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KILMINGTON



EDITORIAL

I sent my sister a tree by post, a hornbeam, about eight inches high, with seed case still attached, which had sprouted in my garden. It is now destined to be nurtured at her upstairs flat in Buxton and eventually to form part of a project by local volunteers to help re-forest a nearby valley in the Peak District with British species. We are thus contributing (very slightly) to the solution of bio-diversity and carbon-capture problems – even global warming - as well as using free time in some satisfying way in the absence of previous social activities.

Another outcome of this unusual summer with so many confined to barracks, is that some have been delving into archives and writing reminiscences or even creating artworks. This month's Postscript brings Martin Huscroft's cricketing tale of two double centuries and Bill Woodsford's first car. From Bristol we have news of a 30-foot mural designed by Emma Holloway, whose father, Simon, was vicar here until last autumn.

'Nature Notes' welcomes snippets of news from three local writers and hopes that such community contributions may continue. The phone box library on Jubilee Green, forbiddingly taped shut for months, has devised a quarantine system for books that have been handled, returned or donated in the form of a bin where they will linger for several days before being put back on the shelves. There are clear instructions (and hand gel) and thanks are due to Karen Hodder for restoring this amenity. Mrs White has sent us an update from Kilmington School, now that the children have returned. There is still a problem with numbers and spacing in the Village Hall, which affects Gardening Club meetings. The latest solution was immediately frustrated. Friday coffee in the churchvard has been enjoyable so far, despite seasonal wind and wasps. The visit of Morris Dancers to the New Inn was a breath of fresh air and a cheerful morale-booster for all present.

The centre pages show gardens at Breach and Betty's Ground, opened for NGS in August and open again in October for Hospiscare, probably the last chance to see them this year. In September's Postscript there was mention of the Ellacombe Chiming System, whereby one ringer can sound several bells. This does not need to be a mystery any longer as we bring you a full and illustrated explanation. The RBL look ahead to poppy sales and the Act of Remembrance at the War memorial in November and, however much it may seem now that 'warm days will never cease', the clocks will go back, days will shorten and our wise words on winter safety in the dark will soon be relevant.

Janfryd

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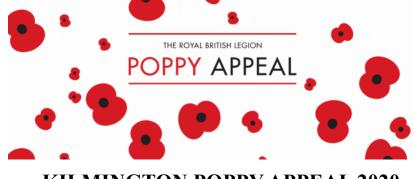
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KILMINGTON POPPY APPEAL 2020

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign, held every year during the period of Remembrance. This year the Appeal will be launched on Thursday, 22nd October and will run for two weeks culminating on Remembrance Sunday on 8th November with Armistice Day on Wednesday, 11th November.

The Appeal enables us to make a difference to our Armed Forces community and their families. 2020 will be a tough year, but an incredibly important one, as the Legion still has a job to do – the impact of Covid-19 has left some in the Armed Forces community, as in many others, in dire need of urgent help and support.

The Royal British Legion is dedicated to making sure that those who have undergone life-changing injuries in military service receive the support they need through recovery centres across the country helping wounded, injured and sick personnel return to duty or make a smooth transition to civilian life. It provides dedicated care homes for older veterans as well as helping ex-service personnel and their families to live safely at home. It also helps those who are facing a variety of – and often multiple – issues. This can include homelessness, mental health problems, domestic violence or drug and alcohol addiction. Kilmington has a fantastic team of Poppy Appeal volunteers who, in past years, have visited every house in the village during the Remembrance fortnight, raising around £1,700, roughly 50% of the village annual total. However, because of government restrictions and the need to protect both our volunteers and you the public, we have had to cancel our house-to-house collection. Our approach this year will be to hand-deliver two poppies and a Gift Aid envelope with details of how to donate should you wish. There will be no face-to-face contact.

As in previous years we hope to make poppies available at static collection points around the village and will be discussing this option with business owners and those with responsibility for those premises. This will ensure that we can organize the Poppy Appeal safely.

Further information about the Poppy Appeal can be found at: https://www.britishlegion.org.uk or https://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/the-royal-british-legion.html

Thank you for your generous support during these challenging times.

Peter and Louise Wood Kilmington RBL Poppy Appeal Organisers



KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

October Lunches

We are very sad to say that it will not be possible because of the current restrictions to have the lunches as usual in the village hall this month. The usual team of cooks is raring to go and we will try to arrange some kind of event when the situation allows. Stay safe everyone.



Village Hall Regular Users meeting

This meeting is in the diary for Wednesday, 7th October and we were thinking of combining it with an AGM since we were not able to have our AGM at the usual time back in May. However, it looks as if the Government announcement today (9th September) reducing the number of people who may meet to six may make this idea impossible. When we have a clearer picture of what is permitted we will put notices up around the village and on the website.

Village Hall Committee



KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Mars is now brighter than it will be for the next 15 years -September 2035. On October 6th Earth sweeps closer to the red planet. At its closest, Mars is about 38.57 million miles (62.07 million km) away. Through the month, Mars ranks as the 4th brightest heavenly body after the sun, moon and the planet Venus, respectively. In November however, the king planet Jupiter will reclaim its 4th place. In early October use the moon to locate Mars as the waning gibbous moon meets with the dazzling red planet Mars, helping you find it easily.

Mars is the highlight of the month, but October is another good month to see other planets, stars and meteors. If you're awake before daybreak, take a moment to find Sirius, the sky's brightest star. Rising in the south east in the hours after midnight, it can be found in the south at dawn. Sirius appears to flash different colours when it's low in the sky. All the stars are flashing different colours, because light is composed of all the colours of the spectrum and the journey through our atmosphere breaks starlight into its component colours via refraction. But as other stars are not as bright as Sirius, you don't notice their colours so much.

