

KILMINGTON POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

We are well into spring now and Kilmington Village has certainly woken up judging from all the past and future activities reported in this edition of Postscript. I'm exhausted already just looking at all that strenuous activity going on the front cover.

Congratulations to Luke and Beverley Reed and all those others involved in organising The Kilmington Kanter; established now as a major annual event and one that raises so much for the Kilmington PTFA. The centre page spread is this month's competition to find the fittest looking of the bunch!

If you want to stay active and missed the Kanter then the Tennis Club are now looking for more members and, for our younger readers, there's a chance to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme on page 9. You'll see that Anna Crabbe has been working as a leader of this great scheme for an incredible twenty-two years – well done and thanks Anna. We report on another award for service above and beyond the call this month as Clive Garner has now raised over £50,000 as 'Village Quizmaster', he tells his story on page 3.

David Ingles has kindly provided us with an insight of the battlefield tour some of our RBL members made last month. We recall the days of steam as Tornado swept through Kilmington and Gill Heighway has given us an extremely interesting account of why we celebrate May 1st.

As usual there's a full calendar of events this month including: visiting a working dairy farm for the Rogation Service; relaxing strolls around some of the beautiful gardens in our village; watch the annual Duck Race; and having a laugh at Dad's Army. And all of that is in the first week!

I won't list all of the rest that helps to make Kilmington the place we all enjoy, so make sure you read Postscript cover to cover!

We have been researching the story of The Kilmington Football Club, so if any readers have any interesting tales or photographs we could include please let us know. Thanks as always to all of the Postscript Team and now I can hand the editorial rudder back to Judith after her very well earned holiday break!

Peter, on behalf of the Postscript team

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The donations collected from Hurfords Stores and Millers Farm Shop in mid-April, together with other donations, came to a total of £16.29. These will help towards printing of this issue. Thank you all for your support.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

GOLDEN WEDDING



Congratulations go to Chris and Carole Bolton whose Golden Wedding is celebrated on 30th May. They were married in St Andrews Church, Colyton, honeymooned in Majorca and made their first home in Ottery St Mary. They moved to Kilmington in August 1971. Chris, a former estate

agent and auctioneer, has been a loyal resident being involved with the cricket club, as a trustee of the playing fields and as a parish councillor. Carole is a member of the WI and is also one of the church flower arrangers.

£50,000 HELPING HAND – THANKS CLIVE!

Clive Garner is probably just as well known in Kilmington as ‘The Quiz Master’ and it’s not surprising as he’s been entertaining us and making us all scratch our heads since 1998. Last month he announced that, since they had started back then, he and his team had just exceeded raising £50,000 for charity; Congratulations and well done! Postscript caught up with Clive to congratulate him and he told us more:

“It all started to help raise money for the landlord of The New Inn, Brian Jenkins, who was running the London Marathon to raise funds for leukaemia research. These first local quiz nights proved to be such a success that Dave, Kath and I decided to keep it going on a monthly basis. To date at The New Inn alone we have raised £38,877. Over the years the money has gone to many different local projects and different charities. The bigger National charities include Motor Neuron Disease, Cancer Research, Down’s Syndrome, Brainwave, British Heart Foundation, Arthritis Care, The Cats Protection League and Guide Dogs for the Blind. We’ve given the RBL Poppy Appeal £3,268 and F.O.R.C.E £2,248.

Word has spread and, aside from our pub quizzes, we have been asked to run events in the Village Hall and the old Axe Vale Social Club for various people. In the summer of 2001 I was approached to do a quiz on Saturday nights at Andrewshayes Caravan Park. So, for six weeks during July and August until 2005 these events entertained their guests and raised £5,309 for Devon Air Ambulance. We have continued our support for their valuable helicopter service



and our total contribution to them is now £9,428.

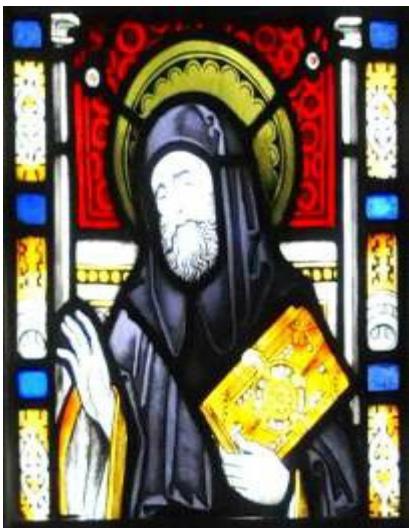
More locally we have helped Hospiscare, The Flamingo Pool, Shute School; have given £4,529 to Axminster Hospital and, going back to our roots, helped a few more local London Marathon runners. However, I particularly enjoy the atmosphere at our village events and in Kilmington we have worked with the primary school, the cricket club, the church fund, the garden club, the Duke of Edinburgh’s award scheme and even Postscript! A bit closer to home we’ve also provided support for my grandchildren’s schools in Taunton and their preschool in Whitchurch

Canonicorum.

In recognition of all this charity work my wife and I were invited to Buckingham Palace in July 2009, something neither of us will ever forget. Over the years there have been some funny moments; in fact I amuse the competitors at most quizzes with what have now become known as ‘Garnerisms’ as my pronunciation is sometimes not what it should be!

I’d like to thank everyone for their support over the years, especially my team of Dave and Kath whose help has been invaluable. Also Mandy and Carey our present Landlady and Landlord at the New Inn who also make donations to the money we raise each month. So, while everybody keeps coming, we’re happy to keep on asking the questions to generate the much needed cash for charity.”

Clive Garner in conversation with Peter Ball



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Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th May 2016
1.30 – 5.00 pm

At least eight private gardens and the allotments will be open for the afternoons of the 7th and 8th May with two being new gardens. Proceeds will be shared between Kilmington Village Hall and St Giles' Church.

Round off your visit with a delicious tea at The Acorn where live music will be playing.

Tickets (£5 combined entrance, children free) are available from the Village Hall on the days, participating gardens over the weekend, or **in advance** from Paul Dunsford. Tickets may be used on both afternoons.

Paul Dunsford for KGC - 01297 33563

KILMINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

On Thursday, 5th May the Annual Duck Race takes place from the Jubilee Green at 11.00 am.



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

On Friday, May 13th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall this month's talk is on Garden Butterflies.

Devon County Butterfly recorder, Roger Bristow, will talk of the many beautiful butterflies that may visit our gardens and how we can create a habitat to encourage them and help them breed.

