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POSTscript

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ST. THOMAS
Place of Birth Galilee
Patron Saint of Carpenters &
Architects (21st December)

Flower arranger:
ELAINE PENN

EDITORIAL

This is certainly a bumper issue of the village magazine - our biggest ever. There has been so much happening in the village in May and June but by September, when our next issue is published, it would be such 'old' news that we decided to go for broke. Well, not literally, I hope, although we are dependent on your donations to help with printing costs (please see below right for information on donations).

Of particular interest to villagers and visitors were the Kilmington Exhibition in the Village Hall and Flower Festival in St Giles' Church and also the events held to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday. Both occasions drew together large numbers of people who, as you will see from the many photographs in this issue, enjoyed themselves very much. When we heard that the Parish Council had invited five special guests to the celebrations for HM The Queen, each of whom also reach their 90th birthday sometime this year, the Postscript team had an idea. Wouldn't it be interesting if any or all of "our" ninety year olds could be persuaded to contribute to the magazine? Incredibly, we have heard from not one or two but all of them and you will find their reminiscences on pages 8 and 9 together with photos. The Parish Council's programme for the birthday celebrations was much enjoyed so a big "thank you" to them and to all the helpers who made the day such a success.

More "thank you's" are due to two individuals who have contributed to Postscript for many years. Firstly, thank you to Sydie Bones, who has been the author of 'Down the garden path' for around nine or ten years. We hope you enjoy walking around your garden for many years to come, Sydie; we shall be sad to miss sharing your interesting and often amusing observations. Secondly, we say "thank you" to Alison Vickers who has supplied the Sudoku puzzle for readers' enjoyment for more years than she can remember. Alison's efforts to keep our little grey cells working have been much appreciated. We have a new volunteer who will happily continue to supply Sudoku although, if anyone else would like to recommend and supply a different type of puzzle, we would be pleased to consider it. Whilst on the subject of puzzles or quizzes - and I know it seems a long, long time ahead - but would anyone like to come up with ideas for a puzzle page, perhaps with a local flavour for the Christmas issue?

Almost last, but certainly not least, an apology to *The Jurassic Coasters*, to whom we mistakenly referred by their old title in the June issue. Sorry folks, we love your music, know your new name and simply had one of those 'senior moments'. Absolutely last, a reminder that Postscript is not published in August (this issue covers both July and August) and that we need your contributions for the September issue by 15th August at the latest. The Postscript team hopes that you enjoy this bumper issue and, as always, we would welcome your feedback.

Judith, on behalf of the Postscript team

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DONATIONS

Sadly, the Postscript collection box has disappeared from Hurfords Stores. We shall replace it in the hope of future donations. In the meanwhile, one generous person, hearing of our loss, donated £50.00 to help defray the printing costs of this issue. Thank you for this gift.

The photograph on the front cover is by Maureen Lane. Other photographs in this issue are from: Peter Ball, Celia Dunsford, Judith Chapman and Maureen Lane. Our village 90 year olds talked with their own families and sometimes with Gill Perkins, Gill Gibbs or Judith Chapman.

KILMINGTON FAYRE AND FLOWER SHOW UPDATE

Kilminster's Annual Fayre and Flower Show will be held this year on the field behind the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th July and the Fruit, Vegetables and Flower exhibits will be in the marquee in the field. All other classes will be exhibited in the Village Hall. Here is a reminder of some of the key dates and timings:

Saturday, 23rd July at the Village Hall between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm there will be a **Craft Workshop** for the children to prepare their entries in the Junior categories. Materials will be provided free of charge but if some children would like to work with felt tips it would be best to bring their own. It would also be a good idea to bring an apron, overall, or one of Mum or Dad's old shirts, in case of thrills and spills with all that paint and glue about! If Mums or Dads would like to come along with the little ones they would be very welcome. Further details below.

Wednesday, 27th July, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm and Thursday, 28th July, 11.00 am-12.30 pm & 4.00-6.00 pm Show Registration at the Village Hall. For full details of all the classes please check the Show Schedule available from Hurford's Stores, Miller's Farm Shop and at the Kilminster Gardening Club website, kvpa.co.uk. A limited number of vases are available on the registration days.

Exhibits should be brought to the Village Hall and the Marquee after 6.00 pm on **Friday, 29th July** or on **Saturday, 30th July** before 10.00 am.

Finally, may we ask all **cup holders** from last year's Flower Show to **return your cups** (cleaned) by mid-July to Hurford's Stores or a member of the committee.

Thank you.

Lesley Rew

FAYRE INFORMATION

We've got a real family show this year, something for everyone. Children have their fancy dress competition; come as whoever you wish, there is no theme. Treats for all and prizes for the best home-made outfits.

The Rattlebox Theatre Company will be telling tales of swashbuckling pirates and their adventures on the high seas. Pony rides, a bouncy castle and many other side games should keep the kids amused all afternoon.

And why not bring along the family dog for some fun too? We'll have some games for them including 'Chase me Charlie' jumping, everyone's favourite musical sit. And new this year will be an egg-and-spoon race with your dog. So start practising now!

For the ladies we have a "dress a hat" competition. Create your outrageous designs and decorate your hat to impress, but remember you have to wear them!

We haven't forgotten the boys' toys! There's a tractor to sit on and mini steam engines to see.

You'll not go hungry with a choice of barbecue, cream teas and ice cream. Or for those who prefer a more relaxed afternoon, browse our retail stalls then sit and enjoy some live music with a drink from our bar.

Gates open at 1.00 pm

Floral Marquee opens 1.00 pm

Official opening 1.30 pm

Children's fancy dress 1.40 pm

Pirate adventures 2.00 pm

Ladies' hat competition 2.00 pm

Dog Games 2.45 pm

Pirate adventures 3.15 pm

Prize giving 4.10 pm

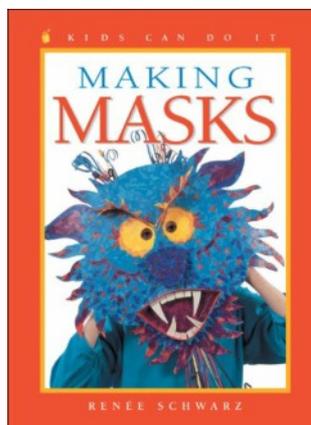
We look forward to seeing you.

The Fayre and Show Committee.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

Kilminster Gardening Club held the first craft workshop last year for the Junior entries for the Annual Show and were most impressed by the enthusiasm and talent of the children of Kilminster! So this year we are planning another workshop, one week before the Show, to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 23rd July from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon.

This year all the children who come to the workshop will be designing masks using card and paper and/or creating monsters out of clay or salt dough. At the workshop the under 8s and the 8-14 year olds (school year groups, KS 1, 2 and 3) will be working separately at their own level and their creations will be judged accordingly on the day.



We can help with ideas and techniques and will provide the materials you need free of charge but if the mask makers would like to decorate their designs with felt tips rather than with paint or collage it would be best to bring their own.

It would also be a good idea to bring an apron or an overall – one of Mum or Dad's old shirts will do - in case of thrills and spills with all that paint and glue about.

Best of all, bring yourselves for a fun morning being crafty!

If Mums or Dads would like to come along with the little ones they would be very welcome.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Pat Curran

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Lots happening over the summer months and, if we're fortunate to get some warm sunny weather, we should also have clear skies so we can see it.

July 4th Earth is at its furthest from the sun in 2016 today.

7th Moon and Regulus: the bright star close to the moon tonight is Regulus.

8th Moon and Jupiter: look westward to see the crescent moon and you'll see Jupiter very close. Also, look south as soon as darkness falls, for the planets Mars and Saturn.

9th Jupiter is near to the moon again.

11th/12th Moon close to Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo, as darkness falls.

