

KILMINGTON

# POSTscript

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## EDITORIAL

On foot and nearing the top of Gore Lane recently I was confronted with a great juggernaut of a tractor which suddenly appeared round the bend and completely filled the entire space from one high bank to the other, proceeding noisily and resolutely downhill towards me. Unable to see any possible passing places and anxious to be noticed I moved to the centre of the road and waved energetically at the driver sitting up above my head. He stopped. From his vantage point, he found one last driveway invisible to me and thus the situation resolved itself. Who says life in the countryside lacks excitement?

In this October Postscript we bring you reports and pictures of a Gardening Club outing to Knoll Gardens, September events at St Giles' Church, the church clock mystery and an article from the Axe Valley Wildlife Park education officer, who first wrote to us in the spring when she was just starting her job and is now reviewing her first summer here. Luke Reed, whom we know from the Good Friday Kilmington Kanter, reports on the recent gruelling race which has qualified him to represent Britain in next year's European Triathlon championships in Holland. There is information about Moviola on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the October lunches in the newly refurbished Village Hall on Thursdays, which will help to raise funds needed for its maintenance. The hall is also the venue for the Harvest lunch after St. Giles' Harvest Festival on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

You may remember the dolls' house on Postscript's front cover for March, created and intricately furnished by the late Brian Nickolls. Our front cover this month features another Kilmington craftsperson, potter Claudette Miles, who produces beautiful ceramics in the earthy colours of the Jurassic coast from her studio in the village. Last month we published David Wilsdon's update on some of the many moths flying about in Kilmington, which most of us never see because they are nocturnal, but unfortunately they appeared in the magazine, unhelpfully, in black and white. To make amends we are repeating that page, in colour this time, so that you can see what you were missing and appreciate an aspect of village nightlife which you may not have recognised before.

The harvest proceeds in the fields, allotments and gardens. Around the village it is not unusual to come across produce such as apples, runner beans or courgettes in a box outside a gate, where generous gardeners with a surplus have left signs inviting passers-by to help themselves and share the bounty.

Janfryd

The front cover photo was taken by Maureen Lane  
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# THE UPS AND DOWNS OF BELL RINGING

## *A Beginner's Perspective*

Learning to ring church bells can be a tricky business as I discovered when I wandered along to St Giles' Church, Kilmington one Saturday morning in April this year. I had seen an advertisement in our Postscript magazine inviting people to learn the bells, so that every church in the UK is able to ring out for Armistice Day, in celebration of the end of the First World War.

I hadn't envisaged that I would become so hooked on 'learning the ropes'! My progress has been hampered somewhat by not being able to attend all the lessons provided, however, I'm persevering, and some sessions are more productive than others.

There is so much to learn: the safety aspects for a start: don't walk

between the ropes, keep your feet on the floor when others are ringing, make sure you tie the rope up when the bell isn't being rung, always check which position the bell is in before trying to ring etc. I'm not always the most safety conscious person, as any of my family would tell you, and my mind was boggling because this was only the beginning of lesson one!

I was taken up into the bell tower at Axminster Minster and shown the parts of the bell – it's magnificent seeing them up in the tower and realising that you are going to control one of these bells with just a rope.

Then the work started, and I began learning how to build up the skills to enable me to ring a bell safely.



It takes quite a few sessions before the mind and the body start to work together, which is frustrating for me, as I like to get in there and take part rather than listen and talk them through first. My teachers are brilliant and very patient with me; I know they must be strict because working with ropes can be dangerous if you don't concentrate, therefore, I'm trying hard to stay focused on the task at hand!

I'm almost at the level to be allowed to ring with two other people, in fact I had a little practice recently at St Giles, which was exciting and a little humbling, as the experienced ringers were so helpful and enthusiastic with us newbies.

To get to the level of beginning to ring with others has taken me five months, every minute has been enjoyable even though it can be frustrating. During some sessions you feel as though you have taken a few steps backwards, however, it is all part of the learning experience.

I have definitely caught the ringing bug – I will give you an update when I've been let loose to ring properly with a full team of ringers on four or



more bells; I just hope it doesn't take me another five months to get there as I would very much like to be part of a ringing team for Armistice Day in November!

Gill Heighway

## KILMINGTON LITTLE HELPERS

Kilmington Parish Council set up this group some years ago.

Building on the neighbourly kindness that was already within the village, a co-ordinator was appointed and a list of willing helpers was drawn up to form a nucleus of volunteers, ready to help when necessary.

It was not intended that the helpers should be small, the LITTLE was to explain the type of aid and help to be given. As age takes over, the everyday jobs and tasks that were easy, can become tiresome and more problematic:

- changing light bulbs
- hanging curtains
- moving compost bags/ flower tubs
- posting letters
- moving bins and containers for refuse collection

These are usually things that need attention quickly.

So at the end of a phone call asking for help a willing volunteer will be found and come to help.

The co-ordinator will always advise who is coming.

The HELPERS do not undertake anything that is long term or requires a professional, it really is Little Tasks. But always ask!

Kilmington residents are very aware of the needs of their neighbours and many help already, this just formalises who might be available.

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## KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Two meteor showers this month and views of Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Mercury.

The bright, colourful, twinkling star on these October mornings is Sirius in the constellation Canis Major, brightest star in the sky. The bright planet Venus is also up before dawn now. But you'll know Sirius, because the three stars of Orion's Belt always point to it.

Another bright star and most beautiful is Capella, twinkling with red and green flashes, low in the north eastern sky on October evenings. It is actually two stars. When you look at an object low in the sky, you're looking through *more atmosphere* than when the same object is overhead. This means the Earth's atmosphere splits or "refracts" the star's light, just as a prism splits sunlight.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** **The Draconid meteor shower** will probably be at its best during these evenings. The Draconids are typically a very modest shower, perhaps offering only a handful of slow-moving meteors per hour. However, meteor showers are unpredictable and in 2011 European observers saw over 600 meteors per hour.

**10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>** **The young moon and the king planet Jupiter** in the western twilight dusk, shortly after sunset these evenings.

**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>** **The waxing moon moves from Saturn to Mars** in the western sky.

**20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>** **The Orionid meteor shower** should provide a decent sprinkling of meteors this morning 21<sup>st</sup> between midnight and dawn. You should see a good number of meteors around fifteen an hour. But this year the bright moon is out for much of the night reducing visibility.

**24<sup>th</sup>** **Full Hunters Moon**

**28<sup>th</sup> onwards:** **Jupiter and Mercury** after sunset, low on the horizon in the direction of sunset. Jupiter is the brighter of these two worlds, shining some 4 times more brilliantly than Mercury. If you have binoculars, aim them at Jupiter and you should be able to view Mercury in the same binocular field with Jupiter for several days to come.

