on the tables.

The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted with no matters arising. The auditor (Vicky Larcombe) presented the accounts for the year pointing out similarities to last year and where there



highlights of the Fayre and Show was shown at the end of the meeting (please see note from Gill on the page opposite).

The Club has 176 members and there have been 24 new members since the last AGM. Thank you to Beverley Perkins for her efficient organization of membership, and to our Treasurer Dave Bromley who also looked after the technical arrangements at the meeting.



were understandable differences. She reported that financially the Club was in a very healthy position.

The Chair's report was an illustrated account of the Club's activities during the year starting with the website which Jean continues to organize so efficiently. The highlight of the talks programme arranged by Lesley Rew was 'An Audience with Anne Swithinbank'. This and other talks attracted an ever-increasing audience. We are very grateful to Angela and Daphne who run raffles at talks and other events and which contribute substantially towards the cost of the talks. This is Stephanie Hathaway's last year as visits organizer. Photographs showed how successful the visits were this year and how fortunate we were with the weather on most occasions, with one notable exception! The Club showed its appreciation of the work Stephanie has done and presented her with flowers. The Chair was delighted to announce that Christine Mills and Diana Sayer are taking on the organization of the visits and have already been to some gardens to assess their suitability. The Plant Market is another popular event with members. It is a great opportunity to stock up with plants and also makes money for the Club. Thank you to Jane for organizing it, to all the helpers and to those who brought plants to sell. Our summer social event involving a quiz and refreshments was repeated this year and considered a success. We are very grateful to Paul and Celia Dunsford for organizing the Kilmington Village Open Gardens, reported in Postscript earlier in the year, as was the National Gardens Scheme opening.

The relocation of the Fayre and Flower Show to the Hall and the field behind it and the change of date, were a great success. The number of entries in the Vegetable and Flower classes was significantly greater as were the entries in the Preserves and Cookery classes. The number of entries were disappointing in the Children's classes and the Handicrafts. Next year the Fayre and Flower Show will be held in the same venue on Saturday, 29th July. A DVD showing

The Chair reported on some issues raised in committee. Jane Chalk, who organizes the Plant Market, suggested that we bring the date forward (which we have done) and reconsider the format. A subgroup will be set up to do this. The healthy financial position of the Club means that, although we should be prudent in financial matters, we need not be too constrained. Club members discussed our policy regarding finance, together with whether we should have the Village Open Gardens every year or every other year. Although it is not in the Club's remit to raise funds for other organizations, we have, following Open Gardens, given fairly regular donations to some village organizations. It was suggested that specific projects should be supported by money raised by Garden Opening. The committee will consider this and report their conclusions in a later edition of Postscript. The chair concluded her report with thanks to the loyal members and the committee for all their hard work before and during the AGM.

The only changes in committee membership are the resignation of Pat Curran, who was thanked for her contribution which included the introduction of the children's workshop prior to the show, and the election to full membership of Mary-Anne Driscoll who was co-opted last year.

The meeting finished with an inspiring and entertaining address by the President who listed some of the joys of gardening, ranging from bonfires to sharing plants and visiting each others gardens, and said how lucky we were to have such a wonderful club. She thanked all the committee for their hard work. After the DVD of the Show, members were served a delicious meal prepared by David Smith and Jennie Giles with committee members providing the puddings.

B J Lewis (Chair KGC)



Almost 12 MAD Christmas Garden Moments

I was intending to write about the fantastic Autumn colour we have enjoyed this year but, as this is the Christmas issue, by the time you read this, probably all the leaves will have gone so you will have to wait until next year when my ability to plan ahead will have improved.

So, with the idea of the front cover's theme of *The 12 Days of Christmas* in mind, what follows is 'not quite twelve plant moments' around the garden/house to enjoy over the festive time ahead.

