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From the editor ...



I have been helping out with putting together Kilmersdon Parish News recently, and now Penny has asked me to take over as editor.

In order to keep going though we do need one or two other people to join the team, so if you are interested in goings on in the village and surrounding area, please get in touch.

I don't have any plans for making any major changes, and at the moment, Penny is still very much involved. So hopefully you won't notice anything too different.

As always though, what goes in the magazine is mainly determined by what you send in. So please keep the information coming.

Phil Preen

KILMERSDON ART GROUP
invite you to an

EXHIBITION
of their most recent work
(before, during and after
lockdown!)

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023
10 am to 4 pm

Kilmersdon Village Hall

Free entry, refreshments and
raffle

*Cover photo: Janet Whitelaw-Jones
If you would like your own picture
featured in a future edition, please send
them in.*

Hugh's Views on Wines

Recently I was introduced to a delicious Portuguese white wine, a Mimo Moutinho Laureiro, the Branca of Portugal. The flavours of citrus and tropical fruits were much in evidence and this wine, which is very popular in Portugal, is now being exported to England. If you find it, buy it! Portuguese wine has been exported to us for centuries, particularly during the Anglo-Portuguese alliance against France in the latter half of the 17th century, but gradually the popularity waned until very recently when the Portuguese government was behind a concerted marketing drive to the European Union and also to England. Thus we find some of Portugal's wines on our supermarket shelves. A happy event indeed!

Though we think of the Douro valley as the epicentre of Port production, a large amount of table wine is also produced, chiefly on the slopes of the valley. Various varieties of grapes are grown according to the altitude. Too high, too cold with Atlantic gales causing havoc. Too low, too sweet to have much character. As well as the excellent white wines, reds and following the fashion roses are available, a far cry from the Mateus rosés of the 60's and 70's, the popular gargle of the students of the day!

The Vinha do Fava, a red from the region of Setubal at 14.5% alcohol, is a heady wine with cherry and spicy flavours. That amount of alcohol is perhaps too much, but present fashion dictates otherwise. The rosés come in beautifully shaped bottles, by the way, and are not to be sneezed at. A proper account of Portugal's wine should of course include its offshore island to the west, namely Madeira, which deserves another article and will get one deo volente!

Production of Madeira is centuries old and indeed Madeira continues to improve seemingly forever, so do not throw away a partially consumed bottle as the wine will retain its strength and appeal for a long time, months even!

Hugh Pountney



The copy date for the next issue is 20th June. 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.

If you would like to receive your Parish News as a pdf, please contact the editor at kilmersdonnews@gmail.com

Ammerdown Art Exhibition celebrating 50 years

*Spirit of Art in Peace and Reconciliation:
an Art Exhibition at Ammerdown*

Opening times of exhibition:

2-4 June 10.30am -12.30pm; 2-6pm

12-15 June 10.30am -12.30pm; 2-6pm

8-13 July 10.30am -12.30pm; 2-6pm

Sunday 16 July 2-9pm



The Ammerdown Centre is a Sanctuary of Peace set between Frome and Radstock just off the A362. Originating as a Christian foundation to promote peace, justice, reconciliation and hope, it is now celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an Art Exhibition. A group of artists seek to reflect Ammerdown's values in a variety of media from painting and collage to 3D work, including ceramics, digital work, poetry and music.

Curated by Frome artist Viv Meadows with Jane Eaton, she says 'I occasionally volunteer at Ammerdown and some months ago I thought, it's lovely to see art exhibitions here, but what about one reflecting the values of this special space?' I put a Call Out to Frome artists café and on social media more generally, hosted a couple of site visits with Christine Clinch Lead Manager at Ammerdown, and 11 wonderful artists responded with work that

communicates the plight of creation and refugees, and the wish to build peace within an increasingly fractured world.'

You are warmly invited to the Opening of

Spirit of Art in Peace and Reconciliation: an Art Exhibition at Ammerdown

Thursday 1 June, 7pm to 9pm

Entrance with cheese and wine £5

The Ammerdown Centre offers space away from the hustle of everyday life. It runs creative courses such as stained glass and silver jewellery, and a variety of spiritual and well being retreats, including interfaith. The facilities can also be booked for your own meeting. It offers an inclusive and accepting atmosphere pursuing mutual understanding.

