

KILMINGTON

POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

Sunrise over Kilmingdon. The longest nights around the winter solstice give us chances of seeing it without getting up early or even leaving the house. Thanks to Peter for this one. Another good reason for rejoicing is that the problem that was being tackled by two parish councillors and highlighted in the December Postscript has been resolved and the Axe Valley School bus has been reinstated. Pupils will not be required to cross the A35 at rush hour in the dark or find their way through the slithery underpass.

The centre pages this time look back at the RBL Christmas Fair in the Village Hall, as Covid restrictions had then relaxed sufficiently to enable it to take place. Now a new year has begun for clubs and activities. The Community Cinema offers two films for February, the Players urge us to get tickets for a quiz in March and the Gardening Club has a quiz night and social in February and is preparing for a plant fair in May. All these and many other events take for granted the availability of Kilmingdon's excellent Village Hall, in good working order. It is just as well that public-spirited volunteers have always raised funds for its maintenance and safety and have ensured that it is administered for the benefit of the rest of us. Their number inevitably becomes depleted over time and in this issue we have articles from the Village Hall 100+ Club and the management committee asking for reinforcements.

News of unseemly goings-on in the village in 1873, involving an unaccompanied crinoline in a church pew, strange posters on trees and the rift between an unpopular, elderly curate of the fire-and-brimstone persuasion and his disgruntled parishioners, brought no intervention from the Bishop of Exeter but mightily interested the local press, who excitedly gave it their fullest attention. Alan Clarkson's perusal of regional newspaper archives has uncovered a long-forgotten Kilmingdon scandal.

This month we have contributions from David Wilsdon showing some of the moths recorded in the village last Autumn and from David Simpson on bird visitors which we might be able to see here in winter. Judith Simpson explains why a team of people with rakes were at work on the Common and what they were hoping to achieve and Catherine Fletcher from the Axe Valley Wildlife Park writes about challenges faced and changes made during Covid and introduces a new acquisition, Hamish. The CPRE have sent us information about recent planning applications for solar developments on farmland in East Devon and Peter outlines the progress of the Kilmingdon Neighbourhood Plan through its essential stages and shows us which point it has reached in the process.

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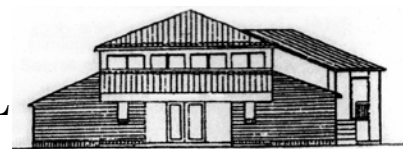
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



As you may know the hall is run by a management committee – a small group of volunteers. At present this committee is slightly depleted and consists of just four people rather than six as has been the norm in past years.

The role of the committee is to ensure the hall is maintained in the best possible condition, to run an efficient booking system and to ‘balance the books’. Some tasks are the responsibility of a nominated committee member and others are organised on a rota. For example, the fire alarm system is tested weekly and emergency lights monthly. All procedures are well documented and, in addition, we employ a cleaner who works several hours each week as necessary.

Contributing to the management of the hall is an excellent way to get to know people in the village and to know what is happening. In ‘normal’ times the hall is a hub for many village events and it is good to see that regular user groups have started up their activities again. Let us hope that all

remaining restrictions will gradually be removed so that the hall can become as busy again as it has been in past years.

We would very much welcome the help of a couple more members of the village community on the Management Committee. If you would like to know more about what is involved please talk with one of us.

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Judith Chapman

VILLAGE HALL ‘100+’ CLUB

The winners of the draw held on 25 th November 2021				The winners of the draw held on 10 th December 2021				The winners of the Christmas Draw			
M Lane	£30	J Atkinson	£5	E Styles	£30	M Chant	£5	S Ingles	£5	A Overton	£5
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A Happy New Year and our sincere thanks to all who have renewed their membership of the 100+ Club and to the new members who have joined for 2022. Application forms for anyone else who would like to join, at any time, are available from me at 8 Whitehayes Close, from Pauline Horwood at Blue Haze (opposite St. Giles’ Church) or the New Inn. Alternatively, you can email me at: jean-falconer@sky.com

Just to remind you, the annual cost for an individual is only £11 and £20 for a couple – and members take part in a

monthly draw with the opportunity of getting their money back – or even making a profit!

Completed forms and subscriptions should be dropped off with Pauline, the New Inn or with me.

All funds raised are used to fund essential maintenance to keep the Village Hall in good repair, so our sincere thanks for supporting the Hall Maintenance Fund.

For further details, please contact Jean Falconer on 01297-33708.

KILMINGTON PLAYERS

Following on from our update in the last issue of Postscript our preparations are well underway for our Quiz evening to be held on:

Saturday, 5th March in the Village Hall

This is a not-to-be missed event and includes a display of our previous shows plus a surprise performance during the interval! So... make sure you get along to Miller's Farm shop and get your tickets sorted. They will go on sale in February and tickets will be limited in number due to hall capacity.

Please see our poster in this issue of Postscript for further details of the event, or for more information please get in touch with Louise on 32358. We look forward to seeing you there.

Anyone who would be willing to help at the event, please do get in touch.

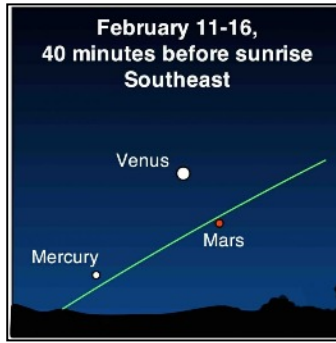
Louise Quincey

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Venus, the most brilliant of all the planets, will grace the pre-dawn morning sky shining low in the south east a couple of hours before sunrise. Through small telescopes and steadily-held binoculars you may be able to see that it's at a lovely crescent phase at present. Saturn is unlikely to be seen this month: it lines up with the Sun in the sky on 4th February.

1st New Moon, so our sky will be dark, a great time to check out all the stars.

9th Venus will be at its 2022 brightest just before dawn, low in the South East sky.



11th to 16th Venus, Mars and Mercury. In the mornings shortly before sunrise see all three of the planets that are Earth's neighbours in the inner solar system.

13th Venus is above Mars in the morning southern sky.

16th Full Moon often called The Snow Moon or Hunger Moon as hunting in snow was difficult.