1. Decorate with one of the most festive species of tree with its bright red berries Ilex Aquifolium, otherwise known as holly. I was surprised to see that holly fossils have been found to be present just after the Jurassic period. So it has been around for years and years. In Danish folklore, it is said to represent truth.
2. If you are in need of a delicious treat, go to *The Ivy*, the name of a new chain of brasserie style restaurants. The nearest is in Bristol unfortunately, but here's hoping they make it down to Exeter soon.
3. I have been looking at the Hellebores which have been sending up the odd white flower over the last few weeks; they are such beautiful flowers. I relocated them all two years ago and am hoping they will have settled in enough to put on a good show over the winter. Also known as the Christmas Rose, though it is not a rose at all, but the legend is that an angel turned a child's tears into these flowers when the child cried tears on to the snow because he (or she) had no presents to take to the baby Jesus.
4. Giving presents is always a delight (though my husband would not agree), but it is not always easy. So why not buy a fellow gardener a pair of superior gardening gloves? Try googling "nitropalm".
5. There has to be time for reading a gardening book over the holidays; so ask Father Christmas for James Wong's 'Grow For Flavour', which provides great inspiration for seed ordering. I promise myself that I really will try harder next year to follow his science-based advice in the vegetable patch.
6. Christmas Day is not the same without brussel sprouts. Next year, I am going to try a variety called Igor. With an amazing 21 different varieties with an Award of Garden Merit from the RHS, Igor is one of the latest eight added to the list last year. It sounds like my sort of sprout. Tall, robust, sweet and nutty.
7. There is always something magical about buying a Christmas tree. The Norway Spruce of my childhood with more needles on the floor than on the tree by Boxing Day has been superseded, in the main, by a choice of three different varieties. There is the Nordman Fir with a strong conical shape, and then the Frazer Fir, which is my favourite. Its wide flat soft dark green needles make it easy to handle and the scent is so Christmassy. Lastly, there is the Blue Spruce with silver blue foliage, which might make a nice change - sometimes!
8. Amaryllis brings out the competitive streak in our house with a couple of bulbs started off in November and bets as to which one will be flowering first. Last year I stood one in a wide glass container nestling in some gravel from outside the house with water to just below the bulb base. It worked really well, left in a warm sunny kitchen, and so the same again this year.

I have run out of space for the last four so a very happy Christmas to you all and let's hope for a great gardening year ahead.

Mary-Anne Driscoll (M.A.D.)

FAYRE AND FLOWER SHOW DVD



The Gardening Club was extremely fortunate to have the skills of a photographer and film maker to compile a DVD of the annual Fayre and Flower Show held in July. The film is a delightful reminder of the occasion held in July this year. It provides an insight into many aspects of the event, including images from the marquee, hall and the activities around the field. **Many of you appear on the film.**

The producer has asked that any proceeds from the sale are given for the Village Hall funds.

DVDs are available to purchase @ £5.00 each, initially from Gill Gibbs:

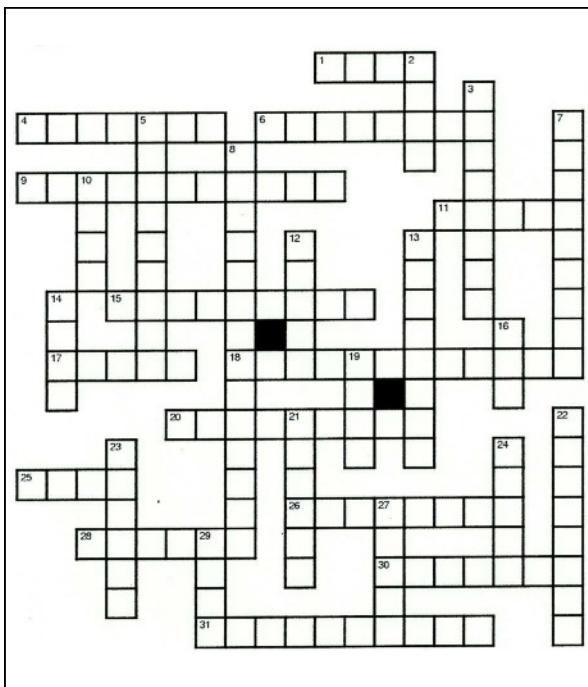
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Across

1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas Tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on their house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.



Down

2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually under the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.
14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The colour of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
21. A famous snowman.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.

CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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CELEBRATE	NORTHPOLE
CHIMNEY	REINDEER
CHRISTMAS	RUDOLPH
ELVES	SANTA
FROSTY	SEASON
GIFT	SLEIGH
GIVING	STOCKING
GREETINGS	TREE
HOLIDAY	WREATH
JOLLY	



Answers to puzzles are on page 22

HERB AND SPICES QUIZ

1. Famous owner of Fawlty Towers
2. This hot powder sounds the opposite
3. She's for remembrance
4. This one's where the money's made
5. More expensive per ounce than gold - but the same colour
6. "Big Bird's" favourite seed perhaps!
7. The colour of twins if you share the teapot
8. He was a "very friendly lion" in the TV "Herbs"
9. This one sounds a very wise fellow
10. A stitch in this saves eight more
11. Perfect for pomanders and apple pies
12. This seed sounds like the vehicle's gone
13. Used to pay a certain kind of rent?
14. The little nut tree had a silver one
15. Outer casing of (question 14) and a staff of office
16. The hottest pepper of them all
17. Gives the colour to curry and piccalilli
18. You can "stick" this in the punch bowl
19. The Hungarians use it, especially in Goulash
20. This weed gives its name to some cucumbers

SUPER SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Easy

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 4 section, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 12. The solution will be in February's issue.

12	8	11	1	9		2		10			3
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LINKWORDS

Example:- Double CREAM Tea

1. Glove Show
2. Beauty Check
3. Chimney Stake
4. Fuller Skating
5. Pie Topper
6. Rock Side
7. Guardian Cake
8. Air Range
9. Numerical Form
10. Wine Boots
11. Garlic Hitch
12. Sitting Woman

DO YOU KNOW YOUR PANTOMIMES?