Another bright star in the October sky is Capella, the 6th brightest star in Earth's sky, not including our sun. It also twinkles with red and green flashes, low in the north eastern sky on October evenings. Capella is really two golden stars, both with roughly the same surface temperature as our local star, the sun ... but both larger and brighter than our sun.

1st Full Harvest Moon

2nd The Moon and Mars close together rise in the east around nightfall and they'll be out for the rest of the night, travelling westward across the night sky.

2nd, 3rd Venus is low in the sky around dawn in the east and close to the star **Regulus**.

6th Mars at its closest until 2035.

6th to 10th Draco the Dragon is now spitting out meteors (or shooting stars). This is one shower that's best to watch at nightfall or early evening, not after midnight. The best evening to watch is likely October 7th. The Draconids are typically a very modest shower, offering only a handful of slow-moving meteors per hour.

12th to 15th Moon and Venus in the east before dawn. The waning crescent moon and the dazzling planet Venus are also close together with the star Regulus.

16th New Moon, the closest of the year, so we'll have higher and lower spring tides.

20th to 22nd Orionid meteor shower in the south east to south. The Orionid meteors, debris from Halley's Comet, generally starts late at night, around midnight, and display maximum numbers in the predawn hours. Best viewing, about 15 meteors per hour, should be shortly before dawn on 21st.

21st to 23rd Moon sweeps by Jupiter and Saturn over the next few evenings in the south to south west as night falls. Which is which? Jupiter is some 13 times brighter than Saturn.

Sirius, a multi-coloured twinkling star, is now also rising in the south east in the hours after midnight and can be found in the south at dawn.

28th to 30th Moon and Mars pair up. Yes, for the second time this month, having done so previously at the start of the month.

31st Full Hunter's Moon and the second full moon of October, so is known as a Blue Moon.

Peter

I passed my driving test at 17 and with my three brothers shared a grey 1959 Austin A35 van registration number NPR 171.

We lived in Portisham, Dorset, near Weymouth and the A35 did us proud, well over one hundred thousand miles, before it gave up the ghost. It ended up using more oil than petrol.

We had various cars after that including a Renault Dauphine which was a disaster and blew up

on several occasions. Our pride and joy was a Rover 90 UAF 638, light grey and top of the range.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 6th October at 11.20 - 11.50 am at the junction of The Street and The Hill.

MY FIRST CAR



Since then we had countless cars. Unfortunately all my brothers have passed away, but I am still a small kid at heart.

I inherited a red 1958 Triumph TR3A registration number RBK 913, which my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed. We decided to sell it when I was 65. Within a couple of months, I felt lost, so bought a Mazda MX5, registration number WJ 08 PNV. I will be 73 soon so don't know how much longer I'll be able to get in and out of it!!

I may have to grow up!

Bill Woodsford

Don't forget that the clocks go back on Sunday, 25th October





Two beautiful gardens opening to the public in aid of Hospiscare

Betty's Ground, Haddon Corner, Shute EX13 7NX

Breach, Shute Road, Kilmington, Axminster EX13 7ST

Due to social distancing, there may be a short wait before entering the gardens Admission: donation to Hospiscare

Betty's Ground, Shute

Breach, Shute Road

Because every day matters www.hospiscare.co.uk



ADVICE FOR WINTER SAFETY

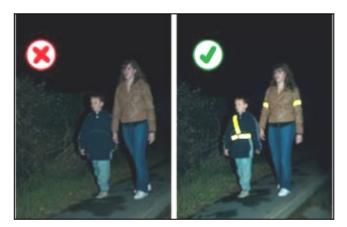
PEDESTRIANS AND JOGGERS

If there is no pavement, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and

- be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light
- keep close to the side of the road.

It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp righthand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. **Cross back after the bend.**

BE SEEN AT NIGHT



Help other road users to see you. Wear or carry something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent even in poor daylight conditions. When it is dark, carry a torch and use reflective materials (e.g. armbands, sashes, waistcoats, jackets, footwear), which can be seen by drivers using headlights up to three times as far away as non-reflective materials. A battery-powered dangling light attached to a dog's collar will give advance warning to other pedestrians.

Vehicle Drivers:

If driving round the village please drive slowly, as most of our lanes have no pavements or street lights. Pedestrians, particularly our school children and the elderly, have to share the road.

Check your rear lights and headlamps on dipped and main beam to ensure they are working, otherwise you may not see that pedestrian.

Don't cut corners.

Cyclists:

At night your cycle MUST have white front and red rear lights lit. It MUST also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85). Flashing lights are permitted, but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp. At all times please could cyclists have, and use, a bell to warn pedestrians they are approaching on shared cycle paths.

Horse Riders:

At night it is safer not to ride on the road or in poor visibility, but if you do, make sure you wear reflective clothing and your horse has reflective bands above the fetlock joints. A light which shows white to the front and red to the rear should be fitted, with a band to the rider's right arm and/or leg/riding boot. If leading a horse at night, carry a light in your right hand, showing white to the front and red to the rear, and wear reflective clothing on both you and the horse. It is strongly recommended that a fluorescent/ reflective tail is also worn by the horse.

Val Harding

FREE ADULT CYCLE CONFIDENCE SESSIONS

Devon County Council is offering free adult cycle sessions. The sessions are completely tailored to your requirement and the instructor can meet you at a location near where you live or work.