Peter

## THE POSTMASTER OF KILMINGTON

Kevin Taylor clearly enjoys this job. A few months after Hurford's Stores closed, leaving Kilmington without a Post Office, he was asked to open an outreach service here, in addition to his existing ones in Sidbury and Branscombe, as an extension from the Post Office in Colyton. The Baptist Church at the Beacon made a room available for him to use for two hours on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am -

noon and this facility is now the busiest of the three and doing well. Born and bred in Axminster, he worked at CeramTec in Colyton for 41 years until it closed and then he and his wife took over Premier Stores, where Colyton Post Office is based. He was a special constable for twelve years, working out of Axminster, then Seaton and is also a Scout Leader. He thinks Kilmington is lovely. He likes coming here and meeting this friendly community and sees no reason why this service should not carry on, especially since the Post Office banking facilities are growing as more and more banks are closing.

He can accept money and cheque deposits for banks, pay out cash on bank cards and provide bill-paying services and in



addition to banking he can offer everything else that Colyton Post Office can do. If you want to send a parcel, even special delivery and Parcel Force, or to return a prepaid parcel with an online purchase, he will help you. Obtaining foreign currency is no problem either. Colyton Post Office always has Euros and Dollars and you can ask him to bring them the following Tuesday or you could order what you need online on the Post Office 24 hour

Travel website. Other postal services include car tax services, mobile phone top-ups, electricity and gas key top-ups, P.O gift cards and, of course, the usual stamps and postal orders.

He is well looked-after at the Beacon, as are his customers. The ladies serving coffee insisted that this article should mention the availability of free coffee for all comers on Tuesday mornings. Since he set it up in March, under his cheerful management this outreach Post Office has settled in, acquired itself a smart sign to display on the roadside during opening hours and has become a welcome addition to the village.

Janfryd

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 11.20 - 11.50 am  
at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

## BADMINTON

It is with regret that the Thursday afternoon Badminton Club has decided to disband through lack of players.

Paula Heasman

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December 2018

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**KILMINGTON  
GARDENING CLUB**

The Gardening Club talk this month is on Grasses. This time of year they can provide amazing autumn colour and add texture to any garden. This talk will tell you all about grasses and how to get the most out of these wonderful plants.

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, non-members welcome £2.

Lesley Rew

**AUTUMN LUNCHES**

Autumn Lunches begin on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October and for the following three weeks at 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm in the Village Hall. £6.50 (see page 13 for more information.)



Don't forget that the clocks go back on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October



**Lean on Pete**

(15)

**Kilminster Village Hall  
Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**



**Director: Andrew Haigh Starring: Charlie Plummer, Steve Buscemi, Travis Fimmel, Chloë Sevigny, Steve Zahn, Amy Seimetz, Thomas Mann.**

A performance of remarkable depth, candour and vulnerability by rising star Charlie Plummer lies at the heart of this terrifically moving fourth feature film from British writer-director Andrew Haigh, adapted from the 2010 novel by Willy Vlautin.

Lean on Pete is a sprinter by breed, and when he takes off from the traps, Charley can't stop himself from slipping under the rail and dashing after him at speed. They're kindred spirits – two knots of bony joints built for onward movement. So when the prospect of the slaughterhouse looms, Charley frees the creature and sets off with him on a grand cross-country journey towards his kindly but half-estranged aunt – the last adult on Earth you sense he would consider trusting with either of their lives. Tellingly, Charley doesn't ride Pete. Instead, like equals, they just clomp along side by side.

**Doors open 6.45 pm when wine, soft drinks and tea/coffee are available, with the evening's entertainment starting at 7.15 pm and ending about 10.00 pm. Tickets £5.50 on the door or £5 in advance BY PHONING: 01297 639758 leave contact details and booking will be confirmed, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com See <http://www.kilminstervillage.com/moviola.html> for more information about the film.**

We follow this in: November - "The Bookshop"; December - "The Happy Prince"

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## Letter from the Churches

### *A Season of Change*

September is over! Can you believe it? The temperature is beginning to fall along with the leaves, the days are getting gradually shorter, and we are welcoming autumn into our towns, villages and homes. But as we march forward into October, I'd like to spend a little time reflecting on the month that has just gone by. So, what did your September look like this year?

September for many would have meant returning to work after holidays spent at home or away. September for others may have been a return to school, college or university. For parents, September was perhaps a return to routine or 'normality'. However, like the weather, for many, September brings with it change. New jobs, new schools, new friends, new routines, new challenges and new opportunities. This is very true for me this year. September arrived and brought with it a whole lot of change.

September marked the end of my twenties and the end of my ten and a half years in the British Army. September marked the start of a new job; taking up the role as Assistant Pastor at The Beacon. September saw a return to formal education, as I began my Theology degree in Bristol. September brought with it a new home, a new church, new friends and new surroundings. Also, I have a nine month old son, which means that almost every day brings with it something new.

While these changes are extremely exciting, it is hard at times not to be nervous or feel some level of anxiety about

the future and what it might hold. I am sure I'm not alone in feeling that. Change is often unsettling and uncomfortable. It can be disruptive and unnerving. In times of change, I like to focus on the constants; the things that stay the same regardless of circumstance or situation. For me, my strength comes from knowing that there is a God who is eternal and unchanging. That his love and care for me does not rise and fall like the tides but rather remains constant and firm. The Bible says; "*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever*". (Isaiah 40:8). I can look forward to facing the oncoming change knowing that an everlasting and unchanging God walks besides me and strengthens me by the power of his unchanging Word. A God who cares for me as a Father.

I feel very fortunate to be here in Kilmington, and have been made to feel so welcome by the lovely people I've met and the beautiful scenery I've enjoyed. Please do stop by the church if you have a moment. It would be great to meet you and learn more about the village and area. My door is open and the kettle is on! Or why not join us for a Sunday service or drop into one of the multiple events taking place throughout the week.

Wishing you an autumn of hope, peace and happiness,

Mike Hudson

## HARVEST FESTIVAL IN KILMINGTON

Many farmers and gardeners in Kilmington will be harvesting their crops at this time of year, possibly with mixed results because of the extremes of weather. Our annual Harvest Festival Service will be held in St Giles' Church at 11.00 am on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October which is a good opportunity to give thanks and celebrate.

The church, as usual, will be appropriately decorated; produce, which could include tinned food and wine, would be welcomed and should be left at the back of the Church by 10.00 am on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Service will be followed at 12.15 pm by a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall to which not only churchgoers, but anyone in the village with friends would be most welcome. A complimentary drink (cider or soft) will be provided and cottage pie, apple pie, harvest loaf and cheese



*Planting at Rogation Service*

will be on the menu (a vegetarian option can be booked). You can bring your own wine etc if desired. Tickets at £6.50, children under 16 free, will be available from the Churchwardens or the undersigned.

A raffle of produce will be held afterwards, all profit from the lunch will be donated to the charity "Farming Community Network" which provides support for those farmers in need; many are falling on hard times. Judging of the largest Enorma runner bean pod sown at the Rogation Service on 6<sup>th</sup> May will take place, with prizes for children and adults. Please do join in this traditional village celebration!