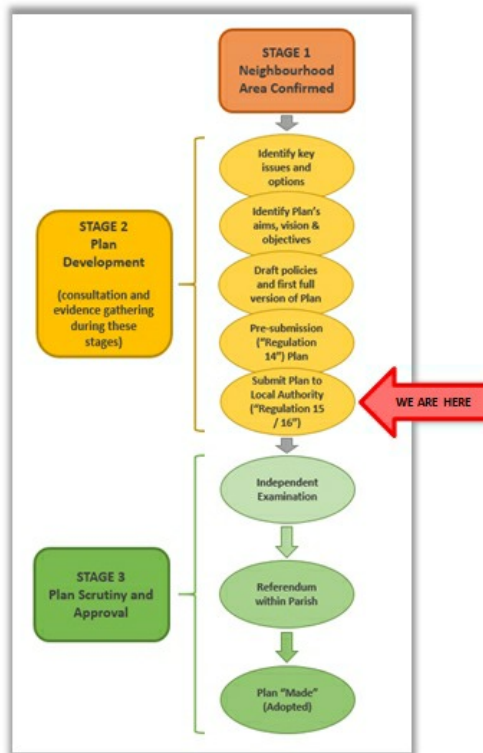
27th A celestial treat: About an hour before sunrise look South to see the waning crescent moon forming a stack of three with Mars above and Venus on top of both.

Peter

KILMINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – LATEST NEWS

Following the Regulation 14 consultation process through last year, considerable work 'tweaking' the plan has been done, responding to many comments made by residents and authorities. We have had some great help and guidance from EDDC Planning. A summary of these comments and the parish council responses is published in the Kilmington NP Consultation Statement. We have also now finalised the supporting evidence documents for the Regulation 16 submission. All of this has now been formally submitted to EDDC who will now publicise the Kilmington Neighbourhood Plan with all the documents, for a minimum of six weeks, and invite representations to be made on its policies. We have also published the plan on the Kilmington Village Website.

EDDC will also send the plan to an independent examiner who will consider the submitted documents and any comments made during the consultation period on the submitted plan proposal. The independent



examiner will determine whether the plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' and other relevant legal requirements (e.g. consultation).

The independent examiner may recommend that the plan proceed directly to the referendum stage (i.e. it meets all the legal requirements) or may suggest that modifications are needed to the plan before it can proceed to the referendum.

If the plan is found to be satisfactory (i.e. complies with the key legal requirements with modifications if necessary), then EDDC will arrange for the referendum to take place. It must give at least 28 working days' notice of the referendum. So we are looking at an April referendum at the earliest. If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum (those on the Kilmington parish electoral role) vote 'yes', then EDDC will bring the plan into legal force.

If you have any questions regarding the plan contact: np@kilmingtonvillage.com

VALENTINE TITTER

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".



NIGEL PHILLIPS

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KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



THE COURIER (12A)

Kilminster Village Hall
Wednesday, 9th February
& Thursday, 10th Matinee



The true story of British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership in the hope of preventing a nuclear confrontation, Wynne and Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky (Merab Ninidze) work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Wednesday Doors open 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm. Pre-booking is no longer required but is helpful for the organisers.

The Thursday matinee will have limited seating and require pre-booking. For these performances we ask that masks are worn until you are seated, and refreshments will be brought to you. We hope this will encourage those who need to take extra health care to feel confident that they can come along and enjoy a film and have a cream tea/ice creams/tea/coffee, during the interval. The cream tea must be booked when booking the seat. The doors open at 2.00 pm, the film commences 2.15 pm and ends about 4.30 pm.

Please state Wednesday or Thursday. Tickets Pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door.

To Book: Tel: 01297 639758 leave contact details and booking will be confirmed, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com

See <http://www.kilminstervillage.com/moviola.html> for more information.

AND

JAMES BOND COMES TO KILMINGTON



NO TIME TO DIE (12A)

Kilminster Village Hall
Saturday, 26th February
Matinee Doors open 1.30 pm Film 2.00 pm
Evening Doors open 6.00 pm Film 6.30 pm
Booking Advisable, Limited Seating



You may have watched the DVD at home but come and see it on a big screen.
Daniel Craig's James Bond send-off is extravagant, satisfying and moving.

We've been expecting you, Mr Bond, for quite some time – and what a joy and relief it is to have you back.

It's one of the great Bond action sequences, both for its dazzling choreography and Fukunaga's flair for loading individual shots with menacing detail and portent. The perilous motorcycle jumps and multiple hair's-breadth brushes with death are all suitably gasp-inducing, but so is the shot of Seydoux's face stricken with sincere terror, and the gradual buckling of the reinforced windows of Bond's Aston Martin as bullets steadily kick at the glass.

It's also often very funny indeed. The mood is regularly closer to the perkier passages of the Connery films than anything else from the Craig years, and the humour feels contemporary and British: the Phoebe Waller-Bridge script polish evidently yielded the desired result.

Robbie Collins Telegraph (abridged)

To Book: see above

EULOGY / TRIBUTE TO RON FOSTER – A WELL LOVED KILMINGTON PARISHIONER

I have been asked by Mark and Carol to say a few words about Ron's love and commitment to this village.

So, what can I say about my mate Ron.

His love, commitment and involvement with all aspects of village life was plain to see and very soon he became a stalwart of the community. He was always keen to volunteer and offer assistance wherever he could and therefore became an important part of many groups and organisations.

Pat and he were both keen gardeners so he soon became involved with the KVPA, now the Gardening Club, as a committee member and later Chairman. He ran many of the shows, organising, physically helping and entering different classes. I'll long remember clearing up the show ground with him late in the evening after the event. Ron and Pat were very generous, always offering villagers plants that they grew in their garden. Sydnie Bones still has some Morning Glory in her borders which he supplied many years ago. He also refurbished and sold many garden tools at the Plant Sale and many of us were persuaded to buy items which we really didn't need. They also opened their garden on many occasions for the Village Open Gardens. At all events his wife Pat and daughter Carol provided refreshments and items for sale.

Early in his village life he was a member, with Gerry and Pearl Hurford, of the Cotley Hunt skittles team which played home matches at the New Inn. Later he was a popular long-term member, secretary and treasurer of the Short Mat Bowling club. He was good at both, but because of his failing health as he got older he sometimes got frustrated that he was not as good as he used to be.