1. What is the name of the father of Cinderella and the Ugly Sisters?
2. In which pantomime do Robin Hood and Maid Marion appear?
3. What is the name of Aladdin's brother?
4. What phrase does the Giant in 'Jack and the Beanstalk' use when he can smell Jack?
5. In what Pantomime who is Princess Marcella?
6. What is the name of Prince Charming's assistant?
7. In which panto does Buttons appear?
8. What is Aladdin's mother called?
9. Who had appeared in panto for 38 consecutive years until 2007 when he won TV's 'I'm a Celebrity.....'?
10. What told Dick Whittington to 'turn back'?
11. In Jack and the Beanstalk what does Jack get in exchange for his cow?
12. In Disney's Aladdin the villain was known as JAFFAR but by what name is he traditionally known in panto?
13. What is the most popular panto?
14. Which panto was created in 1902 for the comedian Dan Leno?
15. From what set of stories does the tale of Aladdin originate.
16. From what does the Fairy Godmother create Cinderella's footmen?
17. What is Jack's mother normally known as in Jack and the Beanstalk.
18. What name is given to the leading man in a panto, usually played by a woman?
19. In which panto would you find the character King Rat?
20. From which side of the stage do the 'goodies' in a panto normally appear?

NATURE NOTES

The sky is low. The wind is Grey. The radiator purrs all day!

It was clear that the warm autumn helped some of our wildlife this year. Sitting in the sun in the garden for lunch in early November one could see butterflies, moths, bees and flies all buzzing around. I guess this was the reason there were very few birds on the feeders, as there was plenty to forage elsewhere. But the cold weather inevitably arrived and our gardens and the surrounding countryside have become quieter as much of our

wildlife such as hedgehogs, bats, frogs and toads begin to sleep their way through the winter months. However, deer, foxes, badgers, squirrels, rabbits and hares don't hibernate and they can all be seen more easily across the bare fields at this time of year. During the day, listen out for the drumming of the great-spotted woodpeckers, they normally begin around January. And suddenly all those great tits, blue tits, goldfinches, chaffinches and blackbirds reappear again as they feed busily on trees and bushes. Some birds lose up to a third of their body weight keeping warm through cold winter nights, so it is a race against time to feed up enough during the short daylight hours. Topping up feeders will be welcomed and not just by the birds, squirrels, mice and rats can often be seen climbing up them in search of food.

If you're out and about at night and stop a moment and listen you'll probably hear the hooting tawny owls; they are at their noisiest in December as they begin their courtship. You may also hear the occasional barn owl screech; and the good



news is their numbers seem to be on the increase with larger than normal broods this year. A couple of weeks into January and the longer days will awaken all the male birds that start to sing more vigorously to establish their territories and look for mates. Most noticeable are tits, robins and flocks of goldfinches and greenfinches.

Finally, if you haven't tidied your garden yet, try not to totally blitz it! Leave some

fallen leaves as shelter for wildlife. As well as providing rich mulch, they create a superb habitat for frogs, invertebrates and beetles; the thrushes and blackbirds love to forage through them in winter too. Leave dry plant stems standing in the garden as all kinds of insects will crawl down inside to overwinter. And if your child wants to make a little Xmas present for Nan, help them drill some holes in a small block of wood; add a hook to hang it up and you have a fine insect home! A few pots or bricks left near to ponds gives toads and newts somewhere to spend the cold months. Peacock butterflies and small tortoiseshells hide in shed corners often looking dead, but try to avoid disturbing them as they are probably just asleep. Ladybirds also come inside to hibernate and, this year, there are significant numbers of them. There are some 26 species in the UK and if you go online to the UK Ladybird web site they have identification guides, surveys they need help with and stuff for the kids too!

Peter

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Every country and every family that celebrate Christmas does so in different ways. In London, Harrods' spectacular window displays; the festive lights in Oxford Street, and the renowned hampers of Fortnum & Mason's Food Hall all play their traditional part. But, did you know that the willow baskets with the distinctive F&M logo are made on Curry Moor, near Stoke St. Gregory, Somerset? Jonathan Coate is the seventh generation of his family's willow company, PH Coate & Son, which tends 80 acres of willow beds and, since 2010, are the only British supplier of Fortnum & Mason's hampers.

During the Victorian era Fortnum supplied picnic hampers for "the London Season" and Charles Dickens wrote about this: "Look where I will ... I see Fortnum & Mason. All the hampers fly wide open and the green downs (at the Derby) burst into a blossom of lobster salad". The Coate company only started making Christmas hampers - the product for which it is perhaps most famous today - in the early 1900s. The baskets were, as now, constructed from wicker, much of it from Somerset, but after the Second World War a great

proportion of these 3,000 acres of wetlands was drained to create arable fields. Although Fortnum sell 170,000 hampers a year, only the top-end £1,000 Windsor Hamper and £500 Christmas Feast baskets are made in England ... the rest come from the Far East.