Caroline Lavender  
(Tel: 01297 34922)

## ST GILES CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Have you ever met a real live Unicorn?

The weather was kind on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August and in a lovely garden setting who could ask for more. The generous invitation by Jane Chalk to hold the annual church coffee morning in her garden at Combe was gratefully accepted as it is full of some very interesting trees and shrubs. Sadly the flowers had suffered with the long hot dry spell but it was still beautiful and there were many shady corners to sit in. Various stalls had been placed under cover on the lawns and there was an

opportunity to test your croquet skills, a game devised by Diana Church. There was an excellent raffle and a splendid cake stall too. There was a bric-a-brac stall and the

Church Craft Group had a colourful display of handmade bags and aprons.



The highlight of the event was the guest appearance of 'Robin' The Unicorn. He had a special fairy dell and was a great attraction for the children as they were able to comb his mane and tail with magic combs so that by the end of the morning they were a positive rainbow of pretty colours. Thank you to Cheryl for bringing 'Robin' and giving such pleasure to so many children.

All in all there was a wonderfully happy atmosphere, one of fun and goodwill. Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone

who worked hard on the day, which was very successful and raised £509.25p.

Our very grateful thanks to Jane for giving us such an opportunity to meet and enjoy your special garden.

Diana Mellows, Churchwarden



## MESSY SPARKLERS

We had a quiet start to the new academic year at Messy Sparklers, the Baptist Church's monthly sensory playgroup. As it was still school holidays for many local schools, we had a shorter, less messy session. The ladies in the kitchen had a lighter load too as we didn't provide a lunch, only coffee on arrival.



The children who came had a range of toys to play with and had the opportunity to make an 'Elma' elephant. During our story and songs time we thought about all the animals God has made.



activities and lunch. Do check out our Facebook group *Messy Sparklers, The Beacon, Kilmington* for more information. Remember to dress for mess!

Juletta Obudo

The Baptist Church's new trainee minister, Mike Hudson, joined us with his wife Rachel and son Joshua. There was a good mix of Dads, Mums and Grandparents for them to meet.

Our next Messy Sparklers is on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, first child £2 plus £1 for each additional child. We will have our full range of sensory



## ST. GILES GIFT DAY



The Gift Day at St. Giles' Church on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September was blessed with both clement weather and generous giving. A steady stream of visitors throughout the day enjoyed fellowship and refreshments together and a very big thank you must go to all who gave so generously in support of their local church. The total gifted so far is £4,825.00.

Christine Mills, Churchwarden



## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Revd Simon Holloway gave a warm welcome to all those that attended the special Evensong Service on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September to remember the life and example set by St Giles and to give thanks for, and celebrate, the support given to the Parish Church by Kilmington residents. In a traditional evening service, readings were given by Gill Heighway and Anna Crabbe while Margaret Hurford used the organ and piano to accompany the choir in Harvest hymns/songs; an anthem entitled "O Come ye Servants of the Lord" by Christopher



*Rev Barry Brewer, Christine Mills, Rev Simon, Judi Brewer & Margaret Hurford*

Tye was performed beautifully, the warm tones of tenor Christopher Balcombe and baritone David Wilsdon being particularly impressive. The Revd Simon gave a very interesting sermon, delivered with great passion, highlighting Psalm 84 and a pilgrim's journey which featured in the September Parishes Paper by David Wilson. Following the service, the celebrations continued over wine and other refreshments.

Brian Lavender

## DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY

Eighteen members of the Five Alive Mission Community with eight dogs completed a sponsored walk on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September in aid of Devon Historic Churches. The St Giles' Church team organised by Rose Evans included Churchwarden Christine Mills, John Thorne, Helga Hopewell, Pauline Hill and Brian Lavender. Starting from St Peter's Church, Dalwood, the walk, led by Bryan Drew, was practically all on paths and across fields, scaling up to over 700 feet at the Dalwood Beacon and



*Assembling outside the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood*

included some very steep climbs and descents. Well done to the team and thanks to those who sponsored them. Fifty percent of the sponsorship money will be returned by the Trust for St Giles' Church funds.

Brian Lavender



*Top of the Dalwood Beacon Hill*

## ARCHDEACON VISITS ST GILES CHURCH

While the Revd Simon Holloway and Pauline were enjoying the sunshine on holiday in Portugal, the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Christopher Futcher led the Service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. He welcomed everyone warmly and said how pleased he was to be able to fulfil the engagement which he had to cancel last year because of illness. The lessons were read by Peter Huscroft and Susan Moore while the intercession prayers were given by Nigel Burton. The Archdeacon took as his theme "love your neighbour as yourself", and expounded on the Letter of James to "all God's people scattered over the whole world". In his quiet and unassuming manner, Christopher showed that many of the practical instructions given by James were just as relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago. At the end of the Service, the Archdeacon had to depart quickly to take the 11.00 am Service at Dalwood.



*The Archdeacon departing for Dalwood*

Brian Lavender

# KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

What an end to the cricket season the club has enjoyed! We won the C Division title and gained promotion to the B Division, the highest tier of Devon cricket the club will have played in, which is amazing for a village side.

In the same week of gaining promotion we also won the Whiteway Cup which is a twenty-over competition held at Whimble Cricket Club, where we beat Upottery in the semi-final and Kentisbeare in the final.

Congratulations go to Brett Garner and his team for a superb season and wish them all the best in the B Division next season.

The final league tables are below.

	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Aban	Points
1	Kilminster	18	16	2			323
2	Sidmouth II	18	15	2		1	309
3	Alphington	18	10	7	1		257
4	Exeter II	18	9	8		1	241
5	Ottery St Mary	18	8	9			225
6	Whimble	18	8	10			223
7	Braunton	18	7	9	1	1	217
8	Feniton	18	7	10			209
9	Budleigh II	18	3	14		1	146
10	Clyst Hydon	18	3	15			131

The Second Eleven also had a good end to the season winning their last four games.

The annual presentation evening takes place on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Honiton Golf Club when the individual trophies will be awarded and I will advise Postscript of the trophy winners after this date.

David Lavender

	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Played	Won	Lost	Can	Aban	Points
1	Cullompton	18	10	5	2	1	263
2	Exeter	18	10	7	1		237
3	Sampford Pev	18	9	8	1		225
4	North Devon	18	8	7	2	1	224
5	Kentisbeare	18	9	7	1		210
6	Barnstaple	18	7	9	2		210
7	Whimble	18	8	9	1		197
8	Kilminster	18	8	8	1		193
9	Filleigh	18	6	11	1		181
10	Countess Wear	18	6	10	1	1	148

## KILMINGTON DECIDES IT'S TIME TO BREAK FROM THE EU

Just as the EU Commission announced it was proposing to end the practice of adjusting clocks by an hour in spring and autumn, it seemed to many in Kilminster last month we had already decided to go it alone.

For several days the bells of St Giles' clock rang out a time an hour earlier than the rest of the country.

