

KILMINGTON POSTscript

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EDITORIAL

Rain at last, so often a cause of grumbling, but it was welcome this time - except for those whose confidently arranged barbecues and major events came just one weekend too late. There are simply not enough weekends in the summer. In this issue we have reports and photographs of St Giles' Church fête, the open gardens weekend, the Flower Show and Village Fayre, the Axe Vale Show and the RBL Greatest Thank You weekend. Gardens were admired and cake was consumed; money was raised for the community; produce, skills and talents were exhibited; trophies were won and the sacrifices of the Great War were remembered. There is a new commemorative oak tree on the Common. The many contributors and organisers of these events deserve both admiration and thanks for toiling through the heatwave and subsequent downpours to make it all happen.

We have information about the use of the funds raised in Kilmington and elsewhere in the Axe Valley to benefit people in the district. The Axminster Hospital League of Friends is delighted with the success of the new heart monitor and digital X-ray equipment and is about to invest in a further Hospiscare at Home project. The Axe Vale Show organisers invite applications for awards from their 'significant funds' from those offering to provide recreation or leisure time facilities. Healthwatch Devon continues to ask for feedback on patients' experiences of NHS provision with the aim of improving it.

Here the Autumn and Winter programme is starting up again. Moviola on September 5th offers the intriguing "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" and on 14th the Gardening Club will hear about selecting and planting bulbs. Children will move up to new classes, the year 6 leavers and others to new schools and some into pre-school for the first time. We wish Carly well as her rôle continues over at the Primary School, and thank her for her pre-school reports in previous issues. Just beyond Kilmington, Legacy to Landscape has organised walks to discover bats and fungi and its walk exploring Shute's medieval deer park is the opening event of the Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape at the end of the month. The Beacon Baptist Church looks forward to Darrell's return from a sabbatical and also welcomes Mike Hudson, their new Minister in Training, and his family. Paul Obudo is off to Thailand and hopes to send us updates from time to time.

There is a different kind of light in September and the colours change in the patchwork of fields as the equinox approaches and crops are harvested and if the sky is clear on the 24th, we are promised a full harvest moon.

Janfryd

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KILMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Since my last report to Postscript the First Eleven has had an amazing run of success, winning all nine league matches played, which means that they now sit on top of the league table with three matches remaining. Strong individual performances with the bat from Tom Gooding, Billy Reed and Josh Short have resulted in huge team scores being achieved, scoring over three hundred runs in several innings. The bowlers have all contributed in taking wickets in reply.

With just three matches left to play, it is a straight battle between Kilmington and Sidmouth as to who takes title and the one promotion space available.

The current League table is below.

	1 st XI	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Aban	Points
1	Kilmington	15	13	2			264
2	Sidmouth II	15	12	2		1	252
3	Alphington	15	8	6	1		211
4	Ottery St Mary	15	8	6		1	208
5	Exeter II	15	7	7		1	195
6	Braunton	15	6	7	1	1	190
7	Whimble	15	7	8			187
8	Feniton	15	5	9		1	164
9	Budleigh II	15	2	12		1	118
10	Clyst Hydon	15	2	13			116

The Second Eleven has had some good results since I last reported but over the next three weeks is in a battle to avoid relegation from its division.

The League table is below.

I will report to next month's Postscript on the final results of the League season.

David Lavender

	2 nd XI	Played	Won	Lost	Abandon	Points
1	Cullompton	15	10	3	2	230
2	Exeter	15	9	5	1	206
3	North Devon	15	8	5	2	185
4	Barnstaple	15	7	7	1	183
5	Halberton	15	7	7	1	181
6	Kentisbeare	15	7	7	1	166
7	Whimble	15	6	8	1	152
8	Filleigh	15	4	10	1	139
9	Countess Wear	15	6	8	1	137
10	Kilmington	15	5	9	1	136

SEPTEMBER 2018

		1 st XI						2 nd XI		
Sat	1st	Budleigh Salterton 2nd XI	DL	1.30 pm	H	Sat	1st	Barnstaple and Pilton	1.30 pm	A
Sun	3rd	TBA								
Sat	8th	Simon Church XI		2.00 pm	H					

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE

Devon Air Ambulance have been developing a network of night landing sites to enable their helicopters to operate after dark when it is not possible for their crews to visually select a landing spot, and after discussions with the Parish Council, the Cricket Club and Devon Air Ambulance an area of the Playing Field has been designated for this purpose. Planning permission has now been granted for the single lighting mast which will be required and it is hoped that work will commence on laying the cable and erecting the mast later this year.

It is worth noting that the light will only be illuminated when a landing is about to take place and that it can be

switched on from the approaching helicopter. Like fire extinguishers and defibrillators this is a facility which it is hoped will never be used but which could prove to be life-saving in an emergency.

Some of the cost can be covered by grants and Parish Council funds but as a supporter of Devon Air Ambulance I am seeking support from anyone who would like to join me in making a personal donation.

If you would like to do so please give me a ring on 01297 32334 or email me at: j.mellows@btinternet.com

John Mellows

VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The winners of the draw held in June 2018

B Horwood	£25	D Bromley	£5
J West	£10	S Thompson	£5
B Woodsford	£10	Table Tennis Club	£5

The winners of the draw held in July 2018

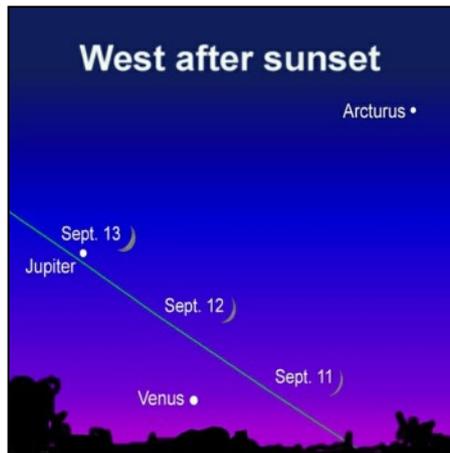
A Dowden	£25	N Boyland	£5
M Shayji	£10	S Huscroft	£5
M Rogers	£10	A Playford	£5

KILMINGTON SKY AT NIGHT

Throughout September find an unobstructed western horizon, in the direction of sunset, and watch at dusk for two brilliant planets Venus and Jupiter and one bright star Arcturus to pop out low in the sky.

5th /6th Moon with Castor & Pollux best before dawn, look for the waning crescent moon and the two nearby bright stars will be Castor and Pollux, the two brightest stars in the constellation Gemini the twins.

11th, 12th & 13th Crescent Moon close to Venus and Jupiter, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th brightest celestial bodies after the sun.



17th, 18th & 19th Moon close to Saturn and Mars. Mars is the brighter of the two, its ruddy colour contrasting beautifully with the golden hue of Saturn.