It takes three hours to make one F&M basket. First of all, the harvested willow stems are boiled for 10 hours and then, after they have dried, the bark is stripped off. Each weaver works individually, hands stained by the tannin that leaks out. It is hard manual labour which requires large, strong hands and long hours at the workbench. So, every hamper is individual and not mass-produced.

Anyone lucky enough to be the recipient of a Fortnum & Mason wicker hamper rarely discards it; they are sturdy receptacles in which to store blankets, toys, books, or even reincarnate themselves as coffee tables!

Helen Shaw

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

At a meeting of the Council and the residents who volunteered to help, a committee has now been formed to take the Neighbourhood Plan forward. I am very pleased to announce that Heather Gibbard was elected chairperson to take this plan forward and eventually to a conclusion for Kilmington. There will be many meetings in the future and some of these will be open to all residents. There will be reports in Postscript to keep everyone up to date on the progress being made. We are sure Heather and her committee will reach the correct conclusion for Kilmington's future.

Village Roads

Kilmington roads, as in keeping with all roads in East Devon, are not being repaired as we would like. I can assure you we keep reporting these defects and would encourage our residents also to keep reporting any defects to any of the Council members.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 13th December 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

Michael Collier, Chairman

KILMINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In order to have a greater influence on planning and future development in the village, the Parish Council has formed a Steering Group to include local volunteers to design a village Neighbourhood Plan. More details of the nature of such a plan can be found here:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/>.

We aim to give the village full consultation on forming this plan and welcome any ideas or concerns you may have regarding the future development of Kilmington.

Our email address is:

kilmingtonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com and we will provide updates on the village website and in future editions of Postscript as the project develops.

Heather Gibbard

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CLIVE FROM DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

We think that Postscript's readers would like to know that Clive Garner, whose incredible fund-raising activities for local charities topping £50,000 we reported in the magazine in May of this year, has received a thank you from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

In the letter they mention that this contribution will enable them to extend their operation to fly until midnight from late October 2016. Their aim is to have surveyed, floodlit landing sites all across Devon which will be developed, funded and managed by local communities. The letter reads:

"Dear Mr Garner,

Thank you for your generous donation of £1,131.00 that we received from The New Inn in connection with Lyme Regis Cribbage League, Sunday night quizzes, the skittles team, Axminster summer crib league, The New Inn's A winter crib team, a personal donation from Carey and Mandy and various donations of £50. This is absolutely fantastic and your ongoing support is very much appreciated. ...

Thanks again for your support which is immensely appreciated. As a token of our gratitude, please find enclosed a certificate from our team.

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New Year period.

We will be operating reduced opening times over the festive season, please see the shop window for details.



Another great year for
Kilmington!
Here are just some of the
many happy events around
our village in 2016



KILMINGTON KITCHEN

Merry Christmas everybody.
Here are a few extras that may be useful at this busy time.

ALMOND AND MINCEMEAT BISCUITS Makes about 20

250g butter, softened
140g caster sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
Rind of 2 lemons
300g plain flour
100g ground almonds
A little milk, to seal
3 tbs mincemeat

1. Turn oven to fan 170C/con 190C/gas 5. Beat the butter and sugar, egg, vanilla, lemon rind and a pinch of salt in a bowl until smooth, then fold in the flour and ground almonds. Shape into 2 rounds, flatten them, wrap in cling film and chill for about 30 mins, until firm.

2. Roll out one piece of dough on a floured surface to the thickness of a £1 coin then stamp out 7cm rounds, repeat with second piece of dough. Brush with milk, then spoon a good teaspoonful of mincemeat into the middle of half the rounds. Carefully lay the remaining rounds on the top of the mincemeat and gently press with your fingers to seal. Bake for 15 mins until light golden. You could use a star shaped cutter to make it festive.

LEFTOVER MINCEMEAT – try FESTIVE CROISSANTS



Split open croissants and spread with a **good spoonful of mincemeat** and some **crumbled marzipan**. Sandwich together, then bake in a medium oven for 5 mins or until piping hot.

SALMON RILLETTES

Serves 4

350g poached salmon
1 tablespoon lemon juice
115g butter, softened
½ teaspoon ground mace
½ teaspoon allspice
Freshly ground white pepper
2-3 tbs chopped fresh mixed herbs
(chives, parsley and tarragon)
Seasoning



1. Cream the soft butter with the mace, allspice, pepper and chopped mixed herbs, then whisk in the lemon juice.
2. Shred the salmon roughly and fold into the flavoured butter without breaking it up too much. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Pack into ramekins, cover and chill until needed.
3. Remove from the fridge for 30 minutes to allow the rillettes to reach room temperature before serving with hot toast.