13th Moon and Mars: As darkness falls look for the moon, nearby is a reddish 'star' which is the planet Mars. They'll remain in sight until the early morning hours. To the east of this pair is Saturn. Also, look westward as darkness falls to see Jupiter, but it will set in the west around mid-evening.

14th/15th Mars and Saturn: Use the waxing gibbous moon to guide you to two planets plus the bright star Antares. Mars is brighter than Saturn, and Saturn is brighter than Antares. They will all stay out till well after midnight.

19th Full Moon, often called the Hay Moon as farmers are now putting hay in their barns.

29th Meteor Showers: From now until around August 12th it's a good time to watch for meteors. The Perseids are gradually rising to their peak on August 12th and the Delta Aquarid shower, which doesn't have as definite a peak, is now producing a steady supply of feint meteors which you should see in the dark skies this weekend. Best after midnight, with predawn often an optimum time to watch.

August 2nd The Milky Way: great views of it over the next month and tonight's dark moonless sky should provide one of the best.

5th Moon and Jupiter are close tonight.

6th Five planets after sunset. Use the moon to locate Jupiter, then look for Mercury and Venus to the west of Jupiter; they are only visible just after sunset. To the east of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn will be out until midnight.

11th/12th Perseids' meteor shower peaks before dawn.

24th Mars passes in between Saturn and the star Antares tonight. The three nearly form a straight line as darkness falls. Mars is the brightest, with Saturn ranking second and Antares third. The name Antares means 'like Mars', probably because of its red colour.

27th Venus and Jupiter present the closest conjunction of two planets in all of 2016. But you'll need an unobstructed western horizon shortly after sunset to see them very low in the sky.

Peter

Kilmington Royal British Legion Annual

Family BBQ

ALL WELCOME

Friday 1st July

Join us for a Fun Evening!

Ticket Entry Adults £10

Children under 10 - £5, under 5 - Free

For tickets and to discuss transport if needed contact:

John Watts 32335 Lesley Rew 32631
Claire Dainton 32120

6.00 pm at Fernwood Farm
Bimbom Lane, KILMINGTON

LIVE ON 

GARDEN OPEN FOR HOSPISCARE

Breach, Shute Road, Kilmington is opening its garden on Sunday 10th July from 1.30 - 5.00 pm in aid of Hospiscare.

- Over 3 acres with woodland partially underplanted with rhododendrons and other shrubs
- Small wildflower meadow with wild orchids
- Shrubberies, herbaceous borders and vegetable garden
- Ponds and bog garden
- Lawns

Admission: By donation
Refreshments: Tea and cakes
Dogs on short leads welcome
Wheelchair access limited

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE

Contact: 01392 688020 for further information

MARQUEE FOR HIRE!

The Floral marquee at this year's Kilmington Fayre and Flower Show will be available in the evening of Saturday, 30th July, after 6.00 pm.

If you would like to hire the marquee, please contact either Jean Falconer (01297 33708) or Gill Gibbs (01297 33121).

Jean Falconer



JOIN US FOR A
'COFFEE MORNING'
AT
FERNWOOD FARM
ON
SATURDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER
AT 10.30 A.M.
IN AID OF
ST GILES CHURCH



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club talk on Friday, 15th July is *Building a Border* by Dinah Lindon-Critchley.

A successful garden border involves some planning before planting. Following last year's entertaining and informative talk, Dinah, owner of Blooming Hill Plants, returns to Kilminster to give tips and advice on creating a border to enhance your garden.

All welcome at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
£1.00 non members.

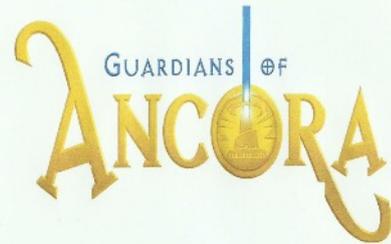
Lesley Rew

Cream Tea

In aid of
Devon Air Ambulance
Saturday, 16th July
2.00 - 5.00 pm
at Little Hampton, Hampton
Shute, Axminster
Stalls to include tombola, cakes
and produce

**ARE YOU INTERESTED OR
CONCERNED ABOUT THE
FUTURE OF KILMINGTON
?**

**THEN PLEASE JOIN THE PARISH
COUNCIL FOR A MEETING IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 12 JULY AT
7PM WHERE MR TIMOTHY SPURWAY
OF EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON HOW
'KILMINGTON'
CAN DESIGN ITS OWN
'NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'
IT'S OUR FUTURE!**



HOLIDAY CLUB

at
**The Baptist Church,
Kilminster**

**Monday 1st to Friday 5th
August 2016**



KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I start to make a list of the achievements of the latest term it really becomes obvious how much we do for the children here in Kilmington Primary School. Alongside the statutory curriculum that we provide within lessons all our children have been able to access a wide range of extra-curricular, enrichment activities.

‘Forest School’ at Monkton Wylde is a classic example of how learning can be achieved outside the classroom. Four year groups from Kilmington visited Monkton Wylde for six day-trips from Easter until half term. The range of learning that goes on while attending these visits is amazing... While making fires, maps, art work and climbing trees, playing in the stream and exploring the woodland the children grow in confidence, learn how to take risks, think about their own personal limits and really get to grips with looking after themselves for a day.

We have held two specialist subject weeks: Science and Art, where we immerse the children in that subject for the week and produce collaborative achievements. The Art week took on the Jungle Book theme and the children have produced amazing finished products: a 3D papier-maché of the wily snake, Kaa; a jigsaw of tiger Shere Khan in the jungle; a collage of King Louie and the orang-utans and monkeys; and a 3D picture of Baloo and Bagheera hanging out!



Please Stand for the National Anthem

The children worked collaboratively for the whole week and the results are really great.

The usual sporting fixtures have taken place but this term we also became involved in the Nationwide appeal: Sport Relief. The older children organised some personal target setting and I organised for each year group to do a sponsored run around the village – the length of which was determined by the age of the children, you may well have seen us running around with our Sport Relief flag! The sponsored run raised an amazing £736 for the charity.

You may also have seen (or heard) our annual Maypole event which we combined with a celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday. The sun shone and we all enjoyed a picnic lunch on the playground where we sang the National Anthem followed with jelly and ice-cream. We then performed seven different Maypole dances for the parents to watch and, as tradition dictates, the parents had a go at the end. Cream teas were served by the PTFA and a great day was had by all.

Mrs Lee White, Head of Teaching and Learning



The Maypole in Full Swing

ANCORA HOLIDAY CLUB

Primary aged children (current Reception to Year 6) are invited to a week of fun and games with the Summer Holiday Club,

organised by The Baptist Church, Kilmington at The Beacon, Whitford Road. Based on Scripture Union’s Guardian of Ancora holiday club material, the week will be full of games, crafts, puppets and video presentations as the children learn about exciting stories from the Bible. The brain drain quiz will be back this year, where ‘volunteers’ have balloons of water popped over them when the children answer questions correctly. A range of activities and games

will be planned so as to appeal to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. Refreshments will also be provided.

“I have enjoyed snacks, craft and making stuff.” Girl aged 8.

“I enjoyed making the cross craft” Boy aged 7.

“I have enjoyed the brain drain.” Girl aged 9.

The Summer Holiday Club is open to all children aged 5 to 11 years and runs from 10.00 am until 12.45 pm, from Monday, 1st to Friday, 5th August plus family BBQ on Friday, 5th from 12.45 pm. There will also be a Celebration and Prize Giving on Sunday, 7th August at 10.30 am.

For more information contact Juletta Obudo via events@beaconbaptist.co.uk or call the Church Office on 01297 631638. Registration forms are available at The Beacon.