Because of his military service at the end of the Second World War he was a loyal member of the British Legion and enjoyed all their events. In 1975 he was presented with a

Certificate of Merit by the Addiscombe and Shirley Park branch before he came to Kilminster. When he and Pat moved to the village in 1997 he joined the Kilminster branch, serving on the committee for many years, eventually as Secretary and Vice Chairman before retiring after 54 years' Legion service. I have particularly warm memories of our table at the Remembrance Day meal at Haselbury Mill where every year he fought unsuccessfully with Bill Kerslake, John Playford and me to buy the wine.

As a long-standing and the only male member of the Village Hall Committee, he was very involved in organising things such as seating, etc. before events and doing maintenance, using his expertise from his life in the building industry. He even cleaned the gutters and drains when he was well into his eighties.

He was a loved and loyal member of our Church and served on the PCC fabric committee for many years, doing carpentry, woodworm treatment, painting and changing locks in the church as well as offering practical advice on projects. He always said that he regretted coming to faith late in life and wished he had been involved in the church from a younger age. He did however attend many services and was a loyal and loved member of our Bible Study Group, hardly ever missing a meeting which he greatly enjoyed and found very instructive.

So, there you go, Ron was a loved member of our village who will be sadly missed. Personally, I believe I was privileged and blessed to be considered one of his many friends. Well, he is now free from pain and grief and in a better place, and I am sure if the Almighty needs any help on the fabric of Heaven Ron, will be the first to volunteer.

Rest in peace old friend.

John Thorne

JUST HOPING

A lovely service was held in St Giles' Church on Saturday, 11th of December to celebrate people who have special needs, the elderly and the lonely members in our communities. It was a joyful occasion.

The singing was accompanied by Margaret Hurford on the piano, Christine Thorne ably took over leading the service at short notice and Elana said beautiful prayers. The Five Alive Open the Book Team presented a costume drama based on the Christmas Story written by Bob Hartmann. It was the first time they had performed at a Celebrate Service and it was a great success, thank you OTB Team and it would be splendid if you could come again sometime. It was very uplifting to see the happy



Harvey Hannay, Jon Hannay, Zak Hannay, Joshua Cox, Suzette Cox, Caleb Cox, Diana Mellows, Maya Hannay England,



Caleb Cox, Maya Hannay England, Joshua Cox (from left to right)

faces of everyone as they followed the music and the words of the prayers. Sadly, due to present Covid restrictions some of the usual participants were missing but there was a good congregation nevertheless.

The afternoon concluded with a superb tea prepared by Barbara Woodsford, Val Harding, Pearl Hurford and Sheila Hill, which was very much enjoyed. Thank you to all who came and all who helped to make it happen. Keep safe and well and I hope that everyone had a very Happy Christmas.

The next Celebrate Service will take place at St Giles' on Saturday, 12th February at 3.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming back regulars, those who were missing this time around and new faces too.

Diana Mellows

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Letter from the Churches

Have you ever heard this – “February – it’s a short month!”? I have, and it always intrigues me. I suppose coming as it does between two months each with 31 days, having only 28 days does indeed make it shorter! For me, February is a month of birthdays in our family; a mini-break which stems from long years of having a half-term holiday; the promise of spring as the days grow noticeably lighter at both ends, and bulbs sending up their early growth.



bites at their toes. An Angel brings the snowflakes to his face and breaths upon them, transforming the glittering ice into soft, pearly flowers; the first Snowdrops. “Take these little flowers,” says the Angel to Adam and Eve, “take them as a sign of hope. A sign for your kind and for the earth outside.” The Angel casts the tiny flowers into a halo that surrounds the two people and they carry this blessing of hope with them out into the world beyond.

I am particularly enamoured with snowdrops, as they bring gladness to any garden or verge, and in their quiet and unassuming way herald that change is on its way. Last year, during the lockdown, I followed The Garden House, Devon on Facebook and am doing the same this year. Imagine my surprise when I looked on-line and saw that snowdrops had arrived in November! They were of the early variety. I hope you will join me in noticing the snowdrops this year and if you know of any displays more local than Buckland Monachorum near Plymouth, please get in touch so I can visit.

I love this story that I came across on the internet:

One of the most popularly documented stories surrounding the origins of the Snowdrop is actually a Christian creation tale. It tells of the moments following Adam and Eve’s exile from the Garden of Eden where hopeless and dejected they shiver as the snows swirl around them and the frost

(<http://www.creativecountryside.com/blog/the-folklore-of-snowdrops>)

Noticing the smallest of things of nature is good for our wellbeing. Noticing and being thankful for the smallest things in life is good for our souls and brings us that gift of hope. Whether we are people of faith or not, we share in an understanding that we are connected to the earth and all of creation and have much to learn from it. Increasingly we are also aware of the need to care for and look after the planet for future generations. Even the smallest changes in our lifestyle may help, such as the proposed litter pick being arranged for 10.00 am on Saturday, 19th February, to start from St Giles’ Church and to return there for refreshments. This month, may we notice, celebrate and give thanks for the small things in nature and in our lives, beginning with the snowdrops, and continuing through to well, this is for you to complete.

Every blessing.....Rev Julie

THANK YOU FOR THE DECORATIONS IN ST GILES CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

St Giles’ would like to thank Millers Farm Shop for donating the two beautiful Christmas Trees for the church. Thanks also to Jill Collier and to Gill Perkins who decorated the big tree so beautifully, a work of art and so appreciated. The Memory tree was decorated by Lesley Rew, which, by Christmas Eve, was covered with stars in memory of absent loved ones. Thank you to them both and also to Jenny Nickolls, Angie Clarke and all the Flower Arrangers who made St Giles’ look so glorious for Christmas.

Diana Mellows



FOURTEEN YEARS OF THE KILMINGTON COFFEE SHOP

In 2008, with rumours of the village shop about to close and Nigel Freathy, the vicar, about to move, I realised that a general meeting place for the exchange of news and socialising was needed and the idea of Coffee Shop was born.

Jan Farley and Mary Tyler were persuaded to help me in this enterprise and nearly every Friday since then Coffee Shop has taken place in St. Giles' Church. Coffee or tea is free, but most people make a small donation and over the years this has helped the church finances.

Looking back over the years, many of our first regulars are no longer with us but we all have wonderful memories of these occasions – birthdays celebrated, much laughter amid general support, especially for those living alone. Apart from



the regulars our occasions have been enriched by passing visitors, walking groups and school visitors who have entertained us.