One villager tells the story: 'I noticed it when I awoke in the early hours. I looked at the bedside clock and it was just before one o'clock in the morning. Then, as I lay there half asleep, I heard the church bells toll out twelve times. I drifted off to sleep again and I dreamed that following the Brexit vote setting ourselves free from the EU, Kilminster had decided we would go our own way and set 'Kilminster Time' to suit local residents.

Having reset all the clocks in my house, my plans were confirmed as, over the next few days, the bells continued to proclaim the village was an hour slower than the rest of the country – something many have said for years! However, I



was getting used to it and soon I was able to work out when to turn on the telly to watch the next instalment of Emmerdale.

Then the disappointment: walking past St Giles' and proudly stopping to look up at Kilminster Time as the clock struck three, I was horrified to see that the hands were indicating it was in fact four o'clock! When was I going to turn the telly on now to catch Emmerdale?'

Speaking to Arthur Trott, who tirelessly looks after the church clock, he explained the problem is possibly linked

to the fact that it has a seven and a half day mechanism and is confident that some minor tinkering with the appropriate levers will cure the issue.

Meanwhile EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker believes that "in future, summer time should be year-round, and that's what will happen".

Sounds good to me, the 'Snow Wardens' can now stand down and I can sell my woolly underwear.

Peter

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

I was going to commence this update with a welcome to 'Autumn' but not sure that it is wholly appropriate as our fantastic summer appears to continue; we are however, approaching our Autumn programme, so perhaps it is reasonable to provide you all with a reminder of what is next, as well as a short report on what has been happening.

Many will recall that just over a week ago on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September we held our 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM in the New Inn, Kilmington. The AGM was well attended and although we are sad to have lost Sandra Ingles as one of our committee members and Peter Guy wishes to stand down as treasurer, we are pleased that the remainder of the officers and other members of the committee were unanimously voted to continue in their posts for another year. Since the meeting, Rodney Giles has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Your committee are as follows:

Chairman – Stafford Seward  
Vice Chairman – Peter Wood  
Secretary – Jean Falconer  
Membership Secretary – John Watts  
Treasurer – Rodney Giles  
Events – Lesley Rew and Anthony Tompkins  
Catering – Claire Dainton  
Peter Huscroft  
Ron Foster  
Peter Guy  
Branch Padre – Pastor Darrell Holmes  
Branch President – Roger Lovegrove.

During the meeting I took the opportunity to thank the committee on your behalf for all their hard work and incredible support in providing an exceptional programme, in this the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary marking the end of WW1. The

'Greatest Thank You' programme was an incredible achievement, enjoyed by all and provided a very high benchmark for others to follow.

On Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual lecture, this year given by accomplished writer and military historian, Jonathan Walker who presented a very entertaining 'Passion and Power; Three Mistresses in the Great War'. In a little over an hour Jonathan gave us a very different insight into some of the 'goings on' that were happening further away from the front line!!

What next, here are the latest dates for your diaries:

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm, monthly get together in the 'Old Inn' Kilmington.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 6pm, monthly get together in the 'New Inn' Kilmington.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday, St Giles Church, followed by the 'Act of Remembrance' at the War memorial. On completion lunch at Haselbury Mill (Names to Jean Falconer if you would like to join us at Haselbury, transport from the Hall car park).

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November – Kilmington Village Hall 'End of WW1 celebration' + 'In 2 the Blue' accompanied by GR Davie on the keyboard (look out for the posters).

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm, monthly get together – venue TBC.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – RBL Christmas Coffee Morning Extravaganza, Kilmington Village Hall.

Once again we would like to thank everyone for their incredible support and look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

Stafford Seward  
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch

## POPPY APPEAL 2018

Remembrance Sunday, which falls on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. Since the Second World War, the British military has fought in numerous conflicts with only two years (1968 and 2016) in which a member of the armed forces has not been killed.

In the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, Poppy Collection boxes will be placed in various locations around Kilmington plus we have a team of fantastic volunteers that will visit every house in the village. Last year we raised over £4,000 during this same period. By wearing a poppy, you aren't just remembering the fallen; you're supporting a new generation of veterans, service personnel and their families that need support.

One way to make your contribution go even further is to complete a Gift Aid form. This will allow the Royal British Legion to claim back 25p in the pound from HM Revenue and Customs. Please ask one of our collectors for a form.

In 2018 The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying Thank You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.



Thank YOU for your continued support.

Louise and Peter Wood

# KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB VISITS



## Knoll Gardens

Our arrival at Wimborne on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August for our final garden visit of the year began on a convivial note with a visit to The Old Thatch pub (just down the road from our main destination) for lunch and other refreshments.

Knoll Gardens has an enviable reputation for its award-winning collection of grasses. However, its previous incarnations, first as the private garden of a collector of rare trees and Australasian plants and then



of a plantsman who specialised in the cultivation of rhododendrons, camelias and other shade loving shrubs, give the four-acre site an added dimension. Many of these original plantings remain and provide a leafy backdrop to the swathes of grasses and perennials that now take centre stage.

There was a mesmerising array of different grasses. One huge specimen, its thick, ringed stems reminiscent of a bamboo wind chime, hardly resembled a grass at all. Others were more familiar and graceful with a wonderful variety of seed heads that moved in the slightest breeze, some reflecting the light in tones of copper and gold. More compact varieties with bright blades of yellow and variegated stripes of green and cream made handsome footnotes.

The grasses were complemented by succulents and flowering perennials. Especially notable at this time of year were dainty *gaura* with their racemes of soft pink flowers and pale yellow *scabious* beloved by butterflies. Here and there, providing extra contrast, were arching *rosa glauca*, with scarlet hips glowing against blue-green foliage. Then suddenly, a group of aliens were spotted towering out of the grass! They resembled extremely large and colourful red hot poker studded with shiny black fruits very similar to our native blackberry. Obviously part of the Australasian collection, they seemed happily at home here, despite their strange appearance.

There were other surprises too. The most memorable of these was an enormous, multi-trunked eucalyptus which had been blown over in the storms in 2014, coming to rest on a high bank with half its roots exposed. The tree surgeons pronounced it safe, soil was mounded over the exposed roots and it continued to flourish in its new position, producing fresh leaves and shedding great ribbons of papery bark. It now forms a spectacular bridge across a pathway and ornamental ponds. In another part of the garden a giant monkey puzzle tree and an equally tall Kiftsgate rose are entwined in a prickly embrace into which no-one is prepared to intervene!

There is an unfussy, relaxed style to the garden that seems to allow nature to take its course wherever possible. A pool that once housed koi carp was cleared by marauding mink but was kept on as a wildlife pond, attracting newts and frogs and dragonflies. Insects are well catered for with an insect hotel roofed with sedum and packed with fir cones, wood shavings and hollow stems of every size to provide cosy retreats for many different kinds of

bugs. Nearby, separate provision has been made for solitary bees and other ground nesting insects.