Juletta Obudo

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY, 12th JUNE

11.00 Service at St Giles' Church

12.00 Dedication of a Commemorative bench on the Village Green

12.30 Light refreshments and a loyal toast in the Village Hall



A special Ecumenical Service conducted by the Revd Simon Holloway in St Giles' Church was well attended, the altar draped with the Union Flag and the Banner of the Kilmington Branch the Royal British Legion, of which Her Majesty is Patron. Some of the Queen's favourite hymns and prayers were chosen and quotations from her many speeches and addresses were given by Nigel Burton, David Woodward, Pauline Holloway, Brian Lavender and by Michael Collier, Chairman of the Parish Council. The parable of the Good Samaritan was read by some of the "Open the Book" team of Anna Crabbe, Christine Thorne and Julie Woodward. In his Address the Revd Simon paid tribute to the Queen's wonderful service and the faith which had sustained her, and the Service culminated in the singing of the National Anthem.

Five Kilmington residents (Alec Broom, Herman Anning, Dorothy Davie, Richard Cater and Sidney Fitzpatrick) who

shared the same birth year as Her Majesty, were Guests of Honour at the 90th birthday celebrations for The Queen .

The rain cleared in time for the procession to the Village Green where other residents had assembled for the dedication of a commemorative seat bearing the inscription "TO COMMEMORATE THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II".

Light refreshments, prepared by members of the Parish Council and their spouses, followed in the Village Hall, during which Pastor Darrell Holmes, the Baptist Minister, proposed the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty wishing her a Happy Birthday. It was a memorable and very appropriate event to add to the thousands taking place throughout the country.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

1926, the year of the birth of HM The Queen and also of five people who now have their homes in Kilmington. We invited each of them to tell us a little about their lives, and of any memories they might have of royalty. We are delighted that each one of them responded. We thank them for their contributions and wish them a very happy 90th birthday year.



Herman Anning talked to Gill:

Mr Anning was born at 7 Hillcrest on the 8th January 1926 and was one of five children. He attended Kilmington Primary School, then Axminster School, leaving at age 14. Mr Anning went to Manchester for three years to learn the trade of electrician. He then returned home to work for Shands Engineering Firm in Axminster for about 20 years. Whilst working for Shands, he was called up to join the army and was posted to Italy. Later, he worked for twenty years for Westland Helicopters as an engineer. Mr Anning and his wife Dawn have a family of four children, ten grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.



Dorothy Davie and her son, Gavin, tell us:

I was born in London in 1926 and spent my childhood in Surrey. The recent celebrations for the 90th birthday of the Queen took me back to various 'royal moments' in my past. I remember being taken with my school to line the local main road to await the arrival of Queen Mary who was on her way to an event. We were given Union flags to wave as the car passed by. I remember seeing a very austere figure waving regally as the car swept past the crowds lining the road. It was very exciting to see Queen Mary as, in the days before television, we rarely saw much of the royal family.

Just after the war I worked for the Civil Service in Carlton House Terrace in central London. It was very exciting when there were royal ceremonies as we would go out on to the balcony with the minister and watch the parades as they went along The Mall. I'm very much looking forward to attending events for the Queen's 100th birthday. I wonder where the next bench will be placed!

Alec Broom writes:

I was born in Dalwood, the oldest of four children. In 1934 we moved to Shute to a house, Chaselands Farm, my father had built. I attended Axminster School. I remember the day war was announced. I was 13, flying my kite in one of the fields and had been told to be home by 11.00 to hear an important message by the prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, on the wireless. In 1943 my father sold Chaselands Farm and bought Kilmington Farm (now Koppers Care Home). My mother did most on the farm as my father was in the war reserves.

I didn't enjoy farming - the only beef I like is on my plate and my first job was with a film company. There was little TV but films were very important and made by the government to provide decoy material, especially involving planes and airports. At Millwey in Axminster there was an American base and hospital and I recall seeing hospital trains pass by. At the time, I was determined to join the airforce as aircrew but, by the time I came to join up, the end of the war was in sight and aircrew were no longer needed - I was a bit miffed! So I volunteered for the coal mines. On arrival in South Wales, there was a medical during which I stammered badly. I did not pass and I ended up in the Royal Engineers from 1945 to 1948, spending the three years in Palestine working on the military railway. When I was de-mobbed, I was "fitted out" which meant I was given a suit together with some cash. After the war, I returned to live on the farm here in Kilmington. I hoped to train at Cirencester College but, instead, drifted in to the building trade which I found I enjoyed so that is where my career grew.

I married Kitty in 1955; we had two children and one grandson. I built the house we live in today. At one time I employed 10 people. We built new houses and also renovated old ones and several bungalows in the village and surrounding area were built by us. In this village there have been many changes, the number of farms has dropped and farming methods have changed quite dramatically. The smaller shops have disappeared and the number of houses has increased. I retired when I was about 70 and enjoy spending time on hobbies such as steam engines and model engineering. I have been fortunate to have a wonderful wife and family.





GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE CELEBRATIONS

Five Kilmington residents (Richard Cater, Dorothy Davie, Sidney Fitzpatrick (standing) and the vicar Alec Broom, and Herman Anning (seated) who share the same birth year as Her Majesty The Queen

Sidney Fitzpatrick and his daughter Paula Heasman write:

My father remembers, as a schoolboy, turning out to greet the Queen’s father, King George VI, when he came to view building progress of the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. Many years later he met Prince Charles in Rio de Janeiro when he worked there.

Obviously, it is difficult to condense 90 years into a few sentences but, briefly, he was born and brought up in Liverpool, evacuated to North Wales, then returned to be bombed out. He joined the RAF for pilot training at the end of the war so didn’t complete the training. He was sent to Sylt on the North German Frisian islands where he met my mother, Ida, in the WAAF. Back in civvy street, he joined the London and Lancashire Insurance Company in Liverpool and then worked in Baghdad, Singapore, Malaysia and Brazil. He retired to Lewes, East Sussex, moved to South Petherton and, nearly five years ago, he and my mother moved to Kilmington. He is known as 'Fitz' derived from his family ‘Fitzpatrick’.



Richard Cater writes:

For those of us fortunate enough to be able to reflect on the past ninety years, our lives have run asymptotic with that of the Queen. I was born in Liverpool seven months after the Queen and just eight years after WW1, with all the emotional and economic consequences this had for our families. Also, in the same year the biggest economic crash in world markets happened, with consequent social turmoil, never to be repeated again. We were born into a world where the Empire still prevailed and was celebrated annually by a day in school when we were allowed to attend wearing our Cub Scout uniforms or similar.



Then came WW2, just 21 years after the end of the previous conflict. Once again, this changed our lives leaving memories of air raid shelters, gas masks and bombing of our cities throughout the UK. University for me was not an option and I started an Apprenticeship in

the Ship Yard at sixteen in 1942. The end of the Second World War in 1945 brought an end to the carnage but many things did not change, with rationing and food and fuel shortages. Coming down to London to a Consulting Engineers’ office required a Certificate from the Ministry of Labour and the need to report to the local Police Station with your Identity Card to record change of address. By 1950 life was returning to normal and the expression "You have never had it so good" said it all!

My wife and I met at the Polytechnic in London. In 1953, we were married and we had four children. When I retired we moved down to Devon and, in 2005, to Kilmington. On reflection, my wife, Pam, and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate for the life we have lived and the "lows and highs" of the past ninety years have given us a "basis" to experience both happiness and optimism over the years. In conclusion, we can only admire our Queen for her devotion to Nation and family, coping with life as we, who have experienced these ninety years, have had so to do.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND THE LOYAL TOAST IN THE VILLAGE HALL



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Letter from the Churches

If raising children was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labour!

Any readers who have children or grandchildren will know how rewarding it can be to be around children, but also how challenging.

We live in a society where our children and grandchildren have a wealth of material blessings that we ourselves may not have had. However, as one person said "What will today's younger generation tell their children they had to do "without"? A recent survey suggested that the average parent spends just 34 minutes with their children every day. Parents (and grandparents) can find that work, pressure and busyness get in the way.

