

KILMERSDON PARISH NEWS



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022



Photo by Sue Meadows

Dear Friends

My aim was to meet as many people as possible before and over Christmas. I had already enjoyed the Quiz Night in November (though where was my brain?), and I looked forward to attending as many of the Living Advent Calendars as I could (December is always a very busy month!) but

sadly only managed one. I did very much enjoy the Carols outside the church, although we had to be inside because of the cold, wind and rain, and it was good to chat to people over mulled wine and mince pies. I also met several people at our church coffee morning on 11 December. But then on Tuesday 14 I woke up with Covid – a horrible thing for anyone, but particularly bad timing for a vicar! Fortunately I was not that bad ▶

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as I had funerals and a wedding blessing to prepare and pass on to others but every single thing seemed like a mountain to climb. I am really grateful to Rosie and Penny for looking after the Carol Service and

for Revd Rich Miles who took our Midnight Service on Christmas Eve.

Before Covid I was able to have the children from Newbury Manor School in church for their Christingle service. That was a really lovely occasion and I look forward to welcoming them again this term. The children from Kilmersdon School were also to have come to church and I had just agreed with Mr Bamford that we would have to do this on Zoom, when I realised that this was a mountain I could not climb.

My Covid was quite mild, but afterwards my M.E. kicked in, and so I have had to be careful. And sadly, none of us knows quite what January and February will look like. Will events go ahead? Will they be cancelled? One thing I have been able to do is to build the East Mendip Trinity website - eastmendiptrinity.co.uk – and so do please look on there for up to date notices about our church events (and also on the East Mendip Trinity Facebook page).

On Friday 4 March, East Mendip Trinity will be holding our World Day of Prayer service at 11.00. The WDP service is held throughout the world on this day, in churches of all denominations. This year we shall be in St Andrew’s Holcombe and people from Kilmersdon will be taking part in readings and preparation. I do hope you will be able to join us. With love and every blessing

Revd Clarissa Cridland
Priest in Charge of the new East Mendip Trinity Benefice

**STs PETER & PAUL, KILMERSDON
 ALTAR FLOWERS ROTA**

JANUARY

9th MRS CARTER
 16th MRS McINTYRE
 23rd MRS HUTTON

FEBRUARY

6th MRS KANE
 13th MRS MEADOWS
 20th MRS KNATCHBULL
 27th MRS CARTER

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

JANUARY

9th MRS CARTER
 16th MRS KANE
 23rd MRS HUTTON

FEBRUARY

6th MRS KANE
 13th MRS GIBBS
 20th MRS SHORT
 AND MRS KNATCHBULL
 27th MRS CARTER

CHURCH WARDENS

Mrs Rosie Kane 01761 439062
 Mrs Penny Hutton 01761 435193

DON'T FORGET ABOUT PUB

SKITTLES

**EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF
 EVERY MONTH AT 7.30PM.**



The copy date for the next issue is February 20th. Please restrict articles to 350 words and notices to 100 words. Items for inclusion to be sent by email to: kilmersdonnews@gmail.com - We reserve the right to edit any item submitted.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

New Year Greetings to you ALL! We expect that, like us, many of you were among the legion of people who found their festive plans cancelled or considerably changed by CV19 & Omicron. But the good news is that three jabs have managed to stem most sufferers from the worst effects of the virus. It's astonishing to hear that China has locked down a town of over a million inhabitants because three Covid cases were found, and that others elsewhere who break the Government's vaccination edicts are publicly vilified.

We are delighted to bring you a much fuller issue than we thought possible for these dark months of the year, and a BIG THANK YOU goes to all our contributors and the KPNews's professional and versatile designer Lisa Ferron.

Please keep your pictures and articles rolling in; the **deadline for the March/April issue is February 20th.**

Warmest wishes from

Sue & Penny



We are very aware that many people have suffered from negative effects due to the lockdowns & restrictions we've had to endure over the past year. Some of you may be suffering from anxiety, depression or coping with isolation. So would you welcome a listening ear or have prayer for yourself or someone else? If so, please feel free to call one of us in confidence.