23rd Autumnal equinox the sun rises due east and sets due west and we get equal periods of day and night. The fastest sunsets (and sunrises) occur at or near the equinoxes. And the slowest sunsets (and sunrises) occur at or near the solstices.

24th Full Harvest Moon.

Peter

KILMINGTON RESORTS TO DRACONIAN MEASURES!



What good sports! From right to left: Stafford Seward, Revd Simon Holloway and Pastor Darrell Holmes.

THE PILLORY

A pillory is a set of two parallel wooden boards clasped together, with holes for the neck and wrists. When opened, the victim places his or her head and arms through the holes. Then the pillory is closed, and the victim can't possibly escape.

The pillory itself does no harm to the victim, though it's certainly not comfortable. The entire apparatus was usually placed on a stage in a public place -- the entire point was to humiliate and shame the victim for his or her crimes. The crowd would throw objects at the victim, such as rotten vegetables, dead animals or faeces. Stones and other blunt objects were thrown as well, which could result in painful injuries or death.

While a spell in the pillory often only lasted an hour or two, usually during the busiest times of day, its effect really depended on the nature of the crime and the mood of the crowd. Four English men who had falsely accused others of

crimes to get the reward (sending innocents to the hangman's noose) were beaten to death by the crowd. Others who won the crowd's favour by refusing to pay unjust taxes or mocking government officials were showered with flowers or rescued from the pillory outright. For lesser crimes, the victim might instead be placed in stocks, leg irons that restrained the ankles. While the goal of public humiliation was the same, the stocks allowed victims to protect themselves from thrown objects.

After 1816, use of the pillory was restricted in England to punishment for perjury or subornation. The pillory was formally abolished as a form of punishment in England and Wales in 1837. The last person to be pilloried in England was Peter James Bossy, who was convicted of "wilful and corrupt perjury" in 1830. He was offered the choice of seven years' penal transportation or one hour in the pillory, and chose the latter.
(Thanks to Wikipedia).

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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's talk on Friday, 14th is 'Selecting and Planting Bulbs' by Mickey Little of Avon Bulbs. It's that time of year where we start to think about what bulbs we want to plant for our early spring displays. Mickey will advise us on the range of bulbs, how to choose the best and planting for the best results.

7.30 pm Village Hall, non-members welcome £2.

Lesley Rew

RBL AGM

The Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch are holding their AGM followed by the monthly 'Get Together' at the New Inn on Friday, 7th September at 5.00 pm.

HOLY DUSTERS

The Autumn cleaning of St Giles' Church will take place on Monday, 17th September at 10.00 am. Anyone wishing to help will be most welcome.

Additional volunteers to be on the monthly Holy Dusters rota are also required.

Anyone who can help please contact Di Seward on 01297 33909.



The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society (12A)

**Kilmington Village Hall
Wednesday, 5th September**



Mike Newell's adaptation of Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows's epistolary novel is a film you don't spend time with so much as spend time *in*: every location in this irresistible romantic mystery is like a little mini-break for the soul, every costume and piece of set-dressing nibble-ably gorgeous, and every character a pleasure to keep company with, even the rotters.

Lily James leads the ensemble cast as Juliet Ashton, a London-based author who seizes on an opportunity to speak at a book group on Guernsey as a way to wriggle out of an impending promotional tour for her latest work – a volume of Pooterish skits on wartime life that sells handsomely but isn't who she is.

The year is 1946, and the bright new coats of paint on every other front door speak to a common appetite for fresh starts. But as soon becomes evident, some of the past few years' secrets have not yet been buried as deeply as their keepers might like.

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 32335 leave contact details and booking will be confirmed, or email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com
See <http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/moviola.html> for more information about the film.

We follow this in: October - "Lean on Pete"; November - "The Bookshop"; December - "The Happy Prince"

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Letter from the Churches

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Yarcombe has hosted Four Weddings (but sadly more than one Funeral) this year and other parishes in the Five Alive Mission Community have hosted another nine. Already weddings have been booked for 2019 and several people have had, or will be celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries – Silver, Ruby, Gold..... So these two pieces are

included this month to celebrate and inspire all married couples in our Parishes, whether they are 'Just Married' or have been together for decades! And those who are single can also celebrate the great value of lifelong friendships, which good marriages also contain.

LOVE IS A TEMPORARY MADNESS

It erupts like volcanoes and then subsides.
And when it subsides you have to make a decision.
You have to work out whether your roots have so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part.
Because that is what love is.
Love is not breathlessness,
It is not excitement,
It is not the promulgation of eternal passion.
That is just being 'in love' which any fool can do.

Love itself is what is left over when being 'in love' has burned away, and this is both an art and a fortunate accident.

Those that truly love, have roots that grow towards each other underground,
And when all the pretty blossom has fallen from their branches,
They find that they are one tree and not two.

Taken from 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin'

Simon

KILMINGTON VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS



Many thanks to David and Sandra Ingles for allowing us to use their home, garden and marquee to serve teas in aid of St Giles' Church over the weekend of 30th June and 1st July as part of the Village Open Gardens Event. (See page 11).

Despite a very hot day on the Saturday and a downpour of rain on the Sunday, a total of £179.00 was raised for Church funds.

Thanks to everyone who helped, made cakes and to those who attended.

Barbara Woodsford

BELL RINGERS OUTING



*St John the Baptist
Church,
Sampford Peverell*

The Kilminster and Axminster Bell Ringers are having their annual outing on **Saturday, 6th October** this year when we will be visiting village churches in mid-Devon with a lunch stop in Tiverton **OR** at Knightshayes Court (National Trust property and garden) and finishing off with a carvery meal at the Hare and Hounds near Honiton and returning to Kilminster by approx. 8.00 pm.

Ringers and non-ringers are most welcome to join us for what will be an interesting and fun day! Please contact me by Thursday, 20th September if you would like more information or to book your seat on the coach!

Thank you

Celia Dunsford, 01297 33563

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2018

Over sixty children from across the Axe Valley headed to a space station during the first week of August, located within The Beacon, hosted by The Baptist Church Kilmington. Daily they joined in with singing, making, learning and having fantastic fun as they heard stories about Daniel and his friends through songs, videos, puppets, chat, crafts and games. Over thirty volunteers, aged eight to eighty plus years, carried out a range of duties from puppeteering to leading groups from security to interviewees, assisting with the smooth running of the annual event.



beyond enjoyed yummy food together. The children's families were a taster of holiday club. On Sunday, 12th a final celebration was held during the Baptist Church's morning service where club leaders Buzz Brain (aka Karen Chape) and The Captain (aka Juletta Obudo) shared what had been learnt during the week, taught the adults the week's memory verse and the children led some songs. Near the end of the service the children received their prizes. This year the

puppets performed at both celebrations entertaining the adults as well as the children.