TO USE UP CLEMENTINES

SIMPLE CITRUS TRIFLE

Layer 100g Madeira sponge in 4 glasses. Roughly chop the segments of 3 clementines and mix with 4 tbsp orange juice and 1 tbsp Cointreau. Spoon over the sponge, then top with a 250g tub mascarpone sweetened with 3 tbsp icing sugar and 1 tbsp orange juice. Chill until ready to eat.

Margaret Astbury

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The Annual Presentation Evening of the Cricket Club took place in the Village Hall on Friday, 28th October with fifty-two people in attendance.

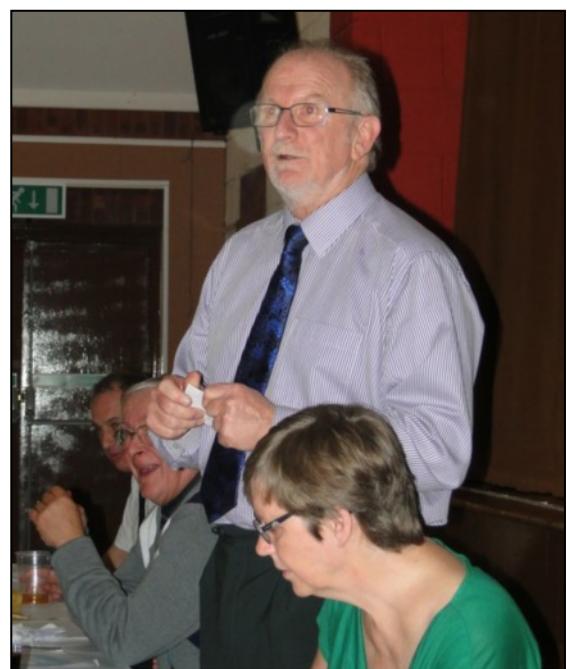
The trophy winners were as follows:

1 st XI Batting Trophy	Tom Gooding
1 st XI Bowling Trophy	Tom Olive
2 nd Team Batting Trophy	Martin Huscroft
2 nd Team Bowling Trophy	Dwayne Gay
1000 Run Trophy	Tom Gooding
Young Player of the Year	Sam Olive
Players Player of the Year	Tom Gooding
Clubman of the Year	Adam Culley

During the speeches, the Club was congratulated on a very successful season, with the first team just missing out on promotion for the second season running. Mention was also made of the tremendously high scoring games against the various touring teams that we play.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in January and we look forward to the season starting in late April.

David Lavender



Maurice Beviss, Cricket Club chairman

DEVON COUNTY FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Following complaints about the overlong and tedious Festival last year, the organising RBL County Committee certainly heeded them and staged a very impressive event in the magnificence of Exeter Cathedral on 10th November. Following the muster of members of the Armed Services, the Reserve, Volunteer and Cadet Forces as well as families of those West Country Service personnel killed recently in action, the Band of the Royal Marines was joined by the Choir of Exeter University Chapel and the organist and members of the Cathedral Choir in a thrilling “musical

feast”. A feast to be long remembered! The emphasis quite rightly was on the Service of Remembrance which was very moving (akin to the Royal Albert Hall Festival) and the Exhortation was led by the Devon County President. It was very encouraging to see so many young people involved, looking very proud and smart in their uniforms. The Festival lasted exactly two hours as advertised, finishing at 9.30 pm. Thoroughly recommended for next year!

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

POPPY APPEAL IN KILMINGTON

£1,574 was raised from house to house collections during the two weeks of the Poppy Appeal this year and £877 from the static points in the Beacon, Primary School, Hurfords Stores, Millers Farm Shop, Kilmington Garage, A35 Pit Stop, Taunton Cross Little Chef and the Old and New Inns. The collection in St Giles’ Church added a further £496 and the Quiz Night in the New Inn £377 bringing the total to £3,324, a magnificent result.

Many thanks to the collectors: Peter and Louise Wood with Pearl Hurford, John Watts, Jenny Nickolls, Louise Quincey, Angie Clarke, Jennie Giles, Carole Bolton, Avis Lockwood, Jean Falconer, Jane Chalk, Hilary Colbe, Tony Thompkins and Marcia Wilmott as well as to those establishments that agreed to have static boxes; a particular thanks to Millers

Farm Shop for a special effort this year and to the Baptists in the Beacon that contributed by their sales of knitted poppies. Major Peter Wood (Retd) and Louise who have shadowed the whole procedure over the past year have been appointed to be the new Kilmington Poppy Appeal Organisers.

The recently published results for the 2015 Poppy Appeal showed that some £45 million was raised nationally over the last financial year and more than £5,000 was contributed by this small village of Kilmington. Thanks to everyone who has helped us with the Poppy Appeal over the past 20 years which has been of such benefit to our wounded Armed Forces personnel, their dependant families and veterans.