So if the family doesn't invest in the children, who will? Schools and teachers do a great job, but that is just part of the week. The media, advertising and online input may be far more influential than we care to admit, and far less positively.

A child needs deliberate investment in time, care and human interaction if they are going to lead fulfilling and fruitful lives. That's why churches spend so much time and energies investing into the lives of young people, because they understand how difficult it is for families to juggle all the demands but want to help and encourage where possible. At The Beacon, we work hard to support both parents and children, and where possible, to help them spend quality time together. Our monthly Messy Sparklers event is one time where parents and children are helped to play, learn and eat together. Our weekly Toddlers and Tinies group does the same. Spectrum is the name of our weekly Youth Club for secondary school children who are starting on that tricky road to independence, but our team of leaders do all they can

to help and assist in that and have meaningful conversations that teens may be unwilling (at times) to have with their parents.

But here's a couple of suggestions for this summer. At The Beacon we will be running our successful Holiday Club for the fifth consecutive year for Primary School-age children on 1st – 5th August. A winning combination of games, quizzes, film and song enhances loads of learning and social opportunities that leave the children wanting more. There's even a BBQ for the parents to come and share in that fun at the end of the week.

Then on 5th August we welcome the LIV African Children's Choir. A riot of colour and song and dance from 18 orphaned children from South Africa who have been provided a place to call home and people to call "mama". Here are children who have not just known a lack of material things, but a lack of so much more because of harrowing situations. Yet they will raise a smile and a laugh for all who come to hear what a difference an adoptive family can make. (For more information on either of these events, go to www.beaconbaptist.co.uk)

Jesus says "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". I have a sneaking suspicion that even as he said this a toddler was swinging from his arm, another was squashing his nose and squawking in his ear, and yet another was sneezing snot all over him. Yes, being around children is not all plain sailing, but it is an investment that pays dividends of untold blessing.

Darrell Holmes

DEVON ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS 6 BELL MINOR FINAL

St Giles' Church had the honour of hosting the 6 Bell Minor Final on Saturday, 28th May. Ten teams from all over the Exeter Diocese took part. The afternoon commenced with a Service taken by Revd Simon Holloway with Margaret Hurford playing the organ for a congregation of over 80 ringers. Each team had to ring for a minimum of 15 minutes with 66 called changes. The winners were Stoke Gabriel and the novice team winners were Exeter St David's.

A sumptuous tea was provided at half time by Nancy Rowe and Alison Dare. The day ended with the presentation of certificates and a final flourish by those ringers who were not competing in the competition. The Association was very appreciative of the welcome and cooperation they received from the St Giles' team and all the ringers thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Roger Lovegrove

VICAR'S SURGERY

The Revd Simon Holloway will be available in St Giles' Church on Friday, 1st July from 2.00 – 4.00 pm for anyone wishing to see him for advice or to discuss any problems. If you would prefer a home visit or want to make a specific appointment in advance, please telephone him on 01297 35433

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

ST GILES CHURCH FETE

The St Giles' Church annual fête will be held in the Village Hall and its surrounds on Saturday, 16th July, doors open at 2.30 pm. There will be many stalls with games and activities for children. Refreshments will include cream teas etc. Please support this very social event when all profit will go to Church funds, so necessary to keep our Parish Church active on practically every day of the week.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

SONGS OF PRAISE

A music group, led by Margaret Hurford, will lead the annual Songs of Praise in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday, 3rd July at 3.00 pm. Ten popular hymns will be introduced by members of the congregation and we are hoping for good support to enjoy them. Everyone in the Village is welcome with family and friends, and refreshments will be served afterwards. In the event of inclement weather the Village Hall will be used.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

THANKS TO FLOWER ARRANGERS

We would like to express our huge gratitude to all the flower arrangers who helped to make the St Giles' Church Flower Festival such a great success over the weekend of June 3rd – 5th. We are conscious of the enormous amount of time and effort expended in creating the magnificent displays representing the Saints which resulted in so many compliments from the visitors. We shall be compiling an album to record the event and will let you know when it is available in the Church. Meanwhile, thank you again for the wonderful support and spirit which was evident throughout all the preparations.

Coral Dunmow
Caroline Lavender

ST GILES CHURCH HISTORY

Mike Tyler has kindly been researching the history of St Giles' Church for several months, paying visits to the Exeter Diocese Offices and Exeter Records Office as well as other possible sources of information. The aim, which has been approved by the KPCC, is to provide a more comprehensive and authoritative document to those compiled by General Elliott and Brigadier Carter. He would like to borrow any documents, records or photographs relating to our Parish Church to add to the record. Some of our older residents in particular might be able to help. Please contact him on 01297 34958 or me on 01297 34922 if you have anything that might be of interest or relevant.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

LYME REGIS SHANTY SINGERS

While the concert by the Lyme Regis Shanty Singers on the evening of Saturday, 4th July in the church was not very well supported, the 18 singers under the direction of Penny Dunscombe provided a very entertaining performance with much audience participation, and they mixed with the audience over drinks in the interval.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

AN INVITATION FROM ST GILES' CHURCH KILMINGTON



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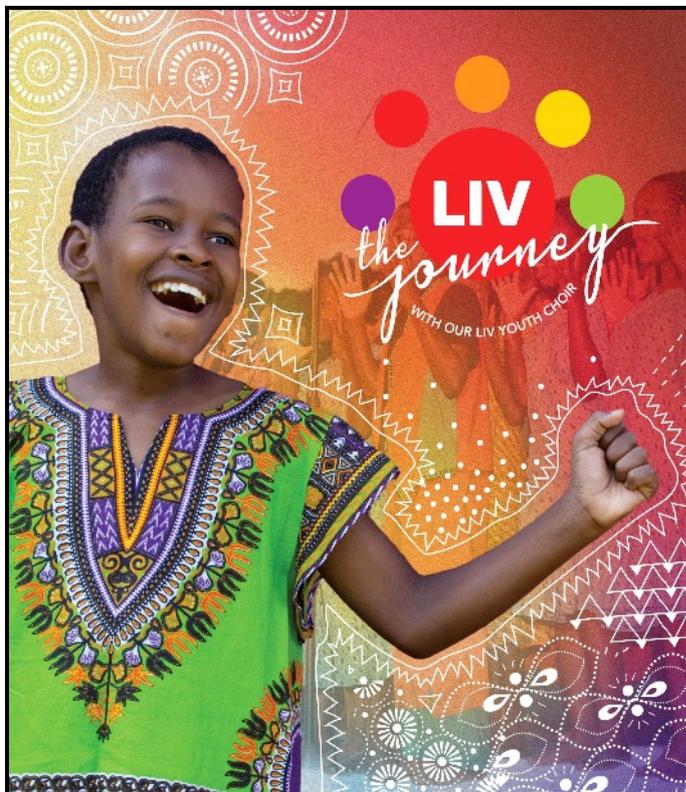
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Over the next few weeks we have some really exciting themes and activities planned for the children.

models out of playdough!! We are also making the most of the warmer weather and spending a lot of time out in our outdoor area.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to our twelve rising 5 year-olds who are all off to Kilmington Primary in September. We wish them all well!

We've started this half term with exploring bugs!! The children have loved going on bug hunts and making some fantastic bug



We have a good number of children on the register for September and we look forward to welcoming new faces!

If you are able to help our pre-school by joining the committee then please do get in contact!!

Carly Dare
Pre-school Assistant

MESSY SPARKLERS



We were able to dodge the showers this month and position some of our activities in our secure outside area. Scott Spenser, our Youth & Community Worker, didn't get quite so covered in shaving foam as he has done in the past! Our nostrils were tantalised by the water tray containing orange and lemon slices and by strawberry scented red sparkly Playdough.

