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EDITORIAL

The Channel Tunnel, now accepted, once aroused vehement opposition. A nineteenth century cartoon shows an imaginary entrance to the proposed tunnel, like a drainpipe rising out of the sea. Written above it is 'Bugaboo' (an 'object of fear' according to the dictionary) and the terrified British lion is depicted fleeing from the French cockerel – unthinkable! The possibility of engineering a link with Europe was outweighed by anxiety that it might provide a route for invading armies. In an archive account of 'An evening at the Old Inn – 1882' the MP for East Devon expounded his views to an approving audience in his after-dinner speech following the annual Kilmingdon ploughing match.

This month's Postscript has reports and photos of the Palm Sunday procession through the village by members of both churches, the Easter sunrise service at Shute Beacon and the Baptist Family Easter trail. The RBL commemorates the war memorial's centenary, accompanied by the launch of David Ingles' book, 'Kilmingdon at War'. The Cricket Club updates us on last year's success and the challenges it faces in its new position in the league. There is information about the coming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and a mention of the oak sapling given by EDDC and planted at Jubilee Green - where else? Outdoor events include the KGC plant market, the three Kilmingdon gardens which will be open in the National Garden Scheme, as well as advance warning of the Axe Vale Show, the Kilmingdon Open gardens in June and the Village Show in September. The churchyard continues to benefit from the ministrations of the FROGS and the teams at the New Inn are weeding their Boules Court, ready for action.

The bells in St. Giles' Church often attract experienced ringers from elsewhere. Celia Dunsford tells us of one such group from Exeter, coming in May to attempt to ring a full peal, and she explains what this involves, so that we may all appreciate the immense skill and intricacy of what we are hearing. Another visiting group, Axminster Drama Club, will present Andrew Coley's new play, 'Because of Love,' in the Village Hall and we have the author's press release to introduce it. The Community Cinema is showing 'Belfast' this month, Kenneth Branagh's story set in his childhood city. Starting in September there will be an opportunity to take up handbell ringing, even if you have never done so before, and contribute to Christmas music round the village.

We are grateful to all our distributors, but at this time especially to Ivy Talbot who has distributed Postscript almost since its beginning nearly a quarter of a century ago. Many thanks to you Ivy, and best wishes for your 'retirement'.

Janfryd

Front Page - Marie Gardner

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NATURE NOTES

IN A TIME OF WI-FI

My granddaughter says she wouldn't have liked to live in a time before Wi-Fi. I replied it wasn't so bad!

Nature notes are one of those very traditional things, plotting comings and goings of various wildlife and plants at one single geographical spot and its immediate surroundings. In Victorian times the public couldn't get enough of published Nature Notes. Richard Jeffries wrote wonderfully in 1879 of 'Wildlife in a Southern County' and as a child 'Bevis', one of his books, was a personal favourite – an adventure book for boys exploring the countryside as it was then. Nature notes written regularly from one place over a whole year suggested continuity and a harmony of seasons, almost dull in their predictability.

My seven-year-old grandson after our walk today perfectly described the orange-tip butterfly he saw to the family – I pretended I was really shocked that he hadn't told me when we were out, and that he, not me, was the first in seeing this striking butterfly, herald of spring! Competition in such things can be such a petty achievement.

Writing for Postscript I'd assumed, naively, at the start that everyone in Kilminster would read all the articles written there. I realize now that 'Kilminster Now' probably has a similar sized readership and those contributing assume everyone in the village will keep up to date with what is written there. It's not just an age thing either.

The parish boundary is also a very traditional physical line and what it designates for Kilminster villagers is often a

very different area. For some it has shrunk to the purely residential village. If you drive everywhere from need or convenience and rarely walk, your engagement with the nature of Kilminster may be reduced to a rare summer walk with visiting family, attending a particular event nearby, or what you see in your garden and, if you have one, where your dog takes you.

Having a sense of place, I'm sure, is good for our modern sense of well-being, grounding us human animals in a smaller physical location, maybe with our closest friends nearby. Around 50 is the maximum that we can apparently realistically, humanly relate to – not sure I'd know what you do with thousands of followers on line if Postscript went viral!

Important to hang on to the local.

What local nature have you seen in Kilminster this Spring and how did that experience stay with you? Nature notes and sightings - I do love to read yours wherever they appear. I'm sure that's true of most of us.

I'll be taking a six month break over the summer from writing in Postscript – family commitments have taken over. It won't stop me from seeing things though. And again I'd still like to know and record what you've seen, so let me know, keep in touch.

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BEAUTIFUL BLUEBELLS

The Bluebells in the woodland glade are dancing in the breeze

They shine in dappled sunlight that is filtered through the trees

Princess Diana's favourite scent is drifting on the air
As I stroll in Nature's garden without a trace of care.

The songbirds sing their melodies from every bush and tree
Whilst the Bluebells teem with insects and many types of bee

Small rodents scuttle all around all adding to the dance
And the squirrels in the canopy jump from branch to branch.

The morning dew on foliage shines like eagle's eyes
And with every turn I take there's another spring surprise
The dance of the flowers is like the restless rolling sea
A sea of Bluebells calms my soul and leaves me feeling free.

John Thorne

The poem above is taken from the recently published collection of poems by our own village poet, John Thorne, 'A Life of Rhyme'.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Hard

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 26.

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WHAT'S ON IN MAY

KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



BELFAST (12A)

Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 11th May &
Thursday, 12th Matinee



There is a terrific warmth and tenderness to Kenneth Branagh's elegiac, autobiographical movie about the Belfast of his childhood: spryly written, beautifully acted and shot in a lustrous monochrome, with set pieces, madeleines and epiphanies that feel like a more emollient version of Terence Davies. Some may feel that the film is sentimental or that it does not sufficiently conform to the template of political anger and despair considered appropriate for dramas about Northern Ireland and the Troubles. And yes, there is certainly a spoonful of sugar (or two) in the mix, with some mandatory Van Morrison on the soundtrack.

It is 1969 and Jamie Dornan plays a man who lives in north Belfast, a largely Protestant district but still with some Catholic families. He is an easy-going charmer, away in England a fair bit during the week, doing skilled carpentry work and harassed with the need to pay off a tax bill.

The family includes two boys, the older Will (Lewis McAskie) and younger Buddy, played by newcomer Jude Hill, whose stunned, wide-eyed incomprehension sets the tone. The grandparents live with them under the same roof and are played with beguiling sweetness by Ciarán Hinds and Judi Dench (the latter pinches every scene by deflating the men-folk with wisecracking remarks from behind her copy of the People's Friend).

Wednesday Doors open at 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm.

The Thursday matinee will have limited seating and does require pre-booking. For these performances we ask that masks are worn until you are seated, and refreshments will be brought to you. We hope this will encourage those who need to take extra health care to feel confident that they can come along and enjoy a film and have a cream tea/ice creams/tea/coffee, during the interval. The cream tea must be booked when booking the seat at a cost of £3. The doors open at 2.00 pm, the film commences 2.15 pm and ends about 4.30 pm.

Please state Wednesday or Thursday when booking. Tickets pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult £3.

To book please contact: John Watts on 01297 639758, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com

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

In June we have 'The Duke'.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS MAY GARDENS

Three Kilmington (Shute Road) gardens will be opening for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on **Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th May (1.30-5.00 pm)**. Tickets (£6 for all three gardens, children free) may be purchased in advance online at <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/26002> or at **Spinney Two, Breach or Betty's Ground**. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome at each garden.

