

KILMINGTON

# POSTscript

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## EDITORIAL

After our last financial statement (published in April) we started to review Postscript's advertising fees. A policy review in issue no.57, (September 2003) stated that all advertising which publicises events in and for the direct benefit of the Village will be free. That will not change, but the standard fees, which then applied to all the rest, need some adjustment. The list of charges has hardly been altered in twenty years, during which the income from advertising and donations kept pace with the outgoings for printing and it was possible to make ends meet. However, printing costs have been increasing, so that for two years now our income has not quite managed to keep up with them and they may yet increase further. It would be foolish to continue to allow the margin to be eroded. The reserve account may appear to contain a large sum, but the usual advice for non-profit making enterprises such as ours is to keep enough in reserve as a contingency fund to cover at least six months' running costs. That has been achieved. Donations have also increased – people are very generous, and we thank them all – but we have nevertheless decided to adjust the advertising fees a bit, where there is some room for change. They will increase, but not by much and will still be below those of other comparable publications. They will appear at the back of the next issue and will apply from June.

After all that, a surprise donation has suddenly arrived from a completely unexpected source. One of the many holidaymakers from other parts of the country who visit this area to explore and enjoy it has taken a liking to Kilmingdon and has become an admirer of its village magazine. From this benefactor has come a generous gift of £1,000 which will help to secure its future for some time to come.

May sees the start of summer events. Visit a beautiful garden or find information on what to do in yours. The KGC plant market might help. Use the footpaths but note the warnings about the change of route and the rickety bridge. Stop at the old milk stand at Brooklands Farm Close to look at the newly restored guide to the wildflowers growing on the stream banks. This year, too, we shall witness the last in the sequence of royal events historically accompanying a change in the Head of State, as King Charles is crowned in Westminster. Some of us remember how the last coronation brightened up our post-war lives, despite the rationing and the rain. There will be a lot of red, white and blue about and Kilmingdon's bells will be rung.

Janfryd

Front page - Peter Ball  
Middle pages - Marie Gardner

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***The closing date for submitting items for the June issue is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. All will be acknowledged.***

***Please email or ring 01297 639115 if not acknowledged within 48 hours.***

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## DONATIONS

***Arrangements for donating to Postscript. Please see page 29 for details. Donations to the middle of March came to £1,144.00. All donations go towards printing costs. Thank you for your continuing support.***

## ADVERTISING RATES

Please see inside back cover for details.

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# KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## KILMINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 7.45 pm

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

Residents are encouraged to come along as this is your opportunity to meet your Parish Council, hear what has been taking place last year, and raise any issues you wish to bring

to the attention of the Parish Council. Refreshments will be served.

The Annual Meeting follows the regular monthly Parish Council meeting 6.30 to 7.30 pm.

## CHANGES IN KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Four of our longstanding Parish Councillors did not stand for re-election this year.

Mike Collier, a past Chairman, has served for 42 years and now retires.

Sally Huscroft, has been a councillor for 21 years and has also retired.

Ben Trott, a past Chairman, has served 11 years and has now moved out of our parish.

Julia Bonetta (Mears) has been a councillor for 7 years and has now moved out of the parish.

**We thank them for their work and are very grateful for all that they have done for our community over the years.**

Your Parish Council is made up of nine councillors. There were nine nominations for these places, see to the right. Therefore, as the positions are uncontested, there will not be an election for Parish Councillors for Kilminster.

## FOOTPATH NEWS CHANGE OF ROUTE THROUGH CORYTON FARM

A change of route is planned for the public footpath through Coryton Farm. The change will mean users will in future avoid going through an active farm where there are health and safety risks. Details of the planned change can be seen on the Kilminster Village website and on village noticeboards.

If you have a comment regarding this planned change, please contact the Parish Clerk 07800 826657 or by Email: [kilminsterparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:kilminsterparishclerk@aol.com)

## DANGEROUS FOOTBRIDGE CLOSED – CORY BROOK

The foundations for the footbridge over the Corry Brook, just north of Fordhayes Farm, have washed away. This has left the bridge in a dangerous condition, so it is now closed until repairs can be made.

## NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

East Devon

### Election of Parish Councillors for Kilminster on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Kilminster.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
BALL Peter	Applehead, The Street, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7SP	
BAYLEY Nicky	3 Fannys Ground, The Street, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7SP	
COLLIER Andrew	Summerleaze Farm, Gammons Hill, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7RA	
DARE Arnold P	Coryton Park, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7RD	
JONES Mark	8 MeadowBank, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7RL	
MILLER Olivia	Homecroft, Gammons Hill, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7RA	
REED Beverley	Jaybees, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7SL	
SEWARD Stafford A	Fernwood Farm, Gore Lane, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7NU	
VERBERTH Keiran J	3 Greystone Cottages, Kilminster, Axminster, EX13 7RX	

## DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 4<sup>th</sup>

There will be an election for District Councillors. The candidates are:

Iain Chubb, Conservative and Unionist Party

Clara G Douglas, Labour and Co-operative Party

Veronica Dower, Liberal Democrats

Please remember that you will need photo identity when you go to vote in the Village Hall.

## KILMINGTON CROSS SERVICE STATION 24hr ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION

The hearing that was due to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> April was postponed, at the request of the applicant. The application remains as originally applied for, it has NOT been withdrawn. The new hearing date will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Kilminster Parish Council has objected to the application and will attend the hearing.

# **Kilmington Village Annual Parish Meeting**

**7.45pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Kilmington Village Hall**

**At this meeting the Parish Council, and other village organisations will inform local residents what they have been doing over the past year.**

**It is also an opportunity for electors to raise anything you consider valuable to Parish residents.**

**We hope you will come along to meet your new Parish Council and other village organisations.**

**Refreshments will be served.**



**The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45 pm will follow the regular monthly Parish Council meeting, starting at 6.30 pm, which you are also welcome to attend.**

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## What is an Annual Parish Meeting?

There can be, and often is, confusion between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. All Town and Parish Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6.00 pm.

## What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting?

The purpose of the meeting is to give the Parish Council, and other local organisations an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year. The meeting is also an opportunity for electors to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.

## What else happens at the meeting?

The meeting can also be an opportunity for local groups, clubs, societies and other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide an exhibition and/or have representatives from the group address those present at the meeting about the work they do and what they are involved in.

## Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is for all electors of the Parish. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However, only registered electors of the parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

## Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Any registered elector may ask a question of the Council which will usually be answered by the Chair, the Clerk or the Council, or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

## Who will chair the meeting?

The Chairman of the Council will chair the meeting. The Kilmingdon Annual Parish Meeting is usually convened by the Chairman of the Council. However, the meeting can also be convened by any two Parish Councillors, a Councillor representing the Parish on the District Council, or any six local electors of the Parish.

## Will Parish Councillors be at the meeting?

All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend and any Committee Chairs may present the updates of current projects their committees are driving forward. Councillors will also have an opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish. However, the purpose of the meeting is to enable the electors to find out what is going on in their Parish and to have their say.

## Will minutes of the meeting be taken?

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting shall be drawn up and entered in a book provided for the purpose. The minutes shall be reviewed and signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

## How long will the meeting last?

The length of the meeting is dependent on the number of electors present, the number of questions asked and the discussion that is raised. Generally, the meeting will not last longer than two hours.

## Where can I get copies of papers for the meeting?

The agenda calling the meeting is published seven clear days before the meeting and is displayed on the village noticeboards and website. The agendas and reports for meetings are available for download on the Kilmingdon Village Website. If you would like to receive printed copies, contact the Parish Clerk.

## VIEWING PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES

To view previous minutes go to: [www.kilmingdonvillage.com](http://www.kilmingdonvillage.com), then

Kilmingdon Parish Council Meetings, Agendas & Minutes - Kilmingdon Village

The minutes available to view are from 2013 to 2021 inclusive.

Please get in touch with: [webmaster@kilmingdonvillage.com](mailto:webmaster@kilmingdonvillage.com) if you have any trouble viewing these documents or require them in a different format.

# POTHOLES - WHAT CAN WE DO?

**WE SHOULD ALL REPORT POTHOLES!**

## Visit DCC Website

To report a pothole or any other issue on the roads, please visit the Devon County Council website. You will be able to choose from a variety of options, including potholes.