What's on at Ammerdown

April

25 - Refreshing Day for Carers

27 - TLC Day for the Retired

28 - 30 - Stitched Textiles

May

1 - 3 - Spring Break for the retired

3 - Taize Prayer Service

15 - 19 - Northanger Abbey

25 - TLC Day for the Retired

26 - 28 - The Yoga of Vocal Sound

21 - Myths, Music & Magic in Spring

27 - A Day to Celebrate Women from Around the World

30 - Refreshing Day for Carers

31 - Beehives in Stained Glass

June

1 - 50th Anniversary Art Exhibition On Hospitality, Peace & Reconciliation

2 - 4 - God in Jewish Tradition

3 - Extraordinary Women Part 2: Mary Oliver

7 - Taize Prayer Service

15 - TLC Day for the Retired

16 - 18 - Living Theology 2023

19 - 21 - Enneagram Part 2

20 - Don't forget Jamal! - Zoom

24 - A Day for the Exhausted

25 - Sinnobar

July

3 - 7 - Individually Guided Retreat

8 - A Tibetan Buddhist Approach to Difficult Times

10 - 13 - Summer Meadow Embroidery

31 - Refreshing Day for Carers, TLC Day for the Retired & Cuppa and a Chat

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Coronation Day

Saturday 6th May 2023

If you remember, there were funds left over from the Platinum Jubilee Celebration and it was decided to give the whole Parish the opportunity to vote on how to spend the money. In the Jan/Feb Parish Magazine was a voting slip and I asked for your choice, I received 20 replies (from a population of about 595). The overwhelming request was for a Coronation Celebration. So, we are putting together an event for the evening of 6th May, we did not think it was worth doing anything during the day as mostly everyone will want to watch the Coronation on the television. So, from 6.30 p.m. there will be a free hog roast outside the Village Hall. From 7.30 p.m. there will be a Ceilidh in the Village Hall which will be free and there will be a bar. Hopefully, with the permission of the Parish Council and the Estate, we will later in the year plant a Commemorative Tree in the Playing Field.

You should have already received your invitation to join in the festivities.

If you have any questions about the event please ring 01761 437372



Martin Horler

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Although the winter is now over, the cost-of-living crisis isn't going away quietly! Below are some practical solutions that can make a big difference quickly, or call me Nic Edwards, your local Village Agent, on 01823 331 222 and I can connect you to the right services for you and help make this winter a little less harsh.



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Petrol costs

There are some great resources that allow you to find the nearest, cheapest fuel prices, <https://www.petrolprices.com/> seems to be the best, with a handy downloadable app as well as a website.

Community Larders/Fridges

These are popping up all over the county where you pick up free food and household items, with no appointment or referral needed. Frome, Coleford and Shepton Mallet are just a few places that have them. Call me to find out if there is one near you, or visit <https://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge>.

Somerset County Council Household Support Fund

This fund offers short-term urgent financial help to people in Somerset struggling to afford essentials such as buying food, paying for utility bills, or other items such as beds and white goods. It is an online application that I can help with if needed: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset-household-support-fund/>

Bishop Fox's Educational Grant

If you have children aged 11 - 24 years old that live or go to school in the former Borough of Taunton Deane, you could apply for a grant to help with uniform or equipment. You can also apply for university students with local connections. Call Sarah Olleranshaw on 01823 331 222 or visit <https://www.bfef.org.uk/>

Somerset Warm Spaces

These are local community hubs open in the day providing a warm place to be, company and often tea and biscuits! We are delighted that nearly all our 30 Talking Cafes are warm spaces. The website here <https://sparksomerset.org.uk/find-warm-welcome> has a full map where you can find your local 'Warm Space' or call me to find out where your nearest one is.

Community Building or Community Group Support

CCS (The Community Council for Somerset) has dedicated professionals who help community/charitable groups and hubs such as Village Halls to cope with increased overheads, grant finding and sustainability. Visit the website www.ccslovesomerset.org or call 01823 331222 to be connected to the right team member.