Our story was about the occasion when a father came to ask Jesus to heal his sick daughter, so we had a couple of Father's Day activities including making a super hero card using both a painted foot and hand print. There was also a home corner, a doctors' area and various small world people toys available in the main hall.

Sylvia Newbury had made delicious dairy free cookies for the children to enjoy on arrival, together with a range of

fruit. After the story and song time our ladies in the kitchen did their normal outstanding job of feeding over 50 of us with a range of finger foods.

The next Messy Sparklers will be held on Tuesday, 12th July at The Beacon, home of The Baptist Church, Kilmington. We meet from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm including a finger food lunch. A contribution of £2 for the first child, plus £1 each for additional children, covers all of the activities plus lunch for both children and their parents/carers.

From September we may be changing to the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please check the September issue of postscript for details.



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Down the garden path

It's a sunny day in mid-June and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to take you for a stroll round the garden. We will ignore the weeds: they'll still be there tomorrow.

In the front garden, flanking the drive are two shady areas, totally different. Centre right is the giant Atlantic blue cedar, almost as tall as the roadside oaks and broad enough to shelter the whole bed from the benevolent rain. In this area I have learned the hard way which plants will tolerate dry shade and today there is a carpet of dicentra, vinca, tiarella and epimedium at the feet of pink and red rhododendrons, a crinodendron and a golden acer catching the sunlight. On the other side the trees are deciduous and younger, a circle of magnolias, sorbus, acers and a judas tree around a shady lawn, with weigelas, choisyas, spriaeas and potentillas in full flower, hostas, heucheras and pulmonarias adding variety of shape and colour.

Following the grassy path between shrubs edged with pink geranium *macrorrhizum* (a thug but smells lovely!), on reaching the open garden our attention is drawn towards the fields and hills beyond. That is most fortuitous at this time of year as the large bed facing us on the right is a study in shades of green, the hydrangeas waiting until high summer to take centre stage. It's worth crossing the grass to the long border opposite where poppies are bursting out of their tight

fitting corsets into wonderful splashes of colour – white, pink, plum and scarlet, from knee-high to over my head, vying for attention with white and yellow irises and the dark dissected leaves of the cultivated elder 'Black Lace'. On the field border, blue brunneras and purple heucheras fight for elbow room, and beyond them yellow grasses and golden euonymus light up an otherwise dark corner. Past compost heaps and raised beds, stopping only to inspect the strawberries, past the greenhouse and the cotoneaster hedge alive with hundreds of bees, follow me onto the terrace and take a seat. Flowers are everywhere: in the herb beds thyme and alliums; in the gravel *Geranium palmatum*; randomly self-seeded in pots of eucomis, phormium and zigadenus are spikes of purple orchids; in the sunken garden dieramas and gladioli, and on the pergola overhead honeysuckle, clematis and a shower of yellow roses. Just the place to end the day. Time to hang up the tools. Time also to put down my gardening pen. For the past ten years I have led you down my garden path – thank you for coming with me.

Plant of the month: *Crinodendron hookerianum*, the Chilean lantern tree, an evergreen shrub with shiny dark leaves and masses of bright red lantern-shaped flowers in early summer. Happy in shade but does require neutral to acid soil. Slow growing to 5-6 metres, frost hardy. There are some stunning specimens in Kilmington.

Acantha

KGC Meeting 10th June: Bowden's Hostas – Peter Savage

For their exhibit at last month's Chelsea Flower Show, Bowden's displayed their hostas around a luxury coach from a Pullman train; for Kilmington Gardening Club the plants were on display but members had to be content with a video clip of the medal-winning Chelsea stand. Peter Savage introduced the firm of Bowden's Hostas, giving the history of how it came into being, flourished under two consecutive owners, and won acclaim with many gold medals at Chelsea and a Royal Warrant. Peter has worked at Bowden's for twelve years and knows a thing or two about hostas. He told of how he used spent compost from the nursery for mulch in his own garden, only to find that whereas our garden compost tends to grow an assortment of weeds, his grew hostas in all varieties. Hostas, he told us, came from the Far East and have been in Europe since the 18th century. They were officially classified as hostas in 1812, named after an Austrian botanist named Host. They are hardy perennials with 45-55 species and over 7,500 registered hybrids, developed mainly from species native to Japan. Renowned for their low maintenance, they are widely used in public gardens, especially in America.

Peter illustrated all the good points of hostas, starting with the range of size from miniature at 8cm diameter, through small, medium and large to giant which could grow to over a metre tall and almost two metres in diameter. Using superb photographs, he showed the variations in leaf shape and colour, greens, yellows and blues, plain and variegated. Not all hostas require shade: Devon Cream for instance is happy

in full sun, and variegated leaves require some sunlight to retain the variegation. The one essential requirement is a cold rest in winter; hostas will not grow in the tropics. All locations are suitable – containers, mixed borders, woodland and streamside and although they like damp places, they do not like their roots in water. Propagation is easy – take a clean spade and slice the clump into pieces. There were some bad points, he conceded, illustrating occasional reversion of colour, rare damage from virus, possible infestation by vine weevil and, inevitably, widespread damage by slugs and snails. Peter had an answer for all these problems: cut out the reversion growths down to the rhizome; burn any virus-infected plants; use chemical insecticide for vine weevil, and slug pellets (used precisely as advised on the container) for snails. Some hostas are more resistant to slugs and snails, especially those with 'seersucker' leaves. Before rounding off his talk with a list of some recommended varieties, Peter put the names of everyone in the audience into a hat and drew out one as the lucky recipient of a prize Bowden's hosta. All members went home clutching a 2016 catalogue, some of them no doubt planning a trip to the nursery at Sticklepath, near Okehampton.

Sydie Bones

Friday 15th July: Building a Border – Dinah Lindon-Critchley

NEWS FROM KILMINGTON LIBRARY

With summer here at last and many of us planning holidays away or just taking time off to relax at home, it's a great time to catch up on some summer reading. Unlike a library, our telephone box on Jubilee Green is free for anyone to use and there is no limit to the number of books you can take out. There are also no fines, so when you've finished reading, you can either return your books or just pass them on to a friend.



If you can persuade your kids to donate any of their books, it would be appreciated as we would like to restock the children's section ready for the school holidays.

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FIVE ALIVE OIL

The May order of 16,000 litres attracted a price of 29.65ppl. Since then, prices have risen slightly to \$52.35 a barrel which equates to a domestic fuel oil price of 33.10ppl.

I am now inviting members to submit their July orders by the deadline of the 25th by requesting either a specific amount or, if ordering a top up, then submit an estimated amount with a minimum order of 500 litres.

Colin Stewart
cogstewart@aol.com
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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 29.

	1			5			8	
2	8		6		3		4	1
		3	1		8	2		
	6	1				8	2	
9								4
	3	4				6	7	
		6	2		9	4		
3	4		7		6		1	2
	9			1			6	

W.I. REPORT

Apologies were received from Kathy, then Joy introduced the speaker, John Lowe, who told us of his research into what happened to a Hamden bomber in which all crew members died on March 21st /22nd 1941. It was a very emotional story; the plane had not crashed into high ground as supposed for many years but had a forced landing on Hameldown on Dartmoor. The pilot was found alive but died a couple of days later - time for his mother to see him. The talk had taken a great deal of research involving several RAF stations and geophysical surveys. Mary thanked John for his very interesting talk.

We had six visitors at the meeting and enjoyed tea and cake after the talk.

Outings were discussed: tea at North Bovey and a visit to Darts Farm were suggested. Barbara will find out about availability of coaches.

The competition was won by Phyllis and the flower competition by Christine with Joy and Phyllis joint second.

Next month on July 14th : Mark McGlade's talk is entitled *Home Instead, Senior Care* and is at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Margaret Andrews

MALCOLM BETTISON

1958 - 2016



It is with much sadness that I have to pass on the news that the former Head Teacher of Kilmington Primary School died at the end of May after a short illness.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was Head from 1989 until 2015 and saw the school grow out of all recognition in his time there. He also took part in many activities in the village including the Kilmington Players.

