

KILMINGTON

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EDITORIAL

The coronation of King Charles has attracted considerable coverage elsewhere, so we have concentrated on the celebrations in Kilmington, starting with our young royals on the front cover, wearing their hand-made crowns at the parish picnic on the only fine day. For the rest of the four-day weekend the flags and bunting dripped, the watercourses gushed alongside and sometimes over the lanes, but people who had come to enjoy themselves were determined to do so. There were flowers on the picnic tables on Sunday and on Monday many people turned out again, in the rain again, for the litter pick around the village. No real royals visited Kilmington this time but Elana, from Kilmington, visited them in March for a garden party at Buckingham Palace and tells us how that came about and how much she enjoyed it.

This month's Postscript is not all about the coronation. We have reports from the bellringers who hosted the quarterly meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, from the Gardening Club about their plant market, their trip to Arlington Court and their talk about Little Latch, and from Juletta who, as well as devising exciting activities for the Messy Sparklers, has sent us a notice about the popular Summer Holiday Club which will take place at the Baptist Church in August. We can also look ahead to the Community Cinema's next film, to the RBL's Great Family BBQ, to the next KGC talk about being friendly with bees, and to a 'Go Wild on the Common' event, where naturalists of all ages are invited to come and look for the wildlife which the habitat improvement has attracted and to enjoy a mini-beast safari.

Our Parish Council's four new members replace the four who have left, so there was no need for an election. Postscript has photos of all the councillors so that we can know who they are and which responsibilities they hold. The report of the Annual Parish Meeting summarises the progress made with the Neighbourhood Plan and Highways developments over the last year. Discover a new meaning for 'Severance'. It sounds like excellent news!

Many years ago there were plimsolls – canvas shoes with rubber soles, worn by most schoolchildren for gym and games. Practical, not glamorous. Since then they have morphed into 'trainers' - fashionable, ubiquitous, must-have, designer articles, which are causing planet-wide disposal problems. Plastic-free Axminster will tell you all about it.

Lastly, we congratulate Jeanette Porter who has raised money by sponsored walking to thank the ELF charity for helping her with transport to hospital and now sends thanks to all those who supported her in this challenging project.

Janfryd

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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN KILMINGTON

Over the Coronation weekend of King Charles III, Kilmington Residents once again stepped up to show their patriotism, and their enjoyment for a community get-together! The bunting and union flags came out to decorate the village, making it look splendid in the Spring sunshine. However, it was touch and go at times whether the outside celebrations would be rained off. St Giles' Church was decorated with very attractive flower displays, thanks to Jenny Nickolls and her team.

THE CORONATION CEREMONY

Our thanks to Mike Hudson and his team at the Beacon who provided the opportunity for us to come together and watch the television broadcast of The Coronation ceremony on their big screen. This celebration was well attended by some of those who may otherwise have been alone. They collectively shared the experience and the wonderful refreshments provided, creating a truly memorable event. During the afternoon, church bells rang out over Kilmington as our bell ringers, captained by Celia, performed a very traditional tribute to the newly-crowned King.

FAMILY CORONATION DISCO

Saturday evening again gave us another excuse to get together, but this time with some music - for those who wanted to shake a leg. It was great to see so many young children playing together in the Village Hall, although most preferred running to dance! They also enjoyed the BBQ and chips, provided by Stafford and Di, before they left for bed having suitably tired themselves out! The adults didn't seem to want to do much dancing either (or running for that matter) and were very content to pass the warm evening away, chatting and drinking. Thanks to John and Jenny, our trusty bartenders, the music and lights providing a great background to a what was a very pleasant evening.

CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE

On Sunday morning our St Giles' church service, attended by over eighty parishioners from the five churches in the Mission Community, was led by the Venerable Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter, who took 'service to others' as his theme and handed out gifts to symbolise the contributions made to the local community by some of its members. King Charles had been presented with orb, ring and sword. At St Giles' the gifts included rubber gloves, pasta, a packet of seeds and a trowel. Our thanks to Anna Crabbe for identifying appropriate recipients and to the Archdeacon's wife Catherine who helped to provide the Children's Coronation Trail which was laid out over the Church grounds. For anyone who didn't solve the puzzle, the mystery word was 'majesty'.

THE BIG PICNIC

During the afternoon the weather stayed warm and many families turned out to The Big Picnic. Chris and Ollie entertained the audience with a lively selection of popular hits. The children had some races and a treasure hunt, organised by Gemma and Dan, before the judging of the competition for Best Crown. The winners received chocolates before there were free ice creams for all. Then as the afternoon came to an end, the sun came out! Once again, all typically British.

THE BIG HELP OUT – LITTER PICK IN KILMINGTON

There were 17 volunteers who met up at St Giles' on the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday. A range of ages, families and individuals took to 9 different routes around the village and despite the drizzly rain everyone headed off with enthusiasm equipped with pickers and gloves. The rain became heavier throughout the morning and Anna and Christine were there to offer a welcome hot drink and cake on their return to St Giles', our thanks to them both. In total there was one large black bag of litter collected, including some car parts from along the A35, a kitchen knife, as well as the ubiquitous plastic bottles and drinks cans. A hardly used cricket ball was found in the Village Hall car park, a six shot from a recent cricket game? I think it is fair to say that of the several litter picks that have been organised in the village this one yielded the least amount of litter. Maybe a sign that less litter is being dropped and that one day soon these events will not be needed!

A big thank you to all of those who turned up and gave their time and energy to make the event worthwhile.

Judith Simpson

The Kilmington Community Association thanks the Parish Council who helped to part-fund village events over the weekend. Also, many thanks to all those who helped to organise and staff them.

Photographs of the events are in the centre pages.

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The new parish council is now in place and has held its first meeting. As always, for your information, the agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on the Kilmington Village website. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

Following the May local election, Iain Chubb, Conservative and Unionist Party, retains his place as our District Councillor.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's meeting attracted more electors than usual, with over fifty attending. However, the motivation of a significant number who attended was to object to the Hitchcock Charity who have initiated a 'Dogs must be on Leads' action for the Recreation Ground, which they manage and for which their trustees are responsible. Their Chairman, Mike Collier explained that, following years of requesting owners pick up after their dogs, there is still poo left on the field. This is a health hazard to users and must be controlled. The trustees discussed the issue and rather than totally ban dogs, they concluded that if dogs were kept on leads, owners would be able to see better where their dogs foul and clear it up. The order stands for three years.