Lesley Rew

KILMINGTON VILLAGE FAYRE AND FLOWER SHOW

The schedule for the show is now available **free of charge** from Hurfords Stores and Millers Farm Shop.

Dad's Army
(PG)
Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 4th May



For audiences alienated by the latter-day trend for darker irony in British comedy, "Dad's Army" will be a 2016 highlight: There isn't an edgy bone in its body, with the possible exception of a surreal sight gag involving a baby with a Hitler moustache. Respecting the spirit of the original, punch lines tend to wire through advance warning of their arrival a few hours ahead, so as to give us proper time to prepare. It's a time-honoured style of comedy, accessible to a broad audience, and it works on its own terms, without too many ill-advised attempts at modernisation. (Fans of the show will also enjoy a couple of brief cameos from original cast members Ian Lavender and Frank Williams.)

There's much to like in the performances, particularly Michael Gambon's doddery Private Godfrey and Tom Courtenay's Lance Corporal Jones, both of whom do uncanny impressions of their small-screen predecessors. To the role of the pompous Captain Mainwaring, Toby Jones brings some physical slapstick and a much needed touch of pathos, while Bill Nighy has a sly ball as the louche Sergeant Wilson. Still, there's a nostalgic twang in the moments when the movie gets it right (Gambon's wistful wittering is a delight), and the desire to move some female characters centre stage (the previously unseen Mrs Mainwaring finally descends from the top stair, courtesy of the formidable Felicity Montagu) is an admirable addition.

Where the writing is more acute is in realizing the pathos of ageing men, who so desperately and understandably want to believe that when a woman like Zeta-Jones tells you you've only improved with age, she has no ulterior motive. Where cinema is often quick to condemn female vanity, it adds a bit of balance to see the male equivalent skewered — even if the film also characterizes the women of the fictional town of Walmington-on-Sea (Yorkshire here standing in for Sussex) as inevitably threatened by the arrival of a Chanel-suited glamour puss.

Forthcoming Films: 1st June. "Brooklyn" (12A) BAFT Winner Best British Film.

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

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Letter from the Churches

Pastor Darrell Holmes
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She is extremely elderly but active, she stands tall and does not stoop, is kind and generous, is often mocked but seldom takes offence, is truly at the heart of the community, and has seen more birthdays than anyone else in the county. Most importantly she invites you to join her at her next birthday bash when the candles on her cake might set fire to more than just the icing.

I describe not a person, but the Church. You see on 15th May 2016 the Church will be celebrating her nineteen hundred and eighty-second birthday (give or take). She was born and came into being at the Jewish festival of Passover which took place about 40 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus. In fact, Jesus accurately predicted that God would send his Holy Spirit on the remaining disciples and his followers in Jerusalem at that time, and so it came to pass. Heralded by what seemed to be tongues of fire and a sound like rushing wind, the believers in Jesus were filled with the Spirit of God enabling them to become more like Jesus. Just as Jesus had said, this caused young people to have visions and old folk to dream dreams. Those visions and dreams caused the believers to start sharing the message of the risen Jesus with boldness. The Church began to reach out and transform the lives of widows, orphans, women and children. She ministered with love to both the rich, the poor and the marginalized. She began to mobilise money and resources to care, heal, educate and empower. In the centuries that followed she initiated and transformed what

we now see as the education system, the healthcare system, the legal system, the fostering and adoption system. She operates globally more hospitals, schools, credit unions and migrant centres in more buildings and locations than any other organization in the world. She exists for the benefit of her non-members that they too may come to know Jesus and be filled with his Spirit as those first few believers were all those centuries ago. Were it not for the Church, the world would be a much poorer and harsher place.

Both St Giles, and the Baptist Church are local congregations of this global Church. Both will have services to celebrate this milestone birthday on 15th May and will welcome you to join with them and see why this really is a reason to celebrate and even come to receive God's Spirit for yourself.

Those first believers on that auspicious day of Pentecost praised God, saying to God

*You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.
(Acts chapter 2 verse 28)*

I would even dare to suggest that unless a person has the Spirit of God, he/she can't really know what true joy is like. If you want to challenge me about that, then I'm always happy to have a chat with you; to arrange that conversation just email or phone me.

Darrell Holmes

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN KILMINGTON



Holy Week started with a Palm Sunday procession on 20th March from Kilmington Common, led by a seven year old donkey of Irish extraction from the Sanctuary, processing through the Village stopping for prayers, readings and songs. Members of the Baptist and St Giles' Churches with Pastor Darrell and the Revd Simon were joined by other residents waving palms and handing out palm crosses to join

those that had already assembled in The Beacon for a United Service. Both Darrell and Simon gave very interesting talks using innovative props which held the attention of adults and children as the chapel resounded with hosannas, similar to when Jesus rode into Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago.

The Tuesday Holy Communion in St Giles' Church and the Passover Supper (reported elsewhere) were well attended. The Walk of Witness, organised by Axminster Churches Together on Good Friday morning, attracted a number of Kilmington residents and the Revd Simon conducted a moving "Journey through the Stations of the Cross" in St

Giles' Church on Good Friday afternoon. The Easter Trail for children on the Saturday afternoon had to be held in the Beacon because of wet weather but the Baptist team put across the Easter message very well and all the youngsters departed clutching a large Easter Egg.

The 7.00 am informal Service at Shute Woods Beacon brought 15 early risers, some with dogs, and for the first time in 18 years, it poured with rain half way through causing some to take shelter in the Beacon itself.



The Easter Sunday Service in the beautifully decorated St Giles' Church was also well attended with many visitors celebrating Easter and taking their Communion; the Revd Simon delivered a rousing and thought provoking sermon and the Choir sang an anthem, "Sing out my heart with gladness" by J S Bach.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

The Baptist Church, Kilmington has begun preparing for this year's Summer Holiday Club. The week will be full of games, crafts, puppets and video presentations as children learn about exciting stories from the Bible. A range of activities and games will be planned to appeal to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children.

This year it will take place from Monday, 1st to Friday, 5th August. Put the date in your diaries now. More information will follow.



Juletta Obudo

MESSY SPARKLERS

With the sun in the sky and the temperature rising, we were able to host Messy Sparklers inside and outside at The Beacon this month. The theme was New Life centred on the story of Zacchaeus, whose life was changed after he met Jesus. For a snack on arrival, the children had yummy rice crispy cake trees with a jelly baby Zacchaeus. A range of sensory activities were provided during the session including frogs in jelly (symbolising new life), sponge tree painting, and chocolate & peppermint playdough with accessories for making gardens.