*Rosie Kane, Church Warden 01761 439062.
Penny Hutton, Church Warden 07708 59279*

Our famous Jack & Jill plaques



Roz Wilkinson's picture shows Sue Meadows, co-ordinator of the Jack & Jill Millennium Project Committee with David(left) and Martin pausing during work on the main plaque that tells the nursery rhyme's legend.

David Brown who carved the legend and descriptive pictures on Kilmersdon's famous Jack & Jill nursery rhyme's slate plaques at Kilmersdon School has, after 22 years, retired from his stalwart maintenance role. Gallantly taking over from him, and also perfect for the job, is the village's Martin Horler, who for 31 years was a lecturer in decorating techniques at Trowbridge College and now acts as a consultant in decoration.

At the handover two members of Kilmersdon's Jack and Jill Millennium project committee thanked David for his unstinting care of the plaques and his general enthusiasm for the project and, in appreciation, presented him with a garden voucher. Martin was also thanked for willingly stepping forward to take over David's role. David, who was head of sciences at Bath's Kingswood School, has always been interested in calligraphy and upon retirement in 1999 turned his interest to making sundials having made 300 over the years, including one for GB's Olympic Park and four in Oxford University colleges.

Kilmersdon sign posts

A welcome sight appeared for parishioners over the festive period with the replacement, at both ends of the village, of the heavy vehicle battered sign posts which have been an eyesore since 2019. Thanks must go to Kilmersdon Parish Council which has relentlessly tried to get the signs fixed, and to Somerset County Councillor Mike Pullin who finally managed to expedite matters with the Highways Authority. The new signs seem to be made from a sturdier material, so will hopefully withstand further damage.



Hugh's Views on Champagne

Now that Christmas is over, I'm sure the taste of bubbly of some kind or other is still lingering on your esteemed palates! But what exactly is champagne? What moreover have you been drinking? Prosecco? A pale shadow. Cava? Often very drinkable, sometimes delicious – Freixenet Reserve is among the best. Or have you bought your bubbles from the supermarket? This would give you little idea of what fine champagne is really about. Firstly, it must come from the Champagne region of northern France or the wine cannot be termed champagne at all. In this region, Pinot Noir grapes predominate. Pinot Meunier produces a kind of country cousin and Chardonnay has a recent following but is not as fine as Pinot Noir, though creamily refreshing. The tradition is to combine the qualities of the finest grapes from a wide variety of vineyards in parts of the region which are chalky. This is a fine humidifier for grapes in the cool north of France. The chalk produces vines rich in nitrogen and the warmth of the soil allows the natural yeast to work on the fermentation of the wine. Reims and Épernay are the epicentres of champagne and well worth a lengthy stay. The Montagne de Reims produces grapes high in acidity and wine with delightful bouquet. The Vallée de la Marne, to the west of the region, produces the ripest grapes and a wine with a lovely aroma. The great champagne houses include Pol Roger, Dom Perignon, Krug, Veuve Clicquot, Bollinger and Taittinger, not forgetting

Perrier-Jouët, but to experience them requires the deepest of deep pockets! If your taste for champagne is the increasingly popular rosé variety, the finest is Laurent-Perrier's Réserve, in my humble opinion. Finally, how is champagne made? Briefly, the wine of second fermentation is syphoned off the must and transferred to vats or directly to champagne bottles with added sugar, which is when the ultra strong bottle is trapped by a special cork which produces the bubbles from the gas when the cork is in place and wired down. Some red wine is added to produce the rosé. This is the Méthode Champenoise (phrase of the month!), which has been the tradition for many a year. May much joy attend your drinking!

Hugh Pountney

Advent windows

Despite often inclement weather, 23 village households decorated their windows and made Kilmersdon's Living Advent Calendar, organised by Janet Whitelaw-Jones, another big success during December.

