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December 2022 and
January 2023

KILKHAMPTON FETE

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The fete AGM will take place on Monday 23rd January
7.30pm, at the New Inn, Kilkhampston

If you feel that you can offer a little of your time, we
would be very pleased to welcome you so that the fete
can continue for everyone



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EDITORIAL

Hello everyone,

Christmas still feels a while away for me, but this is the December issue so I'm trying to get into a more festive mood!

Hopefully, nearly 2 years on from the start of Covid, we can be confident making plans to see family and friends over the festive period. Our purses are being stretched much more than usual with the continuing price rises, but I am sure that everyone will find a way of affording some of those little extras that make Christmas special for each of us.

For me, I decided to have a go at making pork pies! I am originally from Yorkshire (although left when I was 19), and there, the local butchers all sold home made pork pies, which were delicious. I thought there was a gap in the market when I came down here - but realised of course that pasties are much preferred!

Still, it's nice for me to have something that reminds me of my childhood Christmases. Thank you to my good friends for tasting and giving me feedback - on the second batch only, the first batch wasn't something that others should have to suffer!

Nadelik Lowen, onan hag oll!

Duw Genowth!

Jill

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

4pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Always very popular. Come along to get the true Christmas celebrations off to a great start

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

(Christmas Eve) at 4pm

SERVICE of NINE LESSONS
AND CAROLS

Carols accompanied by
BUDE METRIC BAND

Please note. There will be no service at St. James on Christmas Day. There

will be services in the Benefice:

Stratton 9.30am

Morwenstow 9.30am

Poughill 10.30am

Launcells 11.15am

ST JAMES CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING SPONSORSHIP

PLEASE NOTE NEW ARRANGEMENTS:

Please clearly write or type your notices for the church floodlighting page, put them in an envelope with the £5 fee, and give them in at the Spar by the 11th of each month.

If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Smith at kilkchurchlights@gmail.com or phone her on 321432 or 07740 520459

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Kilkhampton Church Services

St James Church

Sunday 4th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa

Welcomers: Lynn and Margaret. Reader: Peter: Isaiah 11, 1-10

Sunday 11th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

11am Morning Worship with Shorne Tilbey

Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reader: Kevin: Isaiah 35, 1-10

Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent.

4pm Christingle Service with Reverend Teresa

Welcomers: Rita and Jennie. Reader: Tony: Isaiah 7, 10-16

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols with Bude Metric Band. With Reverend Teresa

Welcomers: Margaret and Joyce. Readers: Hilbre and others

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2023

Sunday 1st January Welcomers: Lynn and Myra. Reader: Gillian

Sunday 8th January Welcomers: Tracey and Rita. Reader: Ian

Sunday 15th January Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reader: Peter

Sunday 22nd January Welcomers: Margaret and Lynn. Reader: Kevin

Sunday 29th January Combined Service at the Methodist Chapel

Please note that further details about the January services are not available at the moment.

They will be listed in St James Church in the near future.

If anyone is unable to make their appointed date please arrange a replacement

Daily Morning Prayer: 9am

ZOOM Meeting ID 818 0754 3068 Password 342 493 Telephone 02030512874 or 02030515237

Everyone welcome to drop in on any day

Methodist Chapel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
4 th December	Mr. Barry Bryne	Carole Bluett	Debbie Dawber
11 th December	Rev. Simon Leigh	Sandra Jones	Sue Joyner
18 th December	CAROL SERVICE	CHRISTMAS	Roger & Brenda Dunstan
25 th December	No Service		
1 st January	No Service		
8 th January	Mrs. Pam Colwill	Lorna Evans	Monica Heywood
15 th January	Mrs. Lorna Bowden	Joy Moore	Ken & Lorna Evans
22 nd January	Pastor Albert Sloman	Sylvia Hambley	Sue & John Brooks
29 th January	Rev. Joy Wilson	Sandra Holmes	Reg & Sylvia Hambley

FROM ST JAMES CHURCH

Endings and beginnings

Dear friends,

As I sit here contemplating what to write as we approach the ending of the old year and the beginning of the new, I am struck that there is still a lot to do before we get to the end and its only by getting to the end that the new can begin. I am also struck by the cyclical nature of endings and beginnings and actually we rather need them and how we have faith in them.

We go to sleep each night, believing that we will wake in the morning. We breathe out, believing that it will be immediately followed by a breath in. We bury a seed in the ground in order that it might die before bursting into the new life. Endings are always followed by beginnings; that is the law of nature, the order our creator brought to chaos.

And we really need the endings, we need to go to sleep at night in order to rest and restore our tired bodies and minds. We need to breathe out to exhale the nitrogen we don't need and to get rid of the carbon dioxide and other chemicals that might otherwise harm us. And we need to plant seeds, so that they can produce a greater yield.