Emotional Support

Mind in Somerset has a free 24/7 number you can call if you are worried about anything or are struggling with your mental health. Call 01823 276 892 or 0800 138 1692

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Cryptic Crossword

By Phil Preen

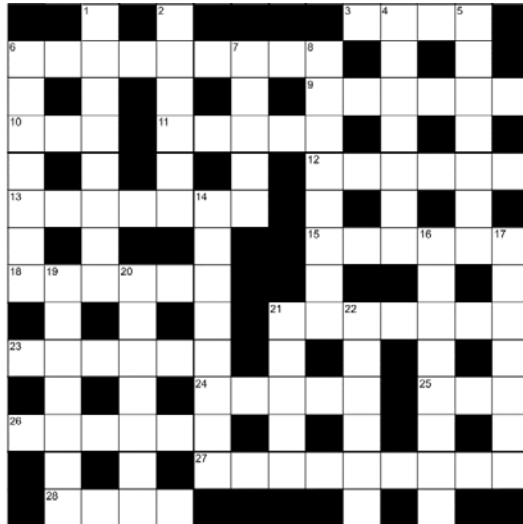
ACROSS

- 3 This tree is on hand (4)
- 6 Match fit? Nice (9)
- 9 Dessert gives energy for first part of your bit of a weekend (6)
- 10 Breeding geese when turned over might be hiding one of these! (3)
- 11 Have kittens tear into me with tip of claw (5)
- 12 Name of composer reversing his last two pieces (6)
- 13 Gangnam Style singer follows car to post mortem (7)
- 15 Most sage is inside, left on a map (6)
- 18 Simplicity takes time with right holiday (6)
- 21 Cry if getting confused with copper pan (7)

- 23 German town with alien's hat (6)
- 24 Gnasher starts to tear off over the hills (5)
- 25 One's being saved by Argyle goalkeeper (3)
- 26 A day at the end of springtime after pretty normal March (6)
- 27 Policeman's location? Plod finally forced out (9)
- 28 Where to take chances in old Odesa? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Ships in 2 days, before 9. Bill from Microsoft (8)
- 2 Maintain castle in the air? (4,2)
- 4 Swan around drinking gin cocktail in shades (7)
- 5 Spots me, the one slipping out of passageways (7)



- 6 State how many years old? that's mean (7)
- 7 Rabbit-like roll? (5)
- 8 He will do without us being taken in by artist
- 14 Rod and Edward walked around arrogantly (8)
- 16 6d between two Europes and caught in the middle of athletics grounds (8)
- 17 Gland temperature dropped from dirty hot bananas (7)
- 19 Left out of a vocal duo wanting top off ugly fruit (7)
- 20 Armoured car will park on top of topless bar and down a container of beer (7)
- 21 Removal of first letter from some earlier clues might make you angry (5)
- 22 Delayed uprising is confirmed (6)

Solve online: <http://www.philpreen.co.uk/kilmersdon-cryptics>

KILMERSDON WI

We have invited author Helen McCann and her guide dog Poppy to come along to Kilmersdon Village Hall to give a talk on her book "Running Blind" on Thursday 8th of June at 7.15pm. She is a very interesting lady: a triathlete. She has completed two London marathons and much more.

THE EVENING IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

Entrance is £5.00 (includes refreshments)

Payment on the door (cash only please.)

There will be a raffle.

Helen is bringing copies of her book "RUNNING BLIND" costing £9.99 and the large print version at £14.99.

You can contact Viv on 01761414419 or Angie at angilacook@gmail.com if you would like more information or to reserve a seat.

KILMERSDON PARISH CHURCH

Dear Friends

We had a lovely crowd at our Coffee Morning on 18th March and thank you to all those who came. The money we raised is much needed as at the moment we are spending more than we are earning!

Sunday 30th April at 10.30 we shall be having a *Benefice* service in Kilmersdon when all three churches come together. Come and enjoy good hymns and learn something about monastic orders. In addition, our missionaries in Bolivia, Debbie and Graham, will be giving us update on their work.

Looking ahead to May, on Sunday 7th, we shall be holding a special Coronation Service in Kilmersdon church at 11.15. I am not quite sure what form this will take, but please do come and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

This comes with love and prayers,

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Thankfully the day dried up by lunchtime to give us a dry Wassail. We had a good band of Wassailers, 60 in number plus two dogs. The Village Band led us to the Community Orchard where a few words were spoken on the history of Wassail before Martin crowned 11-year-old Olivia Merko the 2023 Kilmersdon Wassail Queen.