Throughout the month at 6.30pm, villagers gathered for the convivial revealing of each festive window, culminating at the church's Lynch gate on Christmas Eve that was lit up to herald in Christmas Day. Then, once revealed, all the lit windows were nightly left on until 8 pm

for anyone to wander round and see. “Sometimes there was mulled wine, mince pies and an outdoor fire and each window was special because of the home and thought that went into it,” said Janet. “During a time when we tend to stay indoors, it was a wonderful ritual to see familiar and not so familiar faces”
Janet Whitelaw-Jones

Kilmersdon Advent windows 2021



Household Support Fund (HSF)



The Government recently announced that funding would be available to provide grants for households in need of some short-term financial support where they are struggling to afford the cost of food, gas, electricity, oil and water bills, and other essential costs this winter. Doubtless, with the cuts to Universal Credit, rising fuel costs and inflation, there will be many such households in Somerset facing financial difficulties.

Within Somerset, the client grants are being distributed jointly by the five local Citizens Advice. As the fund is only open until 31st March 2022, we want to ensure that as many households-in-need as possible have the opportunity to access the financial support they need.

Here are the organisations that can help you with your questions and possible claim.

Citizens Advice Mendip

We give free, up-to-date advice to everyone – you don't need to be a British Citizen. If you need help with benefits, work, debt and money, housing, law, and courts or more, please get in touch.

www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk

Follow the link on our web page.
Response within 5 working days.

Somerset Adviceline

0808 27 87 842 Mon - Fri 10 - 4 pm FREE Phone

Support Us

www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk/support/citizens-advice-mendip

Kilmersdon Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to wish everyone in Kilmersdon Parish a very Happy New Year. It is a shame that we have to start another year with continuing uncertainty surrounding Covid. We had hoped that we might be returning to something resembling normality. This is clearly not the case and we have to remind everyone wishing to use the Hall that under the Government's Plan B, face coverings (unless exempt) must be worn. (Those using the Hall for exercising, such as pilates/yoga do not have to do so, or those dancing, eating or drinking).

On a brighter note those visiting the Hall will have seen our new noticeboard (see below), a far cry from the rather dilapidated one it replaces, as well as the new ceramic hob in the kitchen.

We are also pleased to confirm that Truespeed have laid the cables for wifi and are scheduled to install broadband on the 6th January. We are sure that this will be a welcome addition to the Hall's facilities as it will enable hirers and their guests to have access to free wifi. We are grateful to Truespeed for providing wifi at no cost to the Hall.

Anyone interested in joining our small friendly Committee would be most welcome. If you would like any information on what is involved please contact Sally Evans on secretarykilmersdonhall@btinternet.com.





Kilmersdon WI

The WI meets for the first time in 2022 on the 13th January @ 7.15 in Kilmersdon Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to come along and join us and see what we do. Take a look at our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/KilmersdonWI

Our last meeting for 2021 was a wonderful Christmas party where we enjoyed a real feast prepared by the committee, wearing festive jumpers. The tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations made by our members for a competition. The Christmas quiz provided slightly challenging but was enjoyed with good cheer!

For our **February meeting** we are doing something very different and having a morning meeting in the Old Parlour Café at Tuckers Grave for 10.30. (This is open to members only.)

On March 10th 7.30 Martin Horler will come and talk to us about “What’s so interesting in Kilmersdon”. This will be an open meeting for members and residents of Kilmersdon, male or female. Light refreshments will be offered for a small charge. Hope you can join us for what will be a very informative and interesting evening.

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reel people film society 2021-2022

In order to ensure compliance with COVID 19 and the Hall’s restrictions you need to be a Member to attend. Membership is £10 and covers entry to this season’s films (4 FILMS REMAINING) (please see our website for trailers www.reelpeople.org.uk and for membership forms or come along on the night and join). Doors open at 7.15pm with film starting at 8pm.

Take care and best wishes from your reel people committee. reelpeoplefilms@outlook.com

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2022:
CAPERNAUM (15) 126 mins. Subtitles.



This film centres around the story of a Lebanese boy who sues his parents for the ‘crime’ of giving him life. The story follows Zain (amazing performance by Zain Al Rafeea), a gutsy streetwise kid, as he flees his negligent parents.

Sanitiser is provided in the Hall and we ask that you please use this on arrival. We would also be grateful if you would wear a face covering when not sitting down.

Unfortunately, we will not be providing a bar. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments, but please take your empties away with you.