You'll get a free two hour 1:1 cycle confidence session. The sessions can be split into $2 \ge 1$ hour if that suits you and if a friend or colleague wishes to participate they just need to make a note on the booking form.

Book a session if you want to:

- · learn to ride a bike
- · improve on the skills you already have
- · help you get back into cycling again



- $\cdot \;$ start cycling to work or place of study
- get tips for riding as a family
- · get advice on suitable routes

You can also request an instructor of the same sex, if you prefer. Instructors will follow Government guidance regarding social distancing and they ask the same of every client taking part.

If you are interested you can register online and you will be

contacted: https://devonclimateemergency.us19.listmanage.com/track/click?u=005129324d65610c137f2c5e4&i d=4f53c79b96&e=46fe8c6b63

Peter

Vacancy St Giles' Church Kilmington 01297 35433



Letter from the Churches

Pastor Darrell Holmes KBC Church Office Kilmington 01297 631638 pastor@beaconbaptist.co.uk

As the year wears on and the situation constantly changes, it's easy to get distracted.

On 17th September 1788 the Austrian army managed the impossible, being defeated even before the enemy arrived! They were engaging in the battle of Karánsebes and grew tired of waiting for the Ottoman army. They sampled the local schnapps and got drunk, then mistaking other Austrian units for their own started firing on each other. When the Ottoman army finally reached the battlefield, they found 10,000 Austrians dead or wounded.

We all have a global battle against an unseen enemy, and we should unite in our efforts against this pernicious pandemic. Let us not be distracted into looking around and being critical of each other, looking down on our neighbours or sub-sections of our society down to the ethnicity, the colour of their skin or the cut of their politics. We all need to get through this and the only way we can do it is to work together.

The apostle Paul wrote to a church in his day with this wonderful encouragement:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians chapter 4 verses 8-9) What is not apparent is that Paul wrote this from his prison cell. Even in prison, rather than bemoaning all that was not right with his situation or attacking those who opposed him, he was finding things to be grateful for and praising God for. He also encouraged others to do the same.

This comes as timely guidance for us today. Have you noticed that people have started speaking up about one thing or another that is not right with the world? And, equally vociferously, others have then got into a slanging match to tell them they are wrong. Yes, it is always good to address injustices and evils in this world and 'call them out', but the manner in which we treat others with a different viewpoint or experience is also vitally important. Ultimately, this dissension is often a distraction from the bigger issue facing us, which is what should unite us.

Paul would have us look at our situation we face and also look into the lives of those we disagree with and look for the good in all things. What are the positives of our situation, what is the viewpoint of others that is actually true, or their aspirations that are admirable? As we do this, we will find that God comes alongside us and gives us His peace, with our situation, with others, with ourselves, and with Him. Surely the arrival of God's peace from all that is wrong in this world is what we should all be seeking and many other things are merely potential distractions from that precious aim.

Darrell Holmes

CHURCH BARROW AND COFFEE SHOP

We had the church barrow out for the first time on Friday, 21st August at our first open air coffee shop. We had fourteen people and raised £57.00 for church funds! So, an encouraging start. We plan to have the barrow out every day and people can bring and buy things. Donations only.

Everyone enjoyed meeting again, socially distancing, and hopefully the Coffee Shop will be open every Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon from now on. St Giles' Coffee Shop was started in 2008 and is very popular, but of course we have not met since March 23rd, so it was lovely to meet people again.





Enjoying a coffee Gill Heighway, Jenny Nickolls, Janfryd Gordon-Kerr and Diana Mellows

EMMA HOLLOWAY'S BRISTOL MURAL OF HOPE

A visit to the Stokescroft Street Art scene in Bristol now includes a striking and colourful 30-foot mural commissioned by the church, with the theme of hope, restoration and transformation and aiming to add a positive, hope-filled vibe to the area. It is located on Jamaica Street and Hillgrove Street, opposite the PRSC, was completed by people of all ages and walks of life, and was designed by Emma Holloway, daughter of Simon Holloway, who retired as Vicar here last September. It depicts connected multi-coloured and multi-faceted gemstones representing the 'unity in diversity' of the community, with a butterfly representing metamorphosis and rebirth. This summer they have been completing phase 2 of the mural to include the life cycle of a butterfly as well as a large interactive butterfly at the end, where the public can become part of the design and take a picture.



IDENTITY CRISIS!



I was bought as an outdoor cucumber plant. But I didn't want to be a cucumber, so I grew to be a squash instead. Gill Perkins





KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the time of writing, we have been back to school for a whole week, although it seems longer! We have successfully welcomed back all our wonderful children after the lockdown and wished good luck to those who have taken their next step on to secondary school.

We currently have a total of four classes in the school: Pipits, Kingfishers, Jackdaws and Ospreys. We have healthy numbers in the school, but still have a few places in most year groups. Our Early Years class is thriving, with 13 Reception children, many of whom attended the Nursery last term. We can take children in the Nursery from the term that they turn three, so if you know anyone looking for a nursery place please get in touch.

Everyone is adjusting to the normal routines again and finding the days extremely long. It seems an especially long time between breakfast and lunchtime and many of the children have been complaining that they are 'starving' by halfway through the morning!

The new term has brought with it a whole new way of working – social distancing, bubbles, hand sanitiser have all had to be implemented both within school and by parents and carers bringing their children into school. It has been a challenging time, but a supportive staff and understanding parental community have meant that all has gone well.

The children are really loving being back at school with their friends and back in the learning environment and every class

GIFT DAY ST GILES CHURCH

St Giles' Church gift day was held on 5th September 2020, a day when the Church welcomes gifts. This year, people were really generous and the total gifts exceeded the previous year. In a year when the Church was not fully open for worship, owing to Covid-19, donations were more important, so the kindness of so many was more than welcome.

Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

Anna Crabbe and Gill Heighway

FIVE ALIVE OIL SYNDICATE

Please note that the deadline date for ordering oil falls on Tuesday, 27th October. Please submit requests for an exact amount or, if ordering a top up or a full tank, then please furnish me with an accurate estimate of the quantity that you require with a minimum order of 500 litres in both cases.

> Colin Stewart 01297 792538 cogstewart@aol.com cogstewartcs@gmail.com



has had a buzz about it. We have restructured each of our classrooms and provided each child with their own set of learning resources: whiteboards, pens, pencils, rubbers etc., so that they do not have to share or bring things from home.

We continue to work on how to develop the school grounds – making good use of the space we have available. Having separate playtimes has meant that children have more space, which is fabulous.

We are looking forward to being able to get back to our PE in the Village Hall and doing assemblies in the churches. The 'Open the Book' team will resume their performances once they are allowed, which will be great as well. Until then, we continue to do our daily assembly in each class bubble.

We are thinking about how we can adjust our celebrations, such as Christmas, so that we can still carry out those wonderful activities but within the safety guidelines. Our PTFA are also looking at alternative ideas for fundraising and social activities that can operate within the guidelines.

It is a crazy time, but a good team can get the job done!

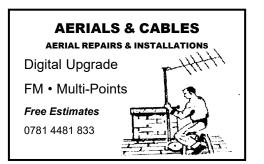
Mrs Lee White Head of School

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Hard

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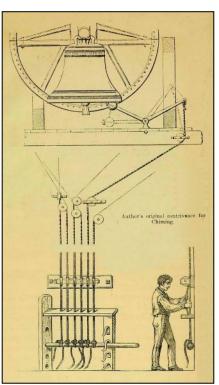
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THE ELLACOMBE BELL CHIMING SYSTEM

As mentioned in the September issue, St Giles' Church is fortunate to have an Ellacombe Chiming System – but perhaps you wondered what it is – so do read on if you are interested...

Reverend Henry Thomas Ellacombe of Gloucestershire designed the system in 1821 and it was first installed in 1822, allowing one person to chime the bells rather than rely on local ringers who were known at times to be unruly. At the time, and particularly in Devon, local bands would hold striking (best ringing) competitions followed by a social event and the Rev Ellacombe took exception to ringing taking place other than for church services. As editor of a church magazine 'Church Bells' he wrote, "We blame the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the bells to be so prostituted for the benefits of a publican's pocket..."! Ringing competitions survived and therefore the Ellacombe systems fell into disrepair in many churches and were removed.



The St Giles' Ellacombe system was installed during a major refurbishment in 1895 and, as I have found out recently, does take a certain amount of skill to make it sound good, timing being most crucial. For those of you interested in the mechanics, a hammer strikes the bell, each hammer is connected by a rope to the fixed frame in the ringing room (see diagram) and the person chiming pulls the rope towards themselves to chime the bell.

This system also allows us to chime popular tunes, hymns and carols, however we are somewhat restricted in Kilmington as we only have six notes to play with! It is lovely to play some carols before the Christmas services.

Now, as the Kilmington Ellacombe system still exists more than 100 years after its installation, it has got me wondering about the behaviour of our previous ringers, were they also 'unruly'? Certainly not true of our current dedicated band of ringers!

Celia Dunsford

KILMINGTON PHONE BOX LIBRARY

Our Kilmington Library is back open again but, like the rest of our lives at present, we have some new operating rules. These are posted inside and listed below. Please observe them so we can all stay safe.

Very many thanks to Karen Hodder who has got the box up and running again. She has been managing and taking care of our library now since 2015 and has decided to step back a little. We're therefore very pleased to welcome two new volunteers, Linda Loveridge and Caroline Baylis. They have kindly stepped forward and volunteered to help Karen keep the library stocked and tidy. Welcome and many thanks to you all for your services.

As we reopen, please remember that, as shelf space is limited we only stock paperback books. Hardback books take up too much space - especially reference books, cook books etc. And we ask for 'popular' titles please, as there is just not the demand for obscure medical titles and the like! However, there is always demand for children's books, many of these are hardbacks and we will take these. If your children have outgrown them, please pass them on.

If you're returning just one or two books, please use the returns bin in the Library. However, if you've been having a clear-out and are donating any more than this, please give Karen a call on 01297 35162. Karen will collect them all from you so we can then continue to manage stocking and quarantine time effectively.

Thanks and enjoy your reading.

LIBRARY CORONA VIRUS PRECAUTIONS

On Entering Please Sanitise Your Hands to protect yourself and others.

Avoid excessive handling of books and any unnecessary contact with surfaces in the box.

Do not place returned books directly onto shelves, put them in the 'Returns Bin'

Call Karen to donate larger quantities, she will collect them from you.

We must quarantine all new books for at least 72 hours. If you browse and glance through a book but decide not to take it away, please leave it in the 'Returns Box' for quarantine.

We recommend you sanitise borrowed books, or leave them for 72 hours before reading.

Thank You - Stay Safe.



Peter

THE TALE OF TWO DOUBLE CENTURIES

In KCC's history, there have only been 21 individual scores of more than 150. There are, to my knowledge, eleven players' names on this list including guests Julian Page and Mark Bray and regulars Billy Reed, who made the club's highest ever league score of 189 in 2019, Josh Short, Sean Perry, Glenn Harding, Ben Fuzzard, Richard Stenning and the Rev. J.H.H. Copleston, whose Bob Beaman-esque effort in 1910 happened fully 75 years before any other entry on the list.