And just as our lives consist of cycles; birth, growth, decay, death, birth..., so our lives *need* the rhythms of times and seasons with the backdrop of trust and assurance that new will be the result of the old.

I've just read the pamphlet written by Gloria Street (which is available in St James's) on the Grenville Stained glassed windows. And, as well as reminding

me of the immense history contained within the walls of St James the Great, it has also given me a sense of the timelessness of our faith and the interconnection we have with history and the future.

Christ said, I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. And Christ Jesus holds all things together in between. John 1.1 says, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

So, before we start rushing around, trying to get to Christmas on time, let's press the pause button and approach the great invitation to meet the new born King, through the watching and waiting of Advent. Let us remember to breathe, and breathe deeply and be aware of the presence of the living God. Let us get in all those sleeps and receive the gift of rest and restoring each night.

And once the joys and observances of the Christ Mass have been celebrated with our families, friends and neighbours, let us approach the New Year, the new beginning remembering it is not all about you or me; we are a part of the whole; part of the cycle of history. And that we are not really at an ending or a beginning, but we are caught up in the glorious middle.

May we be willing to offer our contribution to enrich the lives of those around us and may we be good stewards of this precious gift of life, in this place, at this time. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Teresa

FROM KILKHAMPTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Christmas is going to be different for many families this year as finances are going to be tighter than they have been for many years, so perhaps we need to look at what we can give as opposed to what we get.

What do I mean by that? Well, there are going to be things going on over Christmas that will help those most in need, so perhaps you could volunteer a bit of your time. There are going to be carol services and carol singing in various places so go along and help sing. I was thinking too that perhaps this year the emphasis will be more on the real meaning of Christmas, with people understanding that the birth of God's Son changed the world for ever and it will never be the same again!

New Years come and New Years go. I've seen over seventy of them in my life so far and 2022 into 2023 will be no different than the others. I know it's a time to celebrate, but in that, remember those families for whom there is an empty chair and for whom there was an empty place at Christmas because a loved

one had passed away this year and that the celebration is a very lonely one this time. Pray for them as they face their year alone.

January can be a very bleak month, but use it to reflect on the past year and on encouraging things in the New Year. Things will always change as the years role by and that's how it is, but although we look forward to a new year it does not mean that we will live to see the end of it. So, how about we appreciate what we have and, if we have time or money or giftings, we use them to help someone else.

God is on the throne today and He will be tomorrow and He will be next year, there to help us if we will but call on Him. How about adding that to your resolution list.

Every Blessing to you all

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IRIS BOND

Happy 90th Birthday on 5th December.
Wishing you a day full of happy memories.
With love from your family and friends, Kay & Cherry, Annette, Neil, Mandy,
Marilyn and your best friend Rita.



*To celebrate this event with IRIS, would all friends and relatives please
accept an invitation to a light buffet lunch at the New Inn
on 5th December between 12.30 and 2.30 pm.
No Presents please - just your presence!*



GWYN STONE

Treasured memories of Gwyn on his birthday, December 7th.
With all our love, Ann & family.

LAWRENCE & EVELYN CLEAVE

In loving memory of Mum and Dad this Christmastime and always.
Remembered with love.
Ingrid, Trevor, Nigel, Fiona and families.

DOROTHY GARDINER

Wishing all my Kilkhampton friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year.
Stay safe and keep well.

BABB

As always at this special time, thoughts of happier times Dad and Mum also our very dear
sister Joanne and special friend Sharon. All never far from our thoughts, ever.
Ann, Brian, John, Beryl and all your family xxx

BABB

Remembering all family and friends who are no longer with us, but stay in our memories.
Ann, Brian, John & Beryl xx

BABB

Happy special 15th Birthday to Granddaughter Gypsy, Grandson Toby, Tina & Lindsey.
Love Mum-Nanny xxx

RUTH BABB

Another year passed Mum. You left us on 10th January 2001 and
your birthday January 20th
Miss those laughs Mum, from all the family xxx

EDITH MARY & CHARLES COLWILL CLEAVE

Remembering my ever-loving and much-loved parents.
Not just at Christmastime, but all the year through.
'Until the day dawns'
John.

Remembering our dear parents

REG and SYLVIA CORNISH

Especially at Christmas time.

You are still missed, loved and remembered every day.

Love Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the families. xxxxx

Also remembering our dear **AUNT EDIE** at Christmas time xx

WINNIE FANSON

Thinking of you dear Uncle on your Birthday, January 27th
and Gordy who passed away on 4th January 1993.

Remembered always. Love Ann, Brian John & Beryl. Xxx

ARTHUR HARRIGAN

Remembering my dear husband who passed away 8th December 1995.

Miss you every day.

Love Edith xx

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MEGAN THORNTON

On what would have been her 24th Birthday on December 29th

With much love and sadness. You're missed every day.

Rest in Peace.