We never know how many people to expect, but our amazing ladies in the kitchen managed to cater for seventy parents and children to their usual standard, feeding us all with a range of finger foods. After refills, there were very few leftovers!



Next Messy Sparklers will be held on Tuesday, 10th May 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 for each additional child, covers all of the activities plus lunch for both children and their parents/carers.

Juletta Obudo



Concert with Uplyme Gospel Singers

7.30 pm Friday, 6th May
at The Beacon, Whitford Rd,
Kilmington. EX13 7RF

Suitable for all ages
Tickets £3 in advance,
£5 on the door

To book, phone 01297-631638
email: events@beaconbaptist.co.uk



JOINT ROGATION SERVICE AT LOWER WESTWATER FARM

Readers are reminded that there is an excellent opportunity to visit a working dairy farm, owned by Dick and Margaret Hurford, on Sunday, 1st May at 3.00 pm and to show support for our farmers during the season of planting. The United Service will be led by the Revd Anne Mills and Pastor Darrell Holmes. One of the farmers will be asked to explain how the farm is organised and managed. A music group will lead the songs/hymns and giant onion seed bulbs, compost and pots will be available for planting, and for judging at Harvest Festival next October. There will be refreshments afterwards and an opportunity to look around the farm.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

KILMINGTON LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches held in the Village Hall on six Thursdays during Lent, organised by Ann Marsh and her team from St Giles' Church, raised £809.57 for Tear Fund which is providing so much help for Syrian refugees. Well done to the team and thanks to all those who supported the lunches, conducted in a very social atmosphere.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

May is Mars Month! It ranks the fifth-brightest celestial object after the sun, moon, Venus and Jupiter. But at present, Venus is lost in the daytime glare of the sun, so Mars is the fourth-brightest object you can see in our night sky, almost on par with Jupiter which continues to shine bright in the southwest. It's a great time to see the red planet as it's out almost all night. Earth swings closest to Mars around opposition this month, when we fly in between the sun and Mars. And this year it is at its closest to Earth for over ten years, rising in the east around sunset, climbing to its highest at midnight, and setting in the west around sunrise. It looks like a bright reddish star, but it shines with a steadier light than the twinkling stars.

Also around mid-evening you should be able to find the star Vega quite easily. Look north-eastward and, as the fifth brightest star in the sky, you should spot it's a beautiful



bluish light twinkling above the horizon.

Good luck and, now it's warmer out there, I hope you'll enjoy more of our Kilmington Sky at Night!

14th Moon and Jupiter side by side

17/18th Moon close to the star Spica

21st Full moon and Mars close. This is the third of four full moons to occur between the March equinox and the June solstice. And it's known as a

Blue Moon. Although actually the 'once in a blue moon' happens quite regularly and very predictably!

22nd Mars at its brightest for 10 years

30th Mars is closer to Earth than it has been since November, 2005.

Peter

ST GILES CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who helped with or supported the Lent Lunches. We were able to send £809.57 to support Syrian refugees via Tearfund.

Ann Marsh

APOLOGIES

The Kilmington Village Hall Committee apologise for the cancellation of the Spring Cleaning session at such short notice and have rearranged the date for Saturday, May 14th from 8.30 am and hope as many volunteers as possible will turn up then with their cleaning materials/utensils.

Diana Church

KILMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

PLANT MARKET

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Kilmington Village Hall

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Special Raffle

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2016

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BYO chair and picnic to meet others.

Five Alive Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2016



This year our Gold group is preparing to travel to Dartmoor for their 4-day practice expedition and later to the Brecon Beacons for their assessment expedition. We are joining with Honiton Open Award Group and Clyst Vale School, so we have several leaders and can assess each other's groups, as you cannot assess a group you have trained.

The highlight of the assessment walk is the climb (and it is a climb!) up to Pen Y Fan, Crybin and Corn Du. The last day includes walking behind a waterfall, Sgwd yr Elra.

Anna Crabbe

GOLD AWARDS PRESENTATION

Anna Crabbe attended a lovely celebration of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold awards on Saturday, April 2nd at The Exeter Council Chambers, County Hall, Exeter when Sir John Calve, Vice Lord-Lieutenant presented the certificates.

Congratulations to Adam Taylor, Rory Dyer, Marianna Dyer, Alice Wittridge and Josh Fletcher who all received their Gold awards.

They are all off to St. James' Palace later in the year except Josh who has been invited to the Duke of Edinburgh's Garden Party to celebrate the Diamond anniversary year.



Sir John Calve,
Rory Dyer,
Marianna Dyer
and Adam Taylor



Sir John Calve
and Anna

At the same presentation Anna was also awarded a long service certificate, for twenty-two years service to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme as a leader of Five Alive D of E Award Kilmington.



If anyone is interested in helping run the award, please contact me 01297 32777.

Anna Crabbe Award Leader and assessor

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING

Heavy rain did not deter over 70 people from attending the Spring Coffee Morning held in the village hall on Saturday, 9th April that was brightly decorated in cheerful spring colours.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity for getting together with friends and neighbours over coffee and cake.

With stalls offering homemade cake, bird and bug boxes, plants, books and RBL merchandise and with a raffle over £600 was raised for the poppy appeal.

Thank you to all who contributed with cakes and raffle prizes and to everyone that helped and came along on the day.

Lesley Rew



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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 21.

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Down the garden path



Did you know that Devon is the most notable county for primroses? No? – until this month, nor did I. My garden is living proof, boasting a host of golden posies just asking to be picked. Unlike the ubiquitous violet, the primrose is a welcome uninvited guest, popping up under trees in the banks or at the feet of hydrangea bushes, unspoiled by strong winds or heavy downpours which come with April showers. The soft yellows seem to blend with whatever is round them – grape hyacinths, fritillaries, pulmonarias and all shades of green. They do self-seed, but are manageable and easy to move. Primrose Day, 19th April, commemorates the death of Disraeli in 1881; it was his favourite flower and Queen Victoria sent a wreath of primroses for his funeral.

April is a good time to take stock of the lawn and mine needs serious work. First on the list was a spring feed, followed by a weed and moss killer. The celandines responded immediately, curling upwards and becoming more conspicuous than ever – it will be interesting to see if they actually die. The moss so far appears to have ignored the assault. Two areas in the shade of trees are marked for re-seeding but so far the ground is too sodden to rake into the required condition of ‘fine tilth’.