Despite the difficulties of the pandemic, Devon NGS Garden openings had a good year in 2021 with 21,000 visitors raising an incredible £152,000 for nursing, cancer and health charities. Please visit and help Kilmington to contribute towards a similarly good, or better, result for 2022.

Paul and Celia, Judith and BJ and Mary-Anne

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

May's Gardening Club talk is on Friday, 13th at 7.30 pm by Marion Dale, a qualified RHS medal winning garden designer. This is entitled 'Design Your Dream Garden', so whether you're just tweaking one area or starting from scratch, you should get some great ideas.

All welcome. Non-members £3.

Lesley Rew

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

During May there are great views of the planets Venus, Jupiter and Mars; also look out for Vega, the fifth brightest star in our sky. You'll find the beautiful, bluish Vega easily in the north-east around mid-evening. Vega is so bright that you can still see it on a moonlit night. It's the brightest star in the constellation Lyra the Harp and is sometimes called the Harp Star. Vega will continue to shine in our evening sky throughout the summer and autumn, so it's worth finding.

Having found Vega, look to its right and higher in the sky to find Arcturus - fairly high in the east and noticeable for its brightness and yellow-orange colour. On a line between the two you'll find the constellation Corona Borealis, also known as The Northern Crown. It's an almost perfect semi-circle of stars and will also be in the evening sky from now until October.

1st to 3rd Venus and Jupiter appear close low in the east-south-east morning sky.

1st to 28th The Eta-Aquariid meteor shower has been active since 19th April and continues to 28th May. Every year, Earth crosses the orbital path of Halley's Comet in late April and May, so bits and pieces from this comet light up the night as Eta-Aquariid meteors. There is a chance of seeing them whenever the shower's radiant point – in the constellation Aquarius – is above the eastern horizon (around 2:50 am each night here in Kilminster), with the number of visible meteors increasing the higher the radiant

point is in the sky until dawn breaks around 4:59 am. The shower is expected to peak on 6th May, so the best displays might be seen before dawn on 6th May. You are only likely to see around 13 meteors per hour, even at the shower's peak, since the radiant will be relatively low in the sky.

16th Eclipse of the Moon as it passes through the Earth's shadow between 3:28 am and 6:55 am BST, creating a total lunar eclipse. It will be difficult to see here as the Moon will set partway through the eclipse, and only be -3° above the horizon when the eclipse starts.

16th Full moon known as the 'Flower' or 'Pasture' moon.

22nd Saturn and the Moon appear close, rising in the dawn sky around 2:13 am (BST) reaching an altitude of 18° above the south-eastern horizon before fading from view as dawn breaks around 4:49 am.

24th to 30th Jupiter, Mars move closer together in the dawn sky for the next few days coming closest on 29th, rising just after 3:00 am (BST) reaching an altitude of 14° above the eastern horizon before fading from view as dawn breaks around 4:45 am. Mars can be identified by its red colour.

25th The Moon joins Jupiter, Mars appearing close together in the dawn sky.

27th Venus and the Moon appear close in the dawn sky.

Peter

PLANT MARKET and COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 7th May

Kilminster Gardening Club's annual Plant Market will be held on Saturday, 7th May from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the Village Hall.

Free entry to members and non-members. We welcome on the day any spare perennials, rooted cuttings or plants from seed, as well as people coming along to buy plants. Our usual bedding plants will be available, predominantly in red, white and blue, to add to your garden displays for the Queen's Jubilee.

This year we shall also be running a 'Seed Swap'. Having encouraged club members to bring along excess seeds (flowers and vegetables) to meetings in February, March and

April, we will have surplus for our plant market, free for anyone to have and/or swap with any seed they have left over (whether it be own saved seed or commercial packeted seed).

If you have any plants in your garden that you would like to have identified, then bring a picture or piece of the plant along on the day. Our plant ID service, kindly provided by Mary Benger and Sydnie Bones from 10.30-11.30 am, will help you identify your unknown plant.

Please come along. Refreshments available.

Jane Chalk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting is on Monday, 9th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 11.20 - 11.50 am The Street

FROGS WORKING PARTY AND UPDATE



FROGS (Friends of St Giles' Churchyard) held its first working party of 2022 on the morning of Saturday, 26th March. The churchyard was looking well cared for even before work started, as is evidenced by the group photo taken in the new churchyard. The working party came at the end of the group's March financial year, a year that has seen good progress on several fronts. We have welcomed a number of new members and, even more importantly, we have secured the help of more than ten new volunteers to help with both the routine tasks of mowing and strimming and the periodic working parties. This takes the pressure off the regular team of mowers and strimmers, none of whom are getting any younger! The average age of our volunteer group has certainly gone down. The group was also able to purchase a welcome new mower, the cost of which was more than covered by some very generous donations.



There was a total of 17 volunteers at this working party, and, over mid-morning refreshments, we were able to hear about the work to encourage wild flower growth in the new churchyard. Our vicar's husband, Steve Lomas, has played a key role in this; bird boxes have been put up and other measures taken to improve the churchyard for wildlife.

We would encourage parishioners to call at the churchyard to see for themselves the progress that is being made. It is a really beautiful and peaceful spot to spend some time and take in the lovely views out across the Axe Valley to Trinity Hill.

David Ingles
FROGS Treasurer and
Membership Secretary

MAKING POSIES FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

A huge thank you to Diane Seward, Anna Crabbe, Diana Church and Lesley Rew for making up the St Giles' Mother's Day Service posies. The Service was of course held on Mother's Day which was Sunday, March 27th. You will see all four ladies working hard to put the posies together for the Service.

Christopher Thorne



SAINT GILES CHURCH EASTER FLORAL DISPLAY



Many thanks to our Kilmington flower ladies who really brightened our church with a wonderful display of flowers this Easter. Following Lent, when there are no flowers in the church, it made a real contrast. The bright colourful displays also provided visitors with an amazing fragrance.

Lesley Rew



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NEW LIFE

Ever since we moved to Devon as a family, I have been blown away by the beauty that we get to enjoy on our doorstep. Rev Julie talked a little bit about having an 'attitude of gratitude' in last month's edition of the Postscript. Living in such a beautiful part of the world, it is hard not to get lost in awe, wonder, and thanksgiving for creation.

I love to walk around the village in spring. It's great to see flowers blossoming, plants growing, and the trees greening. It's good to hear children playing and birds chirping. To my great shame I am no expert when it comes to the type of flowers and shrubs that I love to look at, but there is something to be said for just enjoying them for what they are. Their colour. Their scent. Their intricacy and design.

Spring always reminds me of new life. New hope. New possibilities.

Last month we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Arguably the most important day in the Christian calendar. The resurrection is the event on which Christianity hinges, says the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15. If the resurrection didn't happen, then Christianity is false. However if it did, it changes everything. We are currently exploring that very topic as a church every Sunday, so if you'd like to know more, pop along to one of our services.

The resurrection is a reminder of the new life and hope that God brings. And couldn't we all do with a little hope right

now? There is so much uncertainty in so many areas of society. There is so much pain, suffering and evil in the world. It can all seem rather overwhelming, and even hopeless.

But in the midst of all the difficulties, there are also signs that the goodness of people is sprouting up like flowers from the earth. The response to local and foreign appeals continues to overwhelm me. Watching Richard and Sally Beckett head off to the Ukraine, with a van packed full of donations from the village and beyond, was just one example of this. Seeing the God-given desire of people to do good, to seek justice, and to love others is so beautiful and inspiring. In the midst of all the difficulty, there are signs of hope. There are signs of spring.