That leaves the two names who contributed eleven of the scores on the list between them. They also share membership of a very exclusive Kilmington Cricket Club club: players who have scored a KCC double hundred.

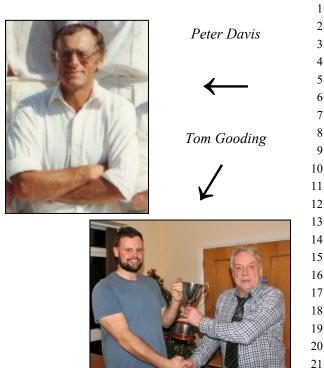
Peter Davis started playing as a guest for Kilmington in the early 1980s, whilst playing cricket for Sidmouth 1st XI. He had also played cricket for Roehampton against Kilmington when they toured Devon. The club was entering a stage of transition between the retirement of a swathe of stalwarts in the mid 1980s and the entry into league cricket in 1996, but in Peter Davis and John Lavender it retained two batsmen capable of scoring runs against any opposition. Batting at the other end to Peter was very instructive for a young cricketer and I had the pleasure of seeing many fine innings he played at close quarters, including against a fine Cayman Islands attack, containing West Indian fast bowler Charlie Griffiths, at Sidmouth.

Peter scored 203 not out against Winchmore Hill in 1987, sharing a partnership of 232 with John Lavender. I am told he was dropped whilst on 0, certainly the most expensive dropped catch in KCC history! Pete's innings included 16 sixes and 16 fours, so he didn't have to do much running.

Kilmington finished their innings with the score card showing:-Total 261 for 1 wicket

Last man 2

Peter's opening partner, who will remain nameless, sat all afternoon with his score of 2 for all to see!



Tom Gooding has been playing for the club since he was a boy. His cricket career has progressed a very long way, being awarded Devon Cricket League Player of the Year in 2018, a rare honour.

Kilmington played long standing tourists Four Counties Nondescript, who always bring a very strong side, on 25th July 2016. Four Counties scored 290 for 4 wickets in 36.1 overs before declaring. Tom is slow to rouse, but something annoved him in the field.

He opened the batting and scored 203 not out including 18 sixes and 20 fours (so he ran even less than Peter) with Kilmington reaching 290 for 3 wickets in only 30 overs. I was playing in the game and was scoring in the score box for most of Tom's innings. Whilst Kilmington is not the biggest ground, I can guarantee that 16 of his 18 sixes would have been six at any ground in Devon!

There are a number of factors that have made scoring runs easier in recent years. Bigger bats, better prepared pitches that are quicker and bouncier, shorter and closer cut outfields and the move from declaration games to league cricket all contribute to bigger individual scores, but take nothing away from any of the players on this list.

However, scoring 200 runs as an individual remains an incredibly rare achievement. It might be worth speculating how many runs Josh Short might have scored when he was out for 136 in only the 21st over, with still over half the innings remaining, against Clyst Hydon 1st XI in 2018.

Ranking players on ability is always subjective. People's opinions are often affected by time and, sometimes, a few beers, but what is not in doubt is that both Peter and Tom are two of Kilmington's finest-ever players. Unquestionably, they both get into the best Kilmington Cricket Club XI of players that I have played cricket with for the club.

The scores over 150 by Kilmington cricketers are:-

203*	Peter Davis v Winchmore Hill	Friendly	1987
203*	Tom Gooding v Four Counties Nondescript	Friendly	2016
189	Billy Reed v Brixham 1 st XI	League	2019
184*	Tom Gooding v Budleigh Salterton 2 nd XI	League	2017
183*	Josh Short v Braunton 1 st XI	League	2017
177*	Sean Perry v Barnstaple and Pilton 2 nd XI	League	2015
172*	Tom Gooding v Alphington 1st XI	League	2018
169*	Tom Gooding v Old Suttonians	Friendly	2013
167*	Julian Page v Southgate Compton (guest player)	Friendly	1990
167*	Glenn Garding v Homiton 2 nd XI	League	2016
164*	Ben Fuzzard v Kentisbeare 2nd XI	League	2018
162*	Julian Page v Spar Ramblers (guest player)	Friendly	1990
161	Tom Gooding v Southall	Friendly	2012
160	Mark Bray v Spar Ramblers (guest player)	Friendly	2012
155*	Peter Davis v Exeter Rebels	Friendly	1985
155*	Richard Stenning v Yarcombe & Stockland 2nd XI	League	2002
154	Tom Gooding v Woodbury 1st XI	League	2011
152*	Rev J H H Copleston v Mr Hope-Hall's XI	Friendly	1987
152*	Peter Davis v Countess Wear	Friendly	1987
152*	Tom Gooding v Southgate Compton	Friendly	2016
151	Tom Gooding v Ottery St Mary	Friendly	2010

Martin Huscroft



TWO LOCAL GARDENS

In spite of the current Covid restrictions, and after the disappointment of not being able to open as planned in May, Breach and Betty's Ground threw open their gates to welcome visitors on August 22nd and 23rd. This was to support the National Garden Scheme which raises money for nursing and health charities. Visitors came from far and wide and included many enthusiastic and knowledgeable gardeners.

Sadly, there could be no teas this year but, even without mouth-watering cakes, the total raised by the two gardens was £713. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers and everyone who supported us.

Please note that both gardens will be open again on Saturday, 24th October from 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm. This time we are raising money for Hospiscare including Hospiscare at Home. No pre-booking is needed. The autumn colours should be stunning. We look forward to seeing you.