Then in 2012 Margaret Astbury joined the team, each week providing a different homemade biscuit; some were known to say that they only came for the biscuits. In 2013 Lucy Lane became a member of the team, a great help and known as the first taster of the new biscuit! We had a new helper in 2020 when Elana Blackmore

came along.

Eventually Jan had to retire and I changed roles with Mary – Mary in charge and me helping. I feel we have had a wonderful fourteen years, however new faces are always welcome so please come and join us on a Friday morning.

Ann Marsh

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Each, and every year, the story of the Nativity, the story of the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem, is told afresh in towns, villages and homes all around the globe. It never fails to draw communities together in a way that nothing else can do. The Christmas Story can be told over and over again, in so many different ways, the simplicity of the narrative is easily portrayed and understood and for the young children of the St Giles' Mums and Babies Crib Service, who were hearing it for the first time it must have been an amazing experience. The looks of surprise on their faces, as Rev Julie read to them from her special Christmas Story Book, was wonderful. Using knitted figures she illustrated what was happening as the story unfolded.



Rev Julie Reading the Christmas Story to Carly Franke, Diana Mellows, Alex Browning, Diana Church and Elphreda Franke



Hannah and Bryony Hocking, dressed for Christmas.

As is to be expected of children of that tender age, concentration cannot be relied on, and some were more interested than others, but nobody minded if they wandered off to play with something else. They greatly enjoyed playing the musical instruments and clapping to the songs including Away in a Manger. Rev Julie brought this very special service to a

close with a beautiful moment of prayer, after which she was presented with a special gift from all the Group, a framed picture of St Giles' Church done in pastel, watercolour and ink by an unknown artist, with which she was delighted.



Three Christmas Angels, Lucy Lane, Mary Tyler and Diana Church



There is a mystery attached to the picture, which was found in the loft of 2 Eastleigh Close, by the Broom Family when they moved into the house last year. Anyone who knows anything about this picture, please contact Rev Julie.

Diana Mellows

KILMINGTON CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We had an informal Christingle service which was enjoyed by many. Thank you for all who helped with this service and to Millers Farm Shop for generously donating the oranges.

Anna Crabbe



CHRISTMAS CARD THANKS FROM LINDA HEIGHWAY

Thank-you to all of the people in Kilmington Village who sent me a Christmas Card. I am sorry that I was unable to reply to everyone. I hope that you all had a Happy Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year.

Linda Heighway

CELEBRATE TOGETHER SERVICES FOR 2022

All are welcome to these Services, especially those who have special needs. The Celebrate Services will be held on the second Saturday of every other month at 3.00 pm. February 12th, April 9th, June 11th, August 13th, October 8th and December 10th. We look forward to seeing you at our next Service on February 12th.

Diana Mellows

LENT LUNCHESES

Lent Lunches are being planned, the first will be on Thursday, March 3rd. Last year the soup and roll meals were delivered by hand, as the Village Hall was closed to all activities. The KPCC will discuss what will be possible this year at the next meeting on Monday, 24th January.

Diana Mellows

VALENTINE TITTERS

- What did one bee say to the other? "I love bee-ing with you, honey!"
- What did one blueberry say to the other on Valentine's Day? "I love you berry much."
- Why did the husband get his wife a kitten for Valentine's Day? He thought it was the *purr*fect present.
- Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards? His heart wasn't in it.

Celebrate Together!

St Giles' Church,

Kilmington

EX13 7RF

Theme – Caring for Each Other



Saturday at 3.00 pm

12th February 2022

Invites you to a special service for all, especially for people with learning disabilities, their support workers, families and friends.

With TEA after!

Please note that there is ample parking and level access.

For more information ring Diana Mellows

0129732334

KILMINGTON LITTER PICK

A Litter Pick is being planned for Kilmington on Saturday, 19th February at 10.00 am. This is currently in the early stages of planning, however, we pray that this event will go ahead. By the time this document is distributed in early February the event should be all organised.

We would like the Litter Pick to both start and end at St Giles', Kilmington with refreshments being available when all volunteers return to base. Rev Julie, Steve and others within the village, and the local area, are passionate about caring for our planet and for our local area. We would like this to be one event amongst many others that occur throughout this year, and for years to come.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Kilmingtton plans bank holiday events for the whole family to enjoy

As Buckingham Palace unveiled a full line-up of events to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne, arrangements were already underway to make it an unforgettable occasion here in Kilmingtton. Celebrations start on Thursday, 2nd June and will run over the four days including Sunday, 5th – so get the dates in your diary now!

The final programme is being worked on, but the following will give you a flavour of what's planned:

Red, White & Blue: We're hoping everyone will join in to transform our village, decorating your front gardens in a traditional theme. Kilmingtton Gardening Club will have a selection of red, white and blue flowering plants at their annual plant sale in May. You might want to sow some of your own seeds too. Flags and coloured bunting on houses, fences, trees and hedges will help the transformation. Order some now, or start making your own.

Royalty All Around: We know you all love making garden 'scarecrows', so the challenge goes out to beat the record total of over 50 figurines created for the Diamond Jubilee.

Thursday, 2nd **Evening, Platinum Beacon Party:** A family BBQ party with a bar and music. At around 9:15pm we'll join more than 1500 other communities across the UK as we light a special Jubilee Beacon on St Giles' tower.

Saturday, 4th **Afternoon Village Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea**
Evening, Celebration Disco, BBQ and Bar

Sunday, 5th **Morning Church Service**
The Big Jubilee Lunch: Family Picnic, Children's Fancy Dress, Adult's Fancy Dress, Family Sports. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided with ice-cream tubs for children.

To create the four-day weekend, the late May Spring Bank Holiday will be moved to 2nd June and an additional one-off bank holiday on 3rd June created. It will be an unforgettable once-in-a lifetime celebration. In the coming months this programme will develop and we'll be looking for some help to pull it together. We'll keep you informed through £Postscript, notices, the village website and Kilmingtton Now Facebook site.

AXE VALLEY SCHOOL BUS - GOOD NEWS

We reported in December that Devon County Council was planning to withdraw the free school transport for Kilmingtton students attending the Axe Valley Academy. Lisa and Mark Jones decided to fight the decision and campaigned against the withdrawal of the AX32 school bus. Many residents signed their petition for the cause and an appeal was sent to DCC, who agreed to a hearing.