Karen and Juletta were pleased with the success of the week. 'We have had a wonderful week. The children were amazingly well behaved and enthusiastic. Our team of volunteers have been preparing for months and worked tirelessly! It was a challenge this year to lead both the Celebrations, but the continuity was appreciated, and seeing so many children and their families attend on the Sunday was a blessing. A huge thank you goes to all those who were involved in any way, as each one had a part to play.'

Juletta Obudo



The holiday club followed Scripture Union's *Space Academy* holiday club material. The theme linked with Daniel and his friends being taken to a strange land (Babylon). The children learnt stories from Daniel's life, found in the book of Daniel in the Old Testament, which showed all that they were able to accomplish through their trust in God, being physically fit, interpreting dreams and visions, being kept safe from lions and a fiery furnace.

The week ended with our traditional dual celebrations. On the Friday, a free family sausage sizzle, attended by over 130 people, was held where the children, their families and the volunteers from five churches across East Devon and



MESSY SPARKLERS

Messy Sparklers (a sensory stay and play session for under 5s and their parents/carers) run by The Baptist Church Kilmington, held at The Beacon, will now be taking place on the 1st Tuesday (during term time) of each month - 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. We ask for a donation of £2 plus an additional £1 for extra children, this includes the activities, snack on arrival and lunch. The first full Messy Sparklers will take place on Tuesday, 2nd October.

On Tuesday, 4th September we will be running a shorter session from 10.30am to 12.00 noon, due to several local schools still being on holiday. There will be a snack available on arrival as usual, but no lunch. We will have toys out and a few other activities, but not the range that a normal Messy Sparklers session would have. Hope you can make it.

Juletta Obudo.



BAPTIST MINISTER IN TRAINING



We are delighted that God has led us to be able to announce that on the 1st September 2018, The Beacon Baptist Church in Kilminster, Devon will welcome Michael Hudson as its new Minister in Training.

A special commissioning and welcome service will be held at The Beacon on Sunday, 9th September.

As well as working with The Beacon's Pastor, Darrell Holmes and church folk, Mike will attend Bristol Baptist College to complete a BA Honours in Theology, alongside Ministerial Formation for a duration of four years.

Since 2008, Mike has been employed by the British Army, serving around the world including Germany and Afghanistan and achieved the rank of Sergeant. Mike is married to Rachel and has a young son named Joshua.

Mike had very little exposure to Christianity as a child and young adult but after getting married in February 2013, Mike and his wife attended Andover Baptist Church where during the preaching of God's Word, was overcome by the Holy Spirit and, in that moment, realised his need for Jesus. Soon after, Mike was deployed to Afghanistan which was a testing period for him but also a time full of blessing where he read the Bible from cover to cover!

On his return from Afghanistan, Mike began to sense a calling to ministry but was unsure and apprehensive so after several promptings he began the 'Prepare, Feed, Sustain' course at Bristol Baptist College. He soon became more active in church life and began his preaching ministry with opportunities to lead worship, Alpha courses and youth ministries. In November 2016, after a conversation with the Principal of Bristol Baptist College, Mike was completely convinced by the Holy Spirit to seriously pursue a calling to full time ministry and was soon commended by Ministerial Recognition.

Mike says: 'I have a desire and energy for God's Word, preaching and evangelism and my passion is to see lives transformed and eternities changed by the power of God's



Word and His Spirit. As someone who lived 23 years lost and without hope, I have deep empathy with those who do not yet know Christ. I believe I am called to preach God's Word and pastor God's people, equipping and facilitating disciples of Christ to make a difference in their communities and the world. I also feel a strong sense of call towards evangelism and engaging with people on the fringes and outside of the church. Above all else, I want to dedicate my life to God and His Word, trusting He will equip me and lead me as He desires'.

On finding his placement church as a Minister in Training at The Beacon, Mike comments: "When we began to explore finding a placement church, we were unsure of what to expect. From our first contact with the Baptist Church in Kilminster we were made to feel so welcome, encouraged and at home. It was a real privilege to meet not only Darrell and the leaders, but also the wider congregation. The story of the church from its roots to the new building is extremely compelling and exciting. It is clear to see that God has done, and is doing amazing things in and through His church in Kilminster. It is a great opportunity and placement for a Minister in Training and we feel extremely grateful to have been called to serve here. My family and I can't wait to move to the area and begin this new chapter of our lives, and to join the fellowship at Kilminster."

The Beacon is a fast growing church and had been considering the appointment of an Associate Pastor to cater for the increasing needs of the church and its people so we are delighted that God has answered prayers and guided the church in this way and we are all looking forward to Mike, and his family, joining us in September.

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DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES WALK ON SEPTEMBER 8th

By getting sponsored for this walk you can raise money for St Giles' Church.

Half of the money you raise will be given to St Giles'. The rest is used to allocate grants to Devon churches. St. Giles has benefited from these grants in the past. If you do not want to be sponsored then still feel free to join us on the walk, with your dog, if you wish.

It will be a circular walk, starting at 10.30 am from Dalwood Church and last about two and a half hours, finishing at the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood at about 1.00 pm for soup and a roll (if you wish).

The walk will be led by Brian and Sue Drew.

Sponsorship forms are available from St Giles' Church. For more information contact Rose Evans on 01297 553585.

Rose Evans

ST GILES CHURCH FETE

St Giles' Summer Fête was held in and around Kilmington Village Hall on Saturday, 14th July. It was well attended, the sun shone and there was a merry atmosphere. There were children's games outside and music, played by Anna Crabbe, in the entrance hall welcomed everyone and added to the festive feeling. Cream teas were eagerly consumed both inside the hall and in the garden. All the stalls were colourful and did well. We have to thank the stallholders for their hard work, all those who prepared and served refreshments and the many who helped in so many other ways. In all it raised £860 for the St Giles' Church, thank you so much to all who came on the day itself and gave so generously.

See you again next year.

Diana Mellows



ODE TO AUTUMN

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook

Spars the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

John Keats

AUTUMN FIRES

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson



RAF CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

When the RAF announced the major centenary celebration for 10th July I applied for a ticket for the Westminster Abbey Service, since both my parents had been founder members, and was disappointed, but was invited instead to attend a Reception in Buckingham Palace after the subsequent Parade and Flypast.

I arrived at the Embankment in time to see the laying of a wreath at the British Empire Air Forces memorial to those who died in the Great War. I paused at Lord Trenchard's and Winston Churchill's statues and reached the Abbey just as HM the Queen, royal family members and VIPs were arriving. I walked up to Horseguards Parade to see the static display of aircraft but soon left to look for a reasonable viewing position in the Mall among the crowds of people.