BJ, Judith and Mary-Anne (gardeners)





























Your visits to your gardens help change lives

In 2019 the National Garden Scheme donated £3 million to nursing and health care charities including:

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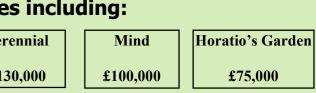












MAD moments in the garden

In former times I remember my mother extolling the virtues of Hydrangeas. I was never convinced, they reminded me of old ladies and seemed dull and unattractive. This judgement, I realize, was based on my grandmother's garden where large bushes of mop heads, predominantly pink, grew in abundance. How quick I was to judge, how little I knew and how my opinion has changed with a bit of knowledge and experience. I seem to have developed quite a collection of different varieties, a few bought, some given and some propagated from other peoples' collections.



The *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight' is a fabulous large, deciduous upright and spreading shrub growing to around two metres. It is, I think, my favourite. Its leaves appear in spring fresh yellow/green, the cone shaped flower heads develop through the summer emerging light green initially then turning a pure white. Later in the summer they fade to a soft pale, slightly dusky pink that complements other early autumn colours.

Another *Hydrangea* for great autumn colour is the oak leaf variety, *Hydrangea quercifolia*. It has a more

This year the *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabel' have suffered from drought, deluge and finally dreadful gales and are now looking somewhat dishevelled. I pruned them in late spring reducing the stems by more than half, removing all thin and crossing stems. I didn't realize that would result in much larger flower heads which are stunning but much more susceptible to weather fluctuations. On reflection not such a good plan. A lighter touch next spring I think.

Gardening seems for me to be a constant learning of how plants respond to their environment and human intervention! The *Hydrangea macrophylla* - mine are lace cap varieties grown from cuttings from a previous home - were very leggy last year. I did not understand how important formative pruning was to create a well-shaped plant. I set to with secateurs to take the plants back to just above the ground, drastic I know but needs must. It did mean I had no flowers this year, as they grow from the previous year's wood and I had removed about four years-worth of growth. I did have lots of lovely foliage and not a bad shape. Next spring, just before the buds break, I will do as the book says and shorten the stems by only a third to a large bud and hope for a great display in late summer.

spreading habit with large deeply lobed leaves that turn a beautiful dark red and purple in autumn, which often remain on the plant for much of the winter. The flowers are a creamy white cone, pretty against the foliage. My version is a cutting taken from a friend's plant. Hers is spectacular being a mature plant that is probably 2.5 metres tall and wide. Mine is slowly getting larger and I am not taking any risks with pruning it!

Another *Hydrangea* of note is the climbing variety, *Hydrangea anomaly* a subspecies *petiolaris*. It is happy in its shady spot covering a fence, the white lacy flowers in early summer brightening the area.

My mother would be proud of me, as I do seem to have accumulated nearly the full range, including a trio of mop heads, thankfully blue.

Lessons learnt from the veg patch next month. Meanwhile come and see glorious autumn colour at Bettys Ground and Breach on Saturday, 24th October 1.30 to 5.00 pm, both gardens are opening to raise money for Hospiscare@home.

Mary-Ann Driscoll



KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB - UPDATE

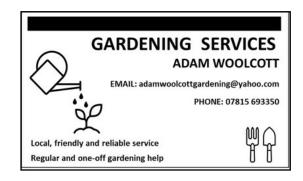
In the last edition of Postscript, I stated we hoped that we would be able to resume activities in October. Some of the committee met with the Chair of the Village Hall to discuss the risk assessments,

seating arrangements etc, that would be the temporary normal. However, a few hours later the Government announced the new guidelines relating to the rule of 6. This means that following the most recent ruling, it will come as no surprise to hear that our talk in October and AGM in November are both cancelled.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of the decisions made as soon as possible following our committee meeting in late September via Zoom. Our apologies go out to all members and our thanks too, not least to those who have already put in considerable efforts to arrange the events that were in our 2020 programme. All members will be informed of our plans by email or post, together with news on our website: **info@kvpa.co.uk**

Meanwhile please keep safe, especially when tidying up your gardens, as well as when out and about.

Gill Gibbs





First of all, an apology, the eagle eyed of you will have noticed that I missed off two ingredients in the Plum Cobbler recipe last month. I mentioned adding them

in the method but failed to put them in the ingredient list. The ingredient list should have included 1 egg and 100 ml of milk. So sorry about that.

PORK, APPLE AND CIDER CASSEROLE Serves 5/6

1kg/approx 2lbs of diced pork. I use pork shoulder

3 tbsps olive oil 15 shallots, peeled 2 tbsps chopped sage 2 tbsps plain flour 500ml bottle of dry cider 200ml/8 fl oz chicken stock 1 large Bramley apple, peeled, cored and diced 200g/8oz chestnut mushrooms,



quartered Salt and pepper

4 tbsps double cream

Method

1. Heat 2 tbsps of oil in a frying pan and brown the pork. Do this in batches so as not to overcrowd the pan and ensure that the meat is sufficiently coloured. Transfer to an ovenproof casserole dish.

2. Heat the remaining oil in the pan and brown the shallots for 2-3 minutes, add the flour and sage and then gradually stir in the cider and the stock. Add the apple and season with salt and pepper. Bring to simmering point and pour over the pork and cover with a lid.