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022:
MINARI (12A) 115 mins. Korean/English subtitles



Gardens open for children's Hospice SW



Would you be willing to open your garden in support of Children's Hospice SW?" asks the Hospice's area fundraiser Emma Parker who, with her father, used to live in School Lane, Kilmersdon.

"The last couple of years have been very difficult and isolating for so many people and particularly for the children and families that we care for at the children's Hospice at Charlton Farm in Wraxall "Many of our families have been shielding their children; many have been too scared to leave their homes, but all are still desperately in need of support to make special memories at a time when it is difficult to do so."

Adapting to the children's and their families needs, the Hospice's care team provides for care in their homes, as well as end of life care at the Hospice, and during the Pandemic the Charlton Farm Gardens have been a sanctuary for the children and their visiting families.

The Hospice relies on donations to continue giving care to local children with life limiting conditions but these have greatly fallen during CV19, and many usual fundraising events have been unable to go ahead.

So during 2022 if you can open your garden to visitors for a small entry donation to Children's Hospice SW, or offer free entry and instead fundraise by giving cream teas, please get in touch with Emma (Emma.parker@chsw.org.uk) or call the **Charlton Farm Hospice on 01275 866600**. They will be extremely grateful to hear from you.

Dickie's Pies



Iain Dickie from Charlton has been busily perfecting the ultimate curry pie. A passionate cook for over 35 years, especially curries, Iain also loves good pies so the idea of making curry pies seemed worth a go.

After many recipes, tried over many months, he has now developed his own range of premium quality pies, Dickies Pies, not only curry ones, but also slow cooked steak and ale and Jamaican savoury beef, all of which have become firm favourites amongst his growing customer base, with more being added as the business grows.

Due to increasing demand for the pies from word of mouth recommendations, he has now moved his enterprise from Charlton to a commercial kitchen at Moorlinch from where he has gained a 5* food hygiene rating.

All the 270g pies are made from quality, fresh, locally produced ingredients in small batches to maintain optimal taste, and all the curry ones are cooked in a traditional Indian cast iron cooking pot called a Kadai that further develops the spice flavours before the fillings are encased in Iain's thin, crisp and flaky pastry. The pies are then fast frozen, ready for customers to cook at their convenience. You can read the pies' reviews on Dickie's Pies Facebook page.

Iain also offers tailor made catering for dinner parties, business and social events, so don't hesitate to give him a call to discuss your requirements, either through his website www.dickiespies.co.uk or directly on **07799 867338**.





KILMERSDON WASSAIL

and
BURNING the ASHEN
FAGGOT

will take place on

SATURDAY 15th January 2022

*Meet at the Community Orchard at the end
of Ames Lane by the Cycle Path*

ready for a 3.00 p.m. start
when the 2022 Kilmersdon
Wassail Queen will be crowned

Bring warm clothes, sturdy footwear and you may find a torch useful

(HOPEFULLY)

Music by The Village Band
Cam Valley Morrismen

*Then onto The Old School House for another
Wassail and the burning of the Ashen Faggot*

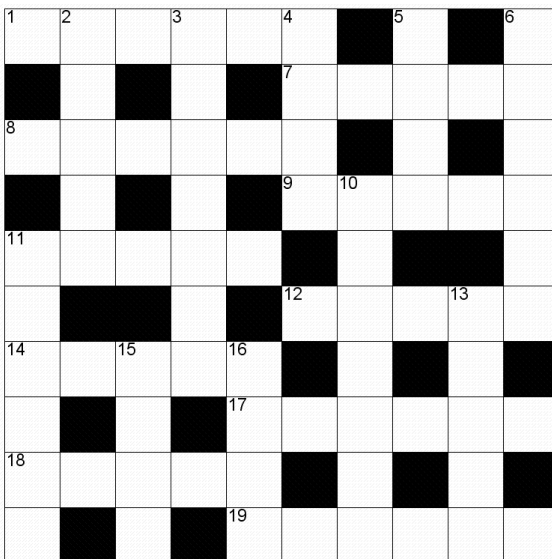
As usual there will be no charge but any contributions will be gratefully received and all profits will go towards the purchase of the Hanging Baskets throughout the village