Mark and Luke Reed went to County Hall and presented their case. It was agreed that three members of the committee would visit and review both routes themselves. Having witnessed the volume of A35 traffic it was their view that it was not safe for children, even if accompanied, to cross the A35 unless the speed limit was reduced



significantly below the current 50 mph, or a signal controlled crossing was installed. After walking the cycle path, they agreed the route was not currently available due to the level of flooding and silting up of the pathway at the point of the underpass.

So, the overall conclusion was that both routes were

'unavailable to walk'. Therefore the good news is the AX32 bus for Kilmingtton students will remain in place for the foreseeable future!

Thanks to all who have helped in any way whether by writing to object or just signing the petition.

Mark Jones

NATURE NOTES

WINTER SIGHTINGS IN KILMINGTON AND EXOTIC PLANTS

Exciting to see the black redstart photo posted on the 'Kilmington Now' website recently – even if it was in an Axminster garden! It shows just what might be around in our local area, even at this time of year. (I've more often seen the bird flitting along the Spanish/Portuguese coasts in January/February, where it's one of the commonest birds to find there.)

Closer to home the grey wagtails that migrate south to our part of the world, when it gets too cold for them up North, are still hanging around the brook running throughout the length of the village. They arrive here much earlier in October.

A final discovery, reminiscent of warmer times – clearing along the edge of our large bramble on the allotment this Autumn – we discovered a chiff-chaff nest. This summer warbler is evident in small numbers in the village but the nest, a great find, was hopefully a successful breeding site.

Finally on to plant exotics and local rarities – we are fortunate to see a number close to the crossroads with the A35 near where we live. It's a sign of the history of the crossroads and the travellers, both modern and past, who have been passing through. Just to provide a list – there are blue fleabane on our walls, Danish scurvy grass – a coastal plant surviving in the silty salt accumulations along the road edges. Shaggy Soldiers from South America and small-flowered buttercup in the car park over at Millers. In front of the Texaco garage by the road there is also Buckthorn plantain, transported here from the coast and Field pansy, a remnant of the local fields when they weren't just rye grass and clover.

Seen any unusual plants yourself over the cold months? Let me know.

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KILMINGTON COMMON

Many of you in the village will have noticed that the work to restore the Common to its former glory as a wildflower area has begun and is progressing well.

There have been two successful work parties attended by seven village volunteers on each occasion. Stafford Seward arrived with his tractor and grass cutter on the first session and, having cut large swathes, provided a lot of material for the energetic and hard-working volunteers to rake. We had also used a brush-cutter, strimmer and a couple of Austrian scythes to cut the increasing amounts of bramble that have been encroaching into the grassland.

It is important to rake off the cut grass (arising), remove bramble and its roots so that the specific plants that grow on this heathy grassland can flourish and set seed. This is an ideal habitat for Heath Lobelia, the Kilmington Lily.



This cutting regime should also provide greater soil warmth for lizards, meadow ants and more unusual butterflies. It will be exciting to wait and see what will happen, what will emerge, what we will see.

We thank East Devon AONB who have awarded us a small Communities Project Fund grant to assist with this work on the common.

The next working party is scheduled for Saturday, 29th January 10.00 am -12.00 noon.

I will also post any updates on 'Kilmington Now'.

This also coincides with the RSPB Garden Birdwatch so even if you aren't raking or removing bramble roots it will be a great opportunity to spend an hour watching the many birds that frequent this important and lovely area of Kilmington.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR, 2022 AND SLOW STEAM AHEAD!

Prior to this we asked, is normality returning? As we prepare to move ahead with our programme for 2022, once again we find ourselves questioning how, what and will it be possible? What is clear is the resolve in the village to overcome a disease attempting to curtail the way we live. While the epidemic twists and turns and tries to dictate our lives, we applaud the NHS, Service personnel and thousands of volunteers rallying to the call to help protect the vulnerable and indeed the way we live our lives. Thankfully with your help, the RBL also continues to play its part in supporting all those in the front line and their families.



Shelia Hill, Stafford Seward and Pearl Hurford (from left to right)

We look back to December when we held our Christmas Fair, which was great fun and once again gave many an opportunity to meet up (safely) with old friends and colleagues. For the first time, we provided hot food from a BBQ, mulled wine and seating outside; in the hall there were several varying stalls, including, crafts, RBL memorabilia, delicious

cakes, raffle, tea, coffee and mince pies served from the kitchen and a silent auction. It would be remiss of me if I did not thank all those who very kindly provided gifts, cakes, decorations and their help on the day. On this occasion, we would very much like to thank 'High Grange Fine Dining', the Old Inn Kilmingdon, Tuckers Arms Dalwood, Axe Valley Wildlife Park and Millers Farm Shop for their

incredible generosity in providing some fantastic gifts for the silent auction and, of course, all of you who braved a rather soggy day to come and support us. On what was a fun day, there was one sad moment when I had to say goodbye and thank you to our two stalwart cake stall ladies, Sheila Hill and Pearl Hurford. Both have provided incredible support, not just to the RBL but all charities in the village and will be very sadly missed; thankfully they will still attend our events and now be able to taste all the cakes, instead of selling them!!

2022, where and what do we do? Well one thing for sure, we will do whatever we are permitted to do and pray that all our plans can be implemented. Below is an outline of our intended events, however, these will be confirmed in the next edition.

Sat	2 nd	April	Spring Coffee Morning
Sat	2 nd	April	40 th Anniversary of the Falklands War
-	14 th	June	
Sat	7 th	May	100 th Anniversary of the unveiling of Kilmingdon War Memorial
Thu	2 nd	- 5 th June	Queens Platinum Jubilee
Sat	2 nd	July	Annual Family Barbecue
Tue	27 th	October	Commence Poppy Appeal
Fri	11 th	November	Armistice Day
Sun	13 th	November	Remembrance Sunday
Sat	3 rd	December	Christmas Extravaganza

In the meantime, please take great care and stay safe.

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NO THROUGH TRAFFIC ON SPRINGHEAD LANE FOR FOUR HOURS

For some reason the Calor Gas tanker decided to back up Springhead Lane and in the process slipped off the road into the ditch outside Lambley Brook on 6th December. For four hours the frustrated driver waited to be rescued. I popped out a few times to chat and I helpfully refilled his flask of coffee. Eventually the breakdown truck arrived and pulled the tanker out. A man in a yellow coat then set about repairing the damage to the side of the road, but springs were popping up as fast as he was shovelling away the water. I helpfully suggested he needed to dig a channel into the big ditch area which was apparently once a



tip, otherwise the overflowing water would be lethal if it froze over. He changed his tack and I commented, "Well the driver won't make that mistake again" to which he replied, "I am the driver".