[www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem)

## Interactive Map

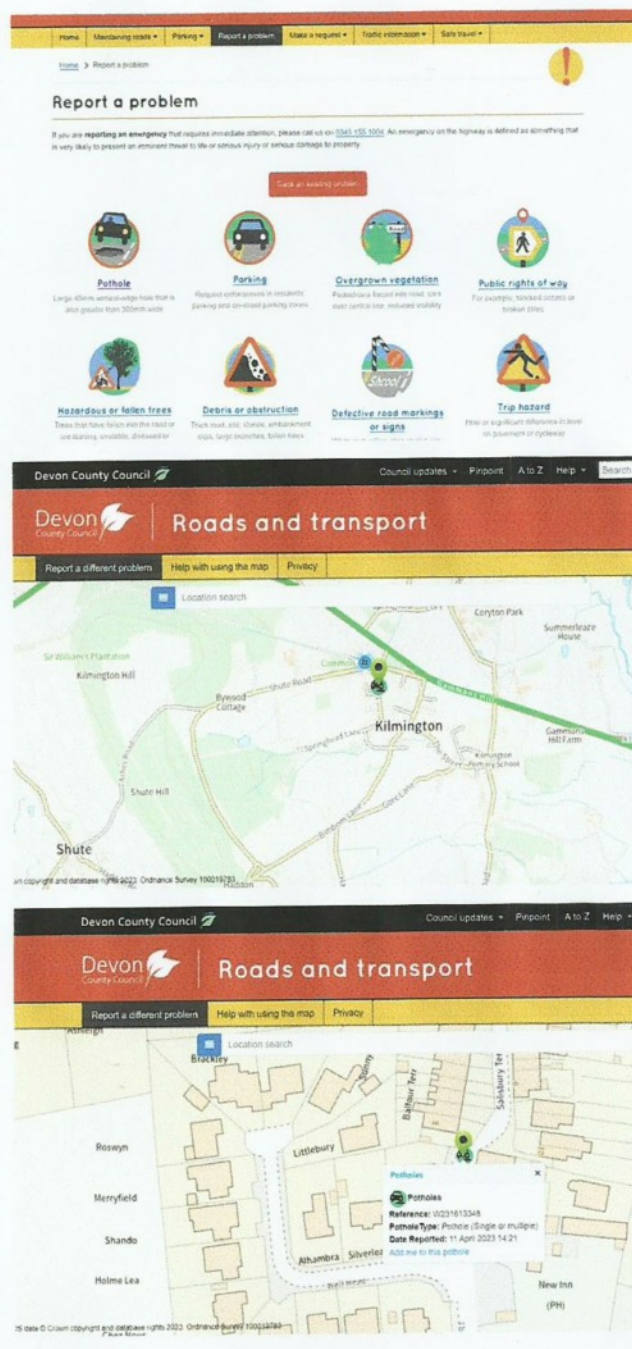
Once on the 'Pothole' section, you will be able to use an interactive map to pinpoint the exact location of the pothole.

When you have marked the spot, you will need to fill out a few basic details and even have the option of uploading an image, which is definitely worthwhile if you can.

## Strength in numbers

The great feature of the interactive map is that you can also see potholes that have already been reported.

If you click on a reported pothole, you can also add your details to back up and add weight to the report. Hopefully the more people who report a pothole, the quicker it will be assessed and dealt with.



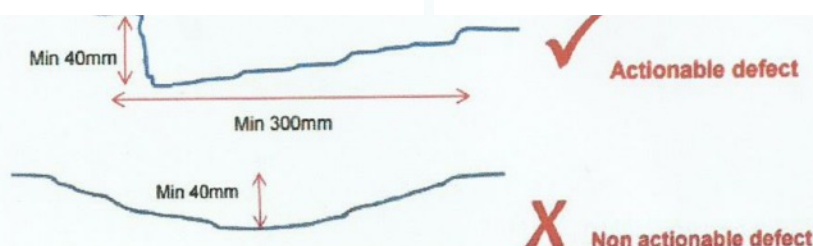
### Kilmington Parish Council

The Parish Council will continue to monitor and report any issues that we find or are reported to us. However, using the online reporting tool is definitely the simplest way to report any issues. If you need any further assistance please do contact Cllr Kieran Veberth - [kveberth@kilmingtonvillage.com](mailto:kveberth@kilmingtonvillage.com)

### Devon County Council Guidance

Please take note of the following guidance before you report a pothole. We will not ignore any report, however, we do have to prioritise our funding on safety and we cannot afford to fix all of the problems that are reported to us.

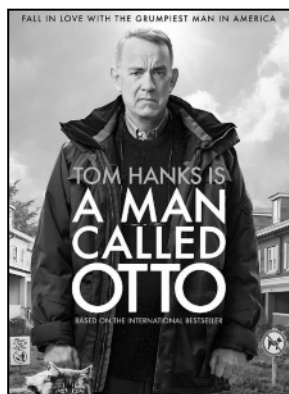
We will repair potholes that have a 40mm (4 cm) vertical edge and are 300 mm (30 cm) wide.





# WHAT'S ON IN MAY

## KILMINGTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



### A MAN CALLED OTTO (15) Kilmington Village Hall Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May & Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> Matinee



A remake of the Swedish film A Man Called Ove. Otto is a curmudgeonly widower with staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People think him bitter, and he thinks they are idiots. Otto's well-ordered, solitary world gets a shake-up one November morning with the appearance of new neighbours, a chatty young couple and their two boisterous daughters, who announce their arrival by accidentally flattening Otto's mailbox with their U-Haul.

What follows is a heart-warming tale of unkempt cats, unlikely friendships, and a community's unexpected reassessment of the one person they thought they had figured out.

WHY SEE THIS FILM? It's a film about kindness, friendship and community. "Hanks does well with the material, bringing a perfect hybrid of comic anger and, eventually, genuine kindness." (Radio Times Peter Bradshaw)

"A winningly grumpy performance from Tom Hanks — and a winningly sunny one from Mariana Treviño — ensures for a very watchable take on the 'giving life another shot' sub-genre." (Empire).

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

Wednesday: Doors open 6.45 pm with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 9.30 pm.  
The Thursday matinee: Doors open 1.45 pm. Film starts 2.00 pm. Come along and enjoy a film and have ice creams/tea/coffee, during the interval. Cream Teas available during the matinee interval. Please state Wednesday or Thursday when booking. Tickets Pre-booked £5 or £5.50 on door. To book contact John 01297 639758 or email: [wattsjohn307@gmail.com](mailto:wattsjohn307@gmail.com).

Coming Up: June Empire of Light - starring Olivia Colman  
July Allelujah - starring David Bradley, Judi Dench, Jennifer Saunders

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

## KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club talk on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is 'Lift the Latch to Little Latch' by David and Pauline Wright. The talk is of their beautiful former garden 'Lift the Latch', which was featured on Gardeners World, and the creation of their new garden 'Little Latch'.

All welcome at 7.30 pm. Refreshments and bar. Non-members £3

Lesley Rew

## FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

The deadline date for the May order falls on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00 pm.

As usual I invite requests for either a specific amount or if requesting a 'top up' or a full tank, then please furnish me with a pretty accurate estimate as to the quantity that you require with a minimum order of 500 litres in all cases.

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## MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 11.20 - 11.50 am The Street

# WHAT'S ON IN MAY

## KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

May ought to be another good month to watch the sky, with planets and meteors passing overhead.

**Venus** and **Mars** are visible together in the West / North-west evening sky throughout the month, Venus much the brighter, and Mars with its slightly reddish glow. **Saturn** can be seen rising in the East / Southeast in the early mornings, getting earlier as the month progresses. **Jupiter** can only be seen right at the end of the month, rising in the East just before the sun.

**5<sup>th</sup> Full Moon** May's abundant blooms give its full moon the name flower moon in many cultures. Other names include the hare moon, the corn planting moon, and the milk moon.

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Eta Aquariid meteors** are usually active between April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> every year. This year they peak in

the early hours of the morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> with the radiant in the East-Southeast. However, the full moon will make sightings more difficult.