Caroline and Brian Lavender, Poppy Appeal Organisers

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (KILMINGTON BRANCH)

The Branch sadly lost two of its elderly members recently. Born in the same year as HM The Queen, Alec Broom passed away only a few weeks after the death of his beloved wife Kitty. One of the Branches last surviving WW2 veterans as a Royal Engineer, when demobbed Alec turned to the building trade and built many houses in Kilmington and played a prominent role in the life of the Village. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was conducted by the Revd Simon Holloway in St Giles Church on 21st October.

Ida Fitzpatrick, beloved wife of “Fitz”, was serving in the WAAF when she met him overseas when he was in the RAF. Together for almost 70 years, they enjoyed a very adventurous life before settling in Kilmington. A Thanksgiving Service for Ida was also conducted in St Giles’ Church by the Revd Simon on 7th November, both Services well attended by Branch members.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

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MESSY SPARKLERS



Our links with the Axe Valley Children's Centre were evident this month as Sarah Breeze, an outreach worker, provided a Cheerio bird feeder activity and shared with parents and carers the services available; we were also able to borrow some sensory light equipment.

The theme for November was Light, thinking about letting the Light of Jesus shine. Firework painting, fibre optics, plastic cup lanterns and a light box were amongst the activities on offer. The children were able to



play with a treasure basket filled with colourful items, black rice with shiny objects and glittery black play dough. We also used our new water tray filled with bubbles and



coloured water. One child decided to climb in and fully enjoy the warm water.

Our ladies in the kitchen did a great job providing food for over 60 people including volunteers. The catering team arrived before 9.00 am to prepare the snacks and finger food lunch, which this month included edible sparklers (breadsticks dipped in chocolate and covered with sprinkles). We never know how many people to expect so they have to be quite flexible.



Messy Sparklers is held on the **Second Thursday** of each month during term time. Our next session will be on **Thursday, 8th**

December at The Beacon, home of The Baptist Church Kilmington. We run from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm, including a lunch. A contribution of £2 for the first child, plus £1 for additional children, covers all of the activities plus lunch for both children and their parents/carers.

Juleta Obudo

A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST FESTIVAL IN SHUTE

The first *Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape* proved a huge success, drawing over 200 visitors to two days of stimulating and inspiring talks, film showings, workshops and discussions.

The festival, which took place over the weekend of 29th and 30th October, brought together an eclectic range of speakers, ensuring visitors enjoyed a rich variety of topics in the intimate and beautiful surroundings of Shute Church, lit professionally for the occasion by Axe Valley student Jed Holmes, of Simply Stage.

The first day opened with Greta Stoddart reading from her moving and life-affirming third collection of poems, *Alive Alive O*. This was followed by historian Andrew Lownie speaking about the slippery and enigmatic Guy Burgess. Afternoon highlights included Laurence Anholt reading from his new and now prescient YA Crossover novel, *The Hypnotist*, Paddy Magrane talking about the links between Freud and crime fiction, and Deborah Dunham revealing the extraordinary story of the restoration of a neglected garden in the heart of Kabul. In the evening, visitors were treated to a poignant talk from BBC Correspondent Diana Darke, who spoke from personal experience about life in Damascus, and the wider Syrian conflict.

Historian and classicist Bijan Omrani opened Sunday's events with a fascinating insight into Afghanistan's rich culture and history. Next up were the founder of Bradt travel guides, Hilary Bradt, and Bradt guide contributor, Janice Booth, who delighted the audience with tales of hitchhiking, camel rides, missed flights and other adventures in some of the world's most far-flung destinations. The afternoon's audiences enjoyed documentary maker Simon Deeley's enthralling film about Argentina's obsession with

psychoanalysis, an extraordinary account of half a century of Amazonian exploration by leading botanist and former director of Kew Gardens, Professor Sir Ghillean Prance, Robert Twigger discussing the multi-layered Himalayas, and Jason Webster talking about the dark Mediterranean underbelly at the heart of his crime novels.

Children also enjoyed art workshops with artist Letice Littlewood, making a short film with three documentary film makers, and outdoor bread making, clay modelling and bush craft with Penny Evans of the East Devon AONB.

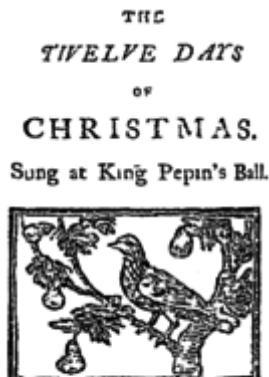
Visitors were able to buy books (and get them signed by authors) at Tim Prichard's pop-up Archway Bookshop in the church. They also tucked into delicious Indian cuisine from Kilmington's Kushi Kitchen and mouth-watering Middle Eastern fare from Di Magrane in the school, as well as a tempting array of cakes and pastries in the church made available by Liz Gosling and her team of helpers.