Oops! Having put my foot in it, I quietly and quickly retreated back to Lambley Brook!

Stephanie Hathaway

THE PRIEST AND THE PETTICOAT – A KILMINGTON SCANDAL

Like the tabloids of today, the newspapers of 1873 could not get enough of a scandal which seemed more insalubrious and divisive because the events took place in a little village in East Devon. This was the year that Kilminster went to war with its curacy.

Readers inclined to read the newspaper archives will likely find themselves amused and a little surprised at the level of reporting which the newspapers made; faithfully reproducing the minutiae of discussions at vestry meetings and ‘bishop hearings’. Whilst fascinating, they render the actions of grown men juvenile. But this was a serious matter, a wedge driven between the Church of England and its congregation.

The story seems to have broken on 28th March 1873 when the *Western Morning News* published an article titled ‘Extraordinary Vestry Disturbance at Kilminster – Satan and the Church Tiles’.

It seems that the Rev George Aldington, curate of St Giles’, must have been a most disagreeable man and quite unsuitable for this parish at least. His troubles started in May 1872, just two months after his appointment, when ‘in consequence of the presence of two ladies in the church and the subsequent finding of a ‘crinoline’ [a hooped petticoat] in one of the pews’ a scandalous issue was brought before the Bishop of Exeter by the church wardens, one of whom was Frederick Swabey Esq of Coryton Park.

Quite what the accusation was is unclear, the newspapers choosing against spelling it out, but given the context and the nature of some of the accusations, including that the two ladies were drunk in church, the allegation seems obvious. The finding was a ‘scandal in the parish’. Parishioners were further inflamed when disgraceful printed notices were posted around the village:

“We Theodore by the influence of Satan, constituted by us Theodore King of these our Dominions of Killhinton [sic], do order and appoint that all our Lying Subjects do forthwith make careful and diligent search with Torches and Lanterns throughout these our Dominions for a certain Petticoat which sundry of our Lying Two-face minions do declare to have been lost by some female within these our Dominions (not being one of our respectable Minions). We Theodore do guard against any such Gross Scandal accruing to any of our Minions aforesaid, do hereby order and command that all our Female Subjects shall from the date of this our decree secure their nether garments round their buxom waists by means of Steel Hoops with padlocks and keys (the latter to be kept in Our Royal Custody under Pains and Penalties not fit to be herein mentioned)”.

Passions ran high and further allegations were made against the elderly curate. *The Western Times* reported that Mr Swabey Esq presented the parishioner’s case. Perhaps most shockingly, the curate had slandered, from the pulpit no less, a respected lady of Axminster by claiming that she had murdered a person in her care just by writing him a letter! The report was silent on the contents of the letter - perhaps the newspapers were afraid to publish it!

It was claimed that the curate permitted people from the nearby parish of Shute admittance into St Giles’ (no doubt attending for the entertainment!) but refused the good people of Kilminster, locking the church doors. The bellringers,

organist and the choir had all been denied access and there were allegations of a missing altar-cushion and fraudulent accounting. Above all, they claimed, the curate was unfit for the office of a clergyman and that he had refused to undertake the most important of rituals: baptisms and burials, the dead being ‘forced to lie above ground’.

The Rev Aldington seemed to be a man of fire and brimstone, claiming, from the pulpit, that his parishioners were ‘worse than devils’ and that ‘if the parish contained as many devils as there were tiles on the roof, he would not be moved’. Parishioners brought affidavits to the bishop supporting allegations that the curate had attended and ‘urged on’ a night-time bonfire and ritual burning of an effigy of Mr Swabey on [Shute] Hill! A petition of five-sixths of the parishioners called for his removal.

On 7th May 1873, *The Taunton Courier* reported that a charge was brought upon the unwanted curate for assaulting the sexton, James Banks, on Easter Sunday. The curate had forcibly prevented Banks from entering St Giles’ by using an iron bar and slamming the door into his face. The case was dismissed but the bench felt that it was a ‘melancholy thing that such a state should exist’.

The feeling in Kilminster was dire; allegations were numerous and diverse, many quite unfit for reproducing here. It must have been the talk of local public houses and farmyard gossip for months. The affair led to many parishioners refusing to attend church for as long as Aldington presided. His flock had scattered.

Four months later, on 29th August, it seems that matters had little improved. *The Western Times* reported that ‘the church wardens had withdrawn themselves, the clerk, sexton, ringers, and cleaners, from the church, and the curate left in charge is left to be maid-of-all-work. The curate refused the churchwarden the keys...’

But the protestations, petitions and affidavits proved ineffective; Aldington remained curate until 1874. Swabey and, what seems to have been most of the village, failed to persuade the bishop of their case and the issue became perhaps overlooked; it must have been a miserable existence for all parties.

However, perhaps mindful of the challenge, the bishop appointed the Rev Jordayne Cave-Brown-Cave, the 7th son of a baronet, to replace him. Young and highly regarded, his term at Kilminster commenced in October 1874, but he was soon to be moved on, to a better position (it was stated) at a lunatic asylum! In June 1876, Kilminster’s churchwardens, choir, and parishioners expressed their earnest regret for their new cleric’s departure; it seems that Church and congregation were once again united.

Alan Clarkson



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Both of this month's recipes are ones for comforting, warming food. The soup uses the last of the home-grown parsnips and stored Bramleys to make a thick, filling lunchtime dish. The pudding is a wintery warming variation on the well-loved chocolate and lemon self-saucing puddings.

CURRIED LENTIL, PARSNIP, AND APPLE SOUP

Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
4 tsp medium curry paste
550g/22oz peeled and diced parsnip (approx 5 large parsnips)
125g/6oz dried red lentils
2 large Bramley apples, approx 400g, peeled and diced
1½ litres of chicken stock
Salt and pepper
Natural yogurt to serve, optional

Method

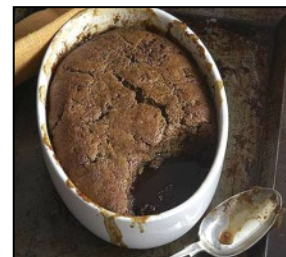
1. Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onion for 3-5 minutes, add the curry paste.
2. Add the parsnips, apple pieces and lentils. Pour in the stock and bring to a simmer. Cook for approx. 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the parsnips are soft.
3. Allow to cool slightly before liquidising until smooth. adjust the seasoning. Serve garnished with natural yogurt.