The resurrection of Jesus is hope in the face of death and darkness. It is the shoots of new life springing up like beautiful flowers. It is a reminder that Jesus is not dead, but alive. That the message of love that God has for all, lives on. That we are not alone, and that good has the victory. It is a reminder of the new life God wants to offer us. It is a reminder that when we yearn for a fairer, more just, more loving world, we share the heart of God himself.

Praying for our village.

Mike Hudson

MESSY SPARKLERS

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold Messy Sparklers in March as we were low on helpers, thanks in one way or another to Covid. Thankfully, almost everyone was back for our April session, and we were blessed with fine weather again!

Continuing on from February, we looked at the last three days of Creation. Outside, the children hunted for frogs and lizards in leaves and pinecones, played with sea-creatures in the water tray and used orange-scented Playdough to make fish and animals. As they used their senses and played on the outside equipment, they also enjoyed looking over the fence at the sheep and their lambs in the field next door.

While inside, the parents had some work to do, cutting out their children's handprints to make birds and butterflies. The children also attempted to use various materials to make self-portraits and there was more Playdough plus colouring sheets. In addition to Happyland toys, baby toys, books and



puzzles, the children could choose to play with animal soft toys and cardboard donkey 'costumes'.

This month, we had to disappoint several families as we were oversubscribed, however we were fortunate to have our pastor, Mike, and his wife Rachel and baby with us, as his penultimate term of studies had finished, so he didn't have to travel to Bristol mid-week.

Our next session is on **Tuesday, 3rd May**. We start at 10.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm, we ask for a donation of £2 for the first child plus £1 for each additional child which includes lunch for both the child and their adult. Booking is essential, if you

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

Juletta Obudo

PALM SUNDAY

Despite being a little breezy and a little chilly, the sun shone brightly as the churches of Kilmington - St Giles' and The Baptist Church - came together on Palm Sunday to walk around the village. The purpose of the procession was to mark the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on that first Palm Sunday, with the crowds shouting "Hosanna, glory to God in the highest"! A few days later, they would be shouting "Crucify Him"!

The procession stopped at various places around the village to read from the Bible, pray for the villagers and sing songs relating to Palm Sunday. Palm crosses were given to all and we were reminded that Jesus said "Take up your cross daily and follow me." We should lift high the cross,



and proclaim the love of Christ till all the world adores His sacred name!

We were joined by Arthur, a Munchkin pony, who was a superb procession leader and really behaved himself in church when we prayed for a blessing on him and those who look after these lovely ponies.

The procession ended with a joint service at St Giles' led by Anna Crabbe and Gill Heighway with Mike Hudson bringing us God's word. The churches really enjoyed being together to worship on this special day.

Gill Bridger

FRIDAY'S COFFEE SHOP

Margaret Astbury was presented with a card from everyone at the Coffee Shop. It was not exactly on her birthday but the assembled company celebrated nevertheless, and sang 'Happy Birthday'. It was most fitting to do this because Margaret makes the most delicious homemade biscuits every week for those who come to enjoy a chat and a cup of tea or coffee on a Friday morning in St Giles' Church.

Congratulations Margaret.

Diana Mellows



EASTER SERVICE FOR ST GILES MUMS AND BABY GROUP

Easter came early to St Giles' when Rev Julie came to introduce the Mums, Dads and their Babies to the Eastertide Story. The families gathered round her as she recounted the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the events that followed ending with His death and rising again. It was a happy time, singing and tapping drums and shaking bells to accompany the songs. Each family was given a booklet about Easter to read at home. Hallelujah, Christ is Risen.

Diana Mellows



THE 'OPEN THE BOOK' TEAM

The 'Open the Book' Team presented 'The Great Parade' to Shute, Kilmington and Stockland Primary Schools at their assemblies.

The story was about how Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and was surrounded by excited crowds and disapproving Pharisees. It was lovely to be back with all three schools and they enjoyed the drama the team presented.

Diana Mellows



EASTER TRAIL

The annual Easter Trail, hosted by The Baptist Church Kilmington, has taken many forms and been in various locations since it started in 2010, ranging from being entirely outside on the Playing Field, when we didn't have a building, to being fully inside The Beacon. In 2020, we spent Easter in our first lock down so were unable to meet in any form. By Easter 2021 we were only allowed to meet in groups of six so we had to have an unmanned poster trail. This year we were back regulation-free.



The trail, for our 90 visitors, started at The Beacon, where children (babies to almost teens), their parents, grandparents and friends were given a trail sheet, which they used to collect a stamp and a letter from each 'station'. The children's prize for completing their sheet was an Easter egg of their choice plus a drink and piece of cake – adults included!

Our trail this year was based on the Muddy Church sensory Easter Trail. In The Beacon's back garden 'Station 1' gave children the opportunity to feel some leaves, thinking about the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. 'Station 2' took people back into The Beacon where they were faced with a load of rubbish with chairs and tables upturned. Volunteers told of when Jesus was angered by how the temple was being turned into a market rather than a place of worship and cleared the traders out. 'Station 3' was back outside where there was a range of creams and lotions to try, learning a story about when Jesus was anointed. The trail then headed to the vicarage garden where 'Station 4' told the

story of Judas betraying Jesus and children could break sticks thinking about what it's like when things/relationships are broken. 'Station 5' was hosted by the 'Open the Book' team (the team who go into local schools sharing Bible stories) in St Giles' where groups were offered pitta bread and grapes as they heard about the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. 'Station 6' was in the churchyard where



children could splash in some water and learn of the story when Jesus humbly washed his disciples' feet. 'Station 7' was back in the Village Hall car park when people read the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion – thinking about how empty that left Jesus' followers, when they didn't

understand that Jesus was taking the punishment for the wrongs they had done. The final 'station' was back in The Beacon car park where they learnt the joy Christians have that Jesus rose from the dead, showing that he has power even over death.

One mum said, "Thank you so much, so much thought had clearly gone into this morning, very special. Also, can't beat a hot cup of tea as a frazzled mum!" Another said, "Thank you, the girls had a great time."

A big thank you to all who helped and all who came along, it was a wonderful way to spend Easter Saturday morning – and the sun was shining, unlike last year stuck outside with near horizontal arctic winds.

Juletta Obudo

EASTER GARDEN



The stone rolled away!

There was a wonderful Easter Garden at the front of St Giles' Church this Easter. A huge thank you to Jenny Nichols and to John Watts for spending so much time, and for being so creative, to bring us the display, which, I am sure you will agree, from seeing the photos, and from seeing it in person, was absolutely wonderful. This was topped off with the glorious flower display that was in the church itself – thank you to all who were involved.

Christopher Thorne

EARLY MORNING SERVICE AT THE BEACON ON EASTER DAY



Thank you to Anna Crabbe for organising this Small Service for fourteen early morning risers (and for twelve dogs, who accompanied their owners) at The Beacon in Shute Hill Woods. This Service was on, and then off (due to the Reverend Julie unfortunately succumbing to Covid) and then it was on again. We are sorry that we were unable to tell all who would have liked to be with us that it was on again. Thank you to Stafford and Diane Seward who provided bacon butties to all who were hungry – they were delicious. Thank you to Caroline Lavender for providing the sheets that were used, which her husband Brian used for similar services in years gone by. We miss you Brian, you were remembered in our prayers.