The sight of a thousand RAF personnel with the massed bands and squadron standards was fantastic and very moving and there was great applause from the admiring international audience. Despite crowds and heavy security I managed to get into Buckingham Palace grounds in time to watch the Parade, which



was expertly commanded by an RAF female Group Captain and which led to the presentation by Her Majesty of the new Queen's Colour. Drill, ceremonial and the immaculate



The Red Arrows leave their trail

appearance of RAF personnel parading their new Colour were really impressive. The magnificent flypast was watched by the Royal Family from the balcony and thousands along the route. The famous Red Arrows attracted deafening applause.

It was a privilege to attend the Reception, hosted by Prince Charles with Air Attachés from many countries and great to see Royal Family members speaking particularly to young RAF personnel from the parade. Some had recently joined and were now enjoying royal canapés and champagne. It was a memorable day for all who saw it, but a proud one for serving RAF personnel and their predecessors like me!

A few days later I attended the annual Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, generally regarded as one of the world's finest military air shows, and met old fighter pilot friends from the 1950s – 70s for a reunion. We stayed at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. I had nostalgic memories of flying sorties in Folland Gnats from Fairford's



The Red Arrows Synchro Manoeuvre

long runway when I commanded a squadron at the Central Flying Instructors' School. In the static aircraft display I saw many aircraft types that I had flown. There were over 70 flying events from 9am to 8pm with 302

aircraft from 43 air arms and 30 nations – what a turn out! The Italians gave the most colourful and entertaining show with an excitable commentary and a bit of “Nessun Dorma” thrown in. The Red Arrows, though impeccable, were a bit too distant from the airfield.

The only disappointment was when the threat of a thunderstorm prevented the fly-past of the formation of 22 Typhoons which we had seen flying down the Mall but there were many other exciting demonstrations. The day included a very nice buffet lunch, afternoon tea, banter with old friends and chats with Air Training Corps cadets who helped with stewarding. I was back at the College by 7.30pm. Sitting down on my bed to take my shoes off I woke at midnight having missed dinner with my fellow pilots!

Gp Capt Brian (Danny) Lavender OBE AFC RAF (Retd)

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KILMINGTON GARDENING CLUBS VISITS

Cranborne Manor

Gosh! What a Grand Day Out when 34 members of Kilmington Gardening Club went by coach to Cranborne Manor near Wimborne on Thursday, 14th June. All togged out in our waterproofs as we were disappointed with the wind and the rain, it was not to last as it turned out to be a beautiful day. On arrival we stopped for a welcome coffee and cake.

Later on, some of us had a lovely lunch in the garden room. The gardens are laid out in different rooms and long stretches of paths with very wide borders of herbaceous planting, one being a walk of six-foot delphiniums and beautiful roses everywhere almost all of various shades of white.

The Manor House was built as a Hunting Lodge for Cranborne Chase. It was abandoned for 200 years and then the family returned and renovated the house and gardens. The house was a beautiful backdrop to the gardens.

Walking up towards the Manor there is a circular path which was made of pavers and brick within which was a lovely pond with an enormous stainless-steel water lily (Robert told me to say that).

There are several walks, The Magnolia Walk, Pergola Walk, Geranium Walk and Church Walk.

In addition there were lots of beautiful hostas with huge leaves and not a slug hole in sight!

We found the yew hedge houses, which were made up into rooms, amazing. You could walk in a door and look out of the windows, all made of living yew. The tree rooms were twenty feet high and twenty-five feet in diameter. Such fun for young and old!

Pauline Hill

Bickham Manor

Pots galore were in evidence as we came through the beautifully kept village of Kenn on the way to Bickham House and gardens on Thursday, 21st June. This was a 'car-share' garden visit by Kilmington Gardening Club and the cars duly trundled down the long drive with wrought iron railings either side and came to a stop beside a lovely lake, where cattle, large and small, were grazing.

We turned left to the main garden with beautiful herbaceous borders, featuring a spectacular *Wedding Day* rose climbing 40 feet up the tallest tree, next to a *Tulip tree* (*Liriodendron*), which is part of the Magnolia family. The flowers are small and tulip-shaped, (hence its popular name), and it will also climb to 35 feet.

Our group of gardeners then walked along bark paths and down steps to the vegetable gardens which again were kept



to perfection, and where the theme of pots continued with pots and more pots overflowing with plants. It was all delightful, as was the tea and cake!

Pauline Hill



KILMINGTON OPEN GARDENS

Over the weekend of Saturday, 30th June and Sunday, 1st July several gardens and the allotments welcomed visitors both local and from further afield. The weather played a part (when does it not?) and Saturday afternoon was extremely hot which surely deterred some people. Everyone had been wanting rain for the gardens for weeks, but what a shame it decided to arrive in torrents on the Sunday ten minutes before we opened and lasting for 1½ hours! In spite of these

setbacks, visitors enjoyed their afternoons in the village and £433.50 before costs, which the Kilmington Garden Club has kindly agreed to cover, was raised from ticket and plant sales for Devon Air Ambulance Trust and £179 by St. Giles' Church for cream teas/cake sales. Thank you to all who visited, the Tea Ladies and the Garden Openers for their hard work.

Paul and Celia Dunsford for Kilmington Gardening Club.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

THE 'GREATEST THANK YOU' WEEKEND

As many of the Legion departed to France to take part in GP90, Kilmington RBL staged its 'Greatest Thank You' over the weekend of 3rd to 5th August, slightly ahead of the National event (due to committee commitments and availability). 'The Greatest Thank You' is being organised nationally across the country to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 and events will continue country wide

until 11th November. It is designed to bring everyone together from all walks of life to say thank you to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave us the freedom that we all enjoy today; it also provides an opportunity for communities to come together and celebrate all they do to support the veterans and their families today.

Stafford Seward, Chairman

The Kilmington Branch of the RBL certainly did its best to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 when it staged three consecutive days of events in early August. The weekend got off to a truly excellent start with a Friday evening concert by the Lymstone Military Wives Choir in the Beacon Church. Under their Musical Director, Rachel Smith, the ladies of the choir entertained a sell-out audience with their fine singing and encouraged a high level of audience participation in the "WW2 Medley".



On Saturday morning, it was the turn of Kilmington's children to enjoy a party, with food and fun in the Village Hall. Later the same day, came a double event: the Village Hall was again

the venue for a BBQ followed by a disco and concert. On a very hot evening, the bar did a roaring trade as members and their guests sat at tables both inside and outside the hall to enjoy the excellent BBQ, followed by puddings, that were laid on by the Chairman, Stafford Seward, and his very hard working team. As the evening wore on, the focus moved into the hall with a disco and concert given by singer Gemma Louise Doyle. This went on late into the evening and prompted, among the younger element at least, some



enthusiastic participation on the dance floor.