CONTACT : Martin Horler 01761 437372

Cryptic Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Things discarded from football team in New York area stadium at last (6)
- 7. Spanish friend: one, Russian fighter: zero (5)
- 8. Thin piece left moving to the right Street (6)
- 9. Portion of broccoli or small fruit (5)
- 11. Roman unusually Close (5)
- 12. Garden firm bleeds evenly (5)
- 14. Band for the head or heads of three internationally acclaimed rap artists (5)
- 17. Street held by staunch urchins (6)
- 18. Advocate to grow old not heartless (5)
- 19. Pay bill and relax (6)



<https://tinyurl.com/6localways>

- 3. Christ converts various (7)
- 4. Damages planet (4)
- 5. Phil's pit (4)
- 6. Runs off quickly, taking second from Lois Lane (6)
- 10. Manufactured item is the result of multiplication (7)
- 11. Mariner's first road having time for amphibian motoring enthusiast (2,4)
- 13. Complex cello part is better (5)
- 15. Lane is primarily a motorway's emergency shoulder (4)
- 16. Plays a part in fifth of new books (4)

DOWN

- 2. Musical space walk has it (5)

Answers to previous puzzle **Across** 1 ANCHOR 8 IMPROBABLE 9 YELLED 10 EATEN 11 MACE 12 SUMMER 14 WARDROBE 15 RADII 17 JACK 18 JILL 19 CRETE 20 BRACKISH 22 UNTIDY 24 ONUS 25 SEOUL 27 CASTLE 28 DEPOPULATE 29 RENTED **Down** 1 ABYSS 2 HALLMARK 3 RIDER 4 SPIT 5 DOWNGRADE 6 WARMER 7 BLACKBALLED 13 UNWARRANTED 14 WINCH 16 DALIESQUE 18 JETTISON 21 CUSTOM 22 ULCER 23 YIELD 26 OVAL

If you want to sneak a peek at the answers you can follow the link and click the Reveal option.
<http://bit.ly/KilmersdonCryptic>

If readers would like to receive their parish news online, please contact Penny on 01761 435193 or Sue on 01761 437855

Wild Flower of the Month, White Bryony - *Bryonia dioica*

White Bryony, *Bryonia dioica*, is a graceful and vigorous climber which clings to its support by means of tightly coiled tendrils. It has beautiful vine shaped leaves and small greenish white flowers. Somewhat inconspicuous throughout most of the year it becomes most visible during the winter months when its long garlands of shiny green berries turn a bright red, decorating the bare branches of scrub and hedgerow.

These berries are in fact very poisonous so, although they look festive, they are much better left in the hedge rather than being brought into the house. Their poisonous nature is rather strange as Bryony is a member of the cucumber family of plants, Curcubitaceae, whose cultivated members include the familiar edible plants - marrow, gourd, cucumber, pumpkin and melon.

Far stranger however is the mystery and folklore which surrounds White Bryony. Often known as English Mandrake, its large, fleshy tuberous roots, were once sold by unscrupulous quacks as genuine mandrake roots and so the stories surrounding mandrake became attached to Bryony. The true mandrake, a native of the Mediterranean, is a plant with many magical and superstitious associations. Its root was thought to have powerful aphrodisiac properties and if worn as a charm by women

would help them to conceive. Undoubtedly this was because the forked shape of the root has an uncanny resemblance to a man. Even more mysteriously however, is the myth that mandrake was said to shriek when pulled out of the ground but, having grown it, I can assure you that this is not the case with White Bryony!
Julie Palmer



Climate change

Ways to reduce your energy costs

There has been much in the news about COP26 and the need for action if the rise in climate temperature is to be restricted to 1.5 degrees. The action needs to be on two fronts, action taken by Governments across the world that can enable our societies to transition to a net zero carbon emissions, and action taken by each of us. One of the ways we can all help is to reduce our own energy needs. The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) website has lots of advice, including possible sources of financial help. <https://www.cse.org.uk/advice/advice-and-support/older-homes> Listed and historic houses, pose specific problems. CSE did work in conjunction with Bath Council to identify how older historic houses can be made more sustainable. The results were published in a booklet, **Warmer Bath**. This can be downloaded from the web, https://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/energy-advice/insulation-and-heating/warmer_bath_june2011.pdf With the rapidly

rising costs of energy this is in our own self interest in every way.