DATE AND GINGER SELF-SAUCING PUDDING

Serves 4-6

85g/3½ oz butter
200g/8oz pitted dates, chopped
200ml/8froz milk
1 tsp vanilla essence
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
150g/6oz self-raising flour
2tsp ground ginger
85g/3oz dark muscovado sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 balls stem ginger, chopped



Sauce:

100g/4oz dark muscovado sugar
3 tbsp syrup from the ginger jar

Method

1. Put the dates into a pan, pour over the milk and bring to scalding point. Remove from the heat, add the vanilla essence and bicarbonate of soda, and put to one side.
2. Sift the flour and ginger into a bowl, add the sugar, butter and eggs and beat with an electric mix for 5 mins. Fold in the date mixture and stem ginger. Pour into a lightly greased deep, 2 litre baking dish.
3. Sprinkle the sugar over the pudding mixture, then drizzle with the ginger syrup. Pour 250ml/10 fl oz boiling water over the mixture.
4. Bake at 160C fan/180C/gas 4 for 40-45 minutes. Serve with cream, vanilla ice-cream or custard.

Diane Overton

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 26.

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that the February order deadline date is Friday, 18th February at 12.00 noon.

As usual I invite orders for specific amounts or if ordering a 'top up' or a full tank, then please furnish me with a pretty accurate estimate as to the quantity that you require with a minimum order of 500 litres.

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AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK



As 2022 begins, a time of reflection and remembrance, I look back over the last two years. Who knew back then that we would face the challenges of lockdown, social distancing and all the different measures we put into place to keep us safe? I write this here today feeling so proud to work for Axe Valley Wildlife Park. As a team we embraced the changes to be able to move forward and continue our work.

Needless to say we could not have done it without all the help from our visitors and supporters. We have been, and continue to be, so grateful for all of the donations of fruits and vegetables. As I write, the car park seems to have a continuous supply of Christmas trees being donated, which, as we have said before, are such a good enrichment for our animals and also put a bit of green back into the enclosures at this time of year.

2021 saw us open with a few new changes – the first being Bill's Barn. This was a long term project designed for the paddock animals and we are so pleased with the outcome. With the building of Bill's Barn and Andrew's birthday came a new arrival to the zoo, a Tapir called Hamish. Many visitors have already fallen in love with Hamish and it isn't hard to see why!



Tapirs are large herbivorous mammals. They inhabit jungles and forest regions of South and Central America and are primitive animals that have remained unchanged for millions of years. They can be identified by their prehensile trunk which they use to grab branches and strip leaves. They can also select fruits and put them directly into their mouths. Tapirs are masters at dispersing seeds and enabling the ground they inhabit to be well fertilised, which provides much diversity for plants and animals. Why not visit us this year and see for yourself how

magnificent he is!

Before Christmas we had our zoo inspection, which provides our licence for the zoo and its collection, and we are absolutely delighted that it went so well. This just shows the hard work and dedication that we all put in every day.

2022 marks the start of some exciting changes, as we are very pleased to say that we have secured a two-acre site on an adjoining field to continue the expansion of the zoo. We ask for your patience as we develop the site and as new arrivals join the collection.

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MAD moments in the garden

As I write in mid-January the soil is soggy and wet, the autumn leaves disintegrating where they escaped the blower and rake. The hellebore leaves are cut down revealing a few nodding heads and mass of buds and promise of a good show below.

I've spent a happy, wet afternoon sorting out my seed packets and throwing away the five-year-old packet of Blue Asparagus Kale and more that I never seem to sow but was lured into buying by wonderful descriptions in the catalogue. I accept I will never know if they were accurate or not.

I was lucky enough to be given, a few years ago, very smart tin boxes with monthly dividers to try to maintain an order of sorts to my sowing schedule. This year I have decided not to buy any new varieties but use the seed I have purchased over the last few years. This led me to question how long can you really keep seed.

Google, of course, is a very helpful resource but there are so many opinions out there, it can be somewhat confusing.

I learnt a couple of things, quite obvious really: store seeds in a dry, cool, dark container to maintain viability; and the fresher the seed, the higher percentage of germination you're likely to achieve. I had lunch with a friend the other day who used to work in the seed industry, pollinating, collecting and testing seed viability. She told me each species has a specific law, or did before we left the EU, stating the percentage of germination that the seed must reach to be sold. The majority of seed packets have a use by date on them, but I've never taken much notice of the date the seed was harvested. The length between the two seems to vary, not just between species but also between companies. My favourite seed

company, The Real Seed Company, has an article about the length of seed viability and useful chart that has expected time-scales for their seeds' success. They do, however, say the greatest success will be from fresh seed, usefully adding that as seeds grow older, it is good to increase the density of seed sown to compensate for lower germination rates. You can test germination rate by putting some of the seed on damp kitchen roll on a saucer and leave it in a warm, dark place. Take a look in a few days or so to see if there's any germination. With luck you'll see some tiny seedlings breaking through their outer coats. If not, I suggest you buy a new packet of seed!

That reminded me of fellow allotment growers in Bristol from whom I was lucky to receive much advice back in the early 80s. To speed the process and ensure viability, they placed the seed to be sown on the kitchen roll to test viability, then, when the seeds have germinated, they put the shooting seed gently into a plastic bag with wallpaper paste, mixed the seed through the paste evenly then squeezed the mixture through a cut-off corner of the bag straight into a prepared drill at the plot. They covered it gently, then let nature take over. I seem to remember this was recommended for all seed apart from root vegetables. It certainly worked for lettuces, I remember a tidy row that didn't have gaps or need thinning. I will try it again this year and report back! Perhaps we should all be growing more vegetables and flowers to collect our own seed from? Or swapping the fresh seed left in the packet after sowing what we need, rather than let it linger in the bottom of the tin?

Mary-Anne Driscoll



KILMINGTONG GARDENING CLUB

www.kilmingtonggardeningclub.co.uk

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

A very happy New Year to all you gardeners out there and here's hoping that 2022 will be a great year for all of us.