The Parish Council Report – KPC Chairman Peter Ball, gave a report of what the Parish Council had achieved through last year and their focus for the coming months. He said that now we have a Neighbourhood Plan in place, it is hoped to have more control over planning and the future development of our village. Meetings with developers are planned in the coming months to discuss designs and timing and to ensure growth is gradual and the housing mix meets local needs. Aside from all the other regular parish work, other major projects remain:

National Highways (NH) – the A35. The latest NH update states preliminary design work is about to start and

forecasts that the scheme is likely to move into construction in the 2024/25 financial year. This safety work will include average speed cameras and improved village gateways. What is termed 'Severance' (helping us all get across the A35 with a controlled crossing) will then continue the project. The KPC has a 'walk through assessment' meeting with NH this month, to ensure they are aware of, and fully understand all our issues.

Devon Highways – 20mph on minor residential roads. The KPC continue to try to communicate with Devon County Council after they had agreed to do a 20mph design and cost estimate for us during April/May. However, over the last few weeks, their Highways Management team have not responded, or even acknowledged, our follow-up emails and telephone messages. Efforts will continue to progress the introduction.

News from Clubs and Organisations – representatives of several of our village organisations reported on their activities and it was good to hear that most are in good shape, recovering well from the Covid restrictions which limited their activities.

Full minutes available online at the village website give more detail about the presentations and discussion for those who were not able to attend.

COSMOPOLITAN CORONATION – KILMINGTON STYLE

My granddaughter, Nehir, who lives with us describes herself as half-Turkish as her father is Turkish.

She decided to cook all of us a savoury pancake to celebrate the event on Coronation Saturday. She followed the recipe videoed to her from Turkey.

It was delicious, filled with bacon pieces and garlic, chives with sprinklings of nutmeg. Unforgettable as the Coronation itself. Well done her.

David Simpson

A ROYAL VISIT TO REMEMBER

I had the incredible opportunity to visit the gardens of Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 9th March, an experience I will always cherish.

Back in 2020, during lockdown, a long-distance American pen pal told me about a charity called 'Electric Umbrella'. This organisation aims to help young adults with learning difficulties through the power of music. Electric Umbrella, based in Watford, was primarily conducting in-person sessions before COVID-19 forced all face-to-face gatherings to cease. However, Steve Joy, the operations manager, assured me that they quickly adapted to online platforms. This shift enabled the charity to expand its reach and connect with numerous individuals with diverse abilities. The Zoom sessions brought together a colourful cast of characters, each contributing their unique talents.

Fast forward a bit, I began attending the online Zoom sessions, gradually becoming more comfortable interacting with the diverse group of people on the screen. Eventually I became a co-host, shining the spotlight on others, just as they had done for me when I first joined. During this time I also took on the role of a Production Assistant on a voluntary basis, helping the hosts manage various tasks such as changing names and moderating the chat. Although Electric Umbrella is a non-Christian charity, I felt a sense of belonging and joy in being able to share my light with a community that often felt excluded by society.

It was through my involvement with Electric Umbrella that I received the invitation to visit the Palace. I felt immensely blessed to represent such a diverse group of people. As I arrived, I was greeted by a sea of 8,000 individuals, each representing their service to different communities across the UK. This was awe-inspiring. The air was filled with the melodies of the band playing near the entrance and the atmosphere was electric with laughter and conversation. It was like a dream, a pinch-me moment. As



the garden party was packed, the only spot I could find was near the Royal Tea tent. Interestingly, the band would strike up a song whenever an important person arrived, which brought a smile to my face.

From my vantage point I had the privilege of observing all the significant figures coming

and going. Although the King and Queen Camilla were absent, I was delighted to see the Prince and Princess of Wales (William and Catherine) and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh (Edward and Sophie) and Princess Anne. Seeing them all in attendance highlighted the significance of the event and, for me, being able to represent the incredible work of Electric Umbrella and the individuals with learning difficulties and the diverse abilities they support was an honour beyond words. It was a reminder that no matter our differences, we all have unique talents and contributions to offer. As Prince William shook my hand and engaged in a conversation with me, I was overcome with a sense of gratitude and awe. Among the multitude of attendees, he chose to connect with me, instantly putting me at ease with his calming presence.

This encounter served as a poignant reminder of the power of inclusion and recognition for individuals with physical and mental differences.

Attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace was not only a dream come true, but it also reinforced the importance of spreading joy, celebrating diversity and creating a more inclusive society. I am forever grateful for the experience and the lasting memories it has left me with. May this event inspire us all to embrace the beauty of diversity and extend a hand of kindness and acceptance to those who may feel marginalised. Let us continue to support organisations like Electric Umbrella and work towards a world where everyone is seen, heard and valued.

Elana-May Blackmore



WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



EMPIRE OF LIGHT (15) Kilmington Village Hall Wednesday, 14th June & Thursday, 15th Matinee



A depressed cinema manager called Hilary, marvellously played by Olivia Colman, works at a (fictional) cinema called the Empire on the Margate seafront in 1981 as Britain swan-dives into recession, unemployment and widespread racism. Hilary is conscientious, with a real dedication to her job: selling tickets, checking receipts, cleaning the auditorium after the show. The people who work at the Empire are family – of sorts – with a grumpy and pompous manager, Mr Ellis (Colin Firth), dedicated projectionist Norman (Toby Jones) and assistants Neil (Tom Brooke) and Janine (Hannah Onslow). But Hilary, who lives alone, and who appears to be in treatment for some undiscussed breakdown the year before, is sliding further into unhappiness, made worse by her toxic relationship with a smugly uncaring married man who says hideously unsexy things during the act itself (“Your arse feels so good in my hands”). And Hilary has a gloomy connoisseurship of the cinema building itself, whose corridors she wanders. The Empire has had to close two of its four screens and the entire upstairs bar due to falling box office receipts: and Hilary is one of the few people who know about this secret, pigeon-infested ghostship chamber of emptiness.

But then the Empire hires a new ticket-seller: Stephen (played with emotional openness and sympathy by Michael Ward), a young black man who has an instant connection with Hilary: their relationship blossoms, but the nature of Hilary’s sadness rises alarmingly to the surface.