Valerie

ST GILES CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL AND KILMINGTON EXHIBITION 2016



The Flower Festival Evensong on the Sunday, led by the Revd Simon Holloway, was very well attended with the flower arrangers themselves as the special guests who enjoyed drinks afterwards. Some £850 was raised over the weekend in the donation carboys which went to St Giles Church while the profit of £164.21 from the concert was divided between the Village Hall and Church. A total of £1642 was raised at the Exhibition which included the refreshment profits also organised by Caroline Lavender. All together, the Church benefitted by £1751 and the Village Hall by £901. While a great deal of effort by very many people was expended, it was clear from the compliments received that the visitors were very impressed and had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A very enjoyable and successful long weekend was held over the period 2-5 June after months of planning, organisation and hard work.

Pauline Horwood and Diana Church were the masterminds for the Exhibition of arts, crafts and photographs in the Village Hall, and some very talented exhibits were on display, opened by Julian Shaw at a Preview Evening on 2nd June. Meanwhile, flower arrangers from all five parishes together with some local guest arrangers gathered to assemble their floral interpretations of 24 Saints on the 1st and 2nd June which were opened for viewing over the Friday to Sunday. Coral Dunmow and Caroline Lavender coordinated the Flower Festival and hundreds of visitors made complimentary remarks about the creativity shown in the beautiful displays. Mary Jarvis, Anna Crabbe and Tina McKenna with Caroline Nunns provided musical entertainment on each of the days.

Brian Lavender



KILMINGTON KITCHEN



We shall soon be inundated, we hope, with tomatoes and courgettes so the following two recipes may well come in useful.

ROASTED TOMATO TART WITH DOUBLE-CHEESE CRUST

Serves 4

- 2 medium onions, sliced
- 1 tbsp butter
- olive oil for drizzling
- 1tsp sugar, plus a pinch
- 1 thyme sprig leaves stripped plus an extra sprig
- 3 sage leaves, finely chopped
- 45g fresh breadcrumbs
- 25g grated parmesan, plus extra for sprinkling
- 250g tomatoes (a mix of varieties looks good), thickly sliced



FOR THE PASTRY

- 150g plain flour
- 50g cold butter, cubed
- 45g mature cheddar cubed
- ½ tsp salt
- 1tbsp grated parmesan
- ½ beaten egg

1. To make the pastry put the flour, butter, cheeses and salt in a food processor. Pulse a few times until the butter and cheese are in smaller pieces. Add beaten egg slowly until it comes together into a rough ball. Wrap in cling film and chill for 1 hour.
2. In a pan over a low heat gently soften the onions in the butter and a drizzle of olive oil. Stir in the sugar, thyme and sage, turn up the heat and cook for a few minutes until golden and sticky. Season and set aside to cool a little.
3. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Dust a big baking sheet with flour, then roll out the pastry to a rough circle a little more than 0.5cm thick. Mix the onions with the breadcrumbs and parmesan.
4. Leaving a good 5cm border all the way round, spread the onion mixture over the base, then arrange the tomatoes on top. Hand-roll and pinch the pastry edges up around the filling, pressing firmly to hold. Scatter over more thyme, plenty of seasoning, grated parmesan, and a pinch of sugar. *Can now be covered and chilled for up to 12 hours.*
5. Drizzle with a little olive oil and bake for 25 mins until pastry is crisp and golden.

BACON, PEA & BASIL MACARONI

Serves 4

- 6 rashers streaky bacon, chopped
- 2 leeks, finely sliced into rings
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 140g frozen peas
- 400g macaroni
- 200g pack soft cheese
- 85g mature cheddar, grated
- 1tsp English mustard
- small bunch basil, shredded



1. Fry the bacon and leeks in the oil for 10 mins until the bacon is golden and the leeks are soft. Tip in the peas and heat through. Meanwhile, boil the pasta and heat the grill to high.
2. Reserve 150ml of the cooking water before you drain the pasta. Add the water, soft cheese, half the grated cheese and the mustard to the pan with the veg. Stir until the cheese melts into a creamy sauce. Stir in most of the basil and the pasta, then scatter with the rest of the cheese. Grill for 2-3 mins until the cheese melts. Scatter with basil to serve.

Margaret Astbury

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS

The repairs to the Cudmore Room structure, the installation of new UPVC windows and external cladding of woodwork has now been completed. We are extremely grateful for the grants and donations from EDDC Community Building Fund, Kilmington Parish Council, Axe Valley Festival and the Village Hall 100 Club which enabled us to carry out the work and ensure that this area of the Hall is now safe and secure for the future.

We would also like to thank those groups using the Hall for their patience while the work was carried out.

Diana Church

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
23rd June 2016

M Astbury	£25	D Lavender	£5
BJ Lewis	£10	B Harden	£5
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KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is well under way with a third of the league season completed. The first eleven has recorded good wins against Barnstaple and Uplyme/Lyme Regis but losses against Feniton, Axminster and Seaton. The match against Clyst Hydon was rained off completely, leaving them in mid table of the league. The current league table is below.

The second eleven has made a good start to the season recording wins against Kentisbeare, Exmouth, Axminster and North Devon but they lost to Uplyme/Lyme Regis with the game against Clyst Hydon rained off completely. The current league table is below.

I hope to report on future successes in next month's Postscript.

David Lavender, Secretary

	1 st XI	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Cancelled/ Abandoned	Points
1	Seaton	6	4	0		2	92
2	Feniton	6	3	1		2	80
3	Cullompton	6	2	1		3	79
4	Countess Wear	6	3	2		1	72
5	Uplyme/Lyme Regis	6	2	3		1	70
6	Kilminster	6	2	3		1	65
7	Axminster	6	2	3		1	62
8	Filleigh	6	1	3		2	59
9	Clyst Hydon	6	1	3		2	58
10	Barnstaple	6	1	3		2	56

	2 nd XI	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Cancelled/ Abandoned	Points
1	Honiton	6	3	0		3	94
2	Clyst Hydon	6	3	1		2	90
3	Kilminster	6	4	1		1	85
4	Exmouth	6	3	2		1	77
5	Kentisbeare	6	2	2		2	68
6	Uplyme/Lyme Regis	6	3	1		2	63
7	Countess Wear	6	1	3		2	60
8	Halberton	6	1	3		2	50
9	North Devon	6	1	4		1	48
10	Axminster	6	0	4		2	17

FIXTURES FOR JULY 2016

		1 st XI						2 nd XI		
Sat	2nd	Countess Wear	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	2nd	Countess Wear	1.30 pm	H
Sun	3rd	Wye Rustics		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	9th	Barnstaple and Pilton	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	9th	Kentisbeare	1.30 pm	A
Sun	10th	Nynehead		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	16th	Feniton	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	16th	Exmouth 3 rd XI	1.30 pm	H
Sun	17th	<i>Ryan Walker Trophy</i>		11.00 am	H					
Mon	18th	Tiffintits		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	23rd	Clyst Hydon	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	23rd	Clyst Hydon	1.30 pm	A
Sun	24th	Les Erbs		2.30 pm	H					
Mon	25th	Four Counties Nondescripts		2.00 pm	H					
Tues	26th	Southall		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	30th	Axminster	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	30th	Axminster	1.30 pm	H
Sun	31st	Seaton		2.30 pm	A					