**9<sup>th</sup> Lyrid meteor** shower will be active from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> May, producing its peak rate of meteors, maybe three or four an hour, just before dawn around 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**13<sup>th</sup> Saturn** and the Moon appear close together.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Venus** and the slim crescent moon appear close together.

**24<sup>th</sup> Mars** and the crescent moon appear close together this evening.

Peter

## CORONATION BELLS

St Giles' Church bells will ring out during the afternoon of May 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III, when we will be ringing a new composition of 48 changes aptly named CORONATION! The celebration continues prior to the Five Alive Mission Community service at 11.00 am on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Bell ringers visiting the village are most welcome to join us for either occasion, so that they can say they 'Rang for the King'.

On Saturday afternoon, May 13<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the quarterly meeting of our local branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and welcoming ringers from across the area to ring our bells prior to the meeting and tea.

We hope you enjoy the sound of the bells.

Celia Dunsford

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## PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Kilminster Gardening Club will be holding its annual plant market and coffee morning on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 am-12.00 noon in the Village Hall.

There will be a good selection of bedding, perennials, shrubs, fruit and veg plants, all at very reasonable rates. If you have any spare plants that you are dividing, we would be very happy to take them on the day.

We have been running a very successful seed swap at our monthly talks, so if you have any spare seeds bring them

along and see what we have available. At last year's event we introduced a plant identification service, which was very popular, so we will be running it again this year. If there's something in your garden you have no idea as to what it is, bring a piece along.

After all that shopping, relax with a tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake

Look forward to seeing you. Entry is free.

Lesley Rew



## KILMINGTON LENT LUNCHES

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Lunches this year. They were held in the Hitchcock Pavilion over six consecutive Thursdays with the last Lunch being on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. For those who were unable to attend the Pavilion personally we made deliveries. We were supporting Tearfund and the Children's Society.



The lunches consisted of soup (a different one each week), bread, butter and cheese with tea or coffee to finish. We would like to thank all of those who made soup for us this year, those in the kitchen and those who served, for those

who made the deliveries and those who sourced the other required items. We would also like to thank Peter and the Kilmington Playing Fields Committee who allowed us to use the Pavilion. Their rates are so reasonable and the facilities available are great.

So, how much did we raise I hear you ask, well, the final total raised was, wait for it, £982.00 – WOW – A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL. We plan to be back again next year.

Christopher Thorne

## A “CRACKING” CELEBRATE TOGETHER SERVICE

Once again, we gathered at St Giles' Church to hold our Celebrate Together service; this time our theme was based on Easter Praise. We decorated the church with coloured Eggs, one of which was coloured by my nephew who has only just turned one! We also had floral bunting with cute bunnies too.

As usual we had our drama. This time it was based on the Easter Story. I took the director's seat and planned the drama. Everyone did so very well. We had a surprise appearance from a donkey; a donkey you say? Not a real donkey! That would be a health and safety nightmare. So instead, my mother did a great job. See if you can spot her in the photos.

As it was Easter we handed out Easter Chicks. These were all beautifully homemade by Pearl with donations going to the Church. We did not forget the parents and carers who help bring our Celebrate family together.

Our wonderful catering team once again put on a delightful spread; they always make us all happy with their different shaped sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and more.

I am so thankful for each person who has a role in making these services happen; each one of you knows who you are. I



Three-month-old Saira Raphael was baptised in St Giles' Church, Kilmington on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, to the joy of all who attended, including guests from the USA. Proud Dad Sanjay and Mum Natalie had been married in the church in 2019 and were thrilled to be back with their new baby girl. 98-year-old Great Grandmother, Ivy Talbot was one of the very special guests, as she welcomed Saira as the next generation of the family.

Rev Julie Lomas



I am very thankful to Margaret Hurford who provided our music. I asked her to play one piece of music at the last minute but being the pro she is, Margaret played beautifully. Words cannot express how grateful we are for her.

Lastly, I am thankful for my very own Mother (Christine Thorne) who goes through every detail of these services with me. If it wasn't for her faith in me, I wouldn't be sitting here writing this. I also still remember my dear friends Diana Mellows and Jenny Hemmings; they believed in the vision and I am just carrying on what Diana started. I miss them every day. But thank God for them seeing my heart and my God-given potential.

Our next service is on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be 'Kingship', very apt for what is going on right now, don't you think? We would love to see new faces as well as familiar faces; please note there is level access. If you would like to attend but have any questions, then please contact my Mother Christine Thorne on 07814 041059.

Elana-May Blackmore

## MOTHERING SUNDAY DAFFODIL POSIES

On Mothering Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, over forty Daffodil Posies were handed out to the ladies in the congregation at St Giles' Church, or they were hand delivered to those who were unable to attend the service.

A huge thank you to Gill Heighway, Celia Dunsford, Diana Seward and to Diana Church for making the beautiful posies up for us.

Lesley Rew



## PALM SUNDAY WALK - 1

Palm Sunday fell on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and despite a chilly wind a good number of people from the Parish Church of St Giles' and from Kilmington Baptist Church gathered at the Common to meet Arthur the miniature Shetland pony, who was taking the lead role in the Palm Sunday procession. The procession led off and stopped at four different places in the village to hear a reading from the Bible, offer prayers and sing a song.

Thanks to our gifted guitarists who walked and played their instruments as singing filled the air.

Arthur performed magnificently and the whole procession arrived on time at St Giles' Church where the congregations joined together for a joint service of praise. Many thanks to Tammy Marx from Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue for leading Arthur, and to all who joined in on the procession. A donation was made to the work of Munchkins by way of appreciation ([www.mini-munchkins.org/home](http://www.mini-munchkins.org/home) for more information). Thank you also to Anthony Chape who was able to preach for us on the day.

Rev Julie Lomas



## PALM SUNDAY WALK - 2

St Giles' Church has not been able to source a local donkey to walk with us through the village on Palm Sunday for quite a few years, so a search was on for an alternative. Munchkin Miniature Shetland rescue stepped forward.

Tammy Marx set up the registered charity, based in Colyton, to help save Shetland ponies that have been ill-treated, neglected and abandoned. Tammy works with other rescues around the country and she has over 40 ponies in her and her volunteers' care.

Arthur (pictured) has played the role of the donkey for several years, he behaves impeccably on the walk and stands patiently while we stop to sing. He is very happy to come into church to receive a blessing from Rev Julie.

Lesley Rew

## 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 15.

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## Letter from the Churches

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### SUNDAY IS COMING

Wow, it's already May! Spring has sprung, new life is blossoming all around us, and summer is not too far away. For me, the year is also broken down neatly by the church calendar, and as we journey into May it's hard to believe that Easter has been and gone already in 2023. Time does relentlessly march on, doesn't it?!

We had a great Easter at the church. A joint Palm Sunday procession and service with our friends at St Giles'. A week of daily prayer for Holy Week. An emotional Good Friday service remembering the cross. A joyful Easter trail attended by so many families in the area. Which all culminated in the highlight of the year for me: our Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration.

Over and since this Easter period, I have been reflecting particularly on Holy Saturday. That time between Jesus' crucifixion on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. That uncomfortable space between pain and promise. As Christians today, knowing the end of the story can take away some of the power of the Saturday unless we are careful. Often we can skip over the Saturday of silence all together. However, I think it has something really important to say to us today.

That first Holy Saturday following the crucifixion, the family, friends, and followers of Jesus would have been in turmoil. They would have been swimming in grief, regret, anxiety, fear and dismay. The man that many had given up everything to follow had been killed, and so had any sense of hope they had. It seemed the Romans and the religious authorities had stifled this 'Jesus movement' before it had really begun. Now perhaps they were next on the list to be arrested, falsely tried, beaten, and maybe even killed. No wonder they were locking themselves away in fear.

Life can sometimes feel a lot like Holy Saturday. Dark, scary, hopeless. Especially when, like the Disciples our life does not go as we thought it would or should. Or when our plans are met with disaster. Or we are forced to taste the bitter pill of grief, sorrow, and regret.