The mood became more serious on Sunday morning when a service was held on the

Common to dedicate a tree planted to honour the men of Kilmington who gave their lives for their country in WW1.



The service was led by Simon d'Albert Anson, a Royal navy chaplain based at Lymstone, and a roll call of the men who gave their lives was read by Branch President, Roger Lovegrove. Many of those present then retired to the New Inn for Sunday lunch, to reflect on the events of a successful weekend.



Kilmington RBL would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped and supported us in making this an absolutely magical weekend.

Photos by Peter Grimmett

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION KILMINGTON BRANCH

WE NEED YOU!

POPPY APPEAL HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTORS WANTED

Last Year Kilmington raised over £4,000 for the Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal. In addition to the monies raised at static collection boxes placed with local businesses, we have a fantastic team of volunteer house to house collectors. Last year they raised in excess of £1,600.

The Poppy Appeal is held over a two week period, this year being 27th October - 10th November and raises vital funds to

help provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

If you would like to join our team of volunteers or would like more information on what is involved please call Peter and Louise Wood on 01297 639828 - we would love to hear from you.

MY EARLY CARS



I have been asked to write about my first car but have taken the liberty of extending it to my first three cars as these were where my mechanical interest developed and, by necessity, I learnt some practical skills. The first was a 1936 Ford 8 (see above) which cost me all of £10 and which failed its first MOT on all counts with the tester refusing to take it on a test drive for fear of his own safety! On reflection I suppose four

to five inches play on the steering was excessive although with determination you could drive through the intense vibration that this play sometimes induced! Scouring breakers' yards for less worn parts was all part of getting back to legal road worthiness and taught me a lot of basic mechanics. These pictures show both front and back view and a somewhat younger me tinkering.



After a couple of years I traded it for a 1953 Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk 2 (above) which was priced at £120.00 but I got £12 trade in for the Ford! This was a much more powerful car with a 2.5 litre engine which made it rather thirsty on fuel although those were the days when £1

provided petrol for the weekend and another £1 provided substantial quantities of beer! These pictures were taken on a disused airfield in North Norfolk where we used to try our cornering!

The third car was a 1962 MGA 1600 Mk2 (pictured right) which cost around £250 but again I got more than I paid for the Sunbeam Talbot.



It was whilst driving this car in Cornwall that I met Diana and when two years later we got married it was replaced by the veritable family car – a Morris Minor Traveller!

Later in life I resumed my interest in classic cars with an Austin Healey 3000 followed by an Alvis TD21 followed by a 1932 Alvis Silver Eagle, but they are another story!

John Mellows

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR AWARDS

The end of year awards were presented at the final assembly which was led by the Year 6 leavers.



Overall Achiever:
William



*Nevitt-Wilson Cup
for Science:*
Benjamin



*Creative Dance and
Movement Award:*
Abigail



*Best Overall Improvement
in Physical Fitness:*
Alara



Literacy Cup:
Lilly



Arts Award:
Eva



Gardening Cup:
Nicola



Achievement in Drama:
Maisy



*Outstanding Model
Pupil Award:*
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*The Harding
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*Martell Award for
Outstanding
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Phoebe



ICT Whizz:
Oliver

LEGACY TO LANDSCAPE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2018

Thursday, 13th September
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

BATS ABOUT BATS, WHITFORD

Craig Dunton, project officer for the Grey Long-eared bat for the Bat Conservation Trust leads a bat walk along the River Axe at Whitford. Introductory talk at Whitford Village Hall will focus on Grey Long-eared bats, one of the UK's rarest mammals and the Back from the Brink project, which is working to save this threatened species from extinction. The talk is followed by the walk with bat detectors by the river bank at dusk to spy on these marvellous and mysterious flying mammals.

Parking at hall or by river bridge. If parking by bridge, walk up to the village hall for the introductory talk (allow seven minutes). Dress up to keep warm and bring a torch. No booking required. Free event.

Find out more about the Grey long-eared bat project:
<https://naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/grey-long-eared-bat/>

Friday, 28th September
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

LEAF THROUGH THE PAST LANDSCAPE WALK, SHUTE

Step back in time to explore the medieval deer park, part of the historic estate at Shute and enjoy its wildlife and hear more about its fascinating history. If raining, fields get very

wet, so walk will be to the Turkey Oak at New Shute House. It's the opening event to the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2018. Full Shute Festival programme: www.shutefest.org.uk

No booking required. Free event. Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR. Meet at village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road, (Shute Barton end).

Sunday, 30th September
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

FASCINATING FUNGI, ENNA WOOD

Explore this hidden beech woodland with fungus expert Dave Allen. Meet the rotters and recyclers of our woodlands and discover the extraordinary relationship of these elusive inhabitants of the underground world with the trees above. For more information about Enna Woodland: www.ennawoodland.org

No booking required. Free event. Enna Wood, Sutton Thorn, near Colyton, EX24 6SW, Grid Reference 216 977.

All ages welcome unless otherwise stated. Outdoor walks will not take place if heavy rain forecasted.

Full events programme or further information about the project: legacytolandscape@gmail.com; 01404 310012 or www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape

Ruth Worsley

OPERA COMES TO SHUTE

Grassroots Opera, a company of young professional singers, will be performing an adapted version of Gluck's *Orfeo ed Euridice* on the newly landscaped outdoor stage at Shute Primary School on 14th September. This will be a special performance which will be shortened to suit children and adults alike.

The company will also be running a workshop at the Primary School beforehand which will lead to pupils performing in the chorus on the day. Grassroots Opera was founded in February 2018 by Devon based Soprano Chloe Stratta, and Mezzo-Soprano Anna Marie McLachlan. The company now have plans to bring their production to a number of small venues over the Autumn and Spring. They aim to present opera in a way that is accessible to anyone, in intimate venues where audience members can feel immersed in the action and connect to the emotions presented.



This event at Shute Primary, generously supported by Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape and The Joanna Leach Foundation, will provide a gateway into opera for the children of Shute Primary, and the opportunity to perform alongside professionals. "Opera is a fantastic means through which young people can explore things such as recognising and presenting emotions, how music can reflect text; and also just to witness and be a part of something very beautiful and meaningful," says director Chloe Stratta.

The performance will take place on the outdoor stage at Shute Primary (or in Shute church in bad weather), at 4.30 pm on Friday, 14th September.

Tickets are £10 on the door, to include tea and cake from 3:30 pm.



Family Fun Day Out At Kilmington Village Fayre And Flower Show 2018





KILMINGTON VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW AND FAYRE

After weeks of scorching weather, storm clouds were building and the wind on Friday evening and Saturday morning was so strong that the set-up team struggled and two gazebos broke free. The rain held off

initially, then coincided with the official opening. Nevertheless the show went on, a good crowd of villagers and holiday makers turned out in support to enjoy all the many attractions and the afternoon was a great success.

