

KILMINGTON POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

Peter's focus on ants and their activities in Nature Notes on the page opposite brings to mind the importance of working hard and co-operation in order to get things done.



The fact that Postscript drops through your door each month is, as you will be aware, the result of co-operation, goodwill and hard work by many individuals. I mention this because the closing date for contributions this month fell, for the first time that I can remember, on Easter weekend. We felt rather like the ants in the photo above - we were treading a tortuous path and hoping we would arrive safely. And sure enough, the contributors sent in their material by the date it was due, the magazine was edited, the proof readers turned the draft round over night and then it was off to the printers who also carried out their role as speedily as necessary. So, rather like the ants we work hard and everyone co-operates to get the job done, even over an Easter weekend. A sincere thank you to the contributors, to everyone for keeping to the time schedule. A short quotation from Proverbs seems to fit the bill, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard. Consider her ways and be wise".

We have several celebrations reported this month, one the 90th birthday of Mrs Monica Clegg, mother of Gill Perkins. Many congratulations to Mrs Clegg. And congratulations also to Jean Falconer who has successfully completed her studies for a Master's Degree. Her topic (see page 11) is of local interest and so we shall look forward to an article from her in Postscript in due course.

Another person who writes extensively is Mike Tyler and Mike has recently completed research into the history of St Giles' Church. His book will be launched at a special event on Friday 16th May - details on page 10. A further snippet of village history is contributed by Alan Clarkson who came across the rather gory story whilst undertaking research into the history of his family home in the village. This month the centre pages are about sheep farming. Arnold and Alison Dare share a little of their experience at this very busy time of year with Richard Lane and give an insight into how much work goes on behind the scenes to produce those wonderful hoppity-skipitty little lambs.

We are delighted to welcome a new member to the Postscript team, Diane Overton. Diane has lived in the village most of her life and will be well known to many readers. She will be helping generally with production of the magazine and possibly writing an occasional article too.

Judith, on behalf of the Postscript team

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NATURE NOTES

*When April steps aside for May, Like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;
Fresh violets open every day: To some new bird each hour we listen*

It's that nesting time of year, so this month that's the subject! Sitting in bed (our little nest) just before the Easter weekend, we were extremely pleased to see house martins swooping up the gable end to the nest left last October. This was our first sighting of them this year on 13th April. Looking up the records of our last year's BTO house martin nest survey, they arrived here last year on April 11th, so they're fairly punctual. As last year, almost immediately, they flew off again, presumably to stay at better feeding grounds before returning to breed. Our single nest is unscathed and survived the mild winter, so it won't require the rebuild it did last year. If you're interested in assisting the BTO with bird surveys, search their website.



I witnessed some rather larger nest building earlier in the month when we visited Lesley's farrier. His wife Clair was a Kilmington girl and was telling me of her pantomime memories too. They

keep pigs and two of the sows had already farrowed a day or so before and were now busy suckling ten piglets each. The third sow was resting in one of the stables and, peering over the door, it was clear she was becoming restless and close to giving birth. I'd never seen a pig nesting before and watched in fascination as she gathered up mouthfuls of straw and went back and forth building the biggest nest I had ever seen! Later that day Clair messaged to say she had produced another eleven youngsters. I'd never thought of pigs nesting before!

A few days later whilst cutting the grass bank I came across another nest, in fact we have them all around the garden: ants. As they create their nests the ground often swells up into ant hills, some quite large. There are estimated to be over 20,000 species of ants with only around 12,000 identified. Ants live in colonies, some of just a dozen or so whilst others consist of millions living together as one 'super-organism' working together to support the colony. They come from the same family as bees and wasps and have many similarities. The Queen ant is the only ant that can lay eggs and this is her one and only job. She can live for years and often lays millions of eggs in her lifetime. Some species of ant have only one queen per colony while others can have several. She has wings when she is young but loses them after she mates. Male ants, called drones, have a short lifespan and often have only one role - mating with the queen and afterwards they may die. The rest of the colony, the workers and soldiers, are all sterile females. These ants do all the work such as gather food, care for the larvae, clean and protect the colony from enemies. Though

they are the smallest they are hard workers and can lift up to fifty times their own weight. That's equivalent to you carrying a small family car! All ants can bite and some can spray formic acid, effective against insects or small rodents, but usually unnoticed by humans. However, some ants sting and the injected venom causes swelling and irritation. In some parts of the world and in extreme circumstances such as an allergic reaction they can kill humans.

Some colonies are known to have existed for over eighty years; if threatened, ants can relocate their entire colonies very quickly. Ants communicate by using chemicals that alert others to danger or can lead them to a new food source. Ants can work together in many ways, aside from building intricate colonies and



Fire Ants

tunnels, some use their bodies to form bridges to cross over obstacles. Fire ants can join together and make themselves into a raft to survive flooding. These rafts consist of thousands of ants, are several inches in diameter and can float for weeks. Ants typically eat nectar, seeds, fungi, or insects. However, some army ants may prey on reptiles,



Ant versus Aphids

birds, or even small mammals. They travel up to 250 metres from their nest to forage for food and leave trails to find their way back. In autumn they begin to plug the holes in their nests and will remain in a dormant stage over

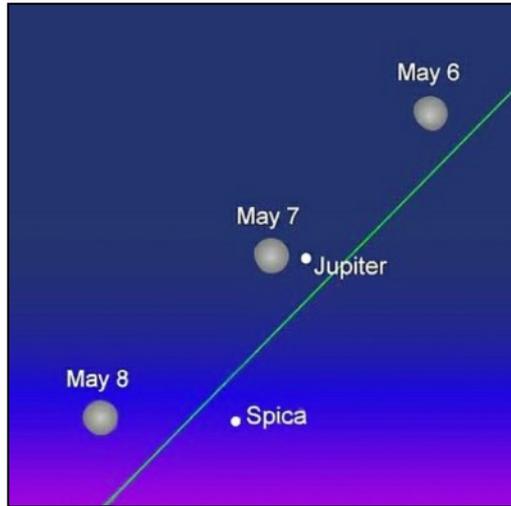
winter, staying near the queen to keep her warm.

Ants form an important part of food webs all over the world and are eaten by other insects, spiders, frogs, lizards, birds, fish, and some mammals. Rather than being seen as pests, ants provide a useful service to gardeners. One example is that ants are attracted to the nectar found on plant stems. They patrol these plants and disturb herbivores and seed-eating insects by attacking them and causing them to fall off the plants. And ants will do just about anything to get the sugary secretions of sap-sucking insects, called honeydew. To keep the sweet stuff in close supply some ants will farm and herd aphids. So they're not all bad!