The garden at Knoll holds many delights but, overall, there is a restful feel to the place with its winding paths and informal planting. We came across neat lawns like little green islands edged with gravel beaches and seas of waving grasses. Sunny glades give way to shady woodland with a variety of shrubs and many unusual and exotic trees including silver maple, ginkgo, canoe birch and a cork oak with its wonderfully whorled bark. Our visit to Knoll Gardens proved to be feast for the senses and a great day out!

Pat Curran



# KILMINGTON KITCHEN



It's time to think about comfort food once more, and the three following recipes will do that. The jammy biscuits would be a good offering for

“Halloween” and also an easy recipe for the children to make themselves. They are also a firm favourite at the Friday coffee morning at the church.

## SIMPLE JAMMY BISCUITS

Makes 12

**200g self-raising flour**

**100g caster sugar**

**100g butter**

**1 egg, lightly beaten**

**4 tbsp strawberry jam**

1. Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Rub the flour, sugar and butter together until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Alternatively, you can do this in the food processor. Add enough egg to bring the mixture together to form a stiff dough.

2. Flour your hands and shape the dough into a tube, about 5cm in diameter. Cut into 2cm-thick slices and place on a large baking sheet. Space them out as the mixture will spread when baking.

3. Make a small indentation in the middle of each slice, and drop a tsp of jam in the centre. Bake for 10-15 minutes until slightly risen and just golden. Cool on a wire rack.

## SAUSAGE AND MASH PIES

Serves 4

**1kg potatoes, cut into chunks**

**25g butter**

**4 tbsp milk**

**85g Red Leicester or cheddar cheese, finely diced**

**1 tbsp sunflower oil**

**1 large onion, chopped**

**8 large, meaty pork and leek sausages, removed from their skins**

**175ml chicken stock**

**2 tbsp of onion chutney (or chutney of choice)**

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Boil the potatoes for 20 minutes, then drain and mash with the butter, milk and seasoning. Stir in cheese.

2. Heat oil in a non-stick pan and fry the onion for 5 minutes. Add the sausage and chutney and break them up until you get a texture similar to chunky mince. Pour in the stock and simmer for 8 minutes.

3. Spoon the sausage mixture into four pie dishes. Top with cheesy mash. You can freeze the pies for up to two months. Thaw in the fridge before baking. Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden.



## POTATO, CHEDDAR AND RED ONION PASTIES

Serves 4

**1 large potato, cut into 1cm dice**

**2 carrots, cut into 1cm dice**

**Jar caramelized onion chutney**

**1 tbsp thyme leaves, chopped**

**1 tbsp Dijon mustard**

**140g mature cheddar, grated**

**500g block shortcrust pastry**

**Beaten egg for brushing**

**Poppy seeds, for sprinkling**

1. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan, gas 5. Line a baking tray with baking parchment. Boil the potato and carrots in salted water for 5 minutes until tender. Drain well and tip into a mixing bowl.

2. Add the chutney, thyme, mustard, cheese and some seasoning, and gently mix to combine. Put in the fridge to cool.

3. Roll out the pastry to the thickness of a £1 coin. Then cut 8 x 13cm squares. Divide the filling between the squares and brush the pastry edges with the egg. Bring together the four corners of each square in the middle, then press all the seams together like a square envelope. Brush with more egg and sprinkle over the poppy seeds. Put the pasties on the baking tray and bake for 30 minutes until golden.

Margaret Astbury



## SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

To solve this puzzle, each 3 x 3 square, row and column must contain all of the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is on page 25.

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## KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

After a busy summer in the hall, we have recently been able to refresh the front of the stage with a coat of paint and had the floor sanded and resealed in time for the start of the Autumn Term.

This has reminded us that our annual Autumn Lunches will soon be upon us commencing on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing every Thursday throughout October. We will be serving a hot lunch with a pudding at the same cost as last year £6.50 followed by coffee or tea from 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm. Please do come and enjoy a happy social time and help us raise much needed funds for the next major effort to

enable us to attract grants from EDDC and our own Parish Council.

Next summer we plan to complete the work which was done to The Cudmore Room windows last year by replacing all the top windows on the north side of the hall at considerable expense so we really DO ASK for your help at all the fund raising events we will be holding.

The regular Users Meeting will be held in The Cudmore Room on October 10th 7.30pm so do come along and hear about the future plans in more detail.

Diana Church, Chairperson

## VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY

We have many village events in Kilmington to enjoy and keep us all busy and it's sometimes difficult to remember them all. Maxine, who manages the village website, keeps an events diary which is a very handy way to manage your social calendar!

Also if you're planning winter events or want to arrange dates for 2019 please check:

[www.kilmingtonvillage.com/events](http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/events)

When you fix dates then please send them to: [webmaster@kilmingtonvillage.com](mailto:webmaster@kilmingtonvillage.com) this will help us all and can minimise clashes.

In addition to the Website there is also a Facebook page 'Kilmington Now' that has over 150 members and some use this for the more immediate publicity of forthcoming events, etc. And, of course, don't forget Postscript publishes a list of dates for each month too.

Peter

## SHUTE THEATRE AND ARTS GUILD PRESENTS

### DUET FOR TWO HANDS

by Mary Hayley Bell, directed by Elisabeth Miller.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm.

St Michael's Church, Shute.

Ticket prices: Adults £10.00 each. Under 18: £5.00 each

On a fine Summer's day if you stand on Dunnet Head in Caithness, the most northerly point of the British mainland, you can see the Orkney Islands across the choppy waters of the Pentland Firth. At ten miles distance they look mysterious and to some eyes even a little magical.

The play chosen by Shute Theatre and Arts Guild for its production this Autumn certainly reflects the mystery and magic of the Orkneys and the people who live there, although some of the mystery is not only very real but even sinister.

Set in 1904 and first produced in London in 1915, the play is described as a thriller but such are the story-telling skills of the author that it is far more than that.

Mary Hayley Bell was an actress, novelist and playwright of some note; her best known work is probably *Whistle down the Wind*, in the film of which her younger daughter Hayley made her name as a child star. Her older daughter Juliet was

also an actress and, as many will know, Mary's husband was the much-loved actor and film star John Mills. All her writing was dedicated to him: our scripts have the dedication on the title page "Again for Johnnie".

An experienced cast will bring the play to life with all the polish and professionalism expected from STAG productions. Susan Gunn-Johnson, Deborah Meakin and Barry Sindall return to our stage, as does Heather White in a small but scene-stealing part. We welcome Rob Smith making a major contribution in his first role with the Guild. Between them they capture the spirit of the Orkneys and gradually uncover the mystery at the heart of this dramatic and moving play.

Tickets available from Archway Bookshop, Axminster 01297 33595; The Little Shop, Colyton 01297 551374; Owl & Pyramid, Seaton 01297 598030 and online at [www.shutetheatreandartsguild.org.uk](http://www.shutetheatreandartsguild.org.uk)

# CONGRATULATIONS

## MONUMENTAL EFFORT BY OUR LOCAL SPORTSMAN

On Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kilmington Village resident Luke Reed took part in the St Neots (near Cambridge) Standard Distance Triathlon. This race was also a qualification race for the 2019 European Triathlon Championships in Weert, Holland.