Come along and have another enjoyable evening or afternoon watching and listening to an entertaining film.

Wednesday Doors open 6.45 pm with the evening’s entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm. The Thursday matinee; Doors open 1.45 pm. Film starts at 2.00 pm. Come along and enjoy a film and have wine/soft drinks, ice-creams/tea/coffee. Cream Teas available during the matinee interval. Please state Wednesday or Thursday when booking and order your cream tea at the same time. Tickets Pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door, booking essential for the matinee. To book contact John 01297 639758 or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com.

Coming Up in July - Allelujah - Starring David Bradley, Judi Dench, Jennifer Saunders

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club talk this month is on Friday, 9th June and is titled ‘Be Friendly with Bees’ by local beekeeper Brian Godfrey. As bees and other pollinating insects are on the decline, Brian can advise us on how we can help them in our gardens.

Starts at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, everyone welcome, non-members £3. Tea/coffee and bar.

Lesley Rew

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

June’s meeting is on Monday, 12th in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

The June order deadline falls at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 27th.

Please submit a request for either an exact amount or if requesting a ‘top up’ or a full tank, then please furnish me with an accurate estimate (100 litres) of the quantity you require. A minimum request of 500 litres applies.

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Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 11.15 - 11.45 am The Street

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Enjoy our shortest nights of darkness as summer arrives and make the most of our longest days.

Venus and Mars are visible together in the West / Northwest evening sky throughout the month. Venus much the brighter and Mars with its slightly reddish glow.

Saturn can be seen rising in the East / Southeast in the early hours of the morning, getting earlier as the month progresses.

Jupiter can be seen in the early hours of the morning rising in the East just before the sun.

4th Full 'Rose' moon Europeans call the June full moon the Rose moon, in North America it's the Strawberry moon as they're now harvesting strawberries.

9th Moon and Saturn appear close together.

14th Moon and Jupiter appear close together.

15th to 20th Earliest sunrises of the year for five days at around 5.00 am.

21st at 3.57 am Summer Solstice, our longest daylight of the year - 16 hours 29 mins 48 seconds. You can now celebrate Summer!

22nd Moon and Venus appear close together.

23rd to 28th Latest sunsets for six days at around 9.31pm.

Peter



A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

On June 17th Axminster and District Choral Society will present a programme of opera favourites. From comedy to tragedy and from Purcell to Verdi, the concert will have something for everyone – it promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The choir will be joined by our regular soprano soloist Harriet Mountford. The conductor is our music director Peter Parshall, with Peter Lea-Cox accompanying.

The concert takes place on Saturday, June 17th 2023 at the Minster Church, Axminster at 7.30 pm.

Tickets cost £10 from Archway Books, Trinity Square, Axminster, by phoning 01404 41907, or on-line at www.axminsterchoral.co.uk.



17th - 18th June 2023

Sat 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sun 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

CELEBRATE SERVICE

On Saturday, 10th June a Celebrate Service will be held in St Giles' Church at 3.00 pm.

This is a special service for all, especially for people with learning difficulties, their support workers, family and friends. Followed by tea.



May 27th and 28th

1.30 - 5.00 pm

Tea/coffee and cakes available

Breach Garden

open

for National Garden Scheme

In 2022 NGS donated £3.11 million to nursing and health charities



KILMINGTON WAR MEMORIAL BRANCH COMMUNITY SUPPORT (BCS) AND BIG FAMILY BBQ

A big thank you to all who came and participated in the events over the Coronation Weekend, but especially to those who helped set up and run a fun-packed weekend.

Looking back, it was encouraging to see so many at our first 'Friday of the month' get together on 5th May at the Old Inn; our next gathering will be at the New Inn on Friday, 2nd June and we look forward to seeing you there!

In last month's issue I mentioned that we had possibly found a new treasurer, and I can now confirm that we are extremely grateful to Alan Clarkson, who has agreed to take over the role from Rodney Giles in July.



'The War Memorial' The re-location of the war memorial remains an issue of great importance but to date I have only had one response from readers. I would ask all those with an interest to let me have their thoughts as soon as possible. If there is no further communication from residents, Kilmington RBL will submit a request to the Parish Council to consider erecting a new monument close to the Village Hall.

Between the 19th and 21st May I attended the RBL National conference in Torquay and will provide you all with an update in future editions of Postscript.

Moving the branch into the 21st century is no easy task and change appears almost constant. The next post we are looking to introduce to the committee is that of Branch Community Support. This is a new way of continuing what we already have in place with our 'shepherd' system. The new post will coordinate the shepherds and report quarterly to County, providing an overview of what we have achieved. It will include visits, telephone calls and all events where Kilmington RBL personnel have been involved. If you would like to volunteer and help highlight everything that we do as a branch, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other committee member.

Finally, in this issue is a reminder that our Big Family BBQ will take place on Friday, 7th July, both inside and outside the Village Hall. Watch out for the posters and make sure you get your tickets early. Remember we attempt to accommodate everyone so please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

As always, we continue to look for new members, so if you would like to join this fantastic charity and help those who have given everything to protect you, please get in touch and remember, you do not have to be a member or veteran of the armed forces to become a member!

In the meantime, thank you again for supporting the Royal British Legion, but more importantly the veterans and their families.

Please take great care and stay safe.

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Here we go again!

The Great Family

BBQ

6pm
Friday 7th July

Inside & Outside Kilmington Village Hall

Burgers, Sausages,
Chicken,
vegetarian, Salad
& a selection of
sweets

Bar &
Raffle

All food
included!!
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Music



June's flower of the month

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Letter from the Churches

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Memories of the coronation of King Charles III might already be fading now that we are a month on from the events of May 6th. The symbolism of the service in Westminster Abbey, the sight of golden carriages driven through rain-soaked streets, and the cheers of "God save the King" have been and gone, and yet as I come to reflect on what it all means I am hopeful that one message might linger for a little while and might carry us all forward. That message is the one of service to others. The King said that he could think of no better words to carry forward than those of the motto that he lived by for over 50 years as Prince of Wales, "Ich Dien" translated into English as "I serve." Our new Monarch encourages all of us to take those words to heart and to find ways in our communities in which we may all find a way to serve one another.