The festival has made over £500 profit (with some sponsorship already secured for next year's event), money which will be shared equally between St Michael's Church maintenance fund and Shute Primary School's garden campaign. A separate amount of £300 was raised from coffee, tea and cake sales – money that will further boost the church's maintenance fund.

Festival co-director, Samantha Knights, is delighted with how the festival was received. 'We could not have hoped for a better opening weekend. We've had amazing feedback, with visitors genuinely bowled over by the stimulating speakers and the intimate, rural location. We're already planning next year's event!'

Paddy Magrane (Festival co-director)

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



THIE first day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

Mirth without Mischief, a children's book, (1780)

*On the first day of Christmas
my true love sent to me
a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.*

Subsequent verses follow the same pattern, each adding one new gift and repeating all the earlier gifts, so that each verse is one line longer than its predecessor:

- 5 Five gold rings,
- 6 Six geese a-laying,
- 7 Seven swans a-swimming,
- 8 Eight maids a-milking,
- 9 Nine ladies dancing,
- 10 Ten lords a-leaping,
- 11 Eleven pipers piping,
- 12 Twelve drummers drumming.

The fantastic cover created by Bob Farley for this Christmas issue of Postscript illustrates the well-known Christmas song. It is thought that the words came to England from France and the earliest known version of the lyrics was published under the title "The twelve days of Christmas sung at King Pepin's Ball" as part of a children's book, *Mirth without Mischief*.

The words were a chant or rhyme and may have originated from a children's memory and forfeit game. The standard tune now associated with the verses is derived from a 1909 arrangement of a folk melody by English composer Frederic Austin, who also introduced the now familiar embroidery of the verse "five gold rings".

The 1780 version has "four colley birds, colley being the English expression for black". The meaning of this word was possibly not clear to people even in the 18th century since canary birds, coloured birds, curly birds are sometimes found in its place. It was Austin's 1909 version that introduced 'calling' birds and this variation has become the most popular.

The twelve days in the song are the twelve days starting with Christmas or in some traditions the day after Christmas (26th December or Boxing Day or St Stephen's Day) to the day before Epiphany or the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th or Twelfth Day). Twelfth Night is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "the evening of the 5th January, preceding the Twelfth Day, the eve of Epiphany, formerly the last day of Christmas festivities.

Different regions or countries have their own versions. You might try singing these to the traditional tune! For example, in Scotland in the 19th century the verse began: The king sent his lady on the first Yule day/A popingo-ay (parrot). The remaining gifts were "two partridges, three plovers, a goose that was grey, three starlings, three goldspinks, a bull that was brown, three ducks a-merry laying, three swans a-merry swimming, an Arabian baboon, three hinds a-merry hunting, three maids a-merry dancing, three stalks o'merry corn".

In the Faroe Islands there is a comparable counting Christmas song. There, the gifts include: one feather, two geese, three sides of meat, four sheep, five cows, six oxen, seven dishes, eight pones, nine banners, ten barrels, eleven goats, twelve men, thirteen hides, fourteen rounds of cheese and fifteen deer.

Over the years several other versions and parodies have appeared. In 1975 the Sesame Street characters recorded a version using different lyrics. The 12 things are: one delicious cookie (Cookie monster), two baby frogs (Hardehead Henry Harris, Elom in the 1995 version), three footballs (Prairie Dawn), four woolly bears (Grover), five argyle socks (Bert), six rubber duckies (Ernie), seven rusty trashcans (Oscar the Grouch), eight counts a'counting (Count von Count). Nine pounds of birdseed (Big Bird), ten wind-up rabbits (Smart Tina, later replaced by ten triangles, Telly Monster), eleven broken buildings (Herry Monster) and Twelve ... I can't remember! (Mr Snuffleupagus).

Christmas Price Index

Since 1984, the cumulative costs of the items mentioned in the song have been used as a tongue-in-cheek economic indicator. Assuming the gifts are repeated in full in each round of the song, then a total of 364 items are delivered by the twelfth day. This custom of costing began with and is maintained by PNC Bank in America. Two pricing charts are created, referred to as the Christmas Price Index and the True cost of Christmas. The former is an index of the current costs of one set of each of the gifts given by the True Love to the singer of the song. The latter is the cumulative cost of all the gifts with the repetitions listed in the song. The people mentioned in the song are hired, not purchased. The total costs of all goods and services for the 2015 Christmas Price Index was £27,642.69 or £125,864.28 for all 364 items. The original 1984 Price Index cost was £10,223.45.

Judith



TRICKS OR TREATS?