3. Cook at 130C fan/150C/Gas 2 for 2 hours. Add the mushrooms and cook for a further 30 minutes.

4. Stir in the cream and serve with creamy mashed potato and vegetables of your choice.

Makes approx 12

300g/12oz plain flour 1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda 2 level tsps ground ginger 100g/4oz butter 150g/6oz light muscovado sugar 4 tbsps golden syrup 1 egg, beaten Edible icing eyes Tube of white writing icing Tube of black writing icing



The casserole keeps in a fridge for 2-3 days or freezes well. Two of this month's recipes are apple based as cooking apples are in abundance at the moment. The third recipe is an ideal treat for Halloween. If you aren't a gingerbread fan, another easy and fun recipe idea is to make a batch of muffins and decorate them to look like spiders with liquorice laces for legs.

CHUNKY APPLE AND BLACKBERRY CAKE

Makes one 8"/20cm cake

225g/9oz self-raising flour 1 rounded tsp baking powder 1 level tsp mixed spice ¹/₂ level tsp ground cinnamon 3 large Bramley apples, peeled, cored and diced 75g/3oz soft margarine or softened butter 175g/7oz light brown sugar 2 large eggs, beaten 75g/3 oz blackberries 1 tbsp milk 1 tbsp Demerara sugar



Method

1. Sieve the flour, baking powder and spices into a large bowl. In another bowl mix the chopped apple with 1 tbsp of the flour mixture.

2. Add the eggs, margarine and sugar into the large bowl. Whisk for 2 minutes using an electric hand mixer. Gently fold in the apples and blackberries and then stir in the milk.

3. Spoon the mixture in to a greased and bottom-lined cake tin. Sprinkle on the Demerara sugar.

4. Cook in a preheated oven at 160C for an hour or until the cake feels springy in the centre

5. Serve dusted with icing sugar and some thick double cream.

GINGERBREAD SKELETONS

Method

1. Sieve the flour, bicarb and ginger into a bowl. Add the butter and rub in until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

2. Add the syrup and beaten egg and mix well to form a soft dough.

3. Divide the dough in half and roll out one half on a lightly floured surface to a thickness of approx 5mm.

4. Cut out gingerbread men using a gingerbread man cutter and place on a lightly greased baking tray. Repeat until all the mixture is used up.

5. Cook at 170C fan/190C/Gas 5 for 10-12 minutes. Leave to cool slightly, then lift on to a wire rack to cool completely.

6. Decorate using the icing and eyes.

Diane Overton

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

We hope this finds you all well and in good spirits. I was hoping this month to provide you with all the details for our AGM meeting, which we had planned to be in the Beacon, which would have provided ample room for self-distancing. However, once again we find ourselves thwarted by the dreaded coronavirus and have had to make some last minute changes, which I will update you on. But to other matters first: I am pleased to report that our branch continues to thrive although we are still attempting to attract some of our younger village members to join and partake in our social events which, as you can imagine, has been quite difficult this year with having to postpone or cancel everything. Caroline Lavender has kindly provided me with an update on our former President and Chairman, Brian, who is now residing in 'Check House' Seaton; sadly Brian remains very ill and the family are very limited as to when they are permitted to visit. Caroline would like to thank everyone for all their very kind and continued support. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brian, Caroline and the family.

You will be pleased to note that Kilmington RBL has held its first Zoom committee meeting since lock down, which surprisingly went extremely well and will now be our primary means of conducting meetings for the foreseeable future, including our AGM which is scheduled for Friday, 2nd October at 5pm. Members of the public are welcome to join us for the meeting and you will be able to do so using the following link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9611192754 When prompted input the meeting ID 9611192754. There is no password.

Last month we reported the difficulties we were going to face with the Poppy Appeal. Thankfully some restrictions

have been lifted and Peter Wood has provided a separate article to this edition covering our current plans of how we intend to conduct the Poppy Appeal in Kilmington. In addition to the Beacon, gift envelopes can be dropped off to us at Fernwood or, for those who would prefer not to venture out, posted in the 'postbox' on the 'Gator' on Saturday, 7th November as we pass around the village (similar to when we did the green waste). Just as a reminder, our Remembrance service this year will also be in a format recognising current guidelines and will be solely conducted at the War Memorial.

We hope that we will be able to resume our normal programme of events as soon as possible. Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion and we are progressing ideas of how we will celebrate this memorable event.

Dates for your Diary:

Finally, please stay safe, we wish you all well and look forward to seeing you when we are permitted to.

Sunday	8 th November	Remembrance Sunday - A short service at the War Memorial followed by the Act of Remembrance
Wednesday	11th November	Maroons at 11.00 am at the Pavilion
Saturday	5 th December	A Taste of Christmas - Kilmington Village Hall/Car Park

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch

AXMINSTER AND LYME CANCER SUPPORT

In their newsletter ALCS reminds readers about the many therapies and services which are available, often free of charge, to anyone affected by cancer, also providing information about new ones. More detailed information can be found on their website:

www.axminsterandlymecancersupport.co.uk and in Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support on Facebook.

Their September edition mentions aquatherapy classes at the Pool at Peacehaven in Seaton, starting on Thursdays in September at 9.30 am. Please let them know if you are interested so that they can book you a 1-1 session before you undertake the class. Their yoga, exercise and fitness sessions are currently only accessible on Zoom, but some Nordic Walking can be arranged with an experienced Nordic Walker, grant-funded and open to anyone affected by any cancer.

The latest newsletter introduces the new Oxygen Therapy which improves healing and well-being, available at the South West MS Centre for a wide range of conditions and describing reassuringly and in some detail what is involved. The website for this is www.southwestmscentre.co.uk An alternative to NHS prosthetics designed by Boost with, and for, their users is also reviewed and more information can be found at www.wewearboost.com ALCS have a beach hut for daily hire free of charge and are now taking bookings via the website until 31st January 2021. Their online shop sells blank cards, keyrings and CDs, with postcards soon to be added to the list. There is a plea to help support this charity by shopping online using *'easyfundraising'* which raises a free donation every time, as does The Co-op Local Community Fund this time round.