All Luke needed to do was swim 1500 metres, Cycle 28 miles and Run 10 kilometres and

finish fourth or better in his age group (35-39) to qualify!!!

Luke, supported on the day by wife Beverley and his three children, had the race of his life finishing twentieth overall out of over 400 competitors, and fourth in his age group, meaning he will now represent Great Britain next June in the European championships.



We will keep you posted on his progress....



 Shute Theatre and Arts Guild

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## BAPTISM OF GEORGE HERBERT

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August the baptism of George Herbert took place at St Giles' Church. George is the son of James and Vicky Herbert and grandson of Stafford and Di Seward.



*Baby George with his parents James (Herbie) and Vicky Herbert, and his Godparents.*

## MORE HIDDEN TALENT IN KILMINGTON

### Claudette Miles, Hand-built Ceramics,

Thousands of years ago, in different parts of the world, human beings made a significant discovery. They realised that not only could they manipulate wet clay from the



ground to form shapes but that when it was dried and fired it would retain its shape and become stronger and harder. It could become something really useful and desirable as well as decorative. They had created pottery. They had also created the first synthetic

material. Its potential was enormous. Their techniques and understanding of the material progressed. The skills of those prehistoric potters have now been passed down through hundreds of generations, gradually evolving, acquiring scientific understanding of the process and being refined in an unending line into the future.

Unlike the troublesome synthetic plastic of today which is so durable that even broken down fragments are polluting the seas, pottery was fragile. Some has survived to be discovered by archeologists and preserved in museums but most of it simply broke or crumbled away back into the earth. After all these generations we still take crockery for granted as a normal part of everyday life, although what we use is now mostly mass-produced by modern machinery.



There are, however, still some potters, who, as craftspeople and artists, continue to make decorative and innovative ware. One such is Claudette Miles who has her own studio in Kilmington with an electric kiln. She specialises in

making hand-built coiled pots with clays that she has stained using different oxides to achieve a range of colours. These are not 'thrown' on a revolving wheel but created from a long thin snake of rolled clay which is coiled and shaped into vessels. These are then

biscuit fired to between 950 degrees and 1,260 degrees centigrade. They are finished off with a clear matt glaze or a sprayed on dolomite glaze and fired to around 1960 degrees. The colour is intrinsic to the pot and changes in the firing. The clays, oxides and firing temperature all affect the finished pot, making each one attractive and unique. She says that she herself sometimes finds the results surprising.



Claudette started with ceramics in Adult Education over twenty years ago and worked with her late husband Bernard Miles. She works in the tradition of British hand-built ceramics and acknowledges the influence of many notable potters as well as the elegant shapes achieved by the ancient Greeks. For the pieces she makes here in Kilmington she takes her inspiration from the rocks, pebbles and landscape of the local Jurassic coast and welcomes those who would like to visit her studio.

Janfryd

# KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DOG FOULING

Dog fouling around the village is still causing a problem and the Parish Council have received numerous complaints on the subject.

We will be liaising with the Dog Warden to arrange regular patrols of the village, and enforcement action will be taken where appropriate.

## GARDEN BONFIRES - HOW TO AVOID CAUSING A NUISANCE

Burning garden waste can produce dense smoke, especially when the material being burnt is damp and smoulders. Depending on the material being burnt smoke from garden bonfires may contain toxic chemicals including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and particulate matter. Burning plastic and painted wood will release these and other toxic compounds into the air.

### WHAT IS THE LEGAL POSITION?

There are no UK statutes that specifically prohibit bonfires although occasionally some districts have local byelaws that do prohibit bonfires.

Contrary to some belief there are no restrictions on the time of day, or day of the week that someone can have a fire. **However!** There are laws that protect people from being affected by the smoke caused by bonfires.

### *The Environmental Protection Act 1990*

Section 79 in Part 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 states that a statutory nuisance includes 'smoke, fumes or gasses emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance'. To be a nuisance smoke must be substantially interfering with a person's enjoyment of their property. Where smoke is drifting across or into someone's property, if they can't open windows or hang their washing out for example, then it can easily be judged to be causing a nuisance. If necessary a notice can be served requiring that the smoke nuisance is abated. Failure to comply with such a notice can result in prosecution and a fine on conviction of up to £5,000.

## BONFIRE GUIDELINES

If you follow these guidelines the chances are you won't cause a serious nuisance.

Do not have a fire if the wind is variable or if it is blowing directly towards neighbouring properties.

Burn dry material only.

Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.

Never use old engine oil, methylated spirits or petrol to light a fire or to keep it going.

Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke lingers on still days and if it is windy, smoke may be blown into neighbouring properties or across roads.

Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their homes and gardens.

Avoid burning when the air quality in your area is 'poor' or 'very poor'. (You can check this by checking at [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk))

Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - douse it with water if necessary and make sure it is out and will not continue to smoke once you have left it.

### IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A BONFIRE

If you are affected by a problem of bonfire smoke you may consider one of the following options:

1. It is best to approach your neighbour first and explain the problem. You might find this awkward, but they may not be aware of the problem and it may make them more considerate when planning and lighting a bonfire.
2. If this approach fails, contact the Environmental Health and Housing Standards team at East Devon District Council. The Council is legally obliged to investigate all complaints of nuisance in their area, which includes bonfire smoke.
3. Section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 allows you to take private action through the magistrate's court but you should seek legal advice before doing so. Also your local Environmental Protection Team should be able to advise you about private remedies for resolving your complaint to help you decide the best way forward.
4. Under the Highways Act 1980 anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine if it endangers traffic. If this is the case you should contact the police.
5. If you cannot talk to your neighbour without assistance you could approach a local mediation service (find out if such a facility exists locally by speaking to your local Environmental Health Department) or try the National Mediation Helpline ([www.nationalmediationhelpline.com](http://www.nationalmediationhelpline.com)) for general advice on resolving disputes.

Ben Trott, Chairman

## VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

### The winners of the draw held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

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## FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

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## MAD moments in the garden

I think September is my favourite month, not least because I have a birthday, which leads to birthday presents often related to the garden. This year I looked at my “must have one day” plant list that seems to grow exponentially and chose from the list a small tree, *Euonymus europaeus* “Red Cascade.” I first saw the tree at Kew Gardens in London, along with other varieties, and added it to “The List.” When we moved to Devon I was delighted to find one growing in our garden. It sadly died for no apparent reason, but I have now found an alternative spot to plant a new one.