From all the family xxx



ARTHUR JORDAN

Our dear dad on his birthday 6th January.

Always in our thoughts and hearts, loved and missed so very much by
Keith, Daughters, Sons, and Grandchildren.

SID JONES & FAMILY

Would like to send Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year
to all friends and family.

Church floodlighting sponsors: see information on page 3 of this newsletter

Bude Metric Brass –

memories plus an event for 2023

Cast your memory back to February 22nd two years ago, and Bude Metric Brass presented “Band Together Pop” in the Cabaret Suite at Penstowe Manor, one of the last public events before the pandemic struck and everything shut down. Suddenly no rehearsals, no events, indeed nowhere to go, and caution needed even to go shopping. Gradually conditions eased, and after a year or more a few musicians were allowed to practice outside in local members’ gardens.

But conditions improved, and gradually the whole of Bude Metric Brass were allowed to rehearse together, initially outside – around Bude Light – then indoors, with everyone at least 2 metres apart and all the windows and doors open. With the gradual relaxation of restrictions in July 2020, the band were able to play at St James’s Church for the celebration of Luke Francis’s BEM – well deserved – and later

at the well-attended Festival of Remembrance, in November 2021.

Now Bude Metric Brass are back to full rehearsals and events, and will be presenting “Band Together Again” in the cabaret suite at King Arthur’s at Penstowe on Saturday 25th February 2023. Apart from musicians from a dozen different bands across the Southwest and Southern England, they will be joined by “Cousin Jack” the local Celtic/Shanty group for some joint and solo numbers.

Tickets will soon be available, costing only £10 (under 16 free), raising funds for Jay’s Aim and Cornwall Air Ambulance. Come and have an evening of music and fun, the licensed bar will be open throughout the event, and there will be a raffle and a lucky programme draw, noting that the performers all give their time and efforts freely. See the poster on page 15 for more details.

Alan Lafferty, Band Secretary
www.budemetricbrass.org.uk

BUDE LOOK GROUP

This month we continued our discussion about Alice Mumford's theory. Here is the address of her second video on Colour and Tone: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oebnApMiEc&ab_channel=AliceMumford

We focused our discussion on artists on the north coast - particularly the St Ives School and on some contemporary artists too. Do all their paintings focus on Colour and Shape rather than Tone and Depth? What do you think?



China Dog in a St Ives Window 1926
by Christopher Wood

**Bude Look Group meets
once a month at the
Parkhouse Centre - contact
chris.edwards39@btinternet.com
if you would like to join us**



St Ives Bay from Clodgy 1935 by Robert Borlase Smart

We sorted our collection of Cornish paintings onto a map of Cornwall to test Alice Mumford's theory focusing in particular on Tone/Depth or Colour/Shape. We felt that time of day, season, weather, interests and personal style plus the influence of other artists and the latest developments in the art world all play a part in the creation of an art work – not just whether the artist works on the south or north coast. We also found it hard at times to determine whether the artist focused more on tone or colour, shape or depth when a painting may have had a balance of these and other key elements of painting. Nevertheless, we were surprised when we counted the images and found that 75% of our images conformed with Alice Mumford's theory! At the end of the day we decided that this focus for discussion gave us a good excuse to have fun while enjoying the art of Cornwall.

ST JAMES THE GREAT CANDLEMAS LUNCH

GRENVILLE ROOMS

SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2023

12.30 for 1pm

Roast Beef

Home made Puddings

Cheese and Biscuits

Tea or Coffee

£12

Please book with Joyce

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KILKHAMPTON
COFFEE &
CAKES

SATURDAY 3rd December
10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

The Charity for December is Cornwall Air Ambulance

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am conscious that I am writing for a double edition of the newsletter covering December and January and, as I write this, we are some way away from the festive season!

Since I last wrote to you, the children have been very busy and are learning about celebrations (Reception and Year One and Two); The Anglo-Saxon invasion of England (Years Three and Four) and the changes the Romans brought to this island (Years Five and Six). Year Three and Four were learning about the use of land and change of the village before last half term, and went on a field trip around Kilkhampton. Half the children were able to visit the Bunny Homes site and learn about the changes that are happening there.

On 11th November all of the juniors visited the war memorial in order to commemorate Armistice Day. They stood in silence for two minutes and then visited the Commonwealth graves in the church yard and the church itself, where they looked at the roll of honour. The infant children observed the two minute silence back in school.

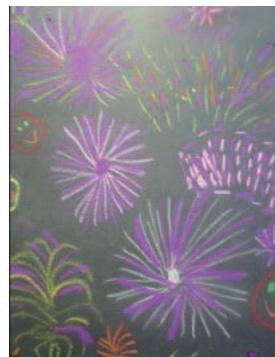
Normality is continuing to return to school after the pandemic with parents' evenings in person once more. Parents' evenings are such an important opportunity to have a dialogue with parents and carers about the progress their child is making and are useful for both parents and teachers alike. Whilst on the subject of normality, the children have enjoyed competing against their peers in school as well as against other schools. Key Stage One (5-7 year olds) have taken part in a ball skills festival as have Year Three and Four (7-9 year olds.) Our junior girls also took part in a football festival at Budehaven which they won!