There are areas in the garden which have a symmetrical pattern, in particular the sunken garden and herb patch on the south-facing terrace. That’s all well and good as far as the hard landscaping is concerned, but symmetrical planting has its hazards, as I have discovered this spring. Two osmanthus bushes – fine; two clumps of miscanthus – fine; but closest to the house, two lavender bushes – one fine and one looking decidedly dead. Lavender is a short-lived shrub. If I plant a replacement, the other one will surely die. The sensible solution is to discard both and replace them. Perhaps I’ll skip the symmetry at this end of the pattern. My son, who gardens in an even wetter part of Devon, has a similar but worse problem with his geometrical rose beds bordered with miniature box hedges. Random plants turn brown and wilt, stricken with box blight and ruining the intricate pattern. Perhaps we should both adopt random planting in future.

Plant of the month: *Narcissus poeticus ‘Flore Pleno’*, a double form of the traditional pheasant’s eye narcissus with fragrant, white flowers in late spring and early summer. Likes a damp spot in semi-shade.

Acantha

KGC Meeting 11th March: Container Gardening – Malcolm Mills, Castle Gardens

Every year members of the Gardening Club are treated to an expert talk from one of the staff of Castle Gardens, Sherborne, as part of their Gold Club benefits. Malcolm’s chosen subject was well suited to the time of year – planning containers for patios and balconies, with a bias towards all year round suitability. His talk was structured and informative, with recommendations for containers, composts and plants. In front of him was a large table of assorted plants and commercial preparations; at his feet were pots of all sizes and shapes. Starting with containers, he explained the differences between the materials and their relative frost hardiness. Best of all for year-round use are wooden barrels or frost-proof terra cotta, followed by reconstituted stone. All others can be considered as only frost resistant though they may be more decorative or cheaper. Next onto the table came bags of growing media. First the traditional John Innes composts, containing varying degrees of fertiliser, not suitable for acid-loving plants which require ericaceous compost. Next were the peat-based multipurpose composts, not much to choose between them, he thought, and many nurseries, including Castle Gardens, produce their own – they use 30,000 bags in their own centres. Unlike J.I., the nutrients in these are sufficient for only 3-4 weeks. Peat-free compost is made from green waste, but unlike garden compost it is sterilised for commercial use. Advice was also

given about additives, from grit and sand to slow-release fertiliser and water retentive gel.

You’ve got the pot with some crocks or pea gravel at the bottom, the compost mixed ready for use, and now what do you plant in it? From the comprehensive display in front of him Malcolm picked out groups of plants for various effects. These were anything but run of the mill and almost all were perennial. He recommended grasses – miscanthus, ophiopogon, even astelia all do well. Decorative shrubs included the beautiful mini-prunus Kojo-No-Mai, a dwarf pine *Pinus mugo* and an unusual small shrubby honeysuckle. Large and small flowered clematis, roses, acers, olives – all do well in containers given the right compost and watering. One topical recommendation was using a small holly, *Ilex crenata*, instead of box for hedging, thus avoiding the dreaded box blight. For shade, think about ferns, heucherellas and hostas; for full sun, herbs and lavender. As a finale, Malcolm potted up a terracotta container with his favourite annual, nemesia Vanilla Lady, and donated it as a raffle prize. We all went home delighted with the evening, and one lucky raffle winner doubly so.

Sydie Bones

Friday 13th May: Garden Butterflies – Roger Bristow

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KILMINGTON BRANCH

DEVON TRIP TO THE SOMME BATTLEFIELDS

Our trip to the battlefields of the Somme meant an early start on March 18th for the 46 members who joined the four day tour. After a jovial coach trip to Dover and ferry to Calais, we arrived at Arras in the late afternoon. This was to be our base for the three night stay. On that first evening, the 11 members of the Kilmington Branch enjoyed a celebratory dinner together that had been arranged with her customary efficiency by Jean Falconer.

On Day 2, a short drive south brought the party to the northern end of the Somme front, where we were

introduced to the horrors of the opening day of the battle (July 1st 1916) by our excellent guide, Mike Cartwright. At both Serre and at Beaumont Hamel, our first two stops, Allied casualties were horrendous. The troops, many from untried volunteer battalions, were led to believe that the seven day artillery bombardment that preceded the initial attacks would have decimated the German positions and their barbed-wire defences. Clearly, they had not, and the British and Commonwealth troops, who had been told to walk steadily across no-man's land carrying their heavy battle packs, were mown down by the German defenders.

At the site of the battle for Beaumont Hamel, we were introduced to "Private Parsons", a recently retired army regular, who now tours the battlefields in full WW1 uniform and described to us the trench life of the typical Tommy. On another part of the Beaumont Hamel battlefield, we ate our lunches in the grounds of the Newfoundland Park Memorial.

The scale of the loss of life on the Somme was further brought home to us at our next stop, the Thiepval Memorial. It commemorates the 72,000 soldiers of the British and South African forces who died on the Somme and have no known graves. Soldiers from other Commonwealth forces are commemorated elsewhere. In total, the British and Commonwealth forces suffered 420,000 casualties in the Battle of the Somme between July and November 1916, nearly 60,000 on July 1st alone, of which 96,000 were killed or missing.

There was time for a brief stop in the village of Aveluy to track down the grave of Captain Vivian Smith, who is commemorated by a plaque in St Giles' Church, Kilmington, before we moved on to our final visit of a long and busy day, the massive Lochnagar Crater on the La Boisselle sector of the front.

For most of the group, if not all, the highlight of the trip came at the first visit on Day 3. This was to the Devonshire Trench Cemetery, south of the village of Mametz and a few miles east of



Service for The Devonshire Regiment

the town of Albert, where we were later to have our lunch stop and a visit to the vast Basilica. Men of the Devonshire Regiment took part on the attack on Mametz on July 1st. The Allied forces on this more southerly part of the Somme front met with significantly more success than those further north, whose stories we had heard on the previous day, and Mametz was taken, but not without heavy casualties. On July 4th, a working party was able to bring the bodies of those killed back to a portion of the trench from which they had attacked three days previously, and here they were buried along with

a cross bearing the inscription "The Devons held this trench. The Devons hold it still." Today the Devonshire Trench Cemetery has memorial stones to 163 soldiers, all from the Devons, who died on July 1st. It was here in front of the stone cross that the party held its memorial service, led by Roger Lovegrove. Two Legion standards were paraded, a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille, and three wreaths were laid, one on behalf of the Kilmington Branch. If the tales of mass slaughter did not produce tears, then this moving service in a special place most certainly did.