But the hope of the Gospel is that Sunday is coming. Even in the midst of the darkest time for the early followers of Jesus, hope was on the horizon. God had not forgotten His promises, nor had He stopped being good. Sunday was coming, and was bringing with it light, love, and hope like never before. It would lead to a complete transformation, as those who witnessed the risen Jesus for themselves would go from hiding to proclaiming. From sorrow to joy. From 120 followers to a worldwide movement that is still changing lives today.

Psalm 30 has the powerful line: 'Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning'. The promise of God for those who love Him is not for a problem or pain-free life, but that He will be with us whatever comes. And that God has an unshakeable plan and hope for us. So my prayer for us this May is that we would hold fast to, or experience for the first time, the promise that God will never leave or forsake us even when life gets bumpy. That as we see the hope of new life blossom this May, we might taste the hope of new life even in the midst of struggle. God has not forgotten His promise.

God Bless,

Rev Mike Hudson





## EASTER DAY

### DAWN CHORUS AND PRAISE AT THE BEACON FOLLOWED BY OUR EASTER SERVICE AT ST GILES'

Nine parishioners and seven dogs managed to make it to the Beacon this year to hear the dawn chorus and to praise the Lord. We all arrived at approximately 6.30 am hoping to see the sun rise. We probably would have seen this if the nearby trees had not obscured our view. As the dogs became reacquainted we listened to the birds sing their dawn chorus. It was magical.

The weather could not have been more perfect either. Rev Julie led our little gathering with a reading from Jean Falconer and from Elizabeth Stonex. Three hymns were sung, and prayers were said. We plan to do the same again next year although it may be slightly later at 7.00 am. This is a delightful little service inspired by Brian Lavender, we continue to use the sheets which he created to this present day. It is a wonderful way to start Easter Day. On the right is a poem which John Thorne has written, inspired by the many years he has attended this annual little gathering.

The gathering at The Beacon was later followed by Bell Ringing at St Giles' with a service which was taken by Nigel Freathy. The readings were read by Roger Lovegrove and by Celia Dunsford, our thanks go to them. Nigel's sermon was excellent as always.

Thank you to all who help bring our Services together at St Giles', you know who you all are and what a large part you play to help keep St Giles' as a focal point for the Village.

Christopher Thorne

### Reflections of the Tomb

When dawn lights up the keepers' hut by the Beacon on Shute Hill,

We congregate with friends and dogs in the early morning chill,

The stone-built hut with gaping door just looks like our saviour's tomb.

So, we sing his praise on Easter Day where the spring flowers bloom.

Our voices drift on the morning breeze through Axe Vale to the sea,

To celebrate the risen Lord and his gift to you and me.

This service on Easter Morn includes the teachings that we read,

Then we shout with joy. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

**CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED.**



## EASTER TRAIL

On Holy Saturday (Easter Saturday) our two village churches worked together to share the Bible events of Easter. Nearly 120 children and adults visited 10 stations at The Beacon (home of the Baptist Church Kilminster), St Giles' Church (home of Kilminster's Anglican Church) and in between them.

The trail started at The Beacon, where children picked up their trail sheet. They started with Palm Sunday and followed the true Easter story all the way to when Jesus went to heaven at the Ascension. As they visited the stations, some of which had actors telling that section of the



story, they had to colour an egg and find a letter, ready to unscramble the words 'Jesus Lives' at the end.

At the end of the trail each child received an Easter Egg and everyone enjoyed a drink and some cake. As the weather was nice, the

children were able to play in the garden as parents and carers chatted. A lovely morning was had by all.

A huge thanks to all those involved in making it happen.

Juletta Obudo

# PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) 2023

## CONTROL OF DOGS

Users of the Playing Field will be aware that the Trustees have been very concerned about the amount of dog fouling. In July 2022, notices were displayed showing the extent of the problem in the hope that it would prompt those dog walkers who were failing to 'pick up and use the dog waste bin provided' to be more responsible, but regrettably there was only a small reduction in the amount of fouling. The field is used by the School and by pre-school children and the amount of fouling has created an unpleasant and unhealthy environment for them and other users, so the Trustees have considered it necessary to take further steps to try to eradicate the problem.

As it is believed that much of the fouling occurs when dogs are off lead, East Devon District Council have agreed that the Playing Field should become a '**dogs on leads**' area when the new PSPO takes effect on the **1<sup>st</sup> May**. Failure to comply with the PSPO could result in a fine of £100. The Trustees regret that the failure of a minority has resulted in restrictions on the responsible majority of dog owners.

R J Seward  
Secretary to the Trustees of the Playing Fields

## DAVID WILSDON

For many years David has been a much-loved presence in our village of Kilminster. He could often be seen walking the lanes, frequently with magazines in hand as he delivered both the Parishes' Paper and the Postscript. I rescued him several times on his way to or from Axminster in the pouring rain - he insisted upon walking whenever he could!

David always had time for people and would stop and chat even if he had to be somewhere; he treated everyone gently, fairly and equally. He was a lovely, gentle man with a wealth of knowledge.

Whatever was going on in the village, David was there being a supportive and encouraging presence. He was known affectionately by many as the 'Moth Man' and over the years he set many a moth trap in his back garden, so that the following day friends, neighbours and other interested parties could study and discuss them before their release.

St Giles' Church was especially important to David and he had a steady and deep faith which showed through his activities within the church and in the wider villages of



*David with David Mosely*

Kilminster and Five Alive Mission Community. He was a Lay Reader - now termed as Licensed Lay Minister - for many years and was a stalwart in the choir.

David had a passion for the Psalms which has been reflected monthly in The Parishes' Paper. Regular Bible Study was held at his home where he delighted those in the group with his baking skills, offering a different type of cake, flapjack or biscuit on each occasion.

It was really pleasing that he was able to attend the Mothering Sunday Service on 19<sup>th</sup> March, where he read the

Gospel and sang in the choir, only a couple of days before he passed away at the RD&E Hospital.

David's long and full life was celebrated by many at St Giles' Church, Kilminster on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Wonderful photographs and stories of David were shared afterwards over a buffet lunch in The Beacon Baptist Church.

David, what a life well lived - you will be much missed.

Your friend Gill Heighway

## RBL COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon, an RBL Spring Coffee Morning was held at Kilminster Village Hall. What a delight to behold. Many a wonderful cake was for sale and plants were available too.

The entry fee of £1.50 included a cup of tea or coffee. A raffle was held as the event closed. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to those who put it together and made it happen.

We do love our Coffee Mornings here in Kilminster.

Christopher Thorne

## NAMING THE ELF

A very special thank you to everyone who named the Elf in the competition supporting Mrs Jeanette Porter's fundraising for the Exeter Leukaemia Fund. Finlay Buse won the prize donated by Mrs Porter, with the name of Jangle.

Jeanette Porter continues to walk, raising funds for the Exeter Leukaemia Fund (ELF).

Thank you.

Frances Holme





## COFFEE MORNING - KILMINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

A huge thank you to all who supported our Easter Coffee Morning in March on what was one of the nicest mornings in an otherwise pretty wet and gloomy month. It was fantastic to see so many enjoying incredible camaraderie. I would also like to extend my thanks to all those who donated cakes, raffle prizes, plants, etc and also our excellent committee who worked hard to ensure everyone was looked after. I am also pleased to report that our 'First Friday of the month' get-together in April was one of the best attended post-Covid and I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Old Inn for our next gathering! I am also pleased to report that we have a potential volunteer to take over the post of treasurer and will update you all once he is confirmed.



or telephoning using the details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May I shall be attending the RBL National conference in Torquay and will provide you all with an update in future editions of Postscript. In other news, I have recently accepted the post of RBL Devon Vice

Chairman, as clearly, I do not have enough to do!! In all seriousness, I look forward to working with the county committee and hope that I can provide additional support to the important work that they do. In the meantime, thank you again for supporting the Royal British Legion, but more importantly, the veterans and their families.

Please take great care and stay safe.