Peter

THE KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Plenty to see above as the evenings get warmer and make it more comfortable to be out star gazing. Once again the spectacle this month continues to be Jupiter. Towards the end of the month Saturn takes over as it gets closer day by day. Whilst gazing at Jupiter, consider that it is truly the giant world in our solar system: the diameter of Jupiter is about 11 times that of Earth with a surface area about 121 times greater. It has more than twice the mass of all the other planets and moons in our solar system combined! Enjoy the May sky.



across our sky each day. But, owing to the moon's orbital motion around Earth, you'll see the moon swing by Jupiter (on 7th) and then Spica (on 8th) as over the next few days it moves eastward relative to the backdrop of stars and planets of the zodiac. In one day the moon travels roughly 13° eastward in front of the zodiacal constellations.

11th-13th Antares, Saturn and the Moon. The red star close to the Moon is Antares and the golden planet close by is Saturn. Remember: stars sparkle and planets don't!

3rd Regulus the bright star near the moon and the brightest star in the constellation Leo the Lion.

5th-6th ETA Aquarid Meteor Shower produces the most meteors during the dark hour before dawn. Not the best viewing from where we are in the Northern Hemisphere, but we might still enjoy a sprinkling of meteors if you're up early.

6th-8th The Moon, Jupiter and Spica will travel westward across the night sky. The Earth spins from west-to-east on its rotational axis which causes the sun, moon, stars and planets to rise in the east, set in the west, thereby going westward

22nd The Moon and Venus get up close an hour or two before sunrise.

25th Full Moon For the first time since 2009, it's the new moon (not the full moon) that gives us the closest supermoon of the year. The moon turns new today and sweeps to lunar perigee (moon's closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit) tomorrow, May 26th.

30th - 1st June The Moon sweeps by Regulus the brightest star in the constellation Leo the Lion.

Peter

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

SATURDAY 6th MAY

10.30 – 12 NOON

in Kilmington Village Hall

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Please help contribute by sowing extra seeds, potting a few more plants, donating plant related books, used or unwanted tools and sundries.

All will be gratefully received.

Refreshments available

FREE ENTRY

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

will be holding a

'WELCOME' COFFEE MORNING

for recent 'Newcomers' to the village

on

Saturday, June 3rd 2017

in The Village Hall

10.30 am -12.00 noon

PLEASE come along to meet representatives of the many Clubs and Societies, Churches and the Parish Councillors.

We will be pleased to see you.

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

On Friday, 12th May Gardeners' World, Gardener of the Decade winner, Kath Crouch, will deliver a light hearted and informative talk *Dramatic, but low maintenance gardening* at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Non-members always welcome £2.00.

Lesley Rew

KILMINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

The Annual Duck Race is on Thursday, May 11th starting at 10.30 am from Jubilee Green.

GARDEN OPEN FOR HOSPISCARE

The garden at Breach (down the byway off Shute Road or up the byway from Springhead Lane) is open to raise funds for Hospiscare on Sunday 14th May from 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm. Teas.

Please come along and support. Thank you.

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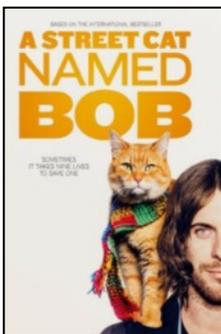
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A Street Cat Named Bob

(12a)

**Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 3rd May**



British street musician James Bowen's autobiographical book is a less-fluffy-than-it-sounds tale about how a stray orange tom cat saved his life. One night, James overdoses on heroin and wakes up in hospital. Drug counsellor Val helps him get on a methadone programme to treat his addiction, and eventually Val secures James a one-bedroom apartment where he can stay off the streets.

At his new flat one evening, James finds a bedraggled ginger tabby stealing cereal in his kitchen. The cat decides to adopt James, especially after the latter spends what was nearly his last few pounds buying medicine for an abscess on the street cat's leg. Bob proves to be an extraordinarily calm, faithful and trainable cat. He follows James onto a bus one morning and won't go home, and soon he's on a cat harness to keep him safe. Bob learns how to travel by clinging to James' shoulders and give a high-five (these stunts, according to the press notes, were mostly performed by the real Bob).

The bond between man and cat is the story's heartbeat, in both book and film. Bob is a very smart, particularly loving cat which, and this is the important bit, needs James to survive. It's being needed that proves to be James' salvation, the motivation he in turn needs to give up his dependency on methadone and all drugs.

Forthcoming Films: June 7th La La Land; July 5th Lion.

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: wattsjohn307@gmail.com

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Letter from the Churches

Britain's best rural places to live in 2017 have been revealed in the latest annual quality of life survey. Undertaken by the Halifax Building Society, I was pleased to note that East Devon is in the top 50, coming in at 37. Each district is ranked according to a range of factors including education, crime rates, pollution levels and employment. Well done to the Halifax for spotting how wonderful life is in Kilmington and surrounding districts (we'll exclude Dalwood from that, of course!) but then I spotted that West Dorset ranks up there at 12th place. Pah! What does a Building Society know about quality of life? I won't be banking with them anymore!

There are days when I can say with the Psalmist

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
Surely I have a delightful inheritance*
(Psalm 16 verse 6)

We can look out from Kilmington on rolling fields and hills with their ever-changing colours and textures, walk through woodland and dramatic coastline just minutes from our door, enjoy a range of independent eateries and shops which provide most of our wants and desires. East Devon is a wonderful place to live.

But the next day reality slaps you around the face like a wet fish. You realise your dependence on a car, on the groaning NHS system struggling to cope with the demand, on the internet signal with the strength of a gnat and that, even in

our street and under our own roof, it may not always be all harmony and light.

Elsewhere in the earlier quoted Psalm, we also read these words

*I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing"*
(Psalm 16 verse 2)

Then we realise that the Psalms and the whole bible are entirely honest and authentic. Life is a mixture of good and bad experience. Annie Johnson Flint penned these words,

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through,
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

Life in this world is not perfect, but God never promised that it would be. Or as Christian author Richard Rohr put it,

*If there is such a thing as human perfection, it seems to
emerge precisely from how we handle the imperfection that
is everywhere, especially our own.*

Pastor Darrell Holmes

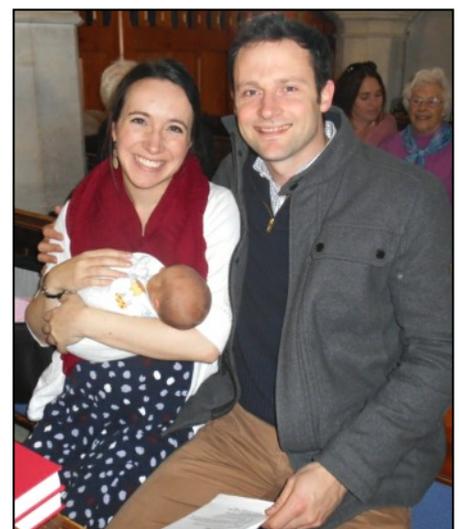
MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

The Revd. Simon led the Mothering Sunday Family Service in St Giles' Church on Sunday, 26th March. The newest mother present was Esther Gibbs, daughter of Simon and Pauline, who with her husband the Revd Al Gibbs, brought with them Chloe Grace, their five day-old daughter. The service focused on the role of mothers throughout the world

and our appreciation for their loving care.