Lunch in Albert somehow dragged on, leaving the group with time for just one further visit, to the site of the ferocious fighting at Delville Wood. The wood was taken by South African soldiers on July 15th, but they held it at a high cost. Delville Wood is now home to the South African Memorial and Museum.

The main part of the trip was now over. It had been a sobering experience – how could it not be? Yet, alongside the horrors that faced the combatants, the RBL party were of good cheer and none more so than on the Saturday evening,



Dinner for the 'Kilmington Eleven'

when many of us sat in the bar of the hotel to watch the England rugby team beating the French to clinch the Grand Slam.

There was time on the morning of our departure from Arras for those who wanted to shop to do so. David and Sandra Ingles chose instead to take a taxi to Bienvillers cemetery to the south of Arras to track down the grave of Kilmington man, Richard Pound. The return journey was now upon us. It went smoothly apart from a brief problem at the customs in Calais, when one of the group had to admit that he was travelling on his wife's passport. It had got him out of England!

David Ingles (with acknowledgements to Stafford Seward)



David Ingles at the grave of Captain Smith

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS: AN ANCIENT FESTIVAL WITH A PAGAN TWIST

DESPITE Christian attempts to appropriate May Day celebrations, the pagan roots of the festival remain unusually close to the surface.

The ancient Egyptians held the first May Day celebrations; however, most British customs have Anglo-Saxon or Celtic roots; the most influential being the Gaelic festival of Beltane which means ‘the return of the sun’. Celts believed the sun was held prisoner during winter months and released each spring to rule the summer sky; they celebrated this mythic release with a huge feast to mark the occasion. Still celebrated today, we perhaps know Beltane better as May 1st, or May Day.

Throughout Europe, 1st May has been marked with a variety of customs that celebrate springtime fertility and the arrival of warmer weather. Down through the centuries May Day has been associated with fun, revelry and fertility. The Day would be marked with villagers dancing round the maypole and the selection of a May Queen with the dancing figure of a Jack-in-the-Green at the head of the procession. Great fires were lit and people and animals walked or danced between the flames in a ceremony which was believed to promote purification and fertility. Some people believe that maypole dancing derives from this pagan ceremony.

Jack-in-the-Green is thought to be a relic from ancient days when our ancient ancestors worshipped trees. These pagan May Day festivities did not go down well with either the established Church or State. In the sixteenth century riots followed when May Day celebrations were banned. Fourteen rioters were hanged, and Henry VIII is said to have pardoned a further 400 who had been sentenced to death.

The May Day festivities all but vanished following the Civil War when Oliver Cromwell and his Puritans took control of the country in 1645. Describing maypole dancing as ‘a heathenish vanity generally abused to superstition and wickedness’, legislation was passed which saw the end of village maypoles throughout the country.

Dancing did not return to the village greens until the restoration of Charles II. ‘The Merry Monarch’ helped with



the erection of a massive 40 metre high maypole in London’s Strand. This pole signalled the return of the fun times, and remained standing for almost fifty years.

Surviving Customs:

The Hobby Horse: these still process through the towns of Dunster and Minehead in Somerset, and Padstow in Cornwall.

The Maypole Dance: this continues to be one of the most popular May Day customs in the UK, despite having originated in southern

Europe. Participants dance around a wooden maypole, holding colourful ribbons that become decoratively intertwined. The dancers then change direction and repeat the steps in reverse, causing the ribbons to unwind. This is said to symbolise the lengthening of the days as summer begins.

Morris Dancing: named after 13th century Moresco dancers, British Morris dancers are a stalwart of May Day celebrations. The stomping of feet and clashing of sticks is said to represent the battle between good and evil, and the triumph of summer over winter.

Modern interpretations: – since the reform of the Catholic calendar May Day has also been known as the Feast of St Joseph, the patron saint of workers. International Workers’ Day coincides with the ancient festival, and the association with workers and the labour movement has become increasingly pronounced in recent years. In many countries the terms May Day and Labour Day are now used interchangeably.

Public holiday: although May Day itself is not a bank holiday, the first Monday in May was established as a holiday in 1978. It was nearly scrapped in 2011, when Parliament considered introducing a replacement that would fall in October.

It is important, however, to remember that without ‘The Merry Monarch’, May Day celebrations might have come to a premature end in The British Isles in 1660: an ancient festival with a pagan twist!

Gill Heighway

ST GILES’ CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The theme for the St Giles’ Church Flower Festival in June is “For All the Saints” and the Church flower arrangers and some from other churches in the Mission Community and local area are already thinking about their interpretations of Saints through the ages. The Festival will be open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on the Friday and Saturday and until 4.00 pm on the Sunday to prepare for the Flower Festival Evensong at 6.00 pm to which everyone will be most welcome. A concert will be held in the Church on Saturday 4th June at 7.00 pm by the Lyme Regis Shanty Singers, a

very entertaining group which supports the gig rowers and other charities. Tickets are on sale at Hurfords Stores or from Caroline and Brian Lavender on 01297 34922 or bandclavender@btinternet.com The Flower Festival is being held in conjunction with an Art, Craft and Photographic Exhibition (advertised elsewhere) in the Village Hall and refreshments to include light lunches will be available. All profits will be shared between St Giles’ Church and the Village Hall. Please support these events in aid of well deserved charities.

KILMINGTON KANTER 2016

On Friday, 25th March the Weather Gods looked kindly on Kilmington for the Kilmington Kanter 7 mile running race and fun run. This year we decided to hold a 1k running race for children aged between 5 and 11. The race was basically three laps around the cricket field. This turned out to be a great success with 59 finishers. The winner was George Chapman from Charmouth Primary School with Lemimah Obudo being the first girl past the post.

This year's Fun Run had 31 runners and was won for the second year in a row by 15 year old Arun Hawkes of Axe Valley Runners. The first girl was Phoebe Clark with a fine performance placing her 3rd overall.