Regular readers of Kilminster Postscript already know the extent to which our village life and community is built on the solid foundations of service to one another. Everyone who can contribute something does so, however small, so that we can all enjoy living in community.

Living in community and in dependence on one another is a theme that is woven throughout the Christian story, and indeed there are well over 50 places in the Bible when the instruction is given to do or be something to "one another." The most common phrase in this list is "love one another," but we are also called to honour, greet, welcome, show hospitality, have fellowship, agree with, live in harmony with, be at peace with, be kind to, forgive, bear, comfort; care for, pray for, encourage one another – that's quite a list, and one of my all-time favourites is this - "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24).

Whatever we do, think or say, how we treat others, including how we treat the natural world, can be done in love and for good, whatever our background, status in life, financial situation or anything else that might define us. So here is my challenge to myself, and to all of you during the month of June - how might we stir up one another to love and good works in this coming month?

Praying for our village.

Rev Julie Lomas

ROGATION WALK

St Giles' Church held its Rogation Walk on Sunday, 14th May at 3.00 pm. This was similar to the walk which we held last year but unfortunately with fewer participants. Ten of us, and one dog (Poppy) set out from St Giles' with service sheets and readings in hand. We took the same route which consisted of making our way up to the village allotments and then back to St Giles'. We stopped at the stream (with the Village Library) both on our way up through the village and back down again. On both occasions readings were read and hymns were sung. 'All things bright and beautiful' drifted about the village via our choir-like voices. Frances Holme welcomed us on to her drive where additional voices were added to our merry throng. At this point our band of ten became a band of eleven (still with one



dog). The readings suited each location as did our prayers. We prayed for our farmers and the farming community, for their crops, for the villagers and their homes, for the natural world and for life-giving water, for our school and pre-school, for our Village Hall, and the Pavilion (and for all the events that occur at these locations) not forgetting St Giles' and the Baptist Church.

Back at St Giles', Pearl and Sheila kept our teacups filled and there was also a wonderful array of cakes.

Thank you to Anna for organising this walk for us, it was delightful and the weather was glorious. Thank you too for Pearl and Sheila who are so used to catering for us.

Christopher Thorne

PETER AND JANE IN THE GARDEN



I have a 10-year-old, self-fertile Kiwi, trained against the south facing side of a shed. Annoyingly, it had never flowered....until last year, that is. I patiently watched the few flowers develop, hoping for some fruits at long last. Alas, they aborted prematurely. This year, if any flowers appear, I shall try hand-pollinating with a brush!

Towards the end of June, apple and pear trees particularly go through a phase known as the 'June drop', when the tree naturally thins the number of developing fruits by letting the weakest fruitlets drop to the ground. This avoids exhausting the tree, and in some cultivars, triggers off biennial bearing (ie producing a good crop one year and little or none the following). I usually give my trees a helping hand after that 'drop' and thin them out even more. This results in fewer but larger fruit and gets rid of any more malformed or diseased ones too.

This month, I prune shrubs, such as *Philadelphus*, *Ceanothus* and *Deutzia*, which have all finished flowering and may need a little trim to keep their shape. If there are out of place, woody stems, I cut them back fairly hard, to encourage more new ones. It may be worth pointing out though, that *Ceanothus* does not like being pruned back hard if it means cutting into leafless, old branches. A light prune will keep the bushy habit. It is important to wait until just after flowering, as, any later, it interferes with flower production the following year.

By the way, my sweet peas suffered during the cool, wet April/May but are growing away at last!

Well, there is certainly no lack of moisture for the early sown vegetables! The broad beans, onions and sugar-snap peas are all doing well. The Borlotti and French beans, Brussels sprouts, Red cabbage and Calabrese were planted out at the end of April/beginning of May and are looking good. The French beans were clobbered by slugs early on, which set them back for a while. Of course, as the green leaf disappears, the plant has less ability to photosynthesise and struggles to grow. I don't really like to use slug pellets but on this occasion I have, by putting them under slates.

As I mentioned in a previous issue, my vegetable patch was grass until a few years ago, so I have been plagued by cutworms. They are the caterpillars of various moths that lay their eggs in the soil. They wrap themselves around the stems of brassicas at ground level or just below and feed on the stems. This weakens the plant, to the point at which they can be completely severed! To try and stop this from occurring, I push four cocktail sticks around the stem base, successfully preventing them coiling around the stem.

I also cover my brassicas with micromesh netting, to try to stop the cabbage root-fly from laying its eggs at the base of the plants. The hatched larvae then burrow down to feed on the roots.

Happy weeding!

Jane Chalk and Peter Guy

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB VISIT TO ARLINGTON COURT

On a somewhat dull Thursday in early May, members of the club travelled by coach to Arlington Court, a neoclassical style country house, owned by the National Trust a few miles to the NE of Barnstaple.

The house was commissioned by Colonel Chichester to replace a Georgian house in 1820-23. Despite the property being a new build, extensions were made some two years later. In 1860 the house was once again changed to almost double the original plan by Sir Alexander Chichester. (This particular landowner, a man of extravagant tastes, brought his family to the point of financial ruin.) The mansion, plus 3,500 acres was bequeathed to the Trust in 1949.

A circular lake walk of about two miles takes visitors past long borders of very tall monkey puzzle trees over 150 years old. The Trust have decided to keep the species protected for as long as they are able, in order to keep the walk as the Chichester family had planned.

Given the size of the Estate, the formal Victorian garden appears quite small in comparison to other Trust properties. Our visit coincided with a colourful bank of azaleas, tulip beds and wallflowers, flanked by an attractive pond. On the top terrace was a conservatory, housing a variety of plants from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, brought back in the 1920s. The walled kitchen garden was to the rear

and was in the process of being planted up with seasonal vegetables and flowers for use in the house and restaurant.

Arlington is also home to the National Carriage Museum, where visitors could view over forty carriages on display. As our visit preceded the Coronation by a few days, it gave us an insight into how uncomfortable travel must have been for many of our monarchs on their journeys in the past. We were able to return home in comfort and luckily avoided the rain clouds!

Gill Gibbs



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Lift the Latch to Little Latch – Pauline and David Wright

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It can safely be said that Pauline and David Wright are gluttons for punishment! Ten years ago, they talked to the Gardening Club about the history of their beautiful garden. Bought in 1984, the three-quarter acre plot was untended and only useful for keeping a goat. All the work of creating a garden was undertaken by themselves, digging, wall-building, pond-making, designing, planting, all the while keeping a picture in their minds of the overall effect they wished to achieve. Their aim was to create a year-round garden, full of interest and colour, concentrating on shrubs, deciduous as well as evergreen.