Christopher Thorne

CENTENARY REDEDICATION OF KILMINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

What a glorious 'Good Friday.' As per normal we are pushing the envelope in which to get our article to the Postscript team and are extremely grateful for their help and understanding. We hope this finds you all well and managing to avoid the dreaded virus, for those who have not been so lucky, we wish you a speedy recovery.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended, helped and supported our coffee morning on Saturday, 2nd April. Despite the attendance being a little less than normal, your generosity generated just over £700 for which we are extremely grateful.

In this edition, we would like to invite you all to our next major event. On Sunday, 8th May at 3.00 pm there will be a short service of remembrance, including an act of re-dedication at the War Memorial, marking the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the War Memorial. Afterwards you are all encouraged to join us in the Village Hall for refreshments. As well as a display of historic photographs, there will also be an opportunity to obtain Dr David Ingles' latest book which now includes the events of WWII, which has been sponsored by Kilmington RBL.

The picture to the right is the initial unveiling of Kilmington War Memorial on the 7th May 1921 (they didn't worry about blocking the A35 then!).

We are pleased to say that we have now resumed our 'face-to-face' meetings and are actively planning our future events. We were hoping to resume our trips to France, however, this is currently on hold due to the rising costs of transport and accommodation. Please see below for an overview of our forthcoming events:

Sun	8th	May	Anniversary of the unveiling of Kilmington War Memorial
Thur	2nd - 5th	June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Tues	14th	June	40 th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands War
Sat	2nd	July	Annual Family Barbecue
Thur	27th	October	Commence Poppy Appeal
Fri	11th	November	Armistice Day
Sun	13th	November	Remembrance Sunday
Sat	3rd	December	Christmas Extravaganza

Please take great care and stay safe.

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NEW INN BOULES TEAMS GET DOWN TO WEEDING

Must be that time of year - the boules teams got the drinks in and then got down on their knees to clear the weeds off the New Inn Boule Court ready for their first practice game.

Great to see another social league get going again following the Covid shut down. The New Inn has two teams that play against other local pubs in the area.

Peter



Book Launch

In Village Hall at 4pm

Sunday 8th May

following the Service at the War Memorial to mark the centenary of the unveiling of the memorial in 1922.

Kilmingington at war



By Dr. David Ingles

The Book is an updated and expanded version of that first published in 2014 and covers the stories of the Kilmingington men who gave their lives in both World Wars. It runs to 72 A4 pages and is published in conjunction with the Kilmingington Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Price. The book will not have a cover price, but people are asked to make a donation to the RBL to cover the costs of production. A minimum donation of £5 is suggested.

Available at the launch and then from David Ingles (01297 32234 or dwingles@aol.com).

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THANK YOU AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Ivy Talbot, who was 97 in April and has delivered Postscript to the residents around Wellmead for the past 23 years, has just 'retired'! We think Ivy must be the longest serving delivery person since Postscript began in 1998.

On behalf of the Postscript team and the residents of Wellmead, we would all like to thank Ivy so much for her help over the years. Her dedication to Postscript has been very much appreciated. Thank you, Ivy!

The Postscript Team

YATIMA REPORT 2021

We would like to thank all who made it possible for us to support the orphanage during 2021.

We first heard about Yatima in 2005 when we were helping Juletta, Cris and Paul prepare to come back to the UK, after Juletta's six years teaching in Dar-es-Salaam. After visiting the orphanage we felt a desire to help them. Other than free primary education, they receive no government aid. At the time, they were in the process of moving from extremely unsuitable premises to a new site, where, over a period they have been able to develop suitable facilities. Their numbers have varied slightly over the years - around 100, from babies to A-level students.

We are grateful to all who have supported and encouraged us by buying preserves etc, also with gifts of seasonal fruit, sugar and donations. Plus, the Baptist Church made an annual donation.

Expenses: oranges and other fruits £154, marmalade £57 and sugar £155. As it is not possible to estimate the cost of electricity used, we take no allowance for that.

However, in spite of Covid-19 lock down and its effects, we were able to send £2,700 over the year – an increase on 2020.

So, thank you all again.

Iris and Lionel Quick

KILMINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

This year the village show will be held on Saturday, 10th September.

A full afternoon's programme is being put together for all the family, children's entertainer Professor Bumble will be joining us and your four-legged friends can strut their stuff in the fun dog show.

So put the date in your diary.

We will put updates in Postscript as and when things are confirmed.

Lesley Rew

A THANK YOU

A HUGE 'THANK YOU' to everyone who sponsored me in my '80-miles-in-a-month' walking challenge in memory of my dear husband John, and also to mark my 80th birthday.

On Wednesday, 30th March I completed 87 miles, giving me an average of three miles per day over 29 days. The next day I took £306.00 sponsor money to HOSPISCARE Warehouse in Honiton for their 'SAVE OUR SERVICES' appeal. HOSPISCARE tells me that this could fund five home visits from a HOSPISCARE COMMUNITY NURSE SPECIALIST.

Before the end of April I shall be taking a further £360+ sponsor money to HOSPISCARE, hoping to help fund some more specialist community nurses for HOSPISCARE.

Lastly, but by no means least, my biggest 'Thank you' must go to two ladies in the village, vicar Julie Lomas and Frances Holme, who helped enormously to raise this magnificent sum for such a worthy cause – HOSPISCARE and their 'SAVE OUR SERVICES' appeal.

Jeanette Porter.

Brundon.

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that there will not be an oil order in May.

The June order falls on Friday, 24th June 2022.

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OPEN GARDENS 3rd AND 4th JUNE

Thank you to those of you who have kindly offered up your gardens to be open on the 3rd and 4th June. There are about 12 so far but it would be lovely to have many more. Please don't wait to be asked, just get in touch. Wild gardens and ones that have been worked for years, new designs and others that are very much work in progress, it would be great to see them all. Thank you in anticipation!!

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Judy - Judithgodfrey123@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on
24th March 2022

Table Tennis Club	£30	J Birch	£5
M Hurford	£15	J Chalk	£5
C Thorne	£15	S Gobu	£5

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Palm Sunday Procession around Kilmington with Arthur the Munchkin pony



Photos taken by Marie Gardener

MAD moments in the garden

The year has suddenly picked up apace and by the time you read this we will be nearly halfway through 2022 already.

The garden similarly has, in my absence filled with beautiful fresh green growth, thankfully mostly intended plants but still a lot of weed as well!

Every year a particular weed seems to dominate. Although I feel nervous saying it, the bindweed that pervaded a lot of the beds three or four years ago seems to be showing itself less often. I embarked on a determined fight that involved weekly inspection and regular spot spraying into a jam jar where the bindweed was tucked for 'treatment'. Not ideal in ecological terms, but the very targeted application resulted in the surrounding plants not being affected and left them able to do their thing for birds, butterflies and other invertebrates. I guess bindweed does produce flowers for things that fly but its contribution to the planet is limited or even negative, as I try to tell myself when feeling ashamed for using chemicals. Anyway that approach to bindweed currently seems to be paying off. When it dares to show itself it is easily removed.

Last year's weed was Lords-and-Ladies or *Arum maculatum*. They are an attractive plant but self-seed everywhere. The RHS recommend careful and extensive digging out but they are difficult to remove, often inconveniently appearing in the middle of shrubs. Despite best efforts I know that I haven't got all of the root, and the remaining scrap will regenerate into another lush plant to haunt me. In time I think the plant will weaken and give up producing new growth. That may take time, but gardening is a process requiring patience, as we know.



There is, however, a cultivated variety called *Arum italicum* subspecies *Italicum* which although a bit of a mouthful is, at the moment, looking fabulous in the garden. Its lush, dark green, glossy leaves with strongly contrasting white veins makes great ground cover, slowly emerging in autumn and winter. It produces white curved, spade like flowers leaving striking red fruits. I remove them before they ripen and spread. Mine

subsequently stays in its allotted space, but it is tightly contained in a small bed between the house and terrace.