Their weekly drop-in sessions have been replaced for the time being with a virtual one on Mondays 2.00-3.00 pm via Zoom. They swap top tips, exchange positive stories and support where they can. It is also an opportunity to meet the therapists and find out what they offer.

If you would like to know more, or to join them, or know anyone who could help them with administration, hosting drop-in sessions, fundraising etc, please get in touch.

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NATURE NOTES

I'm hoping this month is the start of some more 'community contributions'. I'm very pleased to say we have three snippets of local nature news this month, from three different writers. I'm hoping this will continue, so if you have any interesting news please send it to us to keep the pages full.

Tawny Owls Make Themselves Heard

If you've been out or had a window open at night these last couple of weeks, you can't have failed to have grasped that we have a good population of Tawny Owls in the village. We have clearly heard Tawny Owls throughout September. And not just the odd one, frequently several are calling to each other across the village. So what do



Tawnys sound like? The British Trust for Ornithology explains it well: The territorial hooting call of a male Tawny Owl is probably the most familiar of UK owl calls, beginning with a drawn out 'hooo', followed by a brief pause, before a softer 'hu' and then a resonant final phrase of 'huhuhuhooo.' The female's usual call is 'keewik', which is used as a contact call. A resident pair will often duet, the male hooting and the female dropping her contact call into the pauses between bouts of hooting. The male may also use the 'keewik' contact call, though this is rare during the breeding season; females may very occasionally hoot, this being less well phrased than that of the male.

Volunteers around the UK carried out research on the Tawny Owl last year and the following is what they found: Tawny Owls are most vocal in the autumn when juveniles disperse, are relatively quiet during winter itself and then more vocal again as the breeding season approaches. On a daily scale, Tawny Owl detectability tended to drop over the course of the evening with a peak just after sunset. There was some evidence of an increase again towards midnight. Tawny Owls were more detectable on bright moonlit nights and those with little cloud cover, presumably due to birds taking advantage of favourable light conditions to hunt. Owls were also more active on warmer nights and less so during periods of wet weather. If you want to find a Tawny Owl, the best time is to head out on a dry, moonlit autumn evening, soon after sunset.

September Swallows



For us at Fernwood, this year has undoubtedly been one of the best for our returning swallows. Our normal pair returned in early summer and bred successfully, adding another three youngsters to their family. However, what happened next took us a little by surprise. While it is

not unusual for swallows to attempt a second brood, it is normally after a problem with the first and then they often use the same nest as before, unless it was damaged or destroyed. Not this year. Unbeknown to us they built a second nest quite close to the original and successfully hatched four more chicks. We would not even have noticed if it hadn't been for the unusual amount of 'poo' suddenly appearing on Di's car!! On closer inspection (27th August) we were delighted to find four chicks close to fledging. Now aware and moving Di's car out of the car port, we watched closely over the following days and, on the 8th September, they eventually left the nest. As we forward this to Postscript on 15th September they are still with us but clearly preparing to head south for the winter! Perhaps Covid and fewer planes have been positive in some instances!!

Stafford Seward

And Hedgehogs Abound...

Following my article last month, I've had news of many households with hedgehogs visiting their gardens and a lot of interest in helping to feed and home them. I've also been asked quite a lot of questions, so I thought I'd keep the information flowing, as it seems to be



of interest to make Kilmington a hedgehog-friendly village!

As winter approaches it's very tempting to tidy up the garden, rake up and dispose of the falling leaves, but you'll be depriving the hedgehogs of a cosy winter nest. If you can rake the leaves into a corner of the garden and cover them with a piece of wood or something similar, it will provide a winter home, or somewhere for insects to hide away, thus providing valuable food for foraging hedgehogs. You can buy hedgehog houses locally or on the Internet or, if you're handy with a hammer, you can build your own. Search designs on the web.

My hogs are still visiting and getting earlier every night for their evening feed. Rocky, Ozzy and Spiky, our three babies, are gaining weight and so hopefully will be a good size to safely hibernate and survive winter. Hogs need to be at least 450gms or one pound in weight to survive their winter snooze. Supplementary food in autumn will help them, but if they're very small they probably won't make it. I feed almost all year, paying particular attention to autumn, as females can have a second litter in September and these babies are very often too small to hibernate successfully. If the nights get really cold and you see a very small hog out, it may need rescuing and over-wintering indoors. However, as we have quite mild winters in the Southwest, hedgehogs often don't hibernate until we get a really cold and frosty few days. If the weather is mild, hedgehogs will continue to come out to forage for food in the soft ground late into the year.

Hopefully we've got quite a few weeks of mild weather left and we can continue to enjoy watching their visits.

Lesley Rew



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St Thomas Court Surgery	01297 32126	Dentist Helpline	03330 063300			
		SERVICES AND	FACILITIES	8		
Refuse Collection	01395 571515	Axminster Library	01297 32693	Clerk to the Parish Council	07800 826657	
Vater - 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: Crit	me stoppers - 0800 555111:	Emergency - 999	: General - 101		
		CHURC	HES			
St Giles' Church		Baptist Church Office		Axminster Catholic Church		
Pastoral teams	01297 33777	Pastor Darrell Holmes	01297 631638	Parish Priest:	01297 32135	
rasional icallis	01297 55777	Pastor Darren Holmes	01277 051058	Father Anthony Cockram	01297 52155	
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