Chris and Christine Thorne with Elana read the interactive prayers. The children presented spring posies, prepared by Caroline Lavender and Karen Hodder, to all the ladies present and some were available to take away for family and friends.

Refreshments, which included Simnel cakes, baked by Ann Marsh and Sally Huscroft, were enjoyed afterwards.



Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary



CHANGES TO THE CONTACT LUNCH

The Contact Lunch has moved into a new phase under new leadership. It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Ann Messeder who has so faithfully served on the Contact Lunch team for many years. We are thankful for her dedication. She will continue to be a regular face in the kitchen at EPIC (a termly children's event run by local churches) and the children's Summer Holiday Club (run by members of The Baptist Church, Kilmington).

Contact Lunch is a monthly lunch (£3) for over 50s and takes place at The Beacon on the third Tuesday of each month. We provide a two course meal for a maximum of 40 people and require anyone wishing to attend to register by the previous Sunday, either through speaking to Sylvia Newbery or telephoning 01297 34326. If you have booked

and find your circumstance has changed please let us know so that someone on the waiting list can be offered your place.

We feel that it would be good to give people more time to get to know each other and socialise, so as of this month, we are launching CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other). On the third Tuesday of each month, The Beacon will be open for coffee from 10.30 till 12 noon. If you fancy a chat, like board games and crosswords or just want a change of scene please pop in and join us for a cuppa. If you are also booked in for Contact Lunch there is no charge for coffee, however there will be a donations pot available.

Juletta Obudo

PALM SUNDAY IN KILMINGTON



A 13 year-old small donkey named William from the Sidmouth Sanctuary led the Procession from Kilmington Common to St Giles' Church on Sunday, 9th April. The Revd Simon Holloway and Pastor Darrell Holmes gave the readings and prayers en route and palm crosses were handed out in memory of Christ's "triumphant" entry into Jerusalem. They joined the assembled congregation that had been "warming-up" with some of the songs and a reading and William had no hesitation in

entering the church walking up to the chancel, to the delight of the children. The church was packed with Anglican, Baptists and other visitors who were welcomed by Brian Lavender who conducted the Service, and Margaret Hurford and the choir led the familiar Palm Sunday hymns. The readings were given by Jonathon Buss, Diana Mellows and Michael Marsh while the Intercessions were led by Christine Mills. Pastor Darrell gave an interesting and very relevant talk based on Psalm 118.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards in the Village Hall which provided a good opportunity for members of the main churches to meet.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary



ROGATION SUNDAY IN KILMINGTON

It is seven years since we held a very successful village Rogation Service at Millers Farm Shop and Malcolm and family have kindly agreed to hold another one at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 21st May. This is a very good opportunity to show our support at the time of planting for farmers and pray for an abundant harvest in 2017.

No doubt everyone has purchased and consumed some of Malcolm's crops which he will tell us about, even though his main business is the shop.

The service will be conducted jointly by the Revd. Simon Holloway and Pastor Darrell Holmes. A music group will

lead the songs and hymns, and children, as well as adults, will be invited to plant sunflower seeds for judging at the Harvest Festival Lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday, 24th September.

Everyone is invited to attend this informal service, which the children particularly seem to enjoy. Refreshments will be available afterwards and lifts will be provided from the Village Hall car park.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

VILLAGE LIBRARY



Kilmington Library has a good stock of books at the moment, so John Watts came up with the idea of having a sale at the British Legion Coffee Morning. We not only raised money for a good cause but also raised awareness of our little village library.

Karen Hodder

SHUTE BARTON OPENING DATES

The opening dates for Shute Barton this year are as follows:

- 20th and 21st May 2017
- 17th and 18th June 2017
- 14th and 15th October 2017
- 18th and 19th November 2017

You will note that this year the house will not be open at all during September, instead the National Trust has decided to open it on the 18th and 19th November. This is to give visitors somewhere to visit in November when all other properties have been closed for the season. As before, tours last about 45 minutes and there is no need to book.

Teas, coffee and cakes will be served in the Church as usual.

Hilary Abrams, Volunteer Tour Guide

AXMINSTER CARE SERVICE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Volunteer drivers are being sought urgently to replace several who have recently had to give up. Charity Togs, owned and managed by the Axminster Care Service volunteers raises funds to support many organisations and individuals in the area covered by the Axminster Medical Practice. It also organises a car service to take patients to and from hospital appointments etc.

While journeys as far as Wonford and Derriford have to be covered, the ACS is very short of those willing to undertake shorter ones, eg to Axminster Hospital or to the Dental or Medical Practices. The volunteer drivers are paid a mileage allowance and often express their pleasure at being able to help local people in this way, making friends in the process.

Please help if you can! Contact the Drivers' Coordinator, Mark Armstrong, on 01395 579958 or the undersigned for further details.

Caroline Lavender, Hon Secretary
Axminster Care Service

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dare's Field, George Lane

It is a pleasure to see that the site has now been cleared and tidied up. The Devon Banks have been built and planted, as well as planting on the perimeter fence. Give this a few years and it will blend in very well and enhance this site.

Coffee Morning for Newcomers

A coffee morning has been arranged to welcome newcomers to the village on Saturday, 3rd June 2017. See the advert on page 4 in this Postscript for further information.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is the A.G.M. which will be held in conjunction with the monthly meeting on Tuesday, 30th May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

Michael Collier, Chairman, KPC

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Easy

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 25.

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The Spring term was very busy at the Pre-School and we are looking forward to a fun packed Summer term when we will be welcoming some new little faces to our group. The committee of volunteers has

had a reshuffle and we are enthusiastic about Pre-School upcoming term, events and ventures.

We are on a recruitment drive looking for new committee members and volunteers to help with forthcoming events. We need help at fundraising events and our new parent-baby-toddler group on a Friday afternoon. The help would be welcomed as committee members all have small children to supervise whilst running events and groups etc. Any volunteers would only need to donate a few hours a month to make refreshments and the occasional cake. No DSB check is required as volunteers would not be supervising children. Committee members do need to complete a DSB check but this is straightforward. We are a small friendly team of parents looking for help to enable our outstanding Pre-School to continue and grow as a valuable part of the community.

A new venture we are trialling over the Summer term is a parent-baby-toddler group on a Friday afternoon. We have heard from many parents that they drive into Kilmington three times a day to bring their children to the Primary and Pre-School and collect them. Unfortunately, we are unable to

extend our hours in the Village Hall due to other regular bookings. So, we are going to run a parent-supervised play group across the road in the Hitchcock Pavilion of the Kilmington Cricket Club. This group will be run by Dr Heather Gibbard and all proceeds will go to improving facilities at the Pre-School. The playgroup will include science and craft activities and each week will be themed. The group is called "Tiny Einsteins" and starts on Friday, 5th May and the theme for that week will be "bugs!" Heather is doing this voluntarily so anyone wanting to help please contact Heather at kilmingtonpreschool@gmail.com

After the fantastic response to revamp our Pre-School garden to the rear of the village hall we have been inspired further. We now have big plans to revamp our currently neglected allotment in the village! To make a start we will be hosting a garden party at the allotment on the morning of Saturday, 27th May at 10.00 am. We will busy away with 'Ground Force' effort during the morning and reward volunteers with cake and refreshments for their efforts. Please bring tools, sandwiches, wellies, sun cream, hats, water proofs, gardening gloves, a sense of humour and some determination.