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd  
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch  
07799612557 – e-mail: t60sas@hotmail.co.uk



The War Memorial remains an issue of great importance, and I would ask all those with an interest to provide me with their thoughts. Kilmington RBL are currently looking at submitting a request to the Parish Council to consider erecting a new monument in the area of the Village Hall. As previously highlighted, we are not permitted to replicate the original monument, but believe we are able to erect something similar. It would also permit us to update the details of those who gave their lives, which, on the current monument, are incorrect. The original monument would still be maintained and preserved. If you have any thoughts or recommendations regarding our intentions, please do get in contact by either emailing me

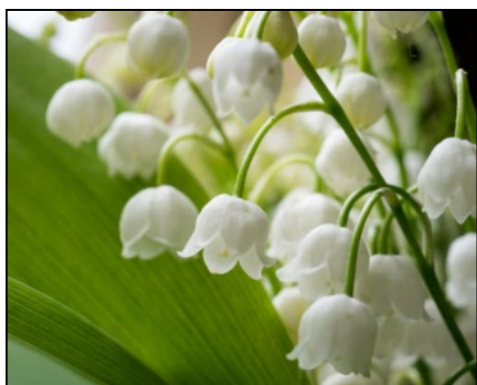


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## FLOWER OF THE MONTH LILY OF THE VALLEY





# NATURE NOTES

## BEE-FLIES, BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER CREATURES

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March this year, when entering a Comma butterfly in my five-year wildlife diary, I noticed that on that day two years ago, at our previous address, nine miles away, I had seen a Bee-fly. These strange hovering flies, looking like a cross between a



Hummingbird Hawkmoth and a small bumblebee hold a special fascination for me. The very next day, while sitting on the summerhouse veranda, a common Bee-fly flew up to investigate my presence. I would like to think that as it stayed there suspended a few inches in front of my upper body for several seconds, that it was attracted by my natural fragrant character... or possibly my new floral deodorant. Which reminded me of a rather surreal happening involving a Bee-fly a few years ago. I was sitting in the garden about to enjoy my cream crackers layered with ham and mayonnaise when I became aware of this creature hovering in front of me. My first encounter with a Bee-fly. To my complete surprise it then hovered over my plate, and with its long proboscis proceeded to suck up the mayonnaise from my cracker biscuit. I thought it would stay just a few seconds – but no, it carried on sucking up the mayonnaise for possibly a minute – I can't be exact, as I hardly dared breathe, let alone look at my watch. Of course, I didn't have a camera handy and as soon as I tried to creep away to get hold of one, it quickly disappeared. It was such a magic moment. This connection between human and fly. Or rather fly and cream cracker. So – want to see a Bee-fly? – get out the mayonnaise (low-fat, naturally – or it might stall in mid-air).

On another nature note or two, we were visited by a weasel on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, which stayed around until the 17<sup>th</sup> March when the cat started to take an interest in its temporary home

under a stack of flowerpots near the conservatory. It was quite happy running along the top of the patio wall during those ten days– so pretty and bright eyed. More like a miniature pine marten. Now the cat is on weasel-watch I doubt it will return. At least the pheasants which appeared for one day terrified him. Not so our 12-year-old dog who couldn't believe his luck and happily chased them out of the garden. On the 13<sup>th</sup> April while dragging this same dog for a forced walk along The Street (he's a bit lazy), my eye was caught by the long, pointed wings of a small raptor, flying along the hedge line of the garden opposite. My immediate thought was of a Merlin. They were regular visitors in our previous garden. Then I noticed the moustache and reddish legs and realised it was a Hobby. Rather early for this generally summer visitor. However, on investigation, one was seen in Dorset around the 19<sup>th</sup> March. So perhaps it was on a Devon break. A real treat to see this beautiful little falcon. I have only seen one once before, sitting on a telephone wire in Hampshire.

On a sad note, I was very sorry to hear of David Wilsdon's passing. It was so nice to meet a fellow moth trapper locally. Joining him to help with moth identification one morning in the church grounds, I realised what a kind and self-effacing man he was. I had given up 'mothing' three years previously, after sending in detailed records to the Dorset Moth Recorder for 15 years. Getting up at 6.30 am and spending the rest of the day re-checking my photographs could no longer compare with a leisurely cup of strong coffee at 7.30 am with my feet up. However, after meeting David, I realised how much I enjoyed looking at moths again in such friendly company and I nearly got the moth trap out again. Kilmington is a lovely village with a surprising variety of wildlife (and people). May it continue to be so.

Jan Baker

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## DOG THERAPY

Our doggie is a therapist of that there is no doubt,  
She radiates pure happiness whenever she's about  
When petting and stroking her it's magic from the start,  
She looks with big brown eyes which go straight to the heart.

When recently on holiday my wife became quite ill  
A shock for both of us and memories linger still,  
To hospital in Truro we needed to arrange  
But we couldn't leave our Poppy with anybody strange.

We talked to hospital staff all about our plight  
They said to visit with her was perfectly alright.  
Next day I went up to the ward with Poppy with me  
Doctors, nurses and patients were overcome with glee.

She visited all through the week raising smiles every day  
A free tonic for everyone and joy in every way.  
Providing dogs are clean and calm their benefits are plain  
This hospital realised their worth: others should do the same.

John Thorne

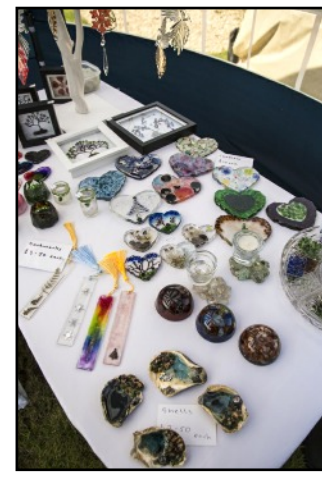
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# Kilmington - Palm Sunday and Spring Market at the New Inn







# King Charles III Coronation

## Join Our Celebrations

Hopefully by now you have decorated your house and garden with colourful red, white, and blue bunting and flags. Lots of children came to the 'Make a Crown' workshop. If your little one hasn't made a crown yet, you still have time and can enter our competition on Sunday.

**FREE ENTRY To All Events and very reasonable prices for food and drink.**

### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Flower Displays at St Giles' Church all weekend**

**Morning: His Majesty the King's Coronation ceremony on the Big Screen.** The Beacon Church will project this historic spectacle on their big screen. If you're on your own come along and join with others to witness and enjoy the ceremony. Families and children welcome. Refreshments will be available.

**6.00 pm until late. A Family Celebration Disco and BBQ** at the Village Hall. We start at 6:00 pm so the children can join in. Then, later when the children have left for bed, the 'grown-ups'? can let down their hair and boogie the night away. Bar and BBQ snacks available.

### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

**10.30 am St Giles' Coronation Celebration Service** – join us for our Celebration Service to honour our new King, led by the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Andrew Beane - open to all in the village.

**12.00 Noon onwards - The Big Picnic - Recreation Field (Village Hall if wet) Bring-your-Own food and join others for a Great Get Together.** Some games and races for children. Crown Competition Prizes. Well-behaved dogs on short leads only please.

### Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

**10:00 am St Giles' - The Big Help Out – Kilminster Spring Clean Celebration.** Join the special Bank Holiday Festival of Volunteering proclaimed by the Prime Minister in honour of the Coronation. We'll start our Community Litter Pick around the village at St Giles', returning later for refreshments. If you don't want to join the group walk, why not join in and do your own Spring Clean along the verges and areas around your home. Move those old bits of broken fencing and yellow dumpy bags that have been there for ages.

Spruce up our Village and Enjoy!

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# PETER AND JANE IN THE GARDEN



After the Spring bulbs are over, May is another lovely month in my garden. The mature *Wisteria* on the front of the house is in full bloom, with long cream flowers cascading like a waterfall. Every January, I hang out of the windows and prune as many shoots as possible back to two or three buds, to maximise flower numbers. Alongside is a *Banksian* rose with masses

of tiny, pale-yellow flowers, a contrast against the red brick house.

May is *Rhododendron* and *Azalea* time and I have quite a few in various shades of colour. My *Viburnum 'Mariesii'* also looks stunning. This shrub needs a lot of space and the flat masses of white blooms sit on layered branches like a tiered cake.

The primroses have stopped flowering, so time to lift a few clumps and tease individuals apart and spread them around. Last May's splitting has paid dividends. The sweet peas, planted out last month, are growing well and need tying in, as they climb up their supports.