Getting back to weeds, this year's super spreader appears, so far, to be Hairy bittercress or *Cardamine hirsuta*. This forms a mat of rosette leaves with a pretty white flower appearing above the leaves in the middle on a handy, quite robust stem. Handy, as it's easy to use the stem to pull the weed clear from the ground if conditions are right. The pretty white, cross shaped flowers however have masses of seeds that ripen into bombs exploding and scattering seed far and wide as soon as they are touched.

It is, however edible, being in the *brassica* family and it has a light mustardy flavour, perfect so "they" say for adding to salads. In previous years most of the plants have been low lying and it seemed you would need to pick and wash a lot for any impact, too fiddly for me. However, this year the jumbo ones that are appearing all too often will be making their way to adorn a spring salad or two over the bank holidays.

Mary-Ann Driscoll



We love to celebrate an occasion or a loved one's birthday with balloons, don't we? Or a balloon released in memory of a family member. Those are truly lovely sentiments but sad to say, balloons are really not good news for the environment. They are another example of single-use plastic.

This is because:

- They are a choking hazard for children.
- Marine life and other creatures mistake bits of balloons, which return as litter, for food, which causes intestinal blockages and eventual death.
- Latex balloons are not biodegradable. This is because of the chemicals, plasticizers and artificial dyes that are added to the natural rubber.
- Foil balloons (aka mylar balloons) contain nylon with an aluminium coating, so they are definitely not going to degrade, nor can they go in our recycling bags.
- Releases of multiple balloons too are bad news for the environment for the reasons above and can interrupt electricity supplies.

Let's find different, more natural ways to celebrate the special people and momentous dates in our lives, which don't involve harming any other living creature.

Try re-usable alternatives such as:

- Paper or fabric bunting
- Tissue pompoms
- Fresh flowers / flower petals
- Paper streamers/chains etc

Plastic Free Axminster & Chardstock Eco Group invite you to "The 'P' Word", a talk about simple ways of tackling single-use plastic in every day life, plus how we can clean up the River Axe.

Come and join us at The Beacon Baptist Church, Kilmington on Wednesday, 18th May at 7.15 pm. Free event. Refreshments.

Kay Pike

KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB – Water, Water, Everywhere

www.kilmingtongardeningclub.co.uk



“It’s true that people are drawn to water and we get pleasure and well-being simply from being around it”. In her talk on Friday, 8th April Becca Flintham, a key member of the Wild-wood Escot team, helped the audience to understand how we can all include water as a design element in our gardens at home, however small, and in the process she debunked a few myths about ponds as well as explaining how to create them. She also showed how, as gardeners, we can also respond to the challenge posed by the impact of more frequent hot weather, wetter winters and extreme downpours.

Becca explained that a garden water feature can be anything you want it to be:

- still water of any description: ponds for wildlife, fish or reflections;
- moving water: a fountain, a stream, a cascade;
- a sculpture, a work of art: a wildlife habitat;
- a feature where water is not immediately visible, such as a bog garden.

Ponds can be naturalistic for wildlife; formal, to blend in with hard landscaping; small enough to fit in containers on a patio or balcony; or they can be the size of an Olympic swimming pool!

When planting up your pond it is important to include oxygenators (submerged pond weeds) to provide food and shelter for pond animals and wildlife. Trying to choose native British plant species wherever possible makes sense as they have evolved to suit the UK climate and soils and are also likely to be more beneficial to insects, birds and animals. The native wetland plant species are very attractive – marsh marigold, water mint, brooklime, yellow flag iris and water figwort are all marginal plants that will grow well with their roots in wet soil. She also added that there is no need to introduce wild animals to your pond – if it is suitable for wildlife, it will arrive!

With minimal management, your pond will remain in a healthy state: annual thinning of oxygenating pond weed and plants (done in early autumn) – approximately 25% of the plants in one year; removal of dead leaves throughout autumn and early winter using a net; controlling duckweed, blanket weed and other algae – adding a loose bundle of barley straw to your pond can prevent algal bloom.

Bog gardens need permanently moist soil – they need a liner to maintain damp conditions – but the liner should be perforated with a few small holes so that bog plants are not ‘swimming’ in water. The best time to plant up your bog garden is in the spring – native British plants good for bog gardens include: ragged robin, Pendulous sedge, Creeping Jenny, Purple loosestrife, devil’s-bit scabious, yellow flag iris, Sneezewort and ferns (Hart’s-tongue fern) plus the marginal pond plants mentioned above. Suitable garden flowers include hostas and hydrangeas, Japanese primrose, crocosmia, Chinese astilbe as well as insectivorous plants such as pitcher plants and sundews.

The final part of Becca’s talk focused on how we can make a difference by using water-wise gardening methods in order to cope with climate change, focusing on ‘smart watering’ and planting trees and shrubs – even a small tree can make a difference.

As gardeners we will have to learn different ways of doing some things as we realise the importance of finding more sustainable ways of managing our environment and our water use.

Becca’s enthusiasm was infectious and her knowledge encyclopaedic! So if you would like to know more, a copy of Becca’s notes is available on the Kilmingtong Gardening Club website: kilmingtongardeningclub.co.uk.

Jean Falconer

KILMINGTON FLOWER SHOW

We are pleased to say that the Flower Show will be back to normal this year and will be held on Saturday, 23rd July from 1.00 pm. Schedules will be available shortly and further information will follow in next month’s Postscript. The

schedule will also be available on the Kilmingtong Gardening Club website: www.kilmingtongardeningclub.co.uk

Jean Falconer

NO MOW MAY: HOW TO GET TEN TIMES MORE BEES ON YOUR LAWN

Results released by Plantlife demonstrate the spectacular benefits both we and our garden wildlife receive from not mowing throughout May. The highest production of flowers and nectar sugar was on lawns cut once every four weeks. This gives ‘short-grass’ plants like daisies and white clover a chance to flower in profusion, boosting nectar production tenfold.

The largest-ever survey of the humble lawn undertaken by citizen scientists across the UK reveals not only the

astonishing diversity of wild flowers growing on Britain’s lawns, but that simple changes in mowing can result in enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. The sheer quantity of flowers and nectar production on lawns mown once a month can be astonishing.

Why not simply leave your mower in the shed for No Mow May and let the flowers grow!

Peter



Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Family Events for All to Enjoy

Let's really put Kilmington on the map and make this a fun occasion for young and old to remember. Celebrations start this month, so start now and get the family involved.



During May Decorate and Transform Our Village

Display red, white and blue flowers and flags, bunting on houses, hedges and fences.



Our Scarecrow theme is 'Royalty's Many Faces'

We know you all love making garden 'scarecrows' so the challenge goes out to beat the Kilmington record of 53 figurines created for the 2012 Diamond Jubilee. <https://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/gallery.html>
Get designing now - we need your creation out on display by Wednesday, 25th latest for judging.

Free Scarecrow Workshop Village Hall 10am Saturday 14th May

We'll supply the materials and help you and the children make Papier Maché heads, (a bit messy but great fun!) also we'll provide some ideas and tips on how to model the body.