Photographs from 1984 onwards illustrated the long and often arduous journey from wilderness to paradise. Enough rubble and rock were dug out of the ground to build all the retaining walls needed to support new levels in the landscape. A large pond was excavated; paths were laid to entice walkers round the next corner; and trees were planted to form the backbone of the structure. To show the garden through the seasons, photographs were taken from the identical place on the first of each month so that we could watch the changes from outlines in winter snow, through spring greens and summer flowers to all the glory of autumn colours. They chose a wide variety of species, shapes and sizes – acers in reds, greens and multi-colours, Cornus, Cotinus, Cercis, and that is only from A-C, a fraction of the total! Trees like the Flamingo tree (*Salix integra*) provide colour from foliage as do one of Pauline's favourites, *Nandina domestica*, and *Sumac*, which is wonderful for

autumn colour. Although mostly consisting of shrubs and trees, Pauline found that *Rudbeckias* worked well in the garden, as did *Geranium* Rozanne.

Pauline and David have a slightly unconventional approach to the garden; for example, they have never measured the pH level of the soil but know that it varies from one area to another judging by what does well, where. They never use products to improve the lawn – Pauline found that by regular mowing the weeds did not show! Using fake flowers sometimes to enhance displays and extend the growing season was not unknown!

Ill-health forced the Wrights to downsize in 2020 and, after 37 years, 'let go' of their much-loved garden. Their new bungalow garden near Yeovil offers a different challenge and their talk illustrated both the creation of the 'Lift the Latch' garden and the gradual process of changing a blank canvas into another feast for the eyes at 'Little Latch'. Helped by 72 plants which they removed from Lift the Latch (with permission), some structure and shape is already emerging, although at first, it's 'dig a hole and hope for the best!' Top tip: when planting, if the hole is big enough it is easy to remove the plant if required!

The Wrights will open their new garden by appointment and will combine with a couple of other gardens in their road to make a visit worthwhile. One for next year?

Jean Falconer

KILMINGTON PLANT MARKET AND COFFEE MORNING

What a wonderful sight to behold! Kilmington Village Hall was full of plants for sale on Saturday, 13th May at 10.00 am. However, ten minutes after opening, the Hall was a lot emptier. This is typical of the wonderful plant markets that we have in Kilmington that are organised by The Kilmington Gardening Club. Most people now



know that you need to be able to get into the Hall as soon as the doors open to get the 'cream of the crop' and this year was no exception. The Hall was bustling with activity as soon as I arrived just a few minutes after 10.00 am. You certainly get value for money. Bedding plants are for sale as are herbaceous, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruit and vegetable plants. Sydie Bones and Paul Dunsford were on hand to try to identify any plant that you had but were unsure what it was – just by providing a photo of it. There was even a Seed Swap.

I was unable to stay for tea and cake although I must admit that the cake did look very yummy.

It is another wonderful event that takes place year after year. Once again, we send our grateful thanks to the organisers. We know that a great deal of hard work goes into making these events the success that they are.

Christopher Thorne



MESSY SPARKLERS

After having a break over Easter, MESSY Sparklers was back at the start of May continuing the story of Moses. We started in March with Baby Moses and his two mums; this month we looked at the amazing story of Moses and the burning bush that didn't burn up, plus his staff that turned into a snake. God spoke to Moses from the burning bush and told him to go and save the Israelites from Egypt. Our June session will continue with the story and find out what happened when Moses went to Egypt.

We had grandparents, dads, mums and childminders join us this session, although due to the school strikes it was a smaller group than usual of about 20 adults. As the families arrived, the adults grabbed a coffee, while the children used breadsticks and/or grapes, with writing icing, to make their own edible snakes. When they were ready, they went into the main hall where they found finger painting, Playdoh, sticking and could make their own snake on a stick using pipe cleaners.



Outside the children had a desert scene to play with – where the sand could spread without the need to keep a broom handy! It's wonderful when the children can get outside and have a run around too.

Our next session will be **Tuesday 6th June**. We start at 10.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm and we ask for a donation of £2 for the first child plus £1 for each additional child, which includes lunch for both adult and child.

Booking is essential, if you aren't on our mailing list, please contact children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk to receive a booking email. Remember to dress for mess!

Juletta Obudo



KILMINGTON HOSTS GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS QUARTERLY MEETING

St Giles' Church welcomed some 30 bell ringers from across East Devon on a beautifully sunny afternoon in May to hold the Guild of Devonshire Ringers quarterly meeting, ring our bells and enjoy a homemade tea. It was a first visit to Kilminster for some members and a chance to ring in a different tower to their own.



I am grateful to Mary T, Margaret P, Ann H and Penny N who made cake or biscuits and for helping me serve tea, thank you.

It was a very pleasant way to spend the afternoon and I understand some in the village flung open their windows to listen to the ringing.

Celia Dunsford



This grey squirrel had the right idea, sheltering from the rain in a litter bin.

Gill Perkins



The Baptist Church Kilminster's annual Summer Holiday Club for 5 – 11 year-olds will be taking place from Monday, July 31st to Friday, 4th August 10.00 am – 12.45 pm, at The Beacon.

It will be a week full of games, crafts, puppets, drama, snacks and experiments as children discover more about God's wonderful world.

If you are not already on our mailing list, email Juletta Obudo at children.youth@baptistchurchkilminster.org or call the Church Office 01297 631638 for more information.

NATURE NOTES

KILMINGTON COMMON

It has been lovely to have the lighter mornings and evenings as we move through Spring. Many flowers and the trees were later to come into leaf this year due to the long, cold, wet March and April. Despite this, the Common has been looking lovely with Daffodils and Primroses followed by the Bluebells. There was also a good show of Dog Violets along the bottom edge of the south-facing slope where many of us had removed long and trailing bramble roots. A particularly beautiful area of Greater Stitchwort and Bluebells was on show along the edge of the Common near the Shute Road. The three-year old Heath Lobelia plants look strong and healthy.