Tomatoes and chillis grown from seed are now ready to be planted in my greenhouse. I interplant with basil. The first year I did this, I discovered by chance that I had no pests in the greenhouse. I have since done the same and have only recently read that they are known as a companion plant because the scent of the herb deters insects such as whitefly. I am sure we have had wetter March months in the past, but I can't remember one with perpetual rain and so few dry

spells. Not a good combination for sensible seed sowing. Between 8<sup>th</sup> and the end of March we had 161ml – just short of 6"! I did, nevertheless, manage to get my parsnips, spinach, rocket, coriander and lettuce sown (not in very favourable conditions, I may add, so they may never appear, as the soil was so wet). The soil temperature was 8-9 degrees, 2° down, so fingers crossed!

And so to late April/May. Bean poles have been put in, ready for Borlotti and French beans. Jane propagates the plants in the greenhouse, ready for me to plant out when conditions are right. I don't grow runners, as they come in a glut and don't freeze well.

Borlotti beans (known as Cranberry beans) are a mixture of kidney and cannellini beans. They play a large part in Italian and Portuguese diets but originate from Colombia. An attractive cream colour with red/purplish markings, they, like runners, climb up supports.

In a previous Postscript, I said I had never tested my vegetable plot for acidity, phosphorus or potassium. Well, I just did and a bit of an eye opener it was too! The pH is 6.5 - slightly acidic (7 is neutral) but fine for the vegetables I am growing. The bad news is that the potash is deficient and phosphorus barely adequate. This will need to be remedied next year! My plot was originally an old orchard, then pasture, so fertiliser was probably not used much.

Things to think about.

Jane Chalk and Peter Guy

## KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL SOLAR PROJECT

A huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed towards the fund-raising to purchase solar panels and batteries to help keep the Village Hall a warm place. As many of you probably noticed, the solar installation was carried out in the few days before Easter and went live late afternoon on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Our two grant applications, one to our own Parish Council and the other to the Community Buildings Fund organised by EDDC, were successful. Councillor Chubb supported our project from his Locality Budget. We drew on the money raised over the years by the Village 100+ Club, and the Gift Aid envelopes popped through doors all around the village raised a very generous sum from village residents and filled the gap. The application to EDDC went off with letters of

support for the project from several members of the community. So, a very successful outcome. Thank you all.

Soon after the solar project was completed the dishwasher failed. It had served us well for over fifteen years. We thank the members of the Table Tennis Club who made a good job of clearing up the flood and, as this news spread, several amazingly generous residents offered contributions which have made it possible to place an order for a replacement. We hope that this will be installed before the May issue of Postscript reaches your letterbox. Thank you again to everyone for helping to maintain our much-used Village Hall.

Village Hall Management Committee  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## VILLAGE HALL '100+' CLUB

The winners of the draw held on  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

J Giles	£30	J Wood	£5
J Watts	£15	J Atkinson	£5
B Johnson	£15	N Boyland	£5

For further details, please contact  
Jean Falconer - 01297 33708



# KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Care and Management of Trees and Shrubs – David Usher

[www.kilmingtongardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.kilmingtongardeningclub.co.uk)



David Usher started his entertaining talk by establishing the importance to the gardener of being able to identify any plant being brought into the garden and making relevant decisions about site and ongoing care.

He recommended using plant identification reference books such as 'What Plant Where' by Roy Lancaster so that we can be confident that we are purchasing the right plant (in size and habit) for a specific site and look after it appropriately.

His tips for shopping at the garden centre included careful examination of all the displayed specimens of the desired tree or shrub, checking for root health as well as shape and condition of the foliage. Autumn and early Winter are the best times for planting and getting new 'treasures' established; lower soil temperatures in January and February will tend to inhibit root development.

When planting a tree or shrub we should follow these steps:

- Dig and prepare a large enough hole (there is apparently some evidence that a square hole is better for root development than round)
- Prepare and improve soil with organic matter
- Add grit to help with drainage if this is a problem for your soil
- Don't use inorganic fertilisers in winter – these will only be of benefit to the plant in a warmer season
- Bonemeal is a useful, slower release fertiliser, but can attract dogs and foxes
- Garden compost contains mycorrhizal fungi which helps root absorption (commercial rootgrow products are also available)
- Trees need an angled stake for at least two years (or until the stake rots away)

David highlighted the need for quality, well maintained tools for pruning. Using the right tools avoids damaging stems and weakening plants. There are plenty of different makes to suit all price points; he particularly recommended the Darlac range as being of good quality but cheaper than eg Felco. He suggested we should all have the following pruning equipment in our tool sheds:

Secateurs, loppers, pruning saw, telescopic loppers.

When pruning we should begin by taking out any damaged, dead or diseased limbs and also removing crossing or rubbing branches. Flowering shrubs and trees should be shaped down after flowering, always cutting back to a growing point.

A good rule of thumb for plants that do not like cold: the best time for pruning is when they begin to come into growth.

Some notes from David's response to audience questions about specific issues:

Winter display plants such as dogwood need hard pruning to keep their stem colour bright.

Yew is the only conifer that can tolerate being hacked. Other conifers will tolerate some judicious shaping but the cuts need to be positioned so that they are protected under existing foliage.

Camellias can be shaped after flowering. To ensure a good display it is worth ensuring that they have plenty of water in late July/August when flower buds are forming.

Hydrangea flower heads should be left on until spring; plants can be tidied up when new growth begins.

Pittosporum can be sheared with clippers or secateurs to maintain a desired shape or size.

Grey and silver foliage plants can be a bit tender, so leave pruning until flowering is finished.

Sarah Frankish

## OPEN GARDENS

In conjunction with the Kilmington Garden Weekend the Gardening Club is hoping to have the village Open Gardens again this year over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

Gardens may be of any size and needn't be perfect!

Whether they are completed or 'work in progress' or not even worked on, we would love to see them. So if you are interested in welcoming visitors to your garden please contact: Judy Godfrey on

Email: [judithgodfrey.123@gmail.com](mailto:judithgodfrey.123@gmail.com) or 01297 34899 or 07930642497 for more information.

## HOSPISCARE OPEN GARDENS IN MAY

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May - Metcolme Court, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1HS

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May - Blackbury Honey Farm, Southleigh, Colyton, EX24 6JF

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May - Hackhams Farm, Honiton, EX14 3EH



## HOSPISCARE 'DROP-IN' TEAS AT THE WAFFLE HOUSE

As a volunteer for Hospiscare, it's very pleasing to announce that, after much work, we're able to offer a 'drop-in' service for those who are bereaved, at the Waffle House in Axminster, on the last Thursday of each month from 2.00-4.00 pm.

Please pop in and have a mug of tea, hot chocolate, or whatever you fancy, in a relaxed space where Hospiscare staff and volunteers are happy to chat or just sit with you.

Our next 'drop-in' will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, followed by Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Keep a lookout for the next update in the Postscript and I may see you at one of these get-togethers.

Take care.

Gill Heighway

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, soup and cakes, after hearing about John's death. Also, the Rev Julie Lomas for conducting such a lovely service and to everyone who came to it. We were truly overwhelmed.

Donations for Cancer Research amounted to over £1,500.

How lucky we are to live in such a caring village and to have so many friends.

Pat Martell, Lisa and Chris

Thank you to whoever put a bunch of Flowers on my doorstep on MOTHERING SUNDAY. It was a very kind thought and very much appreciated.

Linda Heighway

## THE MILK STAND AT BROOKLANDS

When you are out for a walk around the village, please take a look at the milk stand by Brooklands. The Wild Flower picture has been revamped with many thanks to Klaus Wagner.

### WHAT IS A MILK STAND?

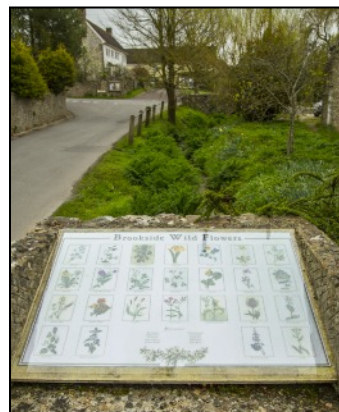


Many years ago when Brooklands was a dairy farm the milk stand was used to put the milk churns on ready for the lorry to collect them. They were collected daily and taken to the factory

at Chard Junction where the milk was manufactured into butter. Time goes by and then there was the bulk tank, the milk was pumped into it and a tanker lorry came and picked up the milk, thus making the milk stand redundant.