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- 1. Gift
- 2. Chimney
- 3. Reindeer
- 4. Decorations
- 5. Beard
- 6. Boxing Day
- 7. Elves
- 8. Christmas Eve
- 9. Snowflake
- 10. Coal
- 11. Stocking
- 12. Lights
- 13. Rudolph
- 14. Santa Clause
- 15. Sleigh
- 16. Angel
- 17. Carol
- 18. Toys
- 19. Frosty
- 20. Workshop
- 21. Sleigh
- 22. Angel
- 23. Carol
- 24. Toys

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LINKWORDS

- 1. Puppet
- 2. Tree
- 3. Presents
- 4. North Pole
- 5. Candy Cane
- 6. Milk and Cookies
- 7. Card
- 8. Beard
- 9. December
- 10. Peek
- 11. Red
- 12. Star
- 13. Frosty
- 14. Workshop
- 15. Sleigh
- 16. Angel
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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

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HERBS AND SPICES

- 1. Basil
- 2. Chili
- 3. Rosemary
- 4. Mint
- 5. Saffron
- 6. Sesame
- 7. Ginger
- 8. Parsley
- 9. Sage
- 10. Thyme
- 11. Cloves
- 12. Caraway
- 13. Peppercorns
- 14. Nutmeg
- 15. Mace
- 16. Cayenne
- 17. Turmeric
- 18. Cinnamon
- 19. Paprika
- 20. Dill

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- 1. Baron Hardup
- 2. Babes in the Wood
- 3. Wishee Washee
- 4. Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum I smell the blood of an Englishman
- 5. Sleeping Beauty
- 6. Dandini
- 7. Cinderella
- 8. Widow Twankey
- 9. Christopher Biggins
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KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The Village Hall is used regularly by people of all ages, and the '100 Club' helps to fund much needed improvements to keep the hall in good repair for everyone to enjoy.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ARE ENTERED INTO A MONTHLY DRAW, THE PRIZES FOR WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1 X £25, 2 X £10, 3 X £5,

AND AN EXTRA 5 X £5 IN THE CHRISTMAS DRAW

THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IS:

£11.00 SINGLE £20.00 DOUBLE

Should you wish to join the club, kindly complete the application form below and return it to one of the addresses shown in time for the first draw at the end of January.

MAY WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



APPLICATION FORM

I / We would like to join the '100 CLUB'

Name/s.....(please print)

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Please find herewith £11 single subscription / £20 double subscription (delete as appropriate). Cheques should be made payable to: KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL.

**Please return the completed form with subscription to:
Angus Falconer, 8 Whitehayes Close, Kilmington, EX13 7RR OR leave at Hurford's Stores.**

Your 100 Club number/s will be

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Your number/s will be included in each month's draw.

DATES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Fri	2nd	2.00 - 4.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Vicar's Surgery
	2nd	6.00 pm	Old Inn	Royal British Legion get-together
Sat	3rd	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Concert
Sun	4th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
Mon	5th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Wedns	7th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>Eddie the Eagle</i>
Thurs	8th	10.00 am	The Minster Green, Axminster	Churches Together Carol Singing
	8th	10.30 am	The Beacons	Messy Sparklers
	8th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	W.I: <i>Making Bhajis and Dips - Mina Fountain</i>
	8th		Thomas Witty House	Talk by Dr Todd Gray: <i>Past Christmas Traditions</i>
Fri	9th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Christmas with STAG
Sat	10th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	11th	10.30 am	The Beacon	All-Age Nativity Service
	11th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Christingle Service
	11th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz: <i>Bonetta Family Choice</i>
Tues	13th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	CREATE Group Christmas Lunch
	13th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
	13th	8.00 pm	New Inn	Charity Quiz
Thurs	15th	9.00 am - 12 noon	Thomas Witty House	Axminster Heritage Coffee Morning
Sat	17th	3.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Carol Singing
	17th	7.00 pm	Minster Church	Carol Concert
Sun	18th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	18th	4.00 pm	The Beacon	Carol Service
	18th	6.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Mon	19th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	20th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Christmas Lunch
Sat	24th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Crib Service with Posada
	24th	9.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Christmas Holy Communion with Carols
Sun	25th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Family Christmas Holy Communion
	25th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Christmas Day Service
Wed	28th	Early	Your House	Recycling only

DATES FOR JANUARY 2017

Sun	1st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Wed	4th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Fri	6th	6.00 pm	New Inn	Royal British Legion get-together
Sun	8th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	8th	10.30 am	The Beacon	'Verse of the Year' Service
	8th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of Exeter Luekaemia Fund
Tues	10th	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	10th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
Wed	11th	11.30 am	The Vicarages	Preparation Meeting for Women's World Day of Prayer
Thurs	12th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Fri	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC: <i>Hestercombe Gardens - David Usher</i>
Sat	14th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	15th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
Mon	16th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tue	17th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Sat	21st	4.00 - 6.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Tennis
Sun	22nd	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	22nd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	22nd	6.30 pm	The Beacon	Joint Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sun	29th	4.00 - 6.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Tennis
	29th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
	29th	4.00 pm	Dalwood Church	Mission Community Family Service
Mon	30th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling

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