A reminder about our annual Duck Race on Thursday, 11th May at 11.15 am from the Jubilee Green. Refreshments will be available from the Village Hall from 10.00 am. Duck tickets are available from Hurfords Stores and are £1 each.

Carly Dare

Tiny Einsteins
Parent baby toddler Group

Starts 5th May 2017!!

Friday afternoons
Kilmington Cricket Pavilion

2pm until 3.30pm £2.50 per family
In association with Kilmington Pre-School

Each week will be science themed, crafty and fun!!

KILMINGTON Pre-School
Contact: Dr Heather Gibbard
kilmingtonpreschool@gmail.com

£1 a Duck, tickets available from Hurford Stores

Kilmington Pre-School Duck race

11th May 2017 @ 11.15am
Jubilee Green, Kilmington

1st prize Pocomma family ticket
2nd Abbotshury farm family ticket
3rd 2 tickets Seaton Tramway
4th Seaton Jurassic family ticket
5th Escot wildwood child & adult ticket

Refreshment will be available from 10am at the village hall.

All fundraising will go toward the running and upkeep of Kilmington Pre-School

Allotment Garden Party!

Saturday 27th May
10am - lunch
Kilmington allotments

We are giving our children's allotment a much needed spring revamp!

We would love to have your help

Join us for a bit of a 'Ground Force' style revamp and Picnic!

Please bring tools and sandwiches to share & We'll bring the plan, yummy cakes and drinks.

KILMINGTON Pre-School
Happy Children Learn

Could you lend us a hand?

We need
New committee members
&
Volunteers

Our village Pre-School is run voluntarily by a small committee of friendly local mums.
We organise 10 fundraising events per year and maintain fantastic inside and outside facilities plus an allotment!
If you can spare just a few hours a month we would love you to come and join us!

Registered Charity 1027578 Contact us at kilmingtonpreschool@gmail.com

LENT LUNCHES



Everyone enjoying their lunch



Behind the scenes staff

This year the Lent Lunches have been a great success raising over £1,000 for the emergency relief organisation Shelterbox. This means that Kilmington has raised enough to send one box to a disaster zone. This can provide vital aid for one family who have lost everything.

The Lent Lunches are held every Thursday during Lent, and the menu consists of delicious homemade soup, rolls and cheese and tea or coffee.

The generous and talented soup makers were Ann Marsh, Barbara Woodsford, Jill Collier, Caroline Lavender, Di Seward and Christine Thorne and their soups ranged from pea and horseradish to broccoli and stilton and many other very tasty soups. What stars they and the ladies behind the scenes are (see photo below). Their contributions were much appreciated.

Maybe next year we will have many more at these splendid lunches; they are so well worthwhile and Shelterbox is such a needy cause.

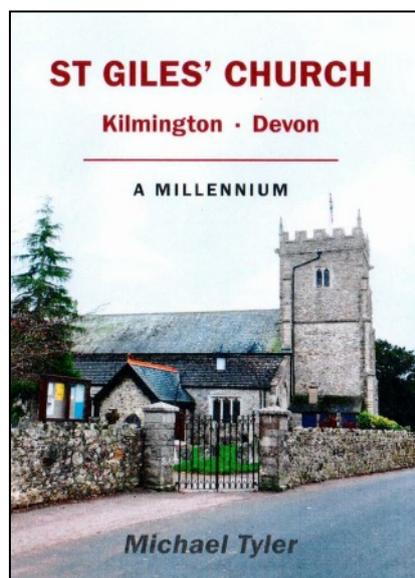
Thank you everyone.

Diana Mellows

LAUNCH OF NEW BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF ST GILES CHURCH

Michael Tyler has very kindly spent over a year researching the history of St Giles' Church, a site of worship that has existed for over 1000 years. Previously, we have had to rely on a few old documents and two pamphlets written by General Elliott and Brigadier Carter (previous Village residents), but Michael has delved much deeper into the events over the years and uncovered very many interesting facts. The KPCC decided to sponsor the book which is of very good quality with a hard cover and many illustrations and photographs, some in full colour.

The book will be launched at a special event in St Giles' Church on the evening of Friday, 19th May at which Michael will talk about his research and point out some of the many features in the Church from



which he has managed to unearth further information.

The book will undoubtedly be of great interest to many in the local community, some of whose ancestors will have ensured that the Parish Church has been cared for and has served the community for all those years. Whilst the price of this book has been set at £15, over the weekend of 19-21st only, the sale price will be reduced to £10, although it is hoped that most purchasers will be willing to pay the full price. Michael will of course be willing to sign the books.

Refreshments will be available and you can be sure of a very interesting evening.

Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Monica Clegg's 90th Birthday



A family gathering



Monica with her sister, Sheila Hill, whose birthday is the same day

I was born on 20th March 1927 at Broadclyst. When I was three years old we moved to Poltimore. When I was six years old the family moved to 11 Hillcrest, Kilmington which was a shock as we had no running water in the house nor an inside toilet which we had been used to at Poltimore. My father, who worked for the council, was sent to Kilmington Quarry to work. I worked at Harris's Café in

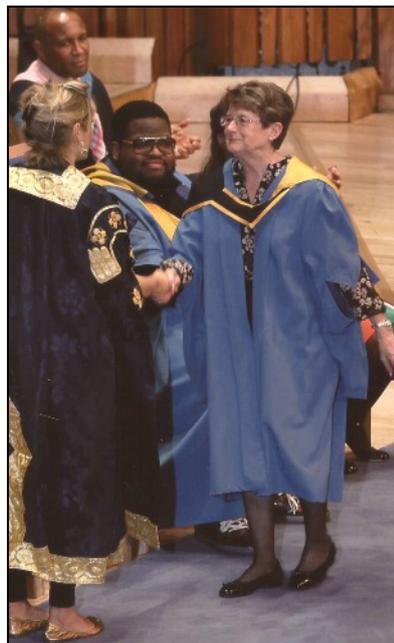
Axminster where I met my husband Phillip, we were married at St Giles Church on 12th April 1947, we moved to 3 Newtons when they were newly built. I have two daughters Gillian and Hilary, six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild with another due in September.

Monica Clegg

Jean Falconer receives her MA

On Friday, 24th March, at a ceremony for Open University students at The Barbican in London, Jean Falconer graduated with the degree of Master of Arts (with Merit). This followed the Bachelor's degree (2:1) in Humanities (with Art History) which she acquired three and a half years ago. Her M.A. was the culmination of some ten years of study, though much of it was intermittent because of house moves and other commitments.