There are 142 species in the *Euonymus* family which include many varieties of small evergreen shrubs that are useful for hedging, or some evergreen structure within a garden. *Euonymus* is, however, a deciduous tree, commonly known as a spindle tree. It is a native tree often growing within a hedgerow. As a tree, it can grow as tall as nine metres. It is most commonly seen growing in chalk soil but I have noticed one in the hedge near Shute church. In spring, it produces small shiny, slightly waxy, dark green leaves growing opposite each other along the branches. Interestingly, the new shoots are round, and soon become square, and then become round again, as they expand and grow. The flowers appear in late Spring, small and greenish-yellow, hanging down in bunches. These flowers bear bright scarlet capsules, consisting of four lobes, these then open as they ripen to



reveal the orange seed. As autumn progresses, the leaves turn a reddish purple and drop, leaving the seeds prettily decorating the tree. The cultivated variety I have chosen *Euonymus europaeus* “Red Cascade” was awarded the only Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit back in 1949 and remains very popular today. This cultivar grows as a small weeping tree. It is a fabulous plant, providing interest all year round, with its delicate shape and stunning show of fruit and leaves. I hope by the time you read this I (or someone else) will have tracked one down, bought it and planted it. What I didn’t realize before doing some research for the article was that the name *Euonymus*, from the Greek “eu” meaning “good” and “onama” meaning “name”, it is

said to have also meant lucky which bodes well. According to folklore though, if the Spindle flowered early an outbreak of the plague was likely! Its wood, hard and creamy white, was used to make toothpicks, knitting needles and spindles for weaving, hence the name.

September is also the beginning of bulb planting and the anticipation of a better performance for me than last year. I have chosen a tulip called *Gavota*, a somewhat flashy one, dark mahogany red, with a cream and yellow edge. The plan is to plant them in black plastic pots and when they are beginning to emerge, they can be planted or tucked in the border. That should foil the squirrels!

Mary-Anne Driscoll

## KGC Meeting 14th September – Selecting and Planting Bulbs – Mickey Little

Avon Bulbs is a well respected, family owned business, based in South Petherton, which prides itself on two things: the quality of its bulbs and its reputation as a company that looks after its customers. The Gardening Club was indeed fortunate to welcome Mickey Little as their first speaker of the autumn session; with a background of practical experience at both Killerton and Hestercombe before joining Avon, his knowledge of bulbs and their culture is second to none. With a table of colourful plants behind him and a series of slides ready for projection, he embarked on a brilliantly organised and comprehensive discourse on the rudiments of growing all plants that we call bulbs. A sentence or two explained the differences between the anatomy of true bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes, all of which share the characteristic of underground storage. All can be grown from seed, but most are propagated by offsets (small bulblets produced from the base) or by division of the parent, either manually or increasingly in the laboratory.

When choosing which ones to buy, it is wise to know where the bulbs grow in the wild and aim to suit the bulb to the conditions in one’s own garden – ‘Don’t fight nature’, Mickey advised. Other features to consider are size, colour, fragrance, flowering season and disease resistance - even fashion plays a part in gardeners’ choice of which varieties to choose. Examples of the enormous range available were

illustrated by detailed photographs: from *alliums* to Zeal Giant *nerines* with dazzling tulips and delicate *tulbaghias* in between. Words of wisdom were picked up by keen gardeners: for instance, *Allium* ‘Globemaster’ is sterile and therefore does not set seeds all round it, as other alliums do; and plant tulips deep – as deep as possible.

With the proud record of 30 Gold Medals awarded at the Chelsea Flower Show, it was not surprising that we were treated to a pictorial journey through the process of producing a Chelsea display. In the nursery, there were tulips moved in and out of cold storage and lilies placed under heat lamps; ready for the road, containers were packed with immaculate plants; and at Chelsea, nursery staff transformed a bare site into a winning exhibit, making sure that each plant was securely in place and not a plant-pot to be seen. Finally, having handed round flower spikes of some unusual specimens such as *cannas* and *eucomis*, Mickey summed up his advice: buy big bulbs, choose the right position, plant at the right time of year and at the right depth, plant in groups and preferably in a restricted colour palette. The glory of the garden will surely follow. No wonder members of the audience crowded round his sale table afterwards.

Sydie Bones

**Next Meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup>: Grasses - Gold Club Speaker**



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## AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

My name is Catherine Fletcher, Education Officer at Axe Valley Wildlife Park and as the summer holidays draw to a close I can't help but reflect on my first summer here.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we were all feeling very proud that Trip Advisor had awarded us a place in their Hall of Fame for the fifth consecutive year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our visitors for supporting our zoo. It means the world to us here at the park. We are so grateful as your support enables us to continue our very important work.

Ten years ago nobody would have expected that we would now have this beautiful park with all of the amazing animals that live here. July 18<sup>th</sup> this year was the tenth anniversary of the first time Jayne and Andrew opened the gates to the public to show them the wallabies and coati and a selection of birds. Now the variety of animals keeps increasing and the park continues to move forward. With new animals to encounter and even more breeding programmes than before, our work here is as important as ever.

This year we offered the schools a new opportunity – to feed the Meerkats. The response was brilliant and we have already confirmed re-bookings for next year. We had fun growing sunflowers, making wild bird feeders and encountering wild animals. I am excited about bringing even more innovative ideas in 2019, to bring education to the centre of everything we do as it is so important to the next generation and a vital part of our work. Our animal



experiences and 'Keeper for a Day' have become increasingly popular and we have all been very impressed with the standard of work and knowledge shown to us. It makes us feel proud of all the work we do.

Most exciting of all, of course, is the news of the babies born this year. The list goes on and our blackboard is running out of space. Our lovely marmosets and Green, our Ring-tailed lemur had twins, we have baby banded mongooses, leopard cats, bush dogs, stick insects, quail... As I do my rounds in the park I can't help noticing our baby peacocks, three so far this year, as well as the ducklings

and chicks wandering all over the place. Incredible!

We are so lucky that, for the first time at Axe Valley Wildlife Park two African Civets have been born this year. For those who do not know much about African Civets, their lifespan is about 15-20 years. No two are the same as each has a unique pattern of dark brown or black spots on its coat. They are nocturnal and omnivorous, feeding on insects, small mammals, eggs and vegetable matter. They are also able to kill venomous invertebrates and snakes, detecting their prey by smell and sound rather than sight. They prefer riverine habitats and woodlands.

Please do tell your friends about us. We would love to share this little gem that we love so much.

Until next time.....

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## AXE VALLEY REMEMBERS

On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in Colyford Memorial Hall, the centenary of the signing of the Armistice, which brought an end to the fighting of the 1914-1918 War, will be commemorated in a special festival of remembrance with song, poetry and drama. Drama societies across the area have combined to form a one-off group, the Axe Valley Players, who will present the show in association with the Axe Valley Community Choir (musical

director Edward Jacobs). Local men who served in the conflict will be especially remembered. The festival is officially supported by the Royal British Legion.

Tickets will be on sale ONLY from Colyford Post Office and Stores from 17<sup>th</sup> September. The ticket price is £10 which includes a souvenir programme.

For more information contact Roy Jones on 01297 443737.