If the move to an electric car is currently a big ask for your budget, I've been having fun using an electric bicycle over the past month. It is amazing the difference it makes, how easy hills become, and journeys that previously seemed too long or hilly are completely manageable.

Or you can now make your existing bike electric - try <https://www.swytchbike.com>, or <https://www.bikeradar.com/advice/buyers-guides/electric-bike-conversion/> Maybe something to consider for your Christmas present list for 2022.

Cllr. Alison Barkshire

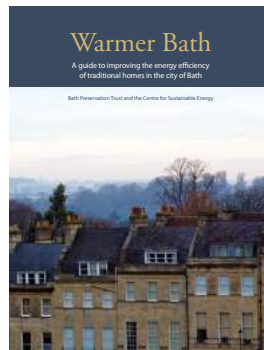


Table 1. The cost, carbon cost-effectiveness and disruption during installation of a selection of home energy improvement measures. Adapted from the Construction Product Association's *Low Carbon Domestic Refurbishment Guide* with permission of the author (see www.constructionproducts.org.uk for more details)

Measure	Cost	Carbon cost-effectiveness	Disruption	Key
Low energy lights	£	□ □ □ □ □	□	£ up to £100
Draught-proofing	£	□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □	££ £100 - £1,000
Loft insulation	££	□ □ □ □ □	□ □	£££ £1,000 - £5,000
Floor insulation	££	□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	££££ £5,000 - £10,000
Internal wall insulation	££££	□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	£££££ over £10,000
External wall insulation	£££££	□ □ □ □	□ □ □	□ □ □ □ □ pays for itself
Upgrading heating controls	££	□ □ □	□ □	□ □ □ □ < £10/tonne CO2
Replacement gas boiler	£££	□ □	□ □ □	□ □ □ £10-£100/tonne CO2
Low energy appliances	£££	□ □	□	□ □ □ £100-£500/tonne CO2
Replacement windows/doors	££££	□ □	□ □ □	□ □ □ □ > £500/tonne CO2
Wood pellet boiler	££££	□ □	□ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ you will hardly notice
Solar hot water panel	£££	□	□ □	□ □ □ □ briefly intrusive
Micro wind turbine	£££	□	□ □	□ □ □ □ takes longer but you can live with it
1 kW solar electric panel	££££	□	□ □	□ □ □ □ very disruptive with installers everywhere
Air source heat pump	££££	□	□ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □ you may have to move out
Ground source heat pump	£££££	□	□ □ □ □	

In memory of Misha Norland 1943 - 2021

Born into a world caught in the cataclysm of the Second World War, within earshot of the bombing of Swansea, Misha's survival was precarious from the beginning. However he was surrounded by love and hope for renewal in the life created by his parents and their companions, who had fled their homes, families and livelihoods in Central Europe.

The household, once relocated to London was a world in itself, sheltered from both the immediate community as well as that of the incoming refugees in Hampstead. His childhood was lonely, with only an adored elder brother who was soon ready to leave home, and the adults who were preoccupied with working and supporting the habits of a father, whose acknowledged genius as a painter lay behind him in a world dismantled by the war.

Misha absorbed himself in solitary pursuits, keeping small mammals, building radios and playing truant in the wild corners of Hampstead Heath when the schooling of the 1950's failed to recognise the impact of dyslexia. Despite these impediments he was open-hearted, a natural confidante and described himself as knowing he was meant to be, whatever circumstances had brought him into life. In his early years at a Church of England primary school, he first encountered the Gospel stories and recognised Jesus as a noble teacher. This sparked a desire to know more and fostered the deep interest in spirituality and philosophy he followed throughout his life.

A succession of different occupations found him

eventually working in the film industry, a career cut short when he took on sole care of his son, Mani.

Their deep bond developed through those testing early years and also surprisingly gave a space for the study of homeopathy, the beginning of his lifelong engagement and dedication to its practice, study and teaching. Eventually a second marriage made a new home in Devon possible, not just for the growing family, but for students, patients and colleagues from around the world, who came to learn more and share in Misha's unique approach to his subject.