FLOWER SHOW

Many exhibitors feared they would have nothing to show after the hottest, driest summer for many years, but nevertheless the gardening Club had over 500 entries. The marquee was bright and colourful with flowers, floral arrangements, fruit and vegetables. People were surprised to see more vegetables but fewer fruits and flowers than usual. Cookery, wine and beer, art and photography were displayed in the hall. We were delighted to see so many imaginative entries from the creative children in our village, with a wonderful selection of decorated wooden spoons, puppets made from socks, mittens or paper bags and pictures depicting a favourite story on a plate, many of them made at our Children's Workshop a week before the show. The judges again praised the quality of the entries.

Awards Presented at The Flower Show 2018

The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal:

Overall Champion - **Mike Hawkins**

The David, Margot And Oliver Trophy For Flowers -

Sheila Bevan

The Association's Silver Challenge Bowl For Vegetables,

Fruit And Flowers - **Mike Hawkins**

The Bywood Challenge Cup For Vegetables -

Mike Hawkins

The Douglas C J Constable Cup For Sweet Peas -

Shirley Bevan

The Gwen Ward Rose Bowl For A Bowl Of Roses -

Daphne Salter

The Waysfield Cup For Best Single Rose -

Judith Chapman

The Farrants Cup For Flower Arranging -

Diana Mellows

The Association's Silver Cup For Preserves -

Alan Finch

The Mary Hibberd Cup For Cookery - **Alan Finch**

The Kerslake Cup For Wine And Beer - **David Wilsdon**

The Carey Potter Cup For Handicrafts - **David Wilsdon**

The Thora John's Cup For Needlecraft - **Pearl Hurford**

The Kilmington Cup for Art - **Eileen Birch, Stephanie**

Hathaway and Diana Mellows

The Kilmington Cup for Photography - **John Mellows**

The Patches Farm Cup First Time Exhibitor -

Martha Joyce and Mike Hawkins

Parish Council's Awards for Allotments

1st: Nigel Phillips

2nd: Pat Curran

3rd: Jasper Highet

(continued opposite)

VILLAGE FAYRE

There was plenty to see and do at this year's Fayre including a visit from Garwynn's Reptiles and Bugs who had a crowd around them all afternoon, with several villagers spotted wearing snakes!! Professor Bumble once again kept the children hugely entertained with his balloon making, tricks and magic.

Fancy dress was down on numbers this year, but those who took part had put a lot of effort into their costumes with Ben Fudger 1st as a traffic light and Evelyn, Ethan and Tristan Hill 2nd as pirates complete with ship and Juliana Holmes 3rd as a beautiful flower.

Dog games, children's and adult racing were cut short due to the weather, but those who took part had fun. The vintage vehicles were popular, with the petrol heads of this village seen under the bonnets and in deep conversation!

Chris and Ollie 'In2 the Blue' provided the musical entertainment singing throughout the afternoon, Carey's 'mobile New Inn' kept everyone well-watered and keeping everyone well fed were the Kilmington branch of the RBL with their BBQ and the ladies from the Baptist church serving tea and cake.

There was a great atmosphere with everyone relaxed and enjoying themselves.

We would like to thank everyone who manned a stall and helped in any way, also the Dare family for the use of the fields and setting up the arena, Louise Quincy and Martin Cumbers for their work throughout the weekend, Celia Dunsford and the bell ringers of St Giles, Millers Farm Shop for sponsoring the children's fancy dress and Pets at Home for sponsoring the dog games. Your help is invaluable; we could not run the Fayre without all your help and we are very grateful to you all.

Lesley Rew and Gill Gibbs

Children's Trophies

The Barrel Cup (for most endeavour)

Ben Fudger

The Colyer Shield (for 8-15 years)

Marlee Styles

The Pavilion Cup (for under 8s)

Gracie Herbert

The Miller Cup (children's horticulture)

Ben Fudger

Congratulations to all award winners. Thank you to all stewards, judges and other helpers.

B J Lewis, Chair, Kilmington Gardening Club

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE INGLES CELEBRATE THEIR RUBY WEDDING

David and Sandra Ingles celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary recently with an evening party for family and friends in the garden of Bywood. David and Sandra met in Bishop's Stortford, when they were both working in the Essex town of Harlow. After a brief courtship, they married at the church of St Michael in Bishop's Stortford. David's career then led him to work in the City of London and they made the decision to move south of the river, close to Godalming in Surrey. The pressures of commuting eventually persuaded them to acquire a flat in the Barbican complex, close to David's office.



David took early retirement in 1998 and, when family commitments permitted, they headed for the peaceful South West to enjoy country and village life. Kilmington has proved to be the perfect choice for retirement and they have truly enjoyed their fifteen years here (and counting).



GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

May 25th was our Golden Wedding Anniversary and we celebrated with a lunch party for eighty guests the next day. Approximately one third of the guests were family, one third old friends and one third friends which we have made since moving to Kilmington eight years ago. They included our best man, one of the bridesmaids and one of the ushers.



Although we have a large garden, none of it is flat!

We therefore were most grateful when our daughter and family who live in Woodbury agreed to have a marquee in their garden. Despite some early morning rain the weather

was fine for the party and the caterers, Posh Nosh from Topsham did an excellent meal.

Most of the guests from Kilmington came in a coach hired from Swards which negotiated the bank holiday weekend traffic with great skill.



The following day we invited friends and family who had travelled from afar to an open house at Springhead where the children had great fun

playing in the stream and enjoying a barbecue whilst the grownups continued the party!

John and Diana Mellows

MAY'S 96th BIRTHDAY

Family and friends called on May Lavender (nee Hurford) in Koppers Residential Home on Monday, 23rd July to celebrate her 96th birthday. Her sons, John and David, wheeled her up to the Cricket Pavilion in glorious sunshine to watch the Kilmington Cricket Club play the "Tiffintits", a touring side of staff and old boys from Tiffin School in Surrey that had been visiting the Village annually for over 40 years. Some of them remembered May who had been preparing teas for matches for most of her life. She thoroughly enjoyed her afternoon out and thanks everyone for their cards, presents and good wishes.



May with sons John and David, Brother-in-Law Brian Lavender, Sister-in-Law Pearl Hurford and Roo

KILMINGTON MOTH UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2018

Moths recorded in Kilmington between 28 - 03 - 2018 and 08 - 08 - 2018 include the following species.

It has been a good year here, for moths and butterflies, but I do wonder how the weather has affected some of their food plants.