You may well ask: "why on earth did she do it?" Jean left school at 16 and was disappointed not to have been given the option to go on to university. At a later date, the advent of the Open University suddenly provided the opportunity that had been denied her at 16. However, she was not convinced that she had the ability to complete a degree course successfully. I certainly did not share these doubts as she was clearly talented – for instance she became fluent in Italian and French, in addition to having a good grasp of Spanish and German. In 2005 she finally took the plunge and applied to start her studies. We were living in France at the time and



Jean receiving her degree from Baroness Martha Lane-Fox

on our return in 2008, she actually studied Humanities subjects in French.

Students studying for the Masters in Art History were encouraged to focus on art works or subjects close to home for their dissertation topics and, therefore, Jean decided to explore the stylistic influences exerted on the designs of Thomas Whitty's carpets. It proved to be a fascinating subject requiring a great deal of research but Jean's hope is that it has contributed to the sum of knowledge being collected by the Axminster Heritage Project.

Will she continue her studies? I personally hope not because, whilst she clearly enjoyed the research involved, the process was often exacting – on several occasions she went without sleep for some 36 hours in order to meet deadlines for submission!

She also knows that I clapped enthusiastically when the Vice-Chancellor who conferred her B.A. degree remarked that

"one thing worse than studying for an Open University degree is living with someone who is studying for an Open University degree!" But she will make that choice.

Angus Falconer



KILMINGTON KITCHEN

After eating one of our favourite pies this week, my other half said “why don’t you put this in *Postscript?*”. So here are two pie recipes “Chicken and Leek” and “Cheese and Onion”, both very tasty. You can easily put your own stamp on them by using different herbs and with the “Cheese and Onion” using some blue cheese for extra flavour. Also, the pies could be made into individual pasties.

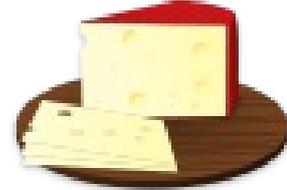
CHICKEN AND LEEK PIE

Serves 3-4

- 60g butter
- 2 large leeks, finely sliced
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1oz plain flour
- 12 fl oz chicken stock
- 4 fl oz cream
- 2tsp dried tarragon
- 2 large cooked chicken breasts, chopped
- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 2 fl oz milk



1. Preheat oven to 200C/180 fan. In a pan, melt the butter and add the leek, spring onion and garlic. Cook over a low heat for 6 minutes, or until the leek is soft but not browned. Sprinkle in the flour and mix well. Pour in the stock gradually and cook, stirring well, until thick and smooth. Add the tarragon and stir once more. Stir in the cream and add the chicken.
2. Put the mixture in a shallow pie dish and set aside to cool.
3. Cut a circle out of the puff pastry to cover the top of the pie. Paint around the rim of the pie dish with a little milk. Put the pastry on top and seal around the edge firmly. Trim off any overhanging pastry and decorate the edge with a fork.
4. Make leftover pastry into decorations and arrange on top of pie. Make a few small holes to let out steam and brush the top of the pie lightly with milk. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes or until the top is brown.



CHEESE AND ONION PIE

Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions chopped
- 185g grated Cheddar (or half Cheddar half Blue Stilton)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or coriander
- 1 teaspoon English mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 sheets puff pastry

1. Preheat oven to 190C/170 fan. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat, add the onion and cook for 5-7 minutes, or until soft and golden. Transfer to a bowl and allow to cool for 10 minutes.
2. Add the cheese, herbs, mustard and Worcestershire sauce to the onion and mix well. Add half the egg to the bowl and season well.
3. Cut each sheet of pastry into a 23cm circle. Lay one sheet of pastry on a lined baking tray. Spread the filling over the pastry base, piling it higher in the middle and leaving a narrow border. Lightly brush the border with some beaten egg and place the second sheet on top, stretching it slightly to neatly fit the bottom. Press and seal the edges well and brush the top with the remaining beaten egg. Cut two slices in the top for steam to escape.
4. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 180C/160 fan and cook for another 20-25 minutes, or until the pastry is crisp and golden.

Margaret Astbury

KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

An announcement was made at the Kilmington Village Hall AGM on Wednesday, 19th April that Caroline Lavender, who has been Booking Secretary for some eight years, will be standing down. Louise Quincey (01297 32358) has very kindly agreed to replace her and will be introducing changes

to the booking procedure in due course. The official “hand-over” took place on Monday, 24th April.

Caroline would like to thank everyone for their co-operation, patience and understanding over the past eight years.

VILLAGE HALL ‘100’ CLUB

FIVE ALIVE OIL

The May deadline date for ordering oil will be Friday, 19th May. Please submit either a specific amount or if requiring a ‘top up’ then an accurate estimate as to how much you require with a minimum order of 500 litres.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

A SUCCESSFUL SPRING COFFEE MORNING



Kilmington Royal British Legion raised an amazing £1,200 at our spring coffee morning.

We were blessed with good weather which encouraged a large crowd to attend. There were stalls offering homemade cakes, plants, books, bird and bug boxes, Royal British Legion merchandise as well as Easter eggs.

The raffle was well supported and ‘new this year’ was a silent auction of a beautiful dovecote and a print of a stained glass piece by Rachel Mulligan.

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

The Royal British Legion Annual Outing is on Tuesday, 13th June. Tickets for the outing are selling fast. If you would like to come please see your shepherd for details.

Lesley Rew

FLOWER SHOW AND FAYRE UPDATE

Building on last year’s successful event in our new location, the Village Hall and the field behind, the arrangements for this year’s Flower Show and Fayre are well under way.

By now every household in the village should have received a Show Schedule listing the classes you can enter. If you need additional copies, please call Bev Perkins on 01297 631801.

You really don’t have to be the next Alan Titchmarsh or Mary Berry to enter. It’s a fun event for all the family so why not have a go.

We are pleased to announce that Professor Bumble will be entertaining us with his clowning, magic, juggling, slapstick comedy and uni-cycling. He tells us that there will be lots of audience participation!

We have room for a few more stalls so, if you would like one, or know of anyone who would like to exhibit, please call Gill Gibbs on 01297 33121.

The date for your diary for this year’s event is Saturday, 29th July.

Lesley and Gill

SHEEP – A FINE BALANCING ACT



A field of dense vegetation (turnips) at the start of grazing



Two very different looking ewes with their lambs



BEFORE:



Completely razed after grazing



Late spring lambs typically born outdoors



January/February lambs born in barns

AFTER:

As winter recedes and spring comes in with force, Kilmington suddenly feels surrounded by sheep. The fields are indeed full of sheep for we are coming towards the culmination of the shepherding year. While the cows are still inside their winter quarters, use is made of their future silage fields for sheep grazing. At Coryton Park, the Dare family is fully occupied with growing on the early lambs that were born in barns in January and February and now out in the fields. They must also ensure the remaining pregnant ewes have enough to eat before the main Spring lambing season.

The main sheep type in the Dare's flock is a complicated "Suffolk-cross-mule". A mule is a cross between a ram from a productive lowland breed and a more hardy, upland ewe to give a good lamb rearing ewe. These mules are then crossed with a Charolais or Texel ram to produce a good quality muscular lamb.