His arrival in Kilmersdon in 2018 after a long working life brought him happiness in the beautiful walks and many friendly conversations found here. He had a talent for discovery of the unexpected, coming upon orchids in field edges or unusual garden escapes in the woods, and his photography records his delight in the ephemeral beauty of the natural world. He was a wonderful cook and a generous host. If you ever asked Misha for a recipe, you would be told, "oh, it's easy, I'll tell you!" But then be sure to listen, because it was never written down. Misha liked to do things his own way, always going back to first principles on which one could improvise. His creativity and presence live on, while his person is deeply missed.



Kilmersdon Art Group

Members have been back in action since September and were able to enjoy a festive lunch together in the Village Hall before taking a well earned break for Christmas. It was also an opportunity to thank our inspirational tutor Wendy Adams (pictured centre) who is retiring after 15 dedicated years at the helm. Happily she is not leaving altogether as she wants to come and paint alongside members and will continue to offer advice and support. She has been a true friend to all over the years and we are sure the new arrangement will be a long and happy one. As a mark of the group's appreciation to Wendy, she has been made its first honorary life member. Our picture was taken after our chairman



Judy Hallam had thanked Wendy and presented her with a Christmas floral arrangement.

Roz Wilkinson

Parish Council News

Can you help please?

Somerset County Council actively encourages self-help within the community. This is particularly effective for minor maintenance such as clearing vegetation, sign cleaning and clearing debris off gully covers for example. Minor works of this nature can safeguard communities from events such as flooding but also provide enhancements to the community that would otherwise may not be possible due to budget constraints at the County Council. Would you be willing to give some of your time to form a volunteer group to remove some of the weeds in the pavements and gullies in the village from time to time? The amount of time you give is entirely up to you and every spare hour helps keep Kilmersdon tidy. If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk – clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk

Parish Council elections

It has been confirmed that the Parish Council elections will be held in May 2022. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like some more information about what this entails, please contact the Parish Clerk, Lesley Close – clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk

Grants

In November grants were awarded to a number of local organisations including the Parish Church, Mendip Community Transport, Citizens Advice Bureau, Kilmersdon Village Shop and Kilmersdon Parish News.

2022 meeting dates

Coles Garden meeting room is looking clean and fresh after its recent spruce up. The Parish Council meets here once a month. The list of 2022 meeting dates is on the Parish Notice-board and also the website www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk **The next meeting is at 7.30pm on 17th January**, Covid restrictions allowing. You are very welcome to attend and talk to the Parish Council in the public comments section.

VILLAGE GROUPS

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KILMERSDON C OF E VA SCHOOL
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KILMERSDON GARDENERS
Chairman Judith Stanford 01761 233045
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KILMERSDON VILLAGE HALL DRAW
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**21 - 23
January**

Loving Life with the Enneagram - Helen English

R - £365 NR - £265

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**29
January**

Quiet Day - Rev Narinder Tegally and Christine Clinch

9:30am - 4pm £55

Begin the year reflecting on God's presence in our lives and being present in the moment. We gather together in the quiet space of Ammerdown to reflect on our lives and our spiritual journey, through readings, prayer, music and meditation.



**31
January**

The Power of Rhythm - Eliza Wylie

7pm - 8:30pm £15

We will work with our voices and bodies using drums to include some movement work. We will explore some traditional West African rhythms together and improvise some of our own rhythms as well as enjoy some singing in harmony. No musicality necessary!



**31
January**

CUPPA AND A CHAT

2pm - 4pm FREE

We have set up a monthly support group in an attempt to form a safe and welcoming environment for individuals to come and talk to others and enjoy afternoon tea and cake in our beautiful facility.



**18 - 20
February**

A Poetic Journey through the Psalms - Malcolm Guite

R - £290 NR - £190

Poet-Priest Malcolm Guite will take us on a poetic journey through the book of psalms, exploring how these Scriptures both prophesy the coming of Christ and his kingdom and also give voice to our own inner life of prayer and longing for God.



**20
February**

Visit to Bath Mosque

Meet at Ammerdown for 2pm, return at 5pm.

£10 Including Transport

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**21 - 23
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