Oak Beauty
Biston strataria



Muslin Moth
Diaphora mendica



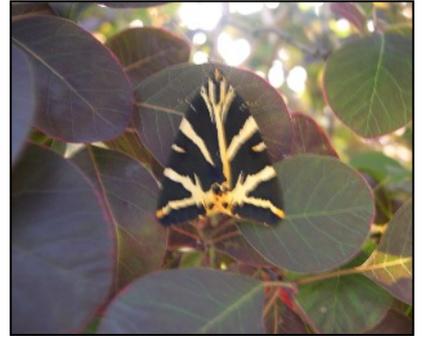
Early Thorn
Selenia dentaria



Treble Lines
Charanyca trigrammica



Pebble prominent
Notodonta ziczac



Jersey Tiger
Euplagia quadripunctaria



Bloodvein
Timandra comae



Heart and Dart
Agrotis exclamatoris



Foxglove Pug
Eupithecia pulchellata



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Habrosyne pyritoides



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Applicants who fit these criteria should obtain an application form from the Grants Committee, Axe Vale Show, Thomas Witty House, Silver Street, Axminster EX13 5AH (email: enquiries@axevalfestival.org.uk) and apply before Friday, September 14th 2018.

Diary note - 2019 will be the 25th Anniversary of the Show so make a date to join us on 22nd and 23rd of June. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter: www.axevaleshow.com

HOSPISCARE

Opera at Cadhay

Hospiscare is hosting an exclusive evening of live opera and supper in the beautiful surroundings of Cadhay, on Tuesday, 25th September 2018. After a champagne reception, renowned tenor Anando Mukerjee and internationally acclaimed soprano Justine Viani will perform.

Ticket price: £75

Start time: 6:30 pm

For further information please visit www.hospiscare.co.uk or call 01392 688020.

Open Gardens

In its 14th year, Hospiscare Open Gardens has become a popular annual event where gardeners throughout Exeter, Mid and East Devon share their gardens, large and small, with like-minded people. Visitors enjoy coffee and cake, explore amazing private gardens and share gardening tips

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Hospiscare is a local charity, providing free, quality care and support to people with progressive life-limiting illness, and their loved ones in Exeter, Mid and East Devon. Perhaps your garden could make a real difference for a local person approaching the end of their life.

Call 01392 688020 or email: fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk or to sign up now.

Alice McGeown
Fundraising Administrator
01392 688054

THANK YOU FROM PAUL

Hello,

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me raise the funds for my trip to Thailand. By coming to my events such as the beetle drive, promise auction and also the quiz night at the New Inn.

I will keep Postscript readers up to date with what I'm getting up to in Thailand.

Timetable:

3rd September 2018 - Training in Birmingham

6th October 2018 to 25th March 2019 - Placement in Thailand

April to June 2019 - Debriefing and visiting eight churches around the UK.

Paul Obudo

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 29.

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MAD moments in the garden

The extremes of weather we have had so far this year have made me think about what plants have put on a good show and which have suffered.

One plant that comes to mind is *Myrtus* or as it's commonly known Myrtle. In classical times this plant was seen as a symbol of beauty and youth; Aphrodite supposedly hid behind a Myrtle bush when she arose from the sea and sprigs were always included in bridal bouquets. I shall include some in my daughter's wedding flowers in December to ensure, no doubt, youth and beauty, for us all.

Myrtus comes from the *Myrtaceae* family, originating in the Mediterranean area, so one would expect it to thrive in hot dry conditions. In terms of identification, its bark is reddish-brown, with a slight shagginess to it which looks lovely on a mature specimen. Its leaves are small, glossy dark evergreen, ovate in shape and arranged spirally opposite each other, down the stems. They are also aromatic, releasing a beautiful scent when rubbed between your fingers. The variety I have is the common one, *Myrtus communis*, which has masses of small white flowers with numerous white stamens with bright yellow anthers at their ends. These seem to explode like a firework from the centre of five small white petals. During the winter it was covered with a layer of ice for about a week. After the thaw and during the spring, it lost many leaves and I feared the worst. I ignored the fact that it looked truly dead and decided to play a waiting game. Slowly, during the late wet spring and now hot summer, it seems to have recovered its leaves, and it is now putting on a fabulous display of flowers. Hopefully



to be followed by black berries. Not what I expected at all. Some other plants have not fared so well, *salvias* being one example, some of which, however, late in the season, have made enough of a recovery for me to take cuttings to replace those I have lost.

I wrote most of this article in Devon but ran out of time to finish it before coming on holiday to Skopelos in Greece. Imagine my delight on waking, having arrived at night, at the place where we are staying, to discover that this small hill side cottage is surrounded

by ancient olive trees but, also that, close to the house, is a number of Myrtle trees. Their scent wafts around in the heat of the day; this is the place they were designed for! Nevertheless, I will continue to enjoy my Myrtle at home and try my luck at propagating more in preparation for more hot summers ahead.

A quick update on pests. It's good news, the woolly aphid that two years ago stripped my pleached crab apple trees of leaves, seems to have given up, giving the poor trees a chance slowly to recover; they have no fruit again this year, but I am hopeful that they will be back to full strength next year. The sooty mould that was covering every leaf on the *Trachelospermum Jasminoides* has disappeared along with the sap sucking aphids that attracted it. There has been no sign of the *Hemerocallis* gall midge, but clearly the plants that attracted them, are suffering in the hot dry weather and some varieties have been very poor this season, with few flowers and a lot of dieback.

Mary-Anne Driscoll

KGC Meeting 13th July - *Salvia* - Jo Fox

Foxplants is a local plant nursery specialising in *salvias*, based in Axminster, and Jo is its intrepid and enthusiastic founder. With a background of horticultural training via the RHS, and hands-on experience at Cothay Manor, her interest in *salvias* was sparked by holidays in Mexico and Central America, where these exotic flowers are part of the natural landscape. Back home in Axminster, Jo was offered a second-hand thirty metre greenhouse for ten pounds – as long as she removed it within one month! Once that was achieved, she had a base for her project and began taking cuttings and sowing seeds.

Salvias are a huge genus with over 1000 species of shrubs and perennials of which Foxplants currently stocks about two hundred and thirty. Although the majority come from the Americas, other species are also found in Asia and the Mediterranean. Diversity is one of their main attractions, all colours, all sizes, different shapes and all of them fragrant. Identification is extremely difficult – when showing illustrations of the anatomy of different species, Jo pointed out that, as a general rule, the upper lip of the flower is shorter. In addition to the spectacular sequence of slides used to illustrate individual species, Jo had brought many plants to show examples of the enormous range available. Woody based, majestic *Salvia confertiflora* has huge leaves

and spikes of tiny red flowers; similarly, tall *Salvia dombeyi*, sports large drooping scarlet flowers up to twelve centimetres long. At the other end of the scale, super-fragrant *Salvia namiensis* is diminutive, tiny-leaved and lemon-scented. The colour range is mainly red/pink/white and blue/mauve/purple, although, there are some yellows. Leaves are similarly diverse in size and form with colours ranging from dark green, through to grey, to silver.