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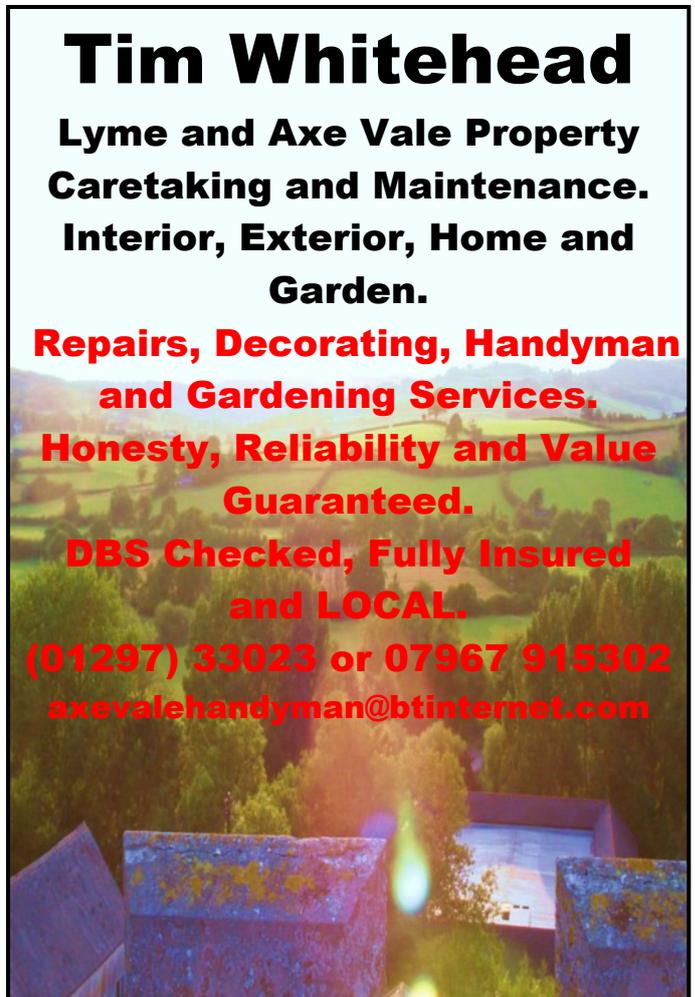
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An early reminder that, with Winter approaching, it is nearing the time for 'flu jabs'. Please make sure you get yours as soon as possible.

The League's successful Bottle Tombola at the Hawkchurch Village Fête raised £165 for our funds. The organisers have also promised us half the profits from the Grand Raffle. For this and the help I got in erecting and dismantling the gazebo and stall I am very grateful to them.

**Please help the League of friends to continue to help our Community.**

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.00 am - Christmas Crafts Fair in Musbury Village Hall with LOF 'Homemade Jam and Pickle' Stall. Crafts include handmade jewellery and pottery made in the village. I do hope you can come.

If you would like to organise an event to raise funds towards the work we do, it would be very much appreciated. Alternatively if you are having an event and would like us to come along please contact me on the email address below or by letter to the hospital. We have some useful publicity material available should you need it.

Ann Veit

Email – AnnVmus@aol.com

Secretary to the League of Friends of Axminster Hospital



## LEGACY TO LANDSCAPE

### SHUTE APPLE DAY EVENT

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Shute Church and village sites

11.00 am – 4.00 pm



Orchards were a significant feature in the landscape of the Shute Estate a century and more ago but are now sadly very much absent.

The all day event aims to celebrate this rich heritage, encourage more orchard planting and also to celebrate the Crimson Victoria apple that was first discovered at Shute. It's a cider apple but is palatable and originated from Rowlands Orchard, now called Little Orchard Alpacas. It grew in the walled garden of the estate. A recent discovery has been made of the gardening diaries of Edrica Pole, daughter of 9<sup>th</sup> baronet William Edmund de la Pole which gives a fascinating insight into the management of the walled garden. Come along and find out more about this amazing piece of hidden history that the Legacy project is

unearthing. If you know the varieties in your garden then please bring along, labelled, to add to the display.

Fun for everyone, apple variety display, tasting, pressing (bring a bottle!) games for adults and children including the longest peel competition, apple bobbing, fruity themed refreshments and much more.

PLEA: donations of apples welcome for a school workshop before the event Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – and on the day for pressing, tasting etc.

Free admission – parking Haddon Road, EX13 7QR

Contact Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project  
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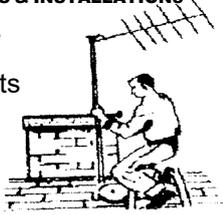
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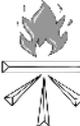
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Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	The Baptist Church morning service
	6.00 pm	The Beacon	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup for 3+
Monday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Country Dancing for all ages
Monday alternate	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Pavilion, dates circulated	Bridge Club
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall	Table Tennis
	10.00 - noon	Village Hall Foyer	Coffee and get-together
	10.00 - noon	The Beacon	The Post Office
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	St Giles' Church	St Giles' Handicraft Group followed by 'Pop Up' Café
	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	The Beacon	Spectrum Youth Club (Not being held in October)
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	St Giles' Tower	Bell-ringing practice alternate weeks with The Minster, Axminster
Wednesday	9.15 am	The Beacon	Toddlers and Tinies
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Short mat bowls
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

### DATES FOR OCTOBER 2018

Mon	1st	Early	Your house	Landfill with recycling
Tues	2nd	9.30 am	The Beacon	Art Group
	2nd	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers
Wed	3rd	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>Lean on Pete</i>
Thurs	4th	1.00 pm	Village Hall	Autumn Lunch
Fri	5th	6.00 pm	The Old Inn	Royal British Legion 'Get Together'
Sat	6th	10.00 am	Village Hall	Kilminster Primary School Jumble Sale
Sun	7th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Harvest Festival
	7th	12.15 pm	Village Hall	Harvest Lunch
	7th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in Aid of Devon Air Ambulance
Tues	9th	10.00 am	The Beacon	CREATE Group
Wed	10th	7.30 pm	Cudmore Room	Village Hall Users Meeting
Thurs	11th	1.00 pm	Village Hall	Autumn Lunch
Fri	12th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: <i>Grasses - Gold Club Speaker</i>
Sat	13th	2.00 pm	The Beacon	Scrabble Club
Sun	14th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
Tues	16th	9.30 am	The Beacon	Art Group
	16th	10.30 am	The Beacon	CAMEO + Contact Lunch
Thurs	18th	1.00 pm	Village Hall	Autumn Lunch
Sun	21st	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
Mon	22nd	Early	Your house	Landfill with recycling
Thurs	25th	1.00 pm	Village Hall	Autumn Lunch
Sat	27th	11.00 am	Shute Church	Legacy to Landscape: <i>Shute Apple Day Event</i>
Sun	28th	2.00 am	Your House	Clocks go back one hour
	28th	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	28th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
	28th	6.00 pm	The Beacon	Film Night
Tues	30th	9.30 am	The Beacon	Art Group
Wed	31st	7.30pm	Shute Church	STAG presents <i>Duet for Two Hands</i> (see page 13)

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