The Dares run two breeding flocks, the first of which goes to ram in August for January and February lambing. The second flock lamb between the 20th March and 20th April. The ewes have a gestation period of five months minus five days.

As might be expected, the build up to lambing is an intense time. All the ewes are scanned, at an amazing 150 per hour,

mid-pregnancy to find out the number of lambs they are expecting, the pregnant ewes are then kept in groups so that appropriate feed can be given. Most ewes will produce twins. Ewes have just two teets so twins is ideal, while triplets require extra management, sometimes transferring one to a mother with only a single lamb. Those lambing early and those producing triplets will need extra 'cake' (not Victoria sponge, but pellets - the sheep love them). This supply of cake continues until after lambing and is gradually withdrawn from the ewes as the lambs are weaned from their mothers, after which the cake continues to be fed to the lambs.

In addition to the breeding flock, the Dares buy-in 'store lambs' from other producers, which are grazed on their own land and other farms where they manage the grass by eating it down. This encourages new growth for either silage cutting or cattle grazing later in the year. There is a huge amount of effort in moving the sheep around within and between fields, especially as the flock is spread over nearly a 10-mile radius. The Dares have their own lorry for this transport as well as collecting and taking animals to the abattoir. All members of the family are involved in the daily checking and moving of the sheep. Indeed, the children each have their own small 'flock'; Emily has Jacob's, Charlie has Suffolk Border-Leicester's and Phoebe has Zwartble's.

It's a fine judgement when to take animals to the abattoir as prices vary throughout the season. 'Spring lamb' fed on the early spring grass commands a good price around Easter – so long as there is not a glut with too many going at the same time! The weight of the sheep is also critical, there is a price penalty for a sheep that is too heavy or too light, or carrying too much fat. Selecting which sheep go and when is a real skill. It is also interesting to note that a new market is opening up for sheep producers, delivering much older sheep to some ethnic groups who prize them for use in traditional recipes.

The sheep need continual attention, especially their feet which suffer on the damp Devon ground. Like other animals, parasites need controlling and careful attention must be given to spot early signs of new diseases, such as "Schmallenburg", a devastating virus of foetuses carried by minute bloodsucking midges. The sheep also require treatment to prevent 'fly-strike' an unpleasant invasion of their rear-end by green-bottle maggots. This is achieved by carefully shearing the sheep's rear before June to avoid any soiling of the wool and hence attracting flies. Shearing to give full fleeces is also necessary to keep the sheep in good health, at more than 300 sheep a day per shearer this requires much logistical planning. The current value of the fleeces only just about covers the costs involved. This is

surprising given the historical importance of wool to the Devon economy.

In addition to the obvious animal husbandry, sheep farming requires an arable expertise too. Pastures need to be sampled and appropriate fertiliser applied in order to bring maximum yield. Turnips need to be planted for spring feeding the 'finishing lambs' and pregnant ewes, a failed crop at this time would be disastrous. It's a curious sight to see sheep up to their waists in turnips or beet, yet in a few weeks they will stand on bare ground with only a few random stalks left. Maize follows turnips for silage and wheat is grown to feed animals in winter. Being a mixed farm, Coryton Park rotates the use of their land between sheep, cattle, arable and resting the land.

By the end of May, the core flock will reduce back to the breeding ewes and a few choice rams, the remaining lambs will be sent to the abattoir over the summer. The 'New Season' has begun and the spinning-plates balancing act that is sheep farming will start all over again.

Arnold and Alison Dare
in conversation with Richard Lane

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES MAY 2017

		1 st XI						2 nd XI		
Mon	1st	Lilly Research		2.00 pm	H					
Sat	6th	Feniton	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	6th	Barnstaple & Pilton	1.30 pm	H
Sun	7th	Wombats		2.00 pm	H					
Wed	10th	<i>Devon v Dorset Over 50s</i>		1.00 pm						
Sat	13th	Clyst St George	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	13th	Exeter 3 rd XI	1.30 pm	A
Sun	14th	Honiton		2.00 m	H					
Sat	20th	Braunton	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	20th	Halberton & San Peverall	1.30 pm	A
Sun	21st	Taunton St Andrews		2.00 pm	H					
Sat	27th	Clyst Hydon	DL	1.30 pm	A	Sat	27th	North Devon 3 rd XI	1.30 pm	H
Sun	28th	<i>Uplyme & Lyme Regis 20:20</i>		10.30 am	A					

THANK YOU FROM KILMINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Kilmington Pre-School would like to say a big "thank you" for all the help and donations that we received towards our new garden area. It looks wonderful outside now and ready for the lovely weather so the children can explore. We created new sandpits and water features along with our very own bug corner. We are all very grateful for the help we received.

We have a duck race coming up on 11th May at 11.15 am with refreshments first in the Village



Hall - everyone welcome. We have some wonderful prizes including Pecorama, Seaton Tramway, Abbotsbury Swannery and Seaton Jurassic. Tickets: £1 a duck and all proceeds toward the upkeep of the Pre-School.

If you would like any more information on our lovely village Pre-School, please contact Charlotte on 07747 856598.

Kayleigh Humphry (Vice Chairperson)



COLYTON VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN

On Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May 2017, the 17th Colyton Vintage Tractor Run will start to assemble at 8.30 am at The Peace Playing Field and will be started by Chris Way, our

main sponsor, at 10.30 am prompt before wending its merry way through some beautiful East Devon villages before finishing up at Hawkchurch Village Hall for lunch at approximately 2.30 pm. Some of the villages that the run will pass through are Whitford, Kilmington, Membury, Churchill, Chardstock, Tytherleigh, and of course, Hawkchurch. Let us hope for decent weather and the usual colourful turnout.

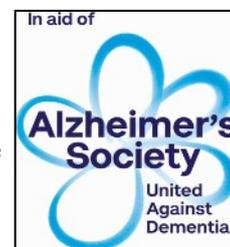
Since the run started we have raised over £30,000 for various charities either local, or the local branches of

national organisations, and we hope to again raise a record breaking amount. The charities we are supporting this year are Hospiscare at Home funded by Seaton Hospital League of Friends and the Dementia Society (Exeter Branch).

Please give generously to our collectors on the way round and to our collection trailer driven by local man, Derek Dickins. Should you wish to make a donation directly please contact the Treasurer, Ann Veit on 01297 552376 or email AnnVmus@aol.com

Hope to see you on the day.

Ann Veit
Colyton Vintage Tractor Run



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MAD moments in the garden



It's such a wonderful time of year in the garden. Even more so when the sun shines. I have been pruning frantically since things started to wake up, nipping off the lacy remains of my much loved *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' and improving the shape of the somewhat unruly *Mahonia x media* 'Charity'. Much to my husband's horror, I have cut down the Mahonia's central stem and stripped the lower stems of leaves and shoots leaving the plant looking like a very large hand-tied posy, a lovely raised dome which I hope will be covered next winter with the lovely scented yellow flowers. Meanwhile, what is left of it is adding great texture, shape and a good foil to the plants surrounding it. Given its head it would reach nine feet and by then the flowers and their fabulous winter scent are too far away to really enjoy. A much underrated plant in my view.