Come Along – All Ages Welcome – Refreshments



Join In and Help with Organising (Please!) Jubilee Celebrations Organisation Meeting

7:30 pm Wednesday 11th May, the Pavilion,
Recreation Ground

Much of the ground work has been done already, but we do need some help with putting out bunting, chairs and gazebos, giving out treasure hunt papers, serving refreshments and helping run the family games. Nothing too complicated or strenuous! Please consider giving just an hour or so to spread the load, so everyone can enjoy the weekend.



June Bank Holiday Celebration Events Programme

Thursday 2nd 6:30pm till late - Platinum Beacon Party: A family BBQ party with a bar and music from Postie Chris & Ollie. At 9:15pm we'll join more than 1500 other communities across the UK as we light a flaming Jubilee Beacon on St Giles's tower.

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th 1pm - 5pm Village Treasure Hunt, Open Gardens, St Giles' Flower Festival and Afternoon Teas Take a family summer stroll around the village, visit gardens & answer some brain teasers (adults & children) on the way. Village Hall start. Refreshments, tea and cake.

Saturday 7pm -12pm Platinum Family Disco, Classic Disco Hits to get the whole family moving, even 'Dad Dancing' - BBQ and Bar.

Sunday 5th Joint Morning Church Service St Giles' and The Beacon come together for an outdoor service on the recreation ground - weather permitting.

Sunday 12.00 noon onwards The Big Jubilee Lunch: Bring your own Family Picnic,

Children's Fancy Dress 'For Queen & Country' Princesses, Knights, Military etc.

Adult's Fancy Dress 'Fashion through the Decades' Rock & Roll, Hippies, Glam Rock, Punk, etc.)

Family Fun Sports. Tea, coffee, squash & ice-creams for children.

Presentations Prizes, Celebration Jubilee £5 coins to Kilmington Children.

AN EVENING IN THE OLD INN - 1882

‘PLOUGHING AND THE TUNNEL BUGABOO’

Sir John Henry Kennaway, third Baronet and member of parliament for East Devon was a great bear of a man and when he spoke people listened. He was known for his oratory skills and forthright opinions. On 20th October 1882, he stood in the Old Inn where 100 people were crammed tightly but listening intently. His size, huge brown-grey beard, three-piece suit and top hat would have made him an imposing sight, demanding attention.



Sir John's speeches, as guest of honour that day, were the conclusion to a grand and important social gathering dedicated to local agriculture hosted by the 'Axminster and Kilminster Agricultural Society'. Members of Kilminster's farming community had earlier taken part in the 'sixth annual ploughing match' which had been held at nearby Gammons Hill Farm. The 'Champion Prize' for ploughing one-third of an acre without a driver carried a purse of five guineas and was won by Charles Trivett. Presentations were made by the Society's President, Mr Frederick Swabey Esq, of Coryton Park. Aside from the various ploughing challenges, other prizes were given that day for 'horse and harness', 'hedging', 'best butter' and 'long servitude and good character'. It is perhaps noteworthy that second place for this last category was awarded to Elizabeth Pavey for five years and three weeks in good service to Mr George Dare of Old Coryton Farm (readers may recall from a previous edition of *Postscript* that in only a few months Elizabeth would be arrested for the murder of her new-born baby, a situation which inevitably led to her losing her position as dairy maid and any testimonial of 'good character', but that is another story).

Once the competition and agricultural showcasing was complete, the assembly retired to the Old Inn where innkeeper Giles Hurford hosted and provided dinner. Mr Swabey concluded the meal by proposing a toast to 'The Queen' declaring that she was the 'purest and best woman who ever lived' and that even the Americans had declared that they would not mind such a Queen! Toasts were then given to the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were also 'much beloved', and then to the bishop, the clergy and ministers of all denominations. It was then agreed that the Church of England was 'doing great work in this country', one minister adding that it could not be replaced by any other religion. Toasts were then made to 'The Army and the Navy' and that the recent war and conquest of Egypt made the 'hearts of Englishmen beat with pride because of the heroic valour of the soldiers and sailors'.

The mood was brimming with nationalistic fervour and back-slapping.

At last Sir John Kennaway stood amongst a fine display of mangold roots which had been fixed to the walls of the

dining room and spoke passionately about a subject close to his own heart.

"What of the current proposal to make a tunnel beneath the English Channel linking France to England?" he roared.

He argued that that England's navy had guarded its shores perfectly well for many years. *'Why should England invite its own insecurity by building a link to Europe?'* He told his enthralled listeners that if the

tunnel went ahead forty-thousand troops would need to be stationed at Dover, the portal built with huge fortifications and maintained in perpetuity to defend the nation against the threat of attack from the French – or possibly even German ambition. It would do incalculable harm.

"England was an island – let it continue an island." was his cry. The Old Inn filled with jingoistic applause.

But this was a very serious and contentious issue. Kennaway was not alone in his views that a tunnel would present a serious risk to national security by providing easy passage for an invading army. This was not a hypothetical argument either; construction of the channel tunnel had already begun!

For the previous twenty or thirty years, discussion and negotiations for the 'golden link' between Dover and Calais had occupied the minds of the British and French governments. In 1855, newspapers reported that a tunnel might cost £10 million (perhaps £320 million in today's money).

By February 1881, Sir Edward Watkin, a railway entrepreneur known for ambitious vision, was a leading proponent for the project. Nonetheless, he submitted, despite the obvious huge benefit to commerce and the current peaceable situation in Europe, where war seemed 'most unlikely', one century cannot answer for another and there remained real possibility that England might be invaded by a great European power. Watkin warned of the possibility of a small force seizing Britain's tunnel fortifications in a surprise attack. Reports supporting both sides of the debate filled newspapers for months.

The Tavistock Gazette reported that tunnelling commenced at Shakespeare's Cliff on 31st October 1881. Progress was reported to be satisfactory; the seven-foot (2.13m) diameter tunnel advancing day and night at a rate of one foot (0.3m) per hour. On 5th May 1882, the Torquay Times reported that the Military Committee was considering a 'novel and ingenious solution' to the problem of national security. The proposal advanced a method for filling the tunnel space with poisonous gas to suffocate intruders, an early form of chemical warfare.

By the time that Kennaway made his rousing speech in

AN EVENING IN THE OLD INN - 1882

Continued

Kilminster's Old Inn, works had recently been halted, the government bowing to immense public and political pressure. The tunnel had already advanced 1.7 miles on the English side and just over one mile on the French side.

Archive newspapers report that the following decades remained full of controversy and ambition for reinvigoration of the project, most notably in 1910-11, but the onset of the Great War in 1914 naturally quashed all hope of restarting it, validating the nay-sayers. The hiatus would last over one hundred years before works recommenced.

The idea of a tunnel linking England to France has even earlier origins. In 1802 Napoleon Bonaparte gave his support to engineer Albert Mathieu-Favier's imaginative plans which would have featured a candlelit tunnel large enough for

horse-drawn carriages with an artificial island mid-channel. The British government rejected the idea, believing (perhaps correctly) that Napoleon had imperialistic ambitions in Britain's direction.

As many readers will know, the 'Chunnel' was finally opened to the public in 1994; previous concerns of national security were no longer considered as relevant because of the advances in aviation and modern warfare. Today's newspapers suggest that perhaps the greatest threat of invasion through the tunnel is now from illegal immigrants. I wonder what Sir John Kennaway MP would have said about that!

Alan Clarkson

HANDBELLS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC!

Ok, so it is a bit early in the year to be thinking about Christmas, but....

Rob and Elena Stacey, who have recently moved to Kilminster, have a set of twelve antique handbells. Rob is very happy for them to be used to play Christmas music in and around our villages. So, we are wondering who would be interested in forming a handbell band, or 'choir' as they are known in the USA? No previous knowledge is necessary and all would be welcome – it should be fun.