Jan Uden, a botanist and one of the volunteers is carrying out a monthly plant survey of the site. We are very grateful to her for this.

A small tree fell onto the track near the Roman Road a few weeks ago. Mark Jones was called and made this safe.

We continue to work with the Parish Council who are taking on the responsibility for treating a number of Japanese Knotweed plants that have emerged in the wooded area (the most effective treatment requires licensed use). You may have noticed this area cordoned off near the Roman road.

There was a small work party at the end of April. It was a sunny morning and we had lovely sightings of the common Spring butterflies, Brimstone, Holly Blue, Orange Tip, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell.

Also in this edition of Postscript are details of a family activity (see below) being held on the Common on June 24th. It would be great to see many villagers joining in.

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Go Wild on the Common

Kilminster Common, Shute Road, Kilminster

Saturday, 24th June

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Free event

A chance to celebrate our special wild Common. Come and visit and find out more about the conservation work being done on the Common by local volunteers from Kilminster, Shute and Colyton. The Common supports an amazing array of wildlife and includes woodland, heathland and meadow habitats. See the Common in its summer cloak of colour with a guided walk at 11.00 am. Moths will be safely caught the night before to see in the trap at the event. Children's activities include Minibeast safaris – armed with sweep nets and bug pots they can get up close to meet our important pollinators.

The Common is home to East Devon and one of UK's rarest flowers, the Heath Lobelia and locally known as the Kilminster Lily. Volunteers have worked hard to restore the rare heathland habitat, to encourage it to flourish.



New volunteers always welcome – get in touch or come and talk to us on the morning.

All ages welcome.

For more information: Judith Simpson 01297 32694
simpsonjudith71@gmail.com

This event is also part of East Devon AONB's 60th Anniversary celebrations and also the AONB's Saving Special Species, Nature Recovery Programme. For more information on future East Devon AONB events, projects and news please subscribe to their e-newsletter:



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A thousand thanks to everyone who sponsored me in my walking challenge for EXETER LEUKAEMIA FUND. I walked 82 miles during January, February and March, and am still walking! With your support and that of my 'just-giving' page I have raised a fantastic £906.00, plus Gift Aid, for 'ELF'.

Andy Gordon at 'ELF' tells me that this will help support the Financial Support Grants service for families whose income has been impacted by a life-changing blood cancer diagnosis. Also available is the ELF counsellor service as well as the Transport Service.

Thank you all so much.

Jeanette Porter

A THANK YOU FROM PEARL

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me by buying my £2.00 chickens. With the help of my good friend Barbara I have raised the huge sum of £43.00 for the church.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH ONCE AGAIN.

Pearl Hurford

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For Jesus was born to teach us the way
To make us praise God and spread love every day.

Bells welcome the faithful whenever they chime
At baptisms, weddings and each service time,
It's the sound of worship, happy and loud
Which is used to send messages into the crowd.

Christmas bells ring for the birth of God's son,
Easter bells ring for his crucifixion,
Whatever the festival happy or sad
The sound of church bells makes everyone glad.

This important tradition we must keep alive,
Every bell tower in England needs to survive,
New ringers must learn this challenging art
So the sound of bells lives in everyone's heart.

Let church bells ring out to proclaim God's glory
Inviting people to share love's great story,
Transmitting sweet music throughout the land
Combining with angels in God's heavenly band.

John Thorne

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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 20.

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Cookery Corner

This month, recipes are all quite quick and easy to prepare, as the last thing we want to be doing as the weather improves is spending too much time in the kitchen! The first two both use lemons and strawberries to save on buying too many separate ingredients. The Mushroom pâté is a recipe which I was given about 30 years ago but still make regularly.

LEMON PUDDING WITH SUMMER BERRIES

Serves 4

50g/2 oz softened, unsalted butter
200g/8 oz caster sugar
3 large lemons - zest and juice (100ml)
3 large eggs - separated
50g/2 oz plain flour
300ml/12 floz milk
To serve: 300g/12 oz fresh mixed berries – strawberries, raspberries and blueberries

Method

1. Put the butter, sugar and lemon zest into a food processor and whizz for a couple of minutes until well mixed and creamy. This can be done using an electric whisk, but it is easier in a processor because of the unequal amounts of sugar and butter.
2. With the motor running, add the juice, egg yolks, flour and milk to form a smooth batter.
3. In a clean bowl, whisk the egg whites until firm but not too stiff. Carefully fold the egg whites into the lemon batter, don't over-mix.
4. Pour into a buttered, 1.5 litre ovenproof dish. Place the dish into a roasting tin which has 2-3 cm of hot water in it (bain-marie). Bake at 170C fan/325 F/gas 3 for 35-40 minutes or until firm.
5. Serve immediately with the summer berries and dust with icing sugar (opt).



MUSHROOM PÂTÉ

Serves 4

250g/8 oz chestnut mushrooms, sliced
50g/2 oz unsalted butter or 2 tbs olive oil
25g/1 oz fresh breadcrumbs
2 dessert sp chopped onion
75g/3 oz unsalted butter, softened
100g/4 oz cream cheese
1 tsp lemon juice
Salt and pepper

Method

1. Heat the butter or oil in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and onion and cook over a medium heat for 15 minutes. Allow to cool.
2. Put the mushrooms and onion mixture into a food processor with all the other ingredients and blend until smooth. Spoon into a dish and chill for several hours before serving with fresh bread, toast or crackers.



STRAWBERRY LEMONADE

Makes approx. one litre

175g/7 oz caster sugar
400g/16 oz strawberries, hulled and quartered
200ml/8 floz lemon juice taken from approx. 6 lemons

Method

1. Put the sugar and 1 litre (1.75 pints) of water into a saucepan and heat over a moderate heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Allow to cool completely.
2. Put the strawberries into a liquidizer or whizz with a hand blender to form a smooth puree. Mix the strawberry puree with the lemon juice and the cold sugar water and stir well. The seeds can be sieved out at this stage, but I don't bother.

3. Chill well before serving, decorated with whole strawberries, ice cubes and mint leaves (opt).



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Newsletter no 56

ALCS is becoming more widely known and appreciated for its work in assembling therapists and a range of experts who understand the experience of those living with and beyond cancer and who offer services to improve the quality of life for them. Thanks go this time to Lyme Regis council for a grant, to the Stanley Studios in Kilmington for providing workspace for the Creative Hub and to the store manager of the Cornish bakery in Lyme Regis for her amazing fundraising effort. In their 'Meet the Therapists' section they introduce a local author and artist who runs art workshops, a counsellor/psychotherapist who works with clients outdoors and a sauna in Lyme Regis whose proprietors have opened the business to promote well-being in the community.