I wanted really to write about Tulips, a plant family I am still discovering and preparing to write these articles provides a great excuse to learn more. There are around 75 wild species on record, generally growing in Eastern European mountains with cold winters, long cool springs and baking, hot dry summers. Tulips were first grown in cultivation in Persia in the 10th century, becoming popular in the Netherlands in the late fifteen hundreds when they were used as a form of currency, or what we would now know as 'financial futures'. "Tulip mania" seems to have been the original economic bubble and modern economists use it as one of the first

examples of the surge and collapse of financial markets.

The range of Tulips available to us now is vast, some that return year after year, others that don't; some that are meant to and still don't. It all seems a bit hit and miss in my garden. My husband planted some white ones in a shady damp wet area, the opposite of their originating habitat but, despite my raising concerns about their positioning, they have returned for the fifth year just to confuse me and please him. I tried a new variety *Tulip Turkestanica*, planting the small bulbs last autumn in a sunny well drained spot. It has emerged just 20cms in height with five to six delicate flower heads. The ivory white pointed petals open to show dark brown stamens held above the gold coloured centre. It's a quiet, gentle beauty. At the other end of the spectrum, is a bright, completely over the top one. Sadly, I have lost track of its name but it has a real wow factor. Thankfully, I put six bulbs in a pot so it can do its thing in blissful isolation making it easy to err with no distractions. The flower appears at the end of March, a creamy white, rounded petal with a dark pink mid petal stripe which seems to bleed through the flower as the days progress. Truly stunning but you, or I at least, would want a lot of them!

Mary-Anne Driscoll

KGC Meeting 17th April: Shady Ladies and Sun Seekers - Mary Benger

Mary Benger is well known to members of the Gardening Club. Owner of Burrow Farm Garden and herself a gardener of renown, she has inspired us over many years with her horticultural achievements in the garden, as well as by her many and varied talks. This month's topic was one which bedevils many of us – which plants will grow best in shade and in sun. Although the talk was divided into the two headings, it was stressed that many of the plants would thrive in part shade or sun and only the minority firmly required either one or the other.

With each variety illustrated by photographs, Mary offered us a comprehensive list of what to plant where. Shade lovers came first. Among them were shrubs, perennials and bulbs, some of them her favourites such as witch hazels and azaleas, and some less to her liking, notably the elegant garrya with its long grey tassels. As examples of shrubs labelled 'reliable' were hypericum Hidcote, skimmias (especially the fragrant Kew Green), winter honeysuckle and the self-clinging hydrangea petiolaris. Although gardeners frequently talk about the problem of shady areas in the garden, the choice is in fact wide-ranging - astilbes, dicentras, primulas, anemones, persicaria, hellebores, hostas, pulmonarias, Solomon's seal and day lilies offer plenty of options of size and colour. For more unusual plants, Mary talked about erythroniums, heucherellas, sanguinarias and the ground-covering cornus Canadensis, delightful but notably difficult to establish.

Then out into the sunshine, starting with cherry trees all of which do best in full sun, as do the pittosporums. Shrubs included sun lovers from other countries - bottle brush, cistus, genistas and artemisias, but also more surprisingly the late flowering eucryphias. When it comes to herbaceous borders one is spoilt for choice. There are too many plants to list here but you might consider euphorbias, geraniums, agapanthus, red hot pokers, rudbeckias and sedums, giving plenty of scope for colour throughout the season. Each type of plant was illustrated, idiosyncrasies pointed out and advice offered throughout.

Finally, drawing on her own experience of planting an open, sunny site to make an Anniversary Garden at Burrow Farm marking 50 years in residence, Mary illustrated step-by-step how she transformed a meadow into a mature, flowing garden of tall beds either side of a wide curved path which cut a swathe through ornamental grasses and flowers – the result was truly stunning. What an inspiration!

Sydie Bones

Next Meeting: May 12th - Dramatic but low maintenance gardening - Kath Crouch



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A GORY TALE

'More Human Remains Discovered Near Axminster'

This was the grisly headline reported by the *The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegram* on 20th March 1883. Whilst this headline promised to shock its Victorian readers, it also delivered, more opaquely, a tragic tale of human suffering and a glimpse into the terrible social and economic deprivation of the times.

The story refers, of course, to a scene which unfolded in our village over one hundred and thirty years ago and detailed a terrible episode in the life of Elizabeth Pavy, a dairymaid employed by farmer and butcher George Dare of 'Old Coryton' at Kilmington.

truly tragic story has a deeper aspect than that stated by the press at the time. Today it is unimaginable what awful circumstances could compel someone to do what she did. What circumstances could possibly have existed to cause Elizabeth to believe that her best option was to deny the birth and conceal the naked body beneath a hedgerow, in constant fear of discovery whilst knowing that it would surely be eaten by animals a short distance from where she slept?

But of course those were very different times, and Elizabeth was an unmarried mother with little opportunity to support

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Electoral District		
Kilmington						Axminster			
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (Inhabited or not)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of (Males Females)	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead (2) Blind (3) Imb. (4) Lunatic
16	Old Coryton	1	George Dare	Head	mar	38	Butcher & Farmstepper	Devon Kilmington	
			Horriest Dare	wife	mar	36	Farmstepper	do Axminster	
			Elizabeth Dare	sister	unm	29	Housekeeper	do Kilmington	
			Annietta Dare	daughter	unm	31	Farmers daughter	do Axminster	
			Walter Dare	Son	unm	26	Farmers son	do Kilmington	
			Sidney Dare	Son		24	do do	do Kilmington	
			Arthur Dare	Son		16	do do	do do	
			Elizabeth Pavy	servant	unm	31	domestic servant	do Axminster	
			Edwin Branks	do	do	24	Butcher	do Gittshorn	
			Thos. Hannam	"	"	16	Sheepfold Boy	do Calwood	
			Henry Michel	"	"	13	Plough Boy	do Kilmington	

Newspapers of the time variously describe the awful discovery by a 'little boy in search of duck-eggs', who instead found a decomposing body beneath a hedgerow at the farm. It had been partially eaten by farmyard rats making identification difficult, but he believed it to be a new-born baby. Finally, after a few days of farmyard rumour, the boy's master, George Dare, also became convinced. He collected the little bones and took them to Axminster Police Station, thereby setting in motion the process which would cause Elizabeth to be charged with 'wilful murder'.

At first, Elizabeth pathetically denied the accusation, even to giving birth to the baby at all, but she soon broke down in the face of the emerging evidence to the contrary. The subsequent inquest later revealed that the baby girl had actually most likely perished within minutes of birth 'for want of proper attention'. Elizabeth had delivered the baby alone and in secret at the home of her employer before burying its remains very close by. Elizabeth, it seemed, was not a master criminal.