The plan is to start learning/rehearsing in October to be tune perfect by December!

Please contact Celia initially on 01297 33563 or celia.dunsford@btopenworld.com if you are interested in joining in.

Celia Dunsford

ST GILES CHURCH IS HOSTING A PEAL ATTEMPT

We are lucky that the six bells at St Giles' not only sound lovely, but are considered relatively easy to ring and bell ringers from across Devon and sometimes further afield regularly ask if they can ring our bells.

We are therefore delighted that on Saturday, May 28th we have a band from Exeter who are attempting to ring a full peal. This involves approximately three hours of continuous ringing with over 5,000 different sequences without any

mistakes! Quite a feat of concentration and stamina and only attempted by very experienced ringers.

The peal attempt will start around 10.00 am and if all goes well should finish by 1.00 pm.

Enjoy the glorious sound from your home, around the village or outside the church – we wish them well in their peal attempt.

Celia Dunsford

CHURCH BELLS

The church bells of England ring out with joy
For ever rejoicing the birth of Gods boy
For Jesus was born to teach us the way
To make us praise God and spread love every day.

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

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

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

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

John Thorne

Kilmington Open Gardens in aid of Hospiscare



Photos taken by Marie Gardener

Cookery Corner

This month's recipes are using some of the plentiful in-season fruit and veg which we produce in the UK. I am always trying to find interesting soup recipes as I tend to always make a variation on a theme soup, but whilst looking for a healthier option soup I found this one. The cod bake is very tasty and quick to make as a weekday supper and cuts down on the washing up which is always a bonus. The cake may sound a bit quirky, but I love the combination of flavours and it isn't overly sweet and is great with a coffee.

LEEK, PEA AND WATERCRESS SOUP

Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil
2 leeks, finely sliced
2 garlic cloves
800ml vegetable stock
90g/3½oz watercress
400g/16oz fresh or frozen peas
1 small lemon, zest and juice
Salt and pepper
Crème fraîche to serve



Method

1. Heat the oil in a medium pan. Add the leeks and garlic and fry gently for 10 minutes until soft.
2. Pour in the stock and simmer for a further 10 minutes. Stir in the watercress, peas and cook for another 5 minutes until the watercress has wilted.
3. Liquidise until smooth. Stir through the lemon juice and zest and season with salt and pepper.
4. Reheat and serve with a tablespoon of crème fraîche swirled through it and some crusty bread.

COD AND CRUSHED NEW POTATO TRAYBAKE

Serves 4

2 ½ tbsp olive oil
4 cod fillets
750g/1½lb new potatoes, halved
150g/6oz cherry tomatoes, halved
100g/4oz fresh or frozen peas
200g/8oz fine asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-3 cm pieces
1 lemon, cut into wedges
4 tsp tartare sauce



Method

1. Par-boil the potatoes for approx 5 minutes and then drain well. Add 2 tbsp oil into a large baking dish, toss in the potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook at 180Cfan/200C/gas 6 for 30 minutes or until they begin to crisp up on the outside and are getting soft in the centre.
2. Remove from the oven and lightly crush the potatoes using a potato masher or fork.
3. Add the asparagus, tomatoes and lemon wedges and cook for a further 10 minutes.
4. Next add the peas and place the cod on top of the potatoes. Drizzle the remaining oil over the fish. Bake for a further 15-20 minutes until the cod is cooked.
5. Spoon the tartare sauce on the fish and serve.

RHUBARB AND CUSTARD CAKE

Makes a 23cm cake

Ingredients

250g/10oz softened unsalted butter
150g pot of readymade custard, not the chilled sort
250g/10oz caster sugar
4 eggs
250g/10oz self-raising flour
1 tsp vanilla essence
½ tsp baking powder
400g/16oz rhubarb
50g/2oz caster sugar to sweeten the rhubarb
Icing sugar, for dusting



Method

1. First prepare the rhubarb by cutting it into 2cm pieces and putting it in one layer in a shallow dish.

Sprinkle with 50g caster sugar. Cover with foil and bake at 180C/200C/gas 6 for 15 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 5 minutes. Allow to cool.

2. Grease and bottom line a 23cm loose-bottomed spring-form cake tin.
3. Reserve 3 tbsp of the custard, beat the rest of the custard together with the butter, flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs and vanilla essence for 3 minutes until smooth.
4. Spoon a third of the cake mixture into the tin and spread out, top with a third of the rhubarb, repeat twice more. Dot the remaining custard over the top layer of fruit.
5. Bake at 160C fan/180C/gas 4 for 1 hour 15 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean. Cover with foil after about 40 minutes.
6. Allow to cool in the tin before turning out. Dust with icing sugar before serving. Either serve warm with a spoonful of thick cream as a pudding or it is also nice eaten cold.

Diane Overton

NEW PLAY EXPLORES THE IMPACT THAT A DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA HAS ON A FAMILY

The impact that dementia can have on different members of a family varies with each one experiencing it from their own perspective.

This is the subject of a new play being staged by Axminster Drama Club.

Written by Andrew Coley, 'Because of Love' follows the experiences of Nathan and his father, Hector, as well as their immediate family and those who support them.

Hector is a third-generation farmer who expects his son to take on the family farm one day but when Nathan tells his father that he wants to do other things they part on bad terms.

Years pass, Hector is diagnosed with dementia and Nathan has to work out how to respond to his father's new situation.

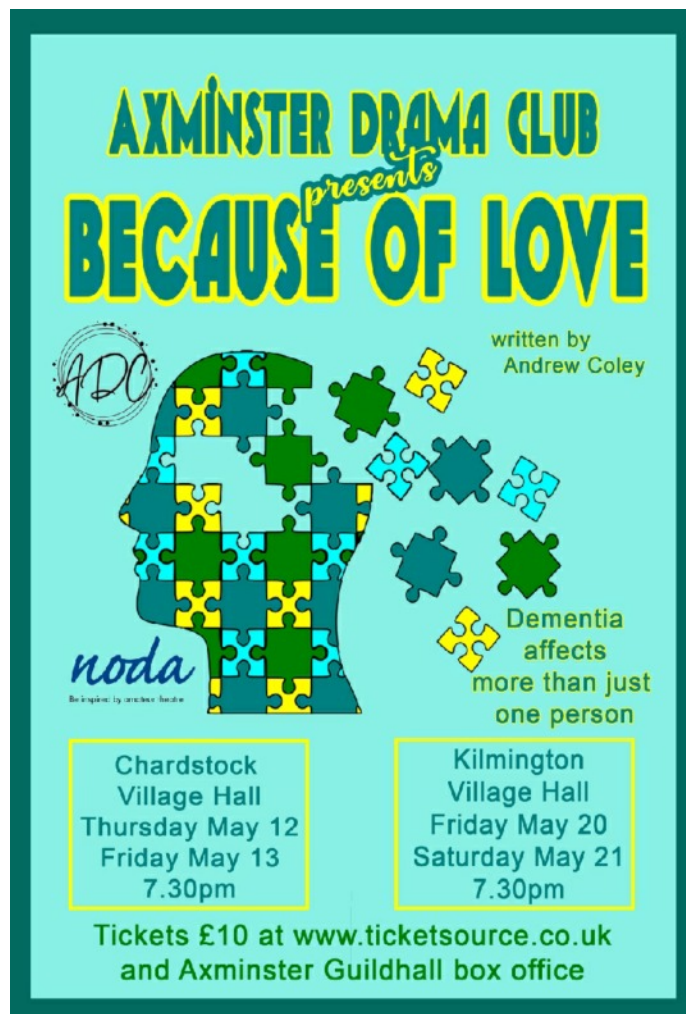
Andrew Coley said: "Dementia is a condition that affects many families and I wanted to look at it from different angles. The story revolves around the relationship of a father and son, but it also features how the situation affects their wives, as well as the professionals who do all they can to help.