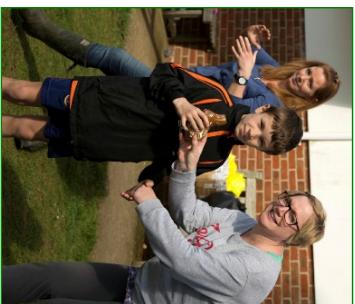
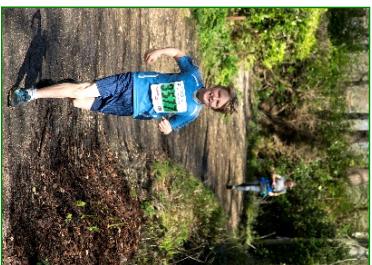
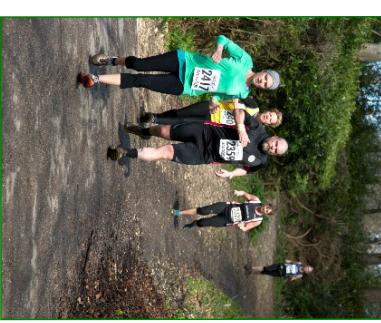
In the main Kanter Race we managed a record turnout of runners, with 120 people finishing the multi terrain race. James Denne from Honiton was the overall winner in a very fast time of 41.54 minutes. Ellie Dominey (South West Road Runners) was the first lady and 17th overall in 49.09. James Cope was the first local runner and 8th overall in 45.44.

It was a brilliant morning and well worth all the hours of effort put in behind the scenes by organisers Luke and Beverley Reed on behalf of the Kilmington PTA. The event has raised around £1,550 for the school, which is brilliant.

There are so many people to thank: Millers Farm Shop and Ganesha Wholefoods for the prizes on the day; Axminster Tool Centre for the refreshments; the course marshals for turning out once again to make the event safe for the participants; Axe Valley Runners for the use of the course marking equipment and the loan of Phil and Vikki Bayliss for their valuable help on the day; all the wonderful parents who helped out on the day.

This really is becoming one of the most popular village events. We hope for the same good weather next year.

Luke Reed, Organiser



NATURE NOTES

"Horticulturally, the month of May is Opening Night, Homecoming, and Graduation Day all rolled into one."

There is probably more nature to see in May than any other month, so enjoy the early mornings and evenings to the full. As birds continue to jostle for position in the garden, the blue tits who had first laid claim to one of our bird boxes have now sadly been evicted by a pair of house sparrows who have shoved them out and taken it over. We are still putting out dog and horse hair in an old feeder for nesting and such is the demand that, when it all ran out the other day, we saw a great tit attacking one of the dog's teddy bears he had left on the lawn. She was pecking out the fluff and taking that away instead! All those of you who provide help for nesting birds should be pleased with the recent results of the RSPB Garden Watch. Once again the House Sparrow, once on the decline, is the most prolific garden visitor both nationwide and in Devon. In fact the top ten birds nationwide also feature in our county but as you might expect their places in the ranking are a little different.

Position	ENGLAND	DEVON
1	House Sparrow	House Sparrow
2	Blue Tit	Blue Tit
3	Starling	Chaffinch
4	Blackbird	Blackbird
5	Woodpigeon	Goldfinch
6	Goldfinch	Woodpigeon
7	Great Tit	Starling
8	Robin	Great Tit
9	Chaffinch	Long Tailed Tit
10	Long Tailed Tit	Robin

We've been digging out the compost bin to distribute the goodness around the rest of the garden and this has brought to mind the very ground base of our gardens and much of the rest of nature: earthworms. They are crucial in breaking down organic matter and this decomposition helps to put the nutrients from dead plants and animals back into the soil. Worms pull leaf fall down into their burrows to shred and partially digest it using the grit in their gizzard to grind it up into a fine paste. They move around by anchoring one end with bristles to the surrounding soil and contracting muscles along their segmented body to pull through. Mucus is secreted to help lubricate the motion.

Worms are basically a digestive tube within a muscular outer body through which they breathe. They can regenerate lost segments if they lose a few at the rear. But a worm cut in half will usually die and not, as some think, survive as two.

Earthworms are hermaphroditic, which means they have both male and female sexual organs however they do not self fertilise. After mating, a mucus tube, in which fertilisation takes place, is shed from the saddle like band around and towards the front of the body. This then dries and forms a cocoon in which fully formed

worms emerge after two to four weeks. They take around a year to reach full size and can live for up to eight years. However, garden worms usually only survive around one or two years. Moles, birds, hedgehogs, snakes and foxes all eat earthworms. In New Zealand and parts of Asia they are sometimes sold for human consumption. And we just have to make do with crisps and peanuts with our pint of best!

There are around 25 species of earthworms in the UK and it's estimated over 3000 species globally. They can be divided roughly into four groups. The largest group (Anecic) have darker heads and lighter tails; they dig vertically dragging leaves down into their burrows. The second group (Endogeic) tunnel mainly horizontally feeding on the soil and sometimes reusing their burrows as they move around. They are often pale in colour: grey, green or pink. The third group (Epigeic) are red or red-brown and don't usually tunnel, preferring to live on the surface in leaf litter. The fourth and last are known as Compost Worms and, as their name suggests, they like the moist and warm environment of the compost heap. They are bright red and stripy and can reproduce extremely quickly. If any of you have tried unsuccessfully to start a compost heap by digging up and using regular soil worms, you'll now understand why they probably died and it was not successful. You need the real thing – Compost Worms!



A single worm can produce up to around 10lbs of castes a year. When tunnelling around they mix this and the different layers of soil thereby improving its composition. In addition their burrows allow water and oxygen to penetrate into the soil and carbon dioxide to escape. Wriggling through they act like miniature pistons, pumping air in and out of our gardens!



Research suggests that fertile farmland may have up to one and three-quarter million worms an acre. Now, the mathematicians amongst you will probably already be doing the calculation to tell us the potential volume of air and water being moved around each day – suffice to say it is significant. Not

only that but when you next lean on a gate and gaze at a herd of cows, just think that the weight of all the earthworms beneath is probably greater than the livestock above!