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST 2016

		1 st XI						2 nd XI		
Thur	4th	Sou'westers		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	6th	Seaton	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	6th	North Devon 3 rd XI	1.30 pm	A
Sun	7th	Ottery St Mary		2.30 pm	A					
Wed	10th	Uganda Kobs		2.30 pm	H					
Thur	11th	Spar Ramblers		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	13th	Uplyme and Lyme Regis	DL	1.00 pm	A	Sat	13th	Uplyme and Lyme Regis	1.00 pm	H
Sun	14th	Blacksmiths and Artisans		2.00 pm	H					
Sat	20th	Filleigh	DL	1.00 pm	H	Sat	20th	Halberton/Sandford Peverall	1.00 pm	A
Sun	21st	TBA								
Mon	22nd	Old Haberdashers		2.00 pm	H					
Sat	27th	Cullompton	DL	1.00 pm	A	Sat	27th	Honiton	1.00 pm	H
Mon	29th	<i>Whiteway Cup Final, Whimble</i>		11.00 am	tba					

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

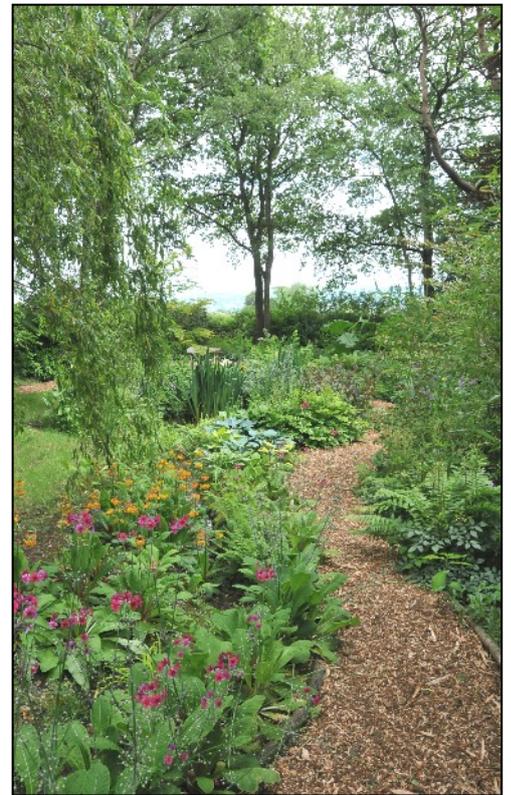


18th and 19th June

After a good Saturday, the rain, understandably, deterred many visitors on the Sunday afternoon. A total of £811 was sent to the NGS which will benefit many cancer and other charities. Ladies from St Giles' Church raised £230 from tea sales.

On behalf of Breach and Spinney Two thank you for visiting our gardens.

Paul and Celia Dunsford
BJ Lewis and Judith Chapman



NATURE NOTES

*Now summer is in flower and natures hum
Is never silent round her sultry bloom*

Half the year has passed us by, the days are already growing shorter, yet we all tend to think of summer as July and August. The Anglo-Saxons, who were much to the point, called the hay making month of July 'Haymonath' and August was 'Weod Monath'. Yes, you've guessed. The month that the weeds grow the most. Well, I think they got that wrong when I look at our garden!

Things certainly took off last month and the countryside was a hive of activity. We saw an incredible amount of blossom, much to the delight of the bees and other insects. Let's hope we soon have fruit, berries and nuts in abundance in our trees and hedgerows. The highlight for us is the birds which, if you take a little time to sit, watch and listen, just fill the day. Most now have young, so are desperately trying to feed them. Watching their flight paths with beaks full of food gives away the nest locations and, carefully lurking nearby, you can sometimes hear their young calling for food. Nests in our garden alone are: three blackbirds, one great tit, at least one robin, one house martin and several sparrows. Two bird boxes have sparrows and the one with the camera has three young that we can just make out through the nest material with which the lodgers covered the lens!



Rook Harassing a Buzzard

Our greatest concern, looking out at the bird life, is the increase and spread of rooks and jackdaws in the last couple of years. They have expanded their territory and now literally rule the roost. When we put out food they devour it, seeing off the smaller birds or leaving none for them. One of our blackbird nests was mobbed and destroyed, the eggs or young eaten. Also we see rooks regularly attacking buzzards. I'm not aware of any natural predators of jackdaws or rooks; they have an average lifespan of around 6 years. Laying from three to nine eggs, I guess their dominance will continue! I just hope they don't severely reduce the numbers of our other wild birds in Kilmington.

It's always great to get some reader feedback and one of our readers, Angus, has accused me of hogging all the sparrows! He tells me they and their neighbours rarely see one in the Whitehayes part of the village but they do have loads of finches. After asking last month if anyone had seen any hedgehogs, I saw one a week later, sadly squashed on the A35. More positively, Val one of our Postscript team, tells me they have at least two visiting their garden regularly, so there are some in the village.

I was clearing some geraniums the other day and right in the middle of one clump I found a Bumblebee nest. Anxious not to destroy it I gently lifted it, being careful not to tip it up and spill the nectar pots inside. I placed it just a foot or so away so it would be found by the foraging bees and then placed a terracotta pot over it – the holes in the base provide ideal



Bumblebee Nest

access. Bumblebee nests can be as small as 50, with the biggest well established nest up to around 400; much smaller than those of the honey bee that house around 50,000 bees in the summer. Bumblebee nests don't live for long, dying naturally within a few months. After that time, the new queens will have flown from the nest to hibernate somewhere over winter before starting the next generation the following spring. There is no real justification for destroying bumblebee colonies, they are not aggressive and will only sting if their life is threatened. Also they do not

swarm. Mostly, they go unnoticed, but the small inconvenience as a result of the position of a nest is more than repaid by the immense value of these insects as pollinators of many wild and cultivated plants. Bumblebees are just one of the three types of bee we find in the UK.



Bumblebee Nest under the Pot

There are also Solitary bees who, as their name suggests, live solitary lives and of course the Honey bee which lives in large colonies and is farmed.

For me, the sound of buzzing bees and birdsong is what makes summer, aside from the wonderful sunshine of course!

Peter

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ART EXHIBITION

Barbara Whiteley is pleased to announce her second solo exhibition at the Arts Cafe, Axminster, from Monday, July 4th until Saturday, 30th of July.

Barbara is well known for her vibrant still life paintings and organic and unusual bone sculptures.

Barbara finds beauty in the everyday objects, in things we take for granted - the flow of a vase, the shape of a flower, trying to capture the essence, not the exact true representation. Colour, shape, form and design play their part, bringing a freshness to the viewer.

Since completing her Fine Art Degree in 2009 at Taunton, Barbara meets with a group of artists called 'Artists in Residence' each Friday painting still life.

Barbara has exhibited work in various galleries, including the Thelma Hulbert Gallery Honiton, the Marle Gallery Axminster, Ilminster Art Centre, and local art societies.

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VILLAGE HALL AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on April 26th in The Cudmore Room, recently returned to normal, after major repair work to rotten wooden supports and the fitting of new double glazed windows.

The minutes from the meeting can now be read on the Kilmington Web site.

The committee was elected en bloc and we would like to thank everyone who gave us their support. I would like to stress once again that we would always welcome anyone who would be interested in joining our committee. New ideas are essential.

Thanks were expressed to our two reliable cleaners and also to John Watts and Angus Falconer who organise two vital fundraising enterprises; our monthly film nights and The 100 Club. We need more people to take part in both so, if you wish to find out more, please do contact John about the films and Angus would love to add some more names to his monthly draws! The Hall is just over 30 years old now and we are continually having to face repair bills.

I must also thank our regular hall users who help us keep it in good condition and to everyone who assisted with the annual spring clean.

Finally, I must thank everyone who helped to make last weekend's Art, Craft and Photography Exhibition such a success. Pauline Horwood, our Treasurer, was responsible for most of the organisation and I am so grateful to Pauline and her husband who worked tirelessly to make everything happen so smoothly. Thank you both so much.

Diana Church

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council AGM

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on 17th May, all the existing officers were re-elected with the exception of our Emergency Planning Consultant. After many years Brian Lavender wished to stand down from this post. We would like to thank him for putting together our emergency plan and this position is now taken over by Councillor Stafford Seward.