Regular events listed in newsletter 56 include drop-in sessions, the weekly acupuncture clinic on Mondays and the monthly support group sessions in the Scott-Rowe room at Axminster Hospital for those who are about to start, are undergoing, or who have just finished active treatment. There is also the Pie and Pint meeting for men only at 6.30 pm on June 14th at the George Hotel in Axminster.

Some dates:

Monday, 12th June 11.30 am-1.30 pm - Kombucha Fermented Food workshop – Lyme Regis Football Club

Wednesday, 28th June 10.00 am–12.30 pm - Special workshop with Christine Allison – Lyme Regis Football Club

Wednesday, 5th July 11.00 am Creative writing one-off workshop via Zoom

Starting Wednesday, 6th September 10.00 am-12.00 noon - 6 week course - 'Next Steps' with Sharon Thomas.

Starting Thursday, 7th September 9.30 am-12.30 pm - 6 week course – Acrylic Art workshops with Trudi Ochitree

Starting Wednesday, 18th October 10.00 am-12.00 noon - 6 week course. 'Making a Mark' with Christine Allison

If you wish to receive the full newsletter with more information and detail, or to register your interest, or have any queries for ALCS, please use one of the addresses above to contact them.

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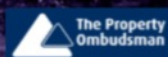
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MARWOOD TUCKER JUNIOR

Bob's Nephew and Kilmington Bankrupt

Many Kilmington residents will already be aware of the Tucker family, principal landowners of our parish for more than two centuries, and their former manor at Coryton Park. Their story is more complicated than can be told here and so I have restricted the scope of this article to telling the fascinating story of the life of one of its key players, MARWOOD TUCKER Junior.

Born in 1836, Marwood was the third child of wealthy Reverend Marwood Tucker but there would have been no immediate expectations that he would later inherit the Coryton Park Estate. That situation would change with the death of the last of the direct lineage, WILLIAM TUCKER, in 1855. The estate then passed to CHARLES TUCKER (Marwood's uncle) and then to his brother, Marwood's father.

Barrister

Marwood married MARGARET ANN BIRCHAM in 1862 and trained in law, being called to the bar in 1863. In 1864, his only child, CHARLES MARWOOD TUCKER, was born and Margaret died just three years later leaving Marwood a widower. It was then that he stopped practising as a barrister and managed to ally himself with hugely influential people, notably peers and senior Conservative members of parliament. This ability to make important career decisions and powerful connections not only shaped his life, but as you will see, parts of Kilmington.

Assistant to the Secretary for India

Between 1868 and 1869, Marwood was made private secretary to the Secretary for India, SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE. Northcote would later serve as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Foreign Secretary.

It seems likely that it was then that Marwood also met the Tory giant who would shape the rest his life, ROBERT GASCOYNE-CECIL, the Third Marquess of Salisbury, Northcote's predecessor.

Newspaper Editor

Between 1868 and 1871, Tucker turned his skills to journalism and held an unpaid position as editor of *The Globe* newspaper. Whilst he was noted as being a gifted wordsmith, he was apparently no businessman and the newspaper operated at a loss.

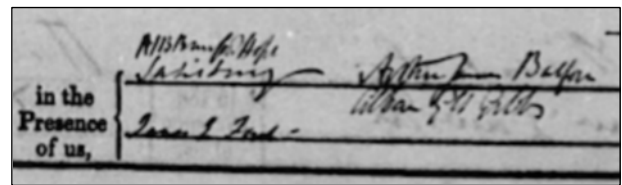
New Beginnings

1876 was the pivotal year for Marwood in many respects. In April he married ETHELDREDA BERESFORD HOPE, the daughter of another powerful Tory politician, ALEXANDER BERESFORD HOPE (also of the Hope Diamond family fame) and niece of the Marquess of Salisbury. This placed Marwood as Lord Salisbury's nephew (by marriage) and cousin (by marriage) of another Tory MP, ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR, later Earl of Balfour.

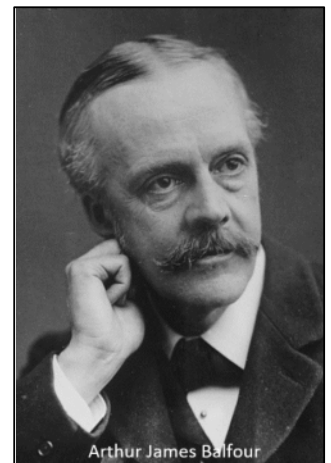
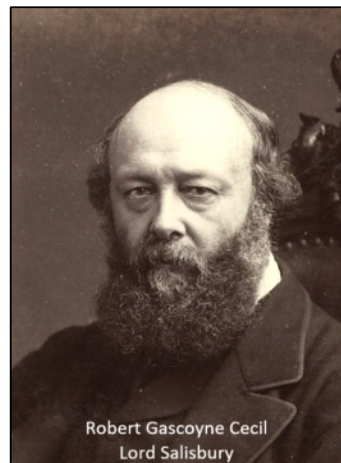
Many readers will already be aware that Lord Salisbury and Arthur James Balfour would later go on to be Prime Ministers and it is said that Balfour only got his 'leg-up' in government because Lord Salisbury (Robert Gascoyne-Cecil) was his uncle. This is supposedly the origins of the expression 'Bob's Your Uncle', meaning that Balfour 'had it

made'. If those allegations of nepotism are correct, it wasn't for the first time – and Kilmington's Marwood Tucker got there first!

In 1876, Tucker benefitted from having Lord Salisbury as his 'Uncle Bob' when he was selected to accompany 'Special Ambassador Salisbury' to the Constantinople Conference in Turkey as his private secretary, where an international team of great European powers assembled and attempted to diffuse a flare-up of the 'Great Eastern Crisis'. It was an important posting and newspapers reported that Marwood Tucker only got the esteemed position because of Lord Salisbury's favour! There is no doubt that Marwood Tucker was close to both future Prime Ministers; they are both recorded as being witnesses to his marriage. Aside from the bride's influential father, the other witness was also an important Tory MP and peer, Alban Gibbs, Second Baron Aldenham, and with the marriage they became brothers-in-law. It was certainly a tightly knit and powerful family arrangement. Balfour and Gibbs became trustees to the terms of the marriage settlement from which Marwood would benefit.