Peter

TORNADO SWEEPS THROUGH KILMINGTON



A warm sunny April morning, "I can see it – here it comes" the cry goes up from a child jumping up and down with excitement. I was equally excited (but without the jumping up and down nowadays!) After all you just don't see full blown steam express trains these days. Kilmington was being treated to the resurrection of The Devon Belle, a luxury express train that ran between London Waterloo, Ilfracombe and Plymouth between 1947 and 1954. The steam bit up front was '60163 Tornado' not a preserved old engine, but a very special locomotive; newly built in Darlington over 18 years and funded by three million pounds of private donations. She moved for the first time in August 2008 and relies on public support to stay steaming. And she looked majestic, the steam, her unmistakable

rhythmic panting as she powered by and the engine driver even waved and blew his whistle for those in the fields and crowded up the banks of Whitford Road trying to make the most of the moment. When it was announced that the 'final' passenger steam train would run on the 11th August 1968 a ticket on it cost you 15 guineas. Today the smiling passengers waving at us from the carriages paid £95 a ticket and £225 for a seat at a first class Pullman dining table. Who would have thought it? And, if you're at a loss as to what to buy your poor deserving old grandad for his birthday – look no further! To learn more about Tornado visit: www.alsteam.com

Peter

KILMINGTON KITCHEN



Hopefully we are going to have a good summer and we can look forward to lots of nice vegetables, especially new potatoes and asparagus.

CREAMY PESTO CHICKEN WITH ROASTED TOMATOES

Serves 4

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
3 tbsp homemade pesto (see recipe below)
85g/3oz mascarpone
4 tbsp olive oil
100g/4oz bread crumbs
175g/6oz baby tomatoes
handful of pine nuts
handful basil leaves

1. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Use a small sharp knife to make a slit along the side of each chicken breast to form a pocket. Mix together the pesto and mascarpone, then carefully spoon a quarter of the mixture into each chicken breast and smooth over the opening to seal.
2. Brush a little oil, all over each chicken breast and season well. Tip the breadcrumbs onto a large plate and season. Place each breast on the plate and press all over with the breadcrumbs. Place in a lightly oiled shallow baking dish along with the tomatoes. Drizzle over the remaining oil.
3. Cook in the oven for 20-25 mins until the chicken starts to turn golden and is cooked through. Scatter over the pine nuts and cook for 2 mins more. Sprinkle with basil leaves and serve with new potatoes

HOMEMADE PESTO

In a small food processor, whiz together a large handful basil leaves (about 40g) 25g toasted pine nuts, 25g finely grated parmesan, 1 crushed garlic clove and 3 tbsp olive oil. Keep in the fridge for 1-2 days or cover with a layer of oil and keep for 3-4 days.

HERBY ASPARAGUS & BACON TART

Serves 3 or 4 as a starter

250g puff pastry
little flour for tray
1 egg beaten
2tsp olive oil
100g/4oz bacon lardoons
100g/4oz ricotta
85g/3oz mascarpone
zest 1 lemon
2tbsp snipped chives
2 tbsp chopped basil
2 tbsp chopped parsley
2 tbsp grated Parmesan
bunch asparagus trimmed



1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 4. Roll out the pastry to about 15cm x 30cm, the thickness of a £1 coin, and trim the edges. Transfer to a lightly floured baking tray. Score a 1cm border, making sure you don't go all the way through the base. Prick all over the base with a fork, brush the edges of the tart with beaten egg and bake for 15 mins.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a small pan and fry the lardons until golden and crisp. Mix the ricotta, mascarpone, lemon zest, herbs and half the parmesan in a bowl with salt and lots of black pepper.
3. Remove tray from oven, squash down centre of the tart and spread with cheese mixture. Scatter over the bacon reserving the oil. Place asparagus along length of the tart, alternating direction of the tips. Brush with bacon oil, scatter over the remaining parmesan and bake for 20mins more. Serve warm.

Margaret Astbury

W.I. REPORT

Apologies were received from Ann Hiett and Jenny Newbury and as there were no minutes the meeting proceeded. Joy thanked everyone for their help at the successful Group Meeting and then introduced our speaker Carol Boote who told us about Marie Curie.

Marie lived from 1867 – 1934. She was born in Poland, but her lessons were in Russian and her further education was in France. There was no money to spare and Marie had to work at teaching to pay her way. She eventually obtained two masters degrees in Physics and Maths. When she married Pierre they did research in the daytime and worked in the evenings to gain a qualification to teach in France. Their daughter Irene was born in 1897. Marie kept working on "where does the energy of uranium salts come from?" Roentgen and Becquerel were working at the same time. The repairing properties to the skin of radium were found and

Marie and Pierre were awarded a Nobel Prize in 1903 for its discovery. Marie was awarded a second Nobel Prize in 1911 after Pierre's accidental death in 1906. During World War 1 she set up a mobile X-ray unit. She received a Légion d'honneur. Carol went into a lot of fascinating detail and I for one am still mulling over it in awe.

The competition winners were Phyllis and Margaret and the flower of the month Joy and Margaret.

Outings were discussed but no dates decided. Then Joy reported on the Spring Council meeting at Torquay.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and is on May 12th at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Margaret Andrews

AXMINSTER MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENTS PARTICIPATION

SMS Texting – Work is still going ahead to get this facility up and running. Forms to register you as willing to receive texts are available at the surgery.

Flu Jabs - We still have a late Winter Flu bug rife in the South West and the Practice is urging everyone who is in an “at risk” group e.g. the elderly, asthma sufferers, children and those who have not had a ‘flu jab’ this winter to make an appointment as soon as possible.

Practice Online System – Please, if you have not already signed up for this do consider it. Just pop into the surgery with some form of identification and you will be given details for passwords etc. Although formal training is a little difficult at the moment because of the building work here is usually someone at the surgery who will help out should you need it.

Surgery Extension – The developments are on schedule and I think everyone is looking forward to getting back to normal. The completion day will be important for all of us.

Patient Communication Meetings - Last year we had two very successful Patient Communication meetings and a

number of the developments this year stemmed from these meetings. Plans are now afoot for two meetings again this year, one in June and one in September/October. Watch this space for dates and times. Your opinions really matter and the Patient Participation Group is a good way to get them heard. Please no personal details, these should be addressed directly to the Practice Manager.

Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Day (Axminster Hospital) An awareness day for Parkinson’s Disease is being held at Axminster Hospital on April 21st from 10-30 a.m to 4 p.m. You can drop in at anytime and talk to health professionals who specialise in this area. There are no set times to come or go. The whole day is open to everyone, sufferers, medical professionals, carers and interested members of the public. There will also be a considerable amount of literature available. Do come along as it is this sort of activity that keeps Axminster Hospital so vibrant.

Ann Veit (AnnVmus@aol.com) AMPPPG Secretary
Shelagh Fearnley (bsfearnley@icloud.com) AMPPPG Chair

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Queen's 90th Birthday

We are going to hold a small celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday in connection with St. Giles Church on Sunday, 12th June. We would like to hear from any Kilmington resident who will also be 90 years old in 2016. Please contact Michael Collier on 01297 32390.