Jo offered us many tips on growing *salvias* and her photographs illustrated how effective they are in mass planting. Propagation is mainly by cuttings and, interestingly, it is thought that over time cuttings increase the hardiness in that particular plant. Herbaceous perennials should be cut back in October; leave other types until spring and prune back to the first sign of new growth. Taller perennials also respond well to the 'Chelsea chop'. Given good drainage, *salvias* require little attention and reward the gardener with long months of flower. It was not surprising that members crowded round the sales bench after such an inspiring talk.

Sydie Bones

Next Meeting: September 14th - Selecting and Planting Bulbs - Mickey Little

AXMINSTER HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

News from the AGM on 29th June

- The LOF major project this year is Hospiscare at Home for end of life care for patients served by Axminster Medical Practice in the whole of the Axe Valley. Contracts will be signed soon with LOF providing the funds.
- The Bank Holiday Colyton Vintage Tractor Run has presented cheques of £1,750 to Lifeboats and LOF.
- There are plans for a summerhouse in the Conybeare Garden to extend patient facilities for gardening and other outdoor activities.
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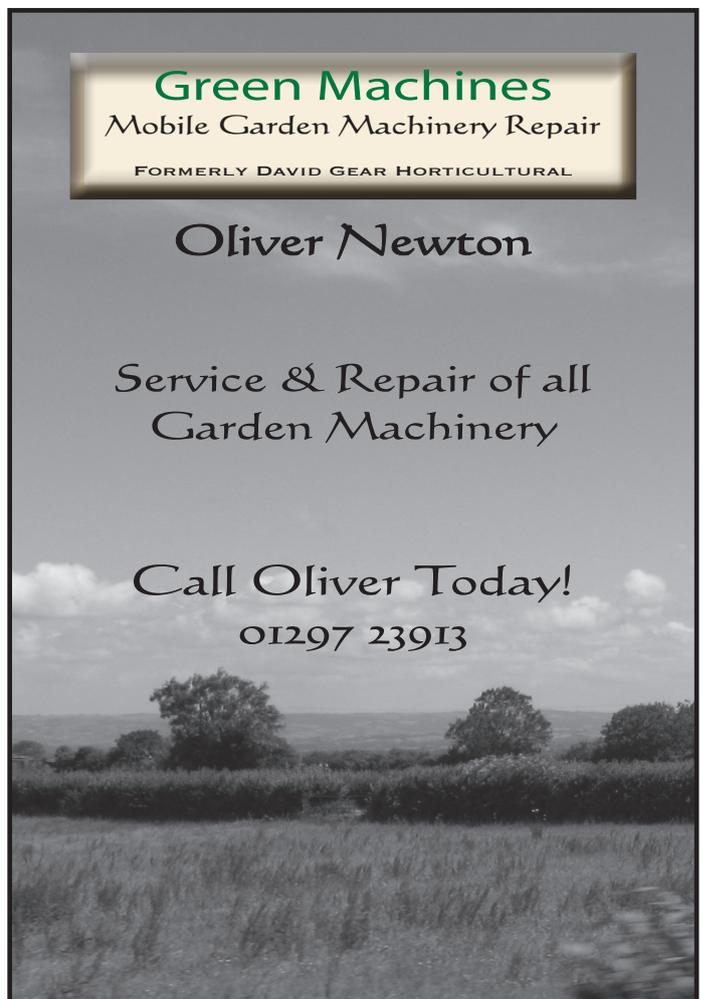
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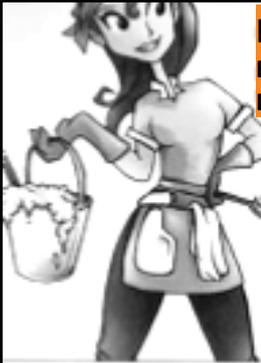
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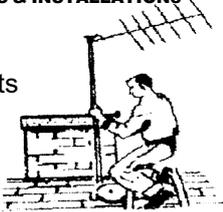
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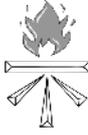
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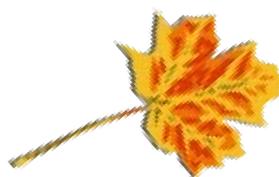
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Sunday	10.30 am	The Beacon	The Baptist Church morning service
	6.00 pm	The Beacon	The Baptist Church meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in month
Monday	early	Your house	Recycling collections
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.15 am	Village Hall	Pre-school playgroup 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
	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
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall	Badminton
Friday	10.00 - noon	St Giles' Church	Coffee and a warm welcome

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	2nd	6.00 pm	St Giles' Church	Patronal Evensong
Tues	4th	10.30 am	The Beacon	Messy Sparklers Play Session
Wed	5th	7.15 pm	Village Hall	Moviola: <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Society</i>
Fri	7th	5.00 pm	The New Inn	Royal British Legion AGM and monthly 'Get Together'
Sat	8th	10.30 am	Dalwood Church	Devon Historic Churches Day Walk
Sun	9th	9.30 am	St Giles' Church	Parish Communion
	9th	8.00 pm	The New Inn	Quiz in Aid of Devon Air Ambulance
Mon	10th	Early	Your House	Landfill with recycling
Thurs	13th	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Whitford	Landscape to Legacy: <i>Bats about Bats</i> (see page 15)
Fri	14th	4.30 pm	Shute Primary School	Grassroots Opera presents <i>Orfeo ed Euridice</i>
	14th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	KGC Talk: <i>Selecting and Planting Bulbs</i> - Mickey Little
Sat	15th	9.00 am - 4.45 pm	Reece Strawbridge Centre, Colyton	Stage Combat Workshops (see page 5)
Sun	16th	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Millers Farm Shop	Food Festival
	16th	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Morning Worship
	16th	4.00 pm	Seaton Beach	Baptist Church Baptism Service
Mon	17th	10.00 am	St Giles' Church	Autumn Church Clean
Sun	23rd	8.30 am	St Giles' Church	Holy Communion
	23rd	11.00 am	St Giles' Church	Family Service
Tues	25th	6.30 pm	Cadhay	Opera in Aid of Hospiscare
	25th	7.30 pm	Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Fri	28th	- Sun 30th	St Michael's Church and Shute Primary School	Shute Festival - see poster on back page
	28th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Shute	Landscape to Legacy: <i>Leaf through the Past Landscape Walk</i> (see page 15)
Sun	30th	9.00 am	St Giles' Church	Mission Community Holy Communion



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