One can only imagine the many after dinner speeches, fuelled by brandy, plots of empire building and weighty political discussions which Marwood must have been part of, clouded by a screen of cigar smoke wafting to the chandeliers.

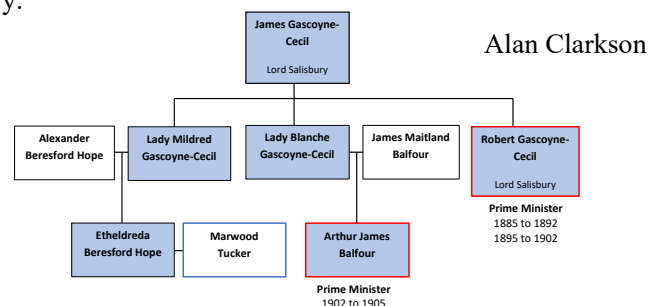


And so, it seems that Marwood's new family would have been a hugely important influence on his life and an arrangement which he needed to nurture and cement. This seems, to me at least, the most likely the reason why Kilmington's Balfour and Salisbury Terraces were named, and Marwood would need the support of all the rich and powerful friends he could find less than twenty years later when his world came crashing down.

Tucker's financial predicament had apparently become dangerous in 1876, the pivotal year when he married into the wealthy Beresford Hope family and its wider circles. It was then that he decided to raise money against his new wife's financial interest in Coryton Park and uncertain future expectations under their marriage settlement, a dubious security which relied upon her death! He also expected a larger inheritance. All his estates and interests in Kilmington and Widworthy were fully mortgaged, and Marwood began to sell furniture and pawn family silver to keep creditors at bay. Marwood himself admitted his extravagances and estimated that they made him poorer by £80,000 (maybe £14m today). Perhaps he felt the pressure to compete with the expectations and wealth of his new family? Appeals to the High Court made by his distressed wife failed and soon afterwards trustees began a slow process of dismantling the estate to settle debts. The manor house was let for 12½ guineas per week and notably Sir George Baden-Powell, brother to Robert of the scout movement fame, took a lease for several months that year.

Another New Beginning

With his world shattered and his reputation in tatters, it seems that Marwood left his long-suffering wife behind and ran away to South Africa, where he accepted an important position as Solicitor-General in the British colonial town of Grahamstown and later died in 1918. Etheldreda lived out the remainder of her long life enjoying high society in Belgravia and Knightsbridge, and one might wonder what she thought of her agreement to marry Marwood Tucker. Marwood was survived by his son, Colonel Charles Marwood Tucker from his first wife, but that is another story.



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The plastic is, of course, made by burning oil, which is why the trainer industry alone produces 700 million tonnes of CO2 a year. The equivalent to running 150 million cars for the same amount of time...ouch. We play a part; Britain is the world's third largest consumer of trainers after the US and China.

Did you know that most trainers consist of 20-60 different component parts and require assembly using up to 300 separate procedures? This complex construction makes them difficult to recycle and most currently end up in landfill where the plastic can last for an indefinite period while heavy metals from dyes contaminate the land.

What Can You Do ? Think about your shopping habits, do you really need another pair? Or do they still have enough

life in them to give them a wipe over and pass them on to a charity shop? Most will clean up with a light brushing or a damp cloth and insoles can often be replaced. Can you put the environment above fashion?

If you really are in the market for a new pair, have a look at some of those brands trying to change things. Look for the Certified B. Corporation logo which means that the company has had "to meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability". Many new companies are making an effort to get away from the high carbon footprint of plastic-based trainers (though only 40% have a sustainability policy). If you're tempted by 'vegan' trainers, check out the materials used and beware more plastic.

Whether it's couch or 5K you're planning, try to choose your footwear with the planet in mind and, in the meantime, value the ones you already have!

Top tip: Apparently, we shouldn't be tempted to machine wash trainers! They may come out looking clean but the materials take a beating and of course micro plastics might well be heading down the drain with the soapy water!

Kay Pike

HOSPISCARE OPEN GARDENS IN JUNE

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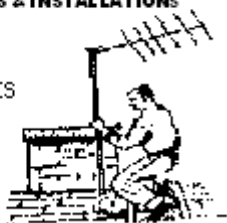
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WEEK TO VIEW (Events that happen the same time every week)

Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	Service
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	9.30 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies (Term time only)
	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Mums and Babies Support Group
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Thursday	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

DATES FOR JUNE 2023

Fri	2nd	6.00 pm	The New Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sun	4th	10.30 am	Stockland Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
Tues	6th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	6th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Wed	7th	9.30 am	The Beacon	Men's Home Group (prayer and Bible study)
Fri	9th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: <i>Be Friendly with Bees</i> - Brian Godfrey
Sat	10th	1.30 pm	Breach	Open Garden in aid of Hospiscare (<i>see notice on page 7</i>)
	10th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Celebrate Service
Sun	11th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
	11th	1.30 pm	Breach	Open Garden in aid of Hospiscare (<i>see notice on page 7</i>)
Mon	12th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Tues	13th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion
	13th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Craft Club
Wed	14th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	KCC: <i>Empire of Light</i>
Thurs	15th	2.00 pm	Village Hall	KCC: <i>Empire of Light</i>
Sat	17th	8.00 am	The Beacon	Men's Breakfast
	17th	10.00 am	Axminster Showground	The Axe Vale Show
	17th	7.30 pm	Minster Church, Axminster	Axminster & District Choral Society: <i>A Night at the Opera</i>
Sun	18th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	18th	10.00 am	Axminster Showground	The Axe Vale Show
Mon	19th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	20th	Early	Your House	Garden Waste Collection
	20th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Contact Lunch
Fri	23rd	6.45 pm	Village Hall	Axminster Heritage Race Evening (<i>see page 7 for more info</i>)
Sat	24th	8.30 am	The Beacon	Women's Breakfast
	24th	10.30 am	The Common	AONB Activity Day (<i>see page 13 for more info</i>)
Sun	25th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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