During rehearsals each actor brings their own ideas of how a character is portrayed which helps to bring the script to life. It is always a pleasure to work with talented, creative people as it makes the rehearsals an enjoyable experience for all concerned.

And by staging the play in two smaller venues, we hope to bring a level of intimacy to the production to really help to draw the audience in."

Axminster Drama Club will be staging 'Because of Love' in May, at two different venues to tie in the Dementia Action Week.

It will be staged in Chardstock Village Hall on Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th and then move on to Kilminster Village Hall, for another two performances on Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st.



Tickets are available, priced £10 each, from the box office at Axminster Guildhall or at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=axminster&location=axminster>

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

70 oak trees, marking The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, are being planted by East Devon District Council (EDDC) across East Devon this year.

EDDC has presented Kilminster with an English Oak sapling to help mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The tree has been planted on Jubilee Green and will soon have a commemorative plaque added celebrating the landmark event, which is a first for any British monarch.

It is one of 70 being planted in towns and parishes across East Devon. Renowned for their longevity, strength, and unique position in the national landscape, it is hoped the trees will offer many other collective opportunities and serve as an important local 'memory jogger', recognising EDDC's carbon neutral and environment priorities.





KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB SEASON PREVIEW 2022



Kilminster Cricket Club 1st XI enters uncharted territory in the 2022 season, playing in the Devon Cricket League A Division for the first time. To put that in context,

Kilminster village (population 830) are playing competitive cricket in the top 20 cricket teams in Devon. What makes this even more unique is the presence of three recent Premier League Champions in the A Division, namely, Exeter (pop: 128,900), Torquay (pop: 65,245) and Exmouth (pop: 34,400). While Thorverton and Abbotskerwell have similar populations to us, Kilminster has the smallest population in the A Division. We expect to hear the call, 'village cricket' at points this year, but frankly we are extremely proud that we are a village cricket team.

This will be the highest standard of cricket seen on Saturdays at the Arthur Hitchcock Memorial Ground. We already know that we will be playing against Timo Mutumbodzi (Plympton), a Zimbabwean Test, One-Day and 20-20 player; Jason Niemand (Exmouth), the Border captain and South African U19 player; Chathura Peiris (Budleigh), Sri Lanka U19; and Jason van der Meulen (Thorverton), Randburg South Africa. There will be more as other teams in the league sign players on.

Whilst other teams have signed players, we have been lucky to have new players join and other players returning to the club after time away. We have been joined by Joel Seward, who already has a fine record for Kilminster, Josh Cann, Robbie Prior and our Australian overseas player, Oscar Corby. With the Fuzzard brothers, Ben Noble, Matt Pile and Ian Gooding likely to be available for more games this year, and players like Andy Long and Rob Meakings returning to the fold, things are looking promising. Just as importantly, Louis Cook and Matt Reed are coming through the ranks and are now old enough to be eligible to play league cricket.

If you are in the pavilion, you will see the Kilminster Legends on the wall, very fine players to a man, who contributed enormously to the history of our club. Whilst a

number of them would undoubtedly have been good enough to get in the current 1st XI, I am very confident in saying that the current team is, by some distance, the best team to have represented the club. The 2nd XI is of a pretty high standard as well. With good luck, we can hopefully consolidate the 1st XI in the A Division and gain promotion for the 2nd XI from G Division East.

We may also get the chance to play the current Devon Premier League Champions, Tiverton Heathcoat, in the Devon Senior Cup, provided they beat Abbotskerwell. Added to the fact that we will be playing our regular, long-term touring sides such as Spar Ramblers, Wye Rustics, Four Counties Nondescript and Tiffintits, and Eddie Clarke will be running the popular Dynamos cricket for the youngsters, there will be many opportunities for good cricket this summer.

As always, we are grateful to all our volunteers who give up their time to help with the ground, administrate, umpire, score or provide food and drink. However, our scorers will have to work hard to become more famous to beat Torquay, whose previous scorers include Agatha Christie.

If you come to the ground this season, you will see some changes to the ground with a series of sponsors' boards around the perimeter. We are very grateful to all our sponsors and those businesses and individuals who have sponsored match balls this season for their support.

If you are interested in joining the club or the Dynamos, please contact any members of the club or committee. If you just want to see some good cricket, please just come to the ground and watch the matches. You will be very welcome. Exciting times indeed.

Martin Huscroft

KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB - MAY 2022

1 st XI - A Division					2 nd XI - G Division East				
Sat	7th	Budleigh Salterton 1 st XI	12.30 pm	A	Sat	7th	Topsham St James 2 nd XI	1.00 pm	H
Sat	14th	Exeter 1 st XI	12.30 pm	H	Sat	14th	Newton Tracey 1 st XI	1.00 pm	A
Sat	21st	Exmouth 1 st XI	12.30 pm	H	Sat	21st	Feniton 2 nd XI	1.00 pm	A
Sat	28th	Thorverton 1 st XI	12.30 pm	A	Sat	28th	Honiton 2 nd XI	1.00 pm	H

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In the 'Meet the Therapist' section, newsletter no 43 features Elizabeth Bond, nutritional therapist, whose qualifications reflect her special interest in nutritional support for Cancer – before, during, after treatment and beyond. She is also a Bowen therapist and uses their technique to help relieve pain and allow the body to reset and rebalance itself.

ALCS is running an acupuncture clinic on Mondays 4.15 – 5.15 pm at the Scott Rowe room in Axminster Hospital. This involves group sessions in auricular acupuncture (around the outer ear) and is beneficial in alleviating symptoms such as hot flushes, anxiety, dry mouth and fatigue. It is offered free of charge to registered clients for up to ten sessions. There is also a drop-in session on Monday, May 16th to help support those about to start treatment, going through treatment or finished within the last six months in the Axminster Hospital Scott-Rowe room 12.30 – 1.30 pm.

Cancer support charity, 'Look Good Feel Better' is highlighted by David Wright who followed its zoomed recommendation to focus on helping himself by looking good, which boosted self-confidence and awareness and made him feel better inside. There is also information about

'Mission Remission', which helps cancer survivors to move forward to live happy, healthy, independent lives with support groups, online discussions, a book club and an advocacy team.

Other events in May include:

Monday, 9th May – Fermented Food workshop, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm at Lyme Regis Football Club

Sunday, 15th May – ALCS Stall at Lyme Regis May Fair, 1.00 – 4.00 pm at Anning Road Playing Fields

Tuesday, 17th May – Men's only Pie and Pint, 6.30 pm
Location TBC

Monday, 23rd May – ALCS Forum, 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm at Lyme Regis Football Club

Monday, 23rd May – Sleep Workshop, 2.00 – 4.00 pm at Lyme Regis Football Club

Monday, 30th May – Bereavement Group, 12.30 – 1.30 pm at Axminster Hospital Scott Rowe Room.

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Thursday	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

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Sun	1st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Holy Community
Tues	3rd	Early	Your House	Recycling only
	3rd	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Communion
	3rd	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Sat	7th	10.00 am	Village Hall	Kilminster Gardening Club Plant Market
Sun	8th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship with Anna Cope
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