As the new chairman of the club I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the community and hope that many of you members and non-members will join us for some talks, events, visits and general sociable garden chat whenever you can. There is lots of experience to be shared and tapped into. Gardening is a continual learning process with beginner's luck and expert's failures in spadesful.

We are kicking off the year on Friday, February 11th with a quiz night and social, wine, nibbles and some fun, that is the intention.

We are beginning to organize this year's plant market and Village Open Gardens. Anyone wishing to help or contribute ideas, please contact Jane Chalk or myself.

Our contact details are on the website (see above).

I would be very interested in hearing people's ideas in what the Gardening Club might additionally provide for you and your families, let's make this a great gardening year together. See you in February if not before.

Mary-Anne Driscoll
Chairman

PLANT MARKET

Kilmingtong Gardening Club are holding their annual plant market in the Village Hall from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon on Saturday, 7th May.

We need you all to grow a few extra plants, divide another perennial or two and pot on those cuttings. The usual

bedding plants will be available but we would also like to offer some home-grown village favourites, ready for a great display for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations this year. There will be further updates in future Postscript editions.

Jane Chalk

KILMINGTON MOTH UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2022

Moths recorded in Kilmington between 28-07-2021 AND 19-10-2021 included the following species:
Worth noting for defence strategies are the Chinese Character (like a small bird-dropping) and the Pale Prominent (like a scrap of wood).



Small Phoenix
Ecliptopera silaceata



Chinese Character
Cilix glaucata



Dingy Footman
Eilema griseola



Mottled Beauty
Alcis repandata



Small Bloodvein
Scopula imitaria



Mocha
Cyclophora annularia



Copper Underwing
Amphipyra pyramidea



Yellow Shell
Camptogramma bilineata



Pale Prominent
Pterostoma palpina



Garden Carpet
Xanthorhoe fluctuata



Dwarf Cream Wave
Idaea fuscovenosa



Fanfoot
Herminia tarsipennalis

David Wilsdon



Hospiscare are always on the lookout for keen gardeners who are willing to open their garden to the public, to help raise money for Hospiscare. If you are interested further information about signing up can be found here - www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/open-gardens-2022/

Ali McGeown



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Despite great progress in research, many people may still be concerned with some form of cancer, either for themselves or for somebody near to them, at some time in their lives. The ALCS charity has set itself up in this locality to gather together expertise and a team of therapists and to offer information and support to those facing treatment and, above all, to help with maintaining and improving their quality of life.

The 'meet the therapist' slot in their latest newsletter (no.40) features riding stables which welcome riders of all abilities and none and there is information about a free six-week course in creative writing. There is a link to a highly recommended Dr Louise Newson podcast which has advice for those navigating complex and confusing decisions about treatment at a difficult time.

DATES AND EVENTS (Book with ALCS for all except Bereavement Group)

Monday, 14th February - Kefir Fermented Food, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm and Mindfulness Workshop with Ellie, 2.00 pm, both at Lyme Regis Football Club.

Saturday, 19th February - Blokes Brunch, Location TBC

Monday, 21st February - Bereavement Group, 12.30 – 1.30 pm at Axminster Hospital Scott Rowe Room

Monday, 28th February - Forum Meeting, 12.30 – 1.30 pm at Lyme Regis Football Club

The newsletter contains a link to these and the whole calendar of events for 2022. If you would like to receive the newsletters, online or by post, or have any other queries for ALCS, please use one of the addresses above to contact them.

CPRE (CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND)

www.cpredevon.org.uk

CPRE Devon are greatly concerned about the loss of thousands of acres of productive farmland in Devon to redevelopment for the production of solar energy and they have recently launched a Crowdfunder campaign to fight such applications across Devon (www.crowfunder.co.uk/devon-cpre). As a small independent charity they are fighting these solar farms application by application. Their main objections are that the land is needed for food production, such industrialisation of the land would affect the landscape and the environment for decades, and documents submitted in support of applications contain many unsubstantiated assertions and inconsistencies.

Their January media release concerns two current planning applications in East Devon, one at Paytherden Farm, Clyst Hydon (Application no. 21.3120.MFUL) and the other at Beavor Grange Farm, Axminster. (Application no. 21.2992 MFUL) They also anticipate an application for another large solar farm near Whimble. CPRE's full objections, spelling out why these applications are flawed and should be refused, are attached to their media release and can be obtained from www.cpredevon.org.uk or their media contact Sharon Goble sharon@if-media.co.uk Tel: 01392 661062/ or 07831 6955913.



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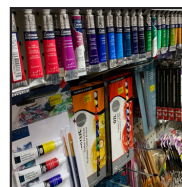
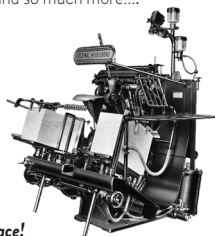
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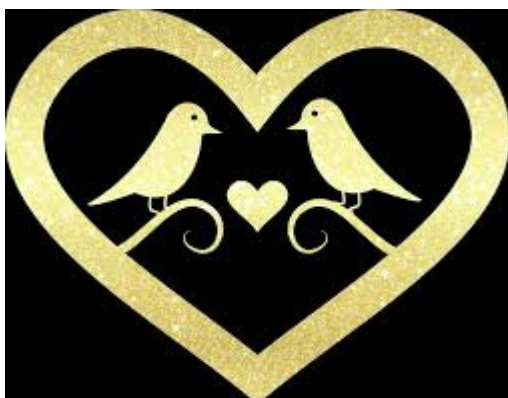


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Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing
Tuesday	10.00 - noon	The Beacon	The Post Office
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies (Term time only)
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Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Tues	1st	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	1st	10.00 am - 12.00 Noon	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Wed	2nd	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	6th	11.00 am	Shute Church	Mission Community Holy Communion - Rev Julie
Tues	8th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion - Rev Julie
Fri	11th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC: Quiz Night and Social
Sat	12th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Celebrate Service
Sun	13th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Special All Age Service
	13th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Service of the Word - Gill Heighway
Mon	14th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Reflections
Tues	15th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
Tues	15th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Contact Lunch (All welcome)
Sat	19th	10.00 am	St Giles' Church	Litter Pick (see page 9 for more information)
Mon	21st	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Sun	20th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Rev Julie
Tues	22nd	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion - Rev Julie
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