This year a welcome addition to the Ceremony was the Blessing of the trees by our new Vicar, Rev. Clarissa Cridland. Our Queen placed some toast in the tree for Robin Goodfellow, the good spirit of the orchard, she then poured cider around the base of the tree to give back to the tree what it has given us last year and to remind it



that we require more apples to produce more cider this year. We all sang the Kilmersdon Wassail Song and then the incantation at the end of which the 12 bore was fired up through the branches to drive away the evil spirits which may be lurking in the orchard and to wake up the trees for another season of fruitfulness. Finally the Wassail Cup of mulled cider, spices, cinnamon, demerara sugar and laced with brandy was passed around for everyone to take a drink. This year we went back to all drinking from the same Wassail Mug as I assured everyone that my cider kills all known germs! The Village Band led us all back to the Old School House where we performed the ceremony all over again but the added Burning the Ashen Faggot. Our Queen paraded the Faggot around the circle of Wassailers before handing it to 85 year old Alban Bunting, who was the oldest man within the company, to place it on the fire. During the procedure free cider was available to whoever wanted to help themselves and apple cake was handed around to all the company. The Parish Chest was made available to anyone who wanted to make a donation, the result of this was a wonderful £125.53 for the Hanging Baskets which you will see throughout the village in the summer.

Martin & Frances Horler

KILMERSDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Apple Trees from Kilmersdon Parish Council

The Parish Council have provided us with apple trees to plant on site. We picked these up from a local garden centre and are planting them to make a mini-orchard. These should bear fruit in a few short years and we look forward to finding out what the different varieties taste like!

The Parish Council are supporting us in our efforts to go even greener as a school. Part of this is our brilliant security hedging planted recently all around the field. This is the first project of its kind and as well as providing a secure space for our school, it should encourage all kinds of wildlife to the area.

Our children are keen to protect the environment and being at

Kilmersdon gives a real appreciation of the beauty that surrounds us in Bath and North East Somerset and Somerset.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells have also been supporting us for a number of years in being environmentally-friendly. Did you know, our lighting in school is provided by LED bulbs? This is a much more energy-efficient way to light the school, as well as providing a better quality of light in the darker months to help us in our learning. Future possibilities include looking at how we heat the school.



KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for a place on Kilmersdon Parish Council. If you would be interested in helping out, there is an opportunity for this post to be filled by co-option. For more details please speak to the parish clerk, Robin Moss, clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk



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Hi Everyone,

It is spring and hedges have started growing again. I've been the Kilmersdon Parish Footpath Warden for some years (technically now the Parish Paths Liaison Officer), however last Autumn we moved to the USA. Is there anybody out there who would like to take the job on?



Practically speaking the role entails cutting back the hedges on the parish footpath network 3 or 4 times a year. Most are accessible from the roadside and the process takes a few hours if you do it all at once. I used to drive around with my hedge cutters in the car and easily do them all in an afternoon, but obviously you can spread them out across walks if you prefer.

I have maps of the network and can brief you on each point that needs to be cut. If you find blockages that are too big to tackle yourself, there is a responsive team at Somerset

County Council who will sort. There are also a few others in the parish who keep some paths clear. Overall, it's a simple role and a nice way of helping maintain the parish.

If you're interested and would like to talk about it please drop me an email at stuartgreen55@yahoo.co.uk or get my phone number from the list in the parish news magazine. If calling, please do so in the UK afternoons or evenings as I'm 7 hours behind you.

All the best,
Stuart.

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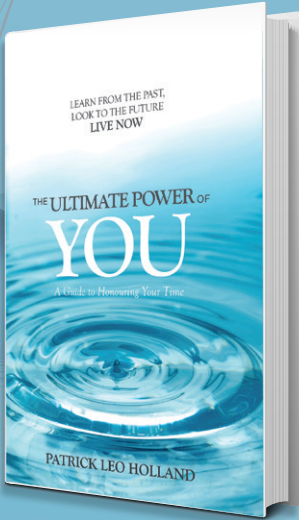


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The first properly recorded coronation of an English King – the basis for the coronation service for Charles III – was held in Bath Abbey on 11th May 973, when St Dunstan, the Somerset-born Archbishop of Canterbury, conducted the coronation of King Edgar.

Somerset Day on the second Saturday in May

We want everyone to celebrate the 'gathering of all the people of Somerset' especially with a new Unitary Authority having been vested just a month earlier.

Passion for Somerset CIC, the organisers of Somerset Day, and Somerset County Council want Councils across Somerset to get involved in celebrating this very special year by flying both Union Jack and Somerset flags and bunting over the first two weekends in May and have a special offer to help this happen.

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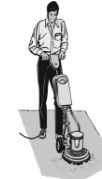
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