When the farm was developed into housing, Robert Penzer put the wildflower picture on the milk stand to make a feature of it.

We had many artists in the village at the time and they all provided a picture of flowers found by the brook that runs through the village.



Over the years the pictures have faded and it was thought a good idea to 're-do it'. A good copy of the print was found, enlarged, reprinted and Klaus very kindly sited it.

Jill Collier

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE ELIZABETH FOSTER

There is to be a memorial service for the late Elizabeth Foster, on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.00 pm at St Giles' Church. Elizabeth was a regular member of the congregation at St Giles' and she has been sorely missed. After the service there will be refreshments available in the Village Hall. There has been a request from the family to ask those who intend to attend the funeral, to please inform the family of that intention and whether you will be staying for refreshments.

Elizabeth died at the start of the Pandemic and the family were unable to hold a proper funeral / get together. David Whitney, the son of Elizabeth, and his brother both live in Australia which has added to their problems in being able to arrange this service.

To contact David please use [pickwhitney@gmail.com](mailto:pickwhitney@gmail.com) or there is a folder in St Giles' Church where you can record if you wish to attend and whether you intend to stay for refreshments.

Christopher Thorne



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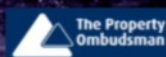
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## Newsletter no 55

ALCS aims to support anyone living with and beyond cancer in the local community including family, relatives and carers and Newsletter no 55 begins by thanking various supporters for their fundraising efforts. They mention a one mile walk / climb in April by the store manager from the Cornish Bakery in Lyme Regis, repeated as often as possible in a day. The ultimate goal would be 26 miles, more than equivalent to climbing Ben Nevis. They also thank the Bobsleigh team for their efforts in raising £1,779 so far and Tesco for an award from the Community Grant.

'Meet the Therapist' this time introduces a teacher of Reiki, a Japanese gentle form of healing which aims to bring harmony, strength, relaxation and an overall sense of peace. They also have a yoga teacher who offers individual or group sessions – and even paddle yoga on the sea in Lyme Regis. As usual there are drop in sessions on alternate Mondays at Axminster Hospital and monthly support group sessions for those who are about to start, are undergoing, or who have just finished active treatment.

The creative hub at the Stanley Studio in Kilmington offers workshops in creative writing, metal embossing and 'making a mark'.

## Some dates

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm - ALCS Quiz and Social night. Lyme Regis Football Club.

Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May - 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Making a Mark. Stanley Studios, Kilmington

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June Making a Mark Special. 10am – 12.30 pm. Stanley Studios, Kilmington

Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July - 11.00 am. Creative Writing with Ninette Hartley.

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As the weather looks to improve, the first of this month's recipes is an ideal picnic food. The chicken and bacon summer rolls are a variation on a traditional sausage roll but more suitable for the summer. The sour cream and rhubarb squares are an ideal way to use up a plentiful supply of rhubarb. They are very moist and can be eaten straight from the oven as a dessert or allowed to cool completely and served as a traybake, which is the way I like to serve them. They keep for 3-4 days in a tin.

## CHICKEN AND BACON SUMMER ROLLS

Makes approx 20

- 2 large skinless chicken breasts
- ½ garlic clove, crushed
- 3 rashers of smoked streaky bacon, sliced
- 1 tsp of sundried tomato paste or 4 sundried tomatoes, chopped
- 4 basil leaves, torn into pieces
- Pepper and salt
- 375g/12oz pack of ready rolled pastry
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbsp sesame seeds

### Method

1. Put the chicken and garlic into a food processor and whizz until the chicken is minced. Add the bacon, tomato paste or tomatoes and the basil. Pulse for 5-10 seconds until the mixture is mixed together but not overly smooth.
2. Roll out the pastry to make it approx. 22cm by 40 cm and then cut in half lengthways. Shape the chicken mixture into a long sausage shape approx the width of a chipolata sausage, divide in half and place each piece on the pastry. Brush one edge with the beaten egg and fold over and seal and crimp as per a traditional sausage roll.
3. Brush the roll with beaten egg, sprinkle with sesame seeds and cut each long roll into approx 10 pieces 4 cm in length.
4. Place on a baking tray and bake for 25-30 minutes at 180C fan/200C/gas 6.



## SOUR CREAM AND RHUBARB SQUARES

Makes 15 squares

### Topping:

- 15g/½oz unsalted butter, melted
- 100g/4oz golden caster sugar
- 100g/4oz toasted, chopped hazelnuts

### Cake:

- 85g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 250g/10oz dark muscovado sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 225g/9oz plain flour
- 300ml/12floz tub of soured cream
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 300g/12oz rhubarb cut into 1cm pieces

### Method

1. First make the topping by combining the melted butter with the caster sugar, cinnamon and the chopped nuts. Set aside.
2. Cream together the butter, muscovado sugar and egg until light and fluffy. This will take a few minutes due to the unequal quantities of fat to sugar.
3. Stir in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and the soured cream followed by the rhubarb. Spoon into a base-lined and greased traybake tin, 33cm by 23cm. Finally sprinkle with the sugar/nut topping.
4. Bake in a preheated oven, 170C fan/190C/gas 5 for 40-45 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted in the middle of the cake.
5. Allow to cool completely in the tin before cutting into 15 squares.



Diane Overton

## ALL FOOLS?

Possibly like many readers of *Postscript*, every year I look forward to the April issue and immediately skip through the pages to see if I can spot the ‘April fool’ nestling innocuously amongst the usual collection of informative and interesting articles. Perhaps not too difficult to spot, the well-constructed fiction usually tells of local events beginning almost plausibly but generally unravelling into ridiculousness as the read progresses; obviously designed to amuse rather than maliciously deceive. That of course is the art of it – and long may the tradition continue.

The last *Postscript* contribution led to me wondering about the origins of this annual custom. Is it a quintessentially eccentric English practice? Is it a relatively recent development or does it have much earlier origins? I had previously understood that it originated from the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 – and that the ‘fools’ were those who believed that their lives had consequently been shortened by eleven days. *Postscript* discussed the calendar reform in its March 2022 issue when it described that England, Wales and Ireland moved the New Year from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. In that year Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September was followed by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. It must have been a very confusing time – but essential if our calendars and festivals were to align with the movement of the celestial bodies.

With a little digging, I discovered that nobody really knows of the origin of the custom for certain. Whilst popular theory does in fact hark back to the famous calendar change, it instead ascribes the origin to an earlier time when France adopted the change of the New Year in 1564. The fools were those who persisted to celebrate New Year on April 1<sup>st</sup> either for lack of awareness or because of reluctance to change (sound familiar?). Traditionally it became known as ‘Poisson d’Avril’ and fools would (and still do) have paper fish surreptitiously fastened to their behinds. Further calendar reform swept through Europe in 1582 under papal decree and other countries followed suit. Although Scotland (before the Act of Union) was an early adopter of the change of New Year (in 1600), the rest of Britain (even the non-conformist) didn’t come to the party until a century and a half later when it also adopted the new calendar.

Some histories of ‘April Fools’ Day’ (also known as All Fools’ Day) intelligently debunk this commonly held theory but are unable to provide a compelling alternative. Others argue that the tradition dates to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, or back to a Roman festival or to even claim that Noah (of biblical flood notability) was the original fool. As far as Britain is concerned, the earliest written reference to the celebration of the ‘*Fooles holy day*’ seems to have been made in 1686, certainly discrediting my previous understanding. Quite famously, an early prank which began in 1698 beguiled unwitting fools to visit the Tower of London to see the ‘Annual Ceremony of Washing the Lions’. This prank has been perpetuated ever since, even appearing in recent publications. Traditionally, credulous fools were sent on errands, perhaps in search of places which didn’t exist or to collect items which couldn’t be collected. History is (and archive newspapers are) littered with stories of tricks and hoaxes of all types and complexities played upon the

gullible, all performed in the name of the former New Year’s Day and not always well meaning.