Tree Warden

I would like to thank Ken Wilcox who has been our tree warden for many years, for all the work he has done in reporting to the Council of the condition of the trees for which we are responsible. Ken has moved from Kilmington and Councillor Mark Jones has now taken over this position as Tree Warden.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 17th May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

Michael Collier, Chairman

FIVE ALIVE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD FUNDRAISING

A fundraising evening for the Five Alive Duke of Edinburgh Award Group will be held in the Kilmington Village Hall on Friday, 17th June at 7.00 pm.

Please join us for cheese and wine and an entertaining talk by Anna Crabbe and Rosie Giles. Rosie is the retired Headteacher from Marshwood Primary School, Dorset. She spends six months a year in Uganda working with the Church of Uganda.

FIVE ALIVE OIL

I am now taking oil orders for May the deadline date being the 25th. Please submit orders for either a specific amount or if ordering a top up submit an estimate of the amount you will require with a minimum order of 500 litres.

Our March order of 32,500 litres attracted a price of 26.9ppl plus 5% vat and at the time of writing Brent crude oil prices have reduced by \$2 a barrel.

Colin Stewart
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cogstewart@aol.co

AXMINSTER HERITAGE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in Thomas Whitty House on Tuesday, May 10th in aid of Axminster Heritage enabling visitors to look around the recently opened exhibition whilst enjoying a social gathering over a cup of coffee between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

Cakes for sale would be much appreciated.

Diana Church (01297 32417)

VILLAGE HALL ‘100’ CLUB

The winners of the draw held on 23rd March 2016

P Willmott	£25	M Dare	£5
R Crabbe	£10	R A Bailey	£5
V Turner	£10	J Gordon-Kerr	£5

For further details, please contact
Angus Falconer - 01297 33708

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read Postscript the cricket season will have started with some friendly fixtures (weather permitting).

The league season starts on the 7th May with both the 1st XI and 2nd XI teams having a full fixture list. I look forward to reporting on results in future editions of Postscript.

We are still looking for assistance in preparing and serving cricket club teas and if anyone is interested in helping please phone me on 01297 631868 to discuss.

David Lavender, Secretary

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB MAY 2016

		1st XI						2nd XI		
Sun	1st	Topsham St James		2.30 pm	H					
Mon	2nd	Lilly Research		2.00 pm	H					
Thu	5th	Devon & Dorset Over 50s		1.00 pm						
Sat	7th	Barnstaple & Pilton	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	7th	Kentisbeare	1.30 pm	H
Sun	8th	Wombats		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	14th	Feniton	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	14th	Exmouth 3 rd XI	1.30 pm	A
Sun	15th	Honion		2.30 pm	H					
Sat	21st	Clyst Hydon	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	21st	Clyst Hydon	1.30 pm	H
Sun	22nd	TBA								
Sat	28th	Axminster	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	28th	Axminster	1.30 pm	H
Sun	29th	Stockland & Yarcombe		2.30 pm	H					

KILMINGTON AT WAR 1914-1918

Copies of David Ingles's book "Kilmington at War 1914-18" are still available. All proceeds from sales go to the RBL and we suggest a minimum donation of £5. Contact David on 32234 or dwingles@aol.com



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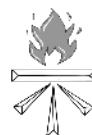
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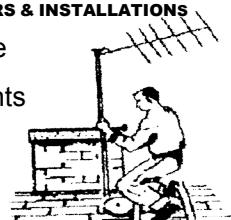
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Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
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 Timies
	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
	10.00 - 3.00 pm	Pavilion	Art Group

DATES FOR MAY 2016

Sun	1st	11.00 am & 12 noon	St Giles' Church	Baptisms
	1st	3.00 pm	Lower Westwater Farm	Joint Rogation Sunday Service
	1st	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in aid of the Children's Hospice South West
Tues	3rd	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	3rd	7.00 pm	Sidmouth Church	Archdeacon's Visitation
Wed	4th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>Dad's Army</i>
	4th	10.30 am	St Giles' Church	Flower Festival Meeting
Thurs	5th	11.00 am	Jubilee Green	Pre-school Duck Race
	5th	7.00 pm	Shute Church	Ascension Day Service
Fri	6th	6.00 pm	The New Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
	6th	7.30 pm	The Beacon	Concert by the Uplyme Gospel Singers
Sat	7th	1.30 - 5.00 pm	Various Gardens	Open Gardens Afternoon
Sun	8th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	8th	1.30 - 5.00 pm	Various Gardens	Open Gardens Afternoon
Mon	9th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Tues	10th	10.00 am - 12 noon	Axminster Heritage Centre	Coffee Morning
	10th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
	10th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Thurs	12th	7.00 pm	Village Hall	WI: AGM
Fri	13th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC: <i>Garden Butterflies - Roger Bristow</i>
Sat	14th	8.30 am	Village Hall	Rearranged Spring Clean
	14th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
	14th	7.00 pm	Dalwood Church	Mission Community Pentecost Praise
Sun	15th			Start of Christian Aid Week
	15th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Whit Sunday Family Communion
Tues	17th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
	17th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	19th	7.30 pm	Shute Church	Concerts in the West
Sat	21st	10.30 am	Village Hall	KGC Plant Market
Sun	22nd	8.00 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	22nd	10.30 am	The Beacon	Service with Matthew Glass representative from the Soldiers & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association
	22nd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	22nd	6.00 pm	The Beacon	L.I.F.E. Film Evening
Mon	23rd	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
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Sun	29th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Holy Communion
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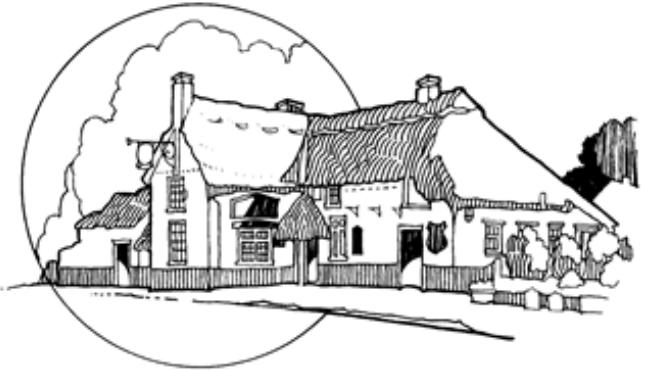
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