Village Benches

We have several benches placed around the village but two of them need replacing because they are falling into disrepair. The two benches concerned are: one on Jubilee Green and the other at the bottom of The Common. If they disappear do not worry as they will be replaced as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 9th August 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion

Michael Collier, Chairman

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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB: VISIT TO TYNTESFIELD

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Standing in excess of 500 acres, this vibrant Gothic Revival Victorian extravaganza was the brainchild of William Gibbs (1790-1875). William was the Richard Branson of his day and made a fortune, trading with Peru. Gibbs exported West Country wool to that country and his ships returned to the UK laden with Guano (calcified sea bird droppings used as an agricultural fertiliser). The expression “where there’s muck, there’s brass” springs to mind! William became one of the richest men in England and as a result he was able to finance the reconstruction of Tyntesfield as a country home for his large Victorian family of seven children and eighteen grandchildren.

After four generations of the Gibbs family, spanning 200 years, the direct male succession ended. The estate was put up for sale and was eventually purchased by the National Trust in 2002. It was rumoured that several celebrities were interested including Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber and Kylie



Minogue! There was so much to see in the house, in particular the beautiful library regarded as the most important gentleman’s library belonging to the National Trust. I think everyone agreed that another visit was necessary.

In the afternoon we divided into groups for a guided tour of the gardens, managed by seven full-time gardeners and fifteen volunteers. Our guide Graham told us that Chris Beardshaw has been engaged to re-design the rose garden and rockery because of damage by deer. Not only is Kilmington affected by

Japanese Knotweed, it has taken ten years to eradicate this invasive plant at Tyntesfield. Wandering through avenues of yew and laurel, some of the nine champion trees were pointed out. We ended up at the immaculate three quarters of an acre walled vegetable garden.

In the past our visits to National Trust properties seem to have been seamless but unfortunately there were quite a few niggles at Tyntesfield but on the whole everyone enjoyed the day out in warm sunshine.

Stephanie Hathaway

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Following their recent success in the All-England Theatre Festival of One-Act Plays with 'The Ladybirds,' Colyton Theatre Group is now preparing for their summer production, which will be directed by Jeff Hutchinson:

'Entertaining Angels' by Richard Everett,

A warm, glowing, serious play, filled with sharp-edged comedy and probing wit.

Clergy wife Grace (award winning, Tish Wells), has spent a lifetime on her best behaviour. Now, following the death of her husband Bardolph (David Clarke), she is enjoying the new-found freedom to do and say exactly as she pleases. But when her missionary sister, Ruth (Sue Whitell), comes home to lend support, their old sisterly dynamics and rivalries soon come to the fore.

The dazzling cast: Tish and Sue, with Steph Letten worked together on 'The Ladybirds' are joined by veteran of local theatre, David Clarke, and by Debbie Trott, who is making a welcome return to the boards in Colyton.

'Entertaining Angels' deals with family secrets and lies and provides a comic mask for the serious issues of relationships, communication and compromise with astute, dry delivery. A wonderful production, not to be missed.

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St. Michael's Church, Shute, reinforced its reputation as a centre for the arts on May 19th when it hosted an enchanting group of young professional musicians for 'Concerts in the West', for the fourth year running. *Repicco and Friends*, just returned from performing at the Göttingen International Handel Festival, treated their audience to a delightful programme of 17th and 18th century music played on instruments of the period.

Elisabeth Miller

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Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual outing to Portsmouth this year owing to increased transport costs. We apologise to all those who were looking forward to an exciting and splendid day out. However, we will endeavour to look for a more cost effective event next year.

As we go to press, Kilmington RBL continues to be a thriving organisation although, sadly recently, we have lost some members and our thoughts go out to all their families. Please remember the RBL is here to help and if you require assistance please don't hesitate to contact your Shepherd or any other member of the committee.

Future events: we look forward to seeing you all at our Annual BBQ on Friday, 1st July at Fernwood, where we can enjoy a relaxed and fun evening. "Work is already in hand to guarantee the weather, although I am unable to divulge who is responsible."

Our next get-together after the BBQ will be in the Old Inn on Friday, 5th August at 6.00 pm. These evenings are becoming increasingly popular and provide a great opportunity to welcome new members as well as update on all essential matters of state relating to Kilmington! Or so I am informed.

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be in the New Inn (not the skittle alley) at 5.00 pm on Friday, 2nd September; followed by congenial conversation and partaking of refreshments (watch for the flyers). On Saturday, 17th September we will host a WW1 commemoration evening in the Village Hall, so save the date, Shepherds will have details shortly.

The Annual Lecture is programmed for Friday, 7th October and work is in progress to provide a speaker for the evening (more information to follow).

Lastly, a quick plea on behalf of our organisation. Peter Huscroft, who has been our treasurer for many years, is standing down. Peter has been an incredible supporter and done a sterling job for which we are incredibly grateful; however, it does leave a gap and we are actively seeking a replacement; if you can spare four to five hours a month and want to help, please contact either Roger Lovegrove, or myself. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Staff Seward, Chairman Kilmington RBL



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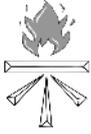
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Fri	1st	2.0-4.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Vicar's Surgery
	1st	6.00 pm	Fernwood Farm	Royal British Legion BBQ
Sun	3rd	10.30 am	The Beacon	366 th Church Anniversary Gift Day Service
	3rd	3.00 pm	Vicarage Garden	St Giles' Church Songs of Praise
	3rd	4.00 pm	Loughwood Meeting House	Service led by Revds Peter & Kathryn Morgan
	3rd	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of FORCE
Mon	4th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Sat	9th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	10th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	10th	1.30-5.00 pm	Breach, off Shute Road	Garden open for Hospiscare. Tea and cake
Tues	12th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
	12th	10.30 pm	The Beacon	Messy Church
	12th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting re: 'Neighbourhood Plan'
Wed - Sat	13th - 16th	7.30 pm	Colyton Town Hall	Colyton Theatre Group presents: <i>Entertaining Angels</i>
Thurs	14th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	W.I: 'Home Instead - Senior Care' - Mark McGlade
Fri	15th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC: <i>Building a Border</i> - Dinah Lindon-Critchley
Sat	16th	2.00 - 5.00 pm	Little Hampton	Cream Tea in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance
	16th	2.30 pm	Village Hall	St Giles' Church Annual Fete
Sun	17th	11.00 am	Yarcombe Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Mon	18th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	19th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Wed	20th	3.00 - 5.00 pm	The Beacon	Repair Cafe
Sun	24th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	24th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Sat	30th	1.00 pm	Playing Field and Village Hall	Kilmington Fayre and Flower Show
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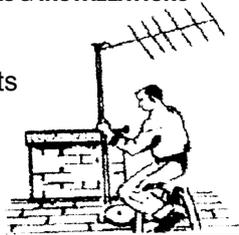
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DATES FOR AUGUST 2016

Mon	1st	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Mon - Fri	1st - 5th	10.00 am-12.45 pm	The Beacon	Children's Holiday Club
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
	5th	7.30 pm	The Beacon	LIV Children's Choir
Sat	6th	2.00 pm	The New Inn	Garden Party
Sun	7th	10.30 am	The Beacon	All-age Service
	7th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Tues	9th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	13th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	14th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
Mon	15th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	16th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
Fri	19th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC: <i>Quiz</i>
Sun	21st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship with Baptism
	21st	3.00 pm	Shute Church	Concert: <i>'Harmony Summer'</i>
Sun	28th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	28th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	28th	2.00 pm	Smeatharpe Airfield	Honiton Hill Rally Service
	28th	4.00 pm	Loughwood Meeting House	Bank Holiday Service
Tues	30th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling

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	6.00 pm	The Beacon	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Craft Club - <i>Crafty Knit and Natter</i>
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	The Beacon	Spectrum Youth Club
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome
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