Much of the world enjoys the cultural tradition of April Fools’ Day in one form or another. In England it has usually been little more than a light-hearted affair practised by school children lasting until noon. Some countries take a different approach. Pranksters in Scotland have traditionally ‘hunted the gowk’ for the start of a two-day event and in Greece it is commonly held that those who succeed in fooling others will have a year of good luck themselves. Since 1973, Ukraine has recognised April Fools’ Day as a public holiday in its city of Odessa.

When I began reading about the history of April Fools’ Day, I turned to the newspaper archives to see what local people thought about it and how they marked the tradition. I discovered an article published in the *Western Times* in 1845 titled ‘Origin of April Fools’ Day’ and felt pleased that I would soon have a Victorian perspective. The newspaper explained that the origins were not well known or understood but referred the reader to the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse of the first chapter of the Old Testament’s Book of Esther. A biblical origin I considered (!) and dutifully set off in search of the explanation (I know!). A few minutes later I discovered, of course, that this chapter only has 22 verses, and the newspaper was printed in early April that year. I wondered if I was the first fool in 177 years to have been sent on that particular errand! Quite possibly - but I did learn a valuable lesson in humility.

Alan Clarkson



### ALL FOOL’S DAY

In France of old the year began,  
With April on an olden plan,  
And New Year’s gifts were given away,  
When April One was New Years Day.

In course of time the year was changed,  
The months were differently arranged,  
And New Years gifts and New Years fun,  
Were made on January One.

But some hate change and would not move,  
The day for making gifts of love,  
Till mirth came in with tricks to play,  
And laugh the old-time plan away.

Sham gifts were given to old and young,  
Who the ancient custom clung,  
And this is why, some folks say,  
We make folks April fools to-day.

**A Garland of Verse for Young People**  
Alfred H Miles, 1911.

## FAST FASHION

Are our clothes costing the climate?

With 11 million items of clothing sent to landfill by the UK every week, perhaps it's time to think about how our clothes are made, where they are made and by whom they are made. Covid times perforce increased our online shopping habits, social media and so-called 'influencers' put pressure on the consumer, especially younger ones, to buy more by making it unfashionable to be seen in the same outfit twice in a photo. Media personalities endorse cheap brands. There is constant pressure to change our wardrobe.

Many of us have ordered clothes online because we may not be up to facing the crowds, some of us haven't got the time to go out shopping, some may not physically be able to and some just don't want to leave the comfort of the sofa! However, when clothes are returned to the online retailer, they go back to the warehouse but "it turns out that returns not only create a giant carbon footprint but a real headache for companies. That new pair of shoes you sent back with the open box and untied laces, needs to be handled differently to, say, a t-shirt with a rip in it. Many companies simply don't have the technology in place to handle these nuances in returned goods, so it is often most profitable for them to sell them cheaply to discounters via a web of shipping, driving and flying them round the globe, or to simply truck them to the dump" (BBC Earth). We also need to ask ourselves if our clothes are being made by factory workers, many of them children, who are being overworked and exploited and paid a pittance per hour. It is a relief to know that there is now pressure on clothing brands to clean up their act. But will it be fast enough?

A high percentage of the clothes we wear are made of plastic fibres such as nylon, polyester, acrylic and polyamide and these release millions of tiny fibres into the waterways every time we wash them. There are a couple of things available to counteract this. One is called a Guppy Bag, the other is a Cora Ball. Both catch the fibres; whilst they are not cheap, they are an investment. Washing at lower temperatures, reducing spin speeds and air drying rather than tumble drying will also help to reduce the amount of fibres being released from garments.

What else can we do? We can:-

- Reuse and recycle our clothes – buy from charity shops, Ebay, Vinted, Depop, or hold a clothes swap evening with friends.
- Avoid fast fashion brands like Pretty Little Thing, Shein and others with a poor ethical record.
- Try not to order online unless you are sure it is going to fit.
- Look for the more ethical brands which are coming onto the market (if your budget will allow). A bit of online research will lead you to some of the smaller companies trying their best to produce good quality clothing.
- Buy fewer clothes but better quality items.
- Think before you buy – do you need the garment, really really need it, or is the purchase to fulfil some emotional need?

Kay Pike



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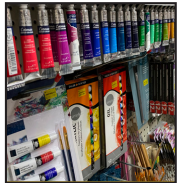
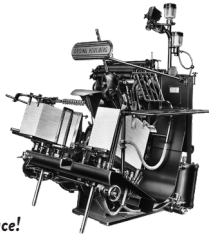
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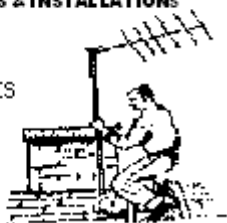
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	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Thursday	7.00 pm	The Beacon	Alpha Course
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

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Tue	2nd	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Wed	3rd	9.30 am	The Beacon	Men's Home Group
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sat	6th		The Beacon	Live streaming of the Coronation on the big screen
	6th	6.00 pm	Village Hall	Family Celebration Disco and BBQ
Sun	7th	10.30 am	St Giles' Church	Coronation Celebration Service
	7th	12.00 noon	Playing Field (Village Hall if wet)	The Big Picnic
	7th	7.30 pm	The Beacon	Time of Worship and Prayer
Mon	8th	10.00 am	St Giles' Church	The Big Help Out - Kilmington Spring Clean Celebration
Tue	9th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
	9th	Early	Your House	Green Waste Collection
	9th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Communion
Wed	10th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	KCC: <i>A Man Called Otto</i>
Thur	11th	2.00 pm	Village Hall	KCC: <i>A Man Called Otto</i>
Fri	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: ' <i>Lift the Latch to Little Latch</i> ' - David and Pauline Wright
Sat	13th	10.00 am	Village Hall	KGC Plant Market and Coffee Morning
Sun	14th	3.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Village Rogation Walk
Mon	15th	6.30 pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
	15th	7.45 pm	Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting
Tues	16th	12.30 pm	The Beacon	Community Contact Lunch
Thur	18th	7.00 pm	Dalwood Church	Ascension Day - Mission Community Holy Communion
Sat	20th	8.00 am	The Beacon	Men's Breakfast
Sun	21st	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
Tue	23rd	Early	Your House	Green Waste Collection
	23rd	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Said Holy Communion
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Kilminster Cross Services	01297 631089	RBL - Jean Falconer - Sec Stafford Seward - Chairman	01297 33708 01297 33909		

### MEDICAL AND SUPPORT

Axminster Hospital	01297 630400	'Devon Doctors on call' (Out of hours GP service)	0845 6710270	Veterinary Surgery	01297 630500
St Thomas Court Surgery	01297 32126	Dentist Helpline	03330 063300		

### SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Refuse Collection	01395 571515	Axminster Library	01297 32693	Clerk to the Parish Council	07800 826657
Water - general - leaks	0344 346 2020 0800 230 0561	Mobile Library	01404 42818	E. Devon District Councillor - Iain Chubb	01297 35468
Electricity - emergency	0800 365 900	Ring & Ride	01404 46520	Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown, Iain Chubb	07932 459595
		Axminster Care Service	01297 35550		

**Police:** Crime stoppers - 0800 555111: Emergency - 999: General - 101

### CHURCHES

<b>St Giles' Church</b> Rev Julie Lomas	01297 35004	<b>Baptist Church Office</b> Pastor Mike Hudson	01297 631638	<b>Axminster Catholic Church</b> Parish Priest: Father Jacek Kostuch	01297 32135
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**COMING AND GOING FOR A SONG:** There is no charge for these entries for items valued up at £20 or less. However, donations are appreciated - these can be popped through Vicky Larcombe's door (please see directions on page 26).

**KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB**

# **Plant Market**

## **& Coffee Morning**

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sale of Bedding Plants, Herbaceous Perennials,  
Trees & Shrubs, Fruit and Vegetable Plants  
Any of your excess, good quality plants  
will be gratefully received on the day**

#### **Plant Identification**

**Bring along a picture or piece of plant you  
would like identified.**

#### **Seed Swap**

**We may have the very seeds you still need!**

**Kilmington Village Hall**

**10am until 12 noon**

**Tea, Coffee & Cake**