The story became more frightful when the police doctor asserted that he believed that there was in-fact also a second infant buried at the scene. However, he was unable to give firm evidence due to the condition of the remains.

The whole process of discovery, investigation, inquest and trial was completed within two months or so and Elizabeth, in tears, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of 'concealment of birth'. An 'open verdict' was reached relating to the possibility of a second infant. Elizabeth was duly convicted and sentenced to three months hard labour.

Despite the shock which must have been the talk of the village at many dinner tables and in the public houses, this

her illegitimate child in hand-to-mouth service and existence as a dairymaid. Her testimony confessed that she had intended to visit the Axminster Union Workhouse to have the baby which is why she had not yet provided clothes for it.

'Concealment of birth' was sadly commonplace in the 1800s; a quick internet search of historical newspaper articles demonstrates just how frequent it was, especially for illegitimate babies. Unfortunately, these events were often also found to be the result of 'wilful murder' by distressed, isolated and destitute mothers. Such action of course was a capital crime at the time and many were hanged. Today, it is believed that many cases of 'concealment of birth' were in fact consequences of unproven murders.

In those times, little sympathy or support was offered, even by the Church. In fact, and despite non-conviction for murder, Elizabeth was disciplined and found that her name had been 'struck out and our prayer is that she may be led to repentance', as recorded by the Loughwood Baptists. How thankful we should be that times have indeed changed in many respects.

Unsurprisingly, Elizabeth didn't return to her employment at 'Old Coryton' and local records appear silent as to her subsequent life or whereabouts. However, George Dare did place an advertisement for a new dairy maid, conditional of course that the applicant be of 'good character'!

And a final thought. With the benefit of modern forensic science, might it have been proven that this was in fact the first, and hopefully last, serial murder in Kilmington?

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The League of Friends of Axminster Hospital

Annual General Meeting

There are some exciting things to hear about at this year's AGM to be held in Axminster Guildhall on Friday, 16th June 2017 at 6.30 pm

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

There will be more about our new digital imaging X-ray equipment and other plans for keeping the hospital vibrant. This X-ray machinery is in the process of being commissioned so it should not be too long before the benefits of the new equipment are being felt by patients and clinicians.

The hospital's outpatients, consultant clinics, day surgery, ophthalmic procedures and numerous other therapies along with the Conybeare unit are growing and/or improving. Most of these departments have been supported financially by the League of Friends who continue to raise funds that will ensure the Hospital remains active and continue to provide an invaluable service to the community.

On Thursday, 1st June at the Guildhall there is to be a Festival of Volunteering to celebrate all the voluntary organisations in the Axe Valley who work tirelessly for this precious community. The Festival is being organised by Action East Devon. Not a rebellious organisation but one that works towards ensuring that people in need are not forgotten regardless of their need.

Recently, it became necessary to change the League's bank from HSBC in Chard to Lloyds in Axminster. This has meant those members of the League paying their subscription by direct debit will need to change their mandate to the new banking details. To facilitate this we are postponing, for a year, the cessation of the mailed newsletters and will be sending out the newsletter, as usual, in May. If you have not already changed your mandate please complete the mandate included in the news letter and return to the Treasurer, Steve Holt, by mail or by hand, to Axminster Hospital, Chard Road, Axminster, Devon EX13 5DU. Alternatively, you can give it to any member of the committee at the AGM.

Anyone who would like to make new arrangements before the receipt of the newsletter and any new members, may collect a mandate from either the surgery or the hospital reception.

PUT THE 16th OF JUNE IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG TO THE AGM.

Ann Veit

Secretary to the League of Friends of Axminster Hospital

GOURMET FOOD WALK

The 'Gourmet Food Walk' is starting at Millers Farm Shop and finishing at the Baptist Church in Kilmington on Sunday, 4th June. This eight mile leisurely walking experience will take in the scenic countryside surrounding Kilmington with several stops along the way to enjoy delicious local food and drink.

During the route the participants will eat a three course gourmet meal spread out over three stops, (approx every two miles). At each they will be entertained and partake in a delicious lunchtime course, (starters, main course and dessert) created by local chefs of the area and served with traditional local drinks, (cider, cocktails, real ale or a non-alcoholic).

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Brian Lavender, KPCC Secretary

CORRECTION to April 2017 issue

We apologise for an error in the note about religion in Madagascar near the foot of the right hand column on page 11 in the April issue of Postscript. The figures should read as follows:

Religion in Madagascar

According to a recent survey (2013), 55% of the population follows traditional beliefs, 40% are Christians and the remaining 5% are Muslims. Thus the majority of the Malagasy are followers of Christianity and they include both Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Thank you for pointing out the error.



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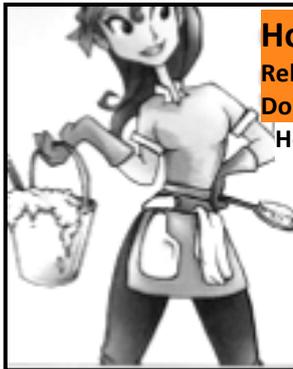
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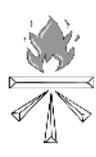
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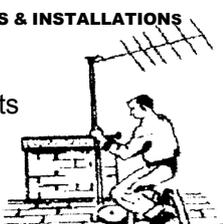
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Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
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Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	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	St Giles' Handicraft Group
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	The Beacon	Spectrum Youth Club
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome
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DATES FOR MAY 2017

Mon	1st			Spring Bank Holiday
Tues	2nd	Early	Your House	Recycling only
Wed	3rd	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i>
Fri	5th	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Pavilion	Tiny Einsteins (Parent, Baby, Toddler Group)
	5th	6.00 pm	New Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sat	6th	10.30 am - noon	Village Hall	KGC Plant Market
	6th	7.30 pm	Shute Church	'Concerts in the West'
Sun	7th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Prayer
	7th	8.00 pm	New Inn	Quiz in aid of Children's Hospiscare
Mon	8th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
	8th	7.30 pm	Beer Church	Archdeacon's Visitation
Thurs	11th	11.15 am	Jubilee Green	Pre-School Duck Race
	11th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Fri	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC talk: <i>Dramatic but Low Maintenance Gardening - Kath Crouch</i>
Sat	13th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	14-20th	All week		Christian Aid Week
	14th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	14th	1.30-5.00 pm	Breach	Garden open for Hospiscare + teas
Tues	16th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Contact Lunch
	16th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Fri	19th	7.30 pm	St Giles' Church	Launch of new book: <i>The History of St Giles' Church</i>
Sat	20th	10.00 am	The Beacon	Christian Concern Meeting - Open to all
Sun	21st	3.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Rogation Service
Mon	22nd	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Thurs	25th	7.00 pm	Stockland Church	Mission Community Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sat	27th	10.00 am	Allotment	Pre-School Garden Party
Sun	28th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	28th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Visit of the Missionaries Dave and Michelle Mahon
	28th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	28th	6.00 pm	The Beacon	Film Night
Mon	29th			Spring Bank Holiday
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