Work on Remembrance by children in Northcott class (Year One)



Children visiting the show home as part of their geography field trip



Duckpool class fireworks



Action from the inter-house football tournament

Our heating and kitchen renovations are almost finished, and we have a temporary classroom for Summerleaze class arriving soon. Their current classroom will give way to two new classrooms, which will hopefully be ready by next September. For our first 'normal' Christmas since before the pandemic, we will be performing our new play at Penstowe (King Arthur's), plus having a Christmas dinner, plus going to Barnstaple on 14th December to see a pantomime at the Queen's Theatre.

Last month I promised there would be news and pictures from Duckpool class, the Year Two class. The children in this class are six and seven years old and are taught by Miss Cole. They are supported in class by Miss Duckworth, Mrs Taylor and Miss Wishart.

I hope you enjoy the photos, and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and all the best in 2023 from myself and all of us at the school. I look forward to writing to you again in the February edition!

Michael

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TREE BOOK GROUP: ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE by Anthony Doerr

Marie-Laure, born in 1928 in Paris, became blind at the age of six. Her mother had died in childbirth; her loving father, Daniel, teaches her to “see”, using her fingers, training her memory. He is a locksmith employed at the Museum of Natural History, and his hobby is making small models, for example of the streets of their neighbourhood in Paris, which his daughter, using her fingers, can learn to navigate. She absorbs information about the world, also from Braille books, which fascinate her. The author is brilliant as describing what it is like to make some sense of the world when you are blind.

Locked securely away in the Museum of Natural History is a valuable diamond, called the Sea of Flames, to which is attached a legend that anyone who owns it will not die.

When the war starts, the contents of the Museum are packed up and sent out of Paris; and then, in 1940, Marie-Laure and her father join the stream of civilians moving south. Her father has taken the diamond with him. And eventually they finish up in German-occupied St Malo, in Brittany, in the house of the father's uncle, Étienne, a strange man, disturbed by memories of the First World War, and house-bound for many years. He knows all about radios, and has been broadcasting scientific educational programmes. Daniel makes a model of St Malo for his daughter. Inside it, he hides the diamond. In 1941 he receives a telegram summoning him back to Paris. He leaves Marie-Laure in the care of his uncle and the uncle's housekeeper. He has been denounced for measuring buildings in St Malo, and, on the way to Paris, he is arrested and deported to Germany. When he does not return, Marie-Laure is bewildered and devastated. Very reluctantly, Etienne is drawn into the Resistance, which sends him code numbers. He then transmits them to the Allies.

Von Rumpel, a gemologist in the German military, whose job it was to record confiscated jewels, has heard of the diamond and is determined to track it down. He has a special personal interest in it since he is suffering from cancer. Somehow (rather improbably), in 1944, he tracks the diamond down to St Malo and is sure that it is concealed in the model of Étienne's house, if he can only find that model. He arrives in St Malo but is unable to find the model of the house because Marie-Laure keeps it on her person and is hiding behind a false wall.

Werner, born in 1927, lives in an orphanage at Zollverein, a mining town near Essen. His father had been killed in the mines. His hobby is making and repairing radio sets and inventing gadgets. From Étienne's broadcasts, and then from books, he absorbs scientific information which fascinates him.

(There is a lot about physics, geology and natural history in the book – Doerr writes columns about scientific books for the Boston Globe.) Werner's skill as a radio repairer gets him noticed by a high-up in the Nazi party, who saves him from going down the pit when he would reach 16, and instead gets the 14 year-old sent to a school of engineering in Saxony, where the boys are also given a brutal military training.

However, Werner is a great success as a student: he contributes to finding a way to track down the location of radio transmitters. Then, in 1942, still only sixteen, he is sent into the army which has need of his skills. Initially he is sent to the Eastern Front, where his group neutralise many Russian transmitters. But this scarcely affects the German retreat, and Werner finds himself in Vienna. There he receives a summons to St Malo: the Germans guess that a transmitter there is sending out messages, and Werner is the man to locate the site of the transmitter. So he, too, ends up in St Malo. He picks up the transmission – and recognises the voice of Étienne from the broadcasts he had listened to as a child. He locates the house, and sees Marie-Laure emerge from it.

Suffice it to say that Werner and Marie-Laure meet, and not as enemies. However, they spend less than a day together. There is no happy ending for the two of them. And what exactly happened to the little model house and the diamond? It is not made clear in the penultimate part of the book, set in 1974. As for the last part, set in 2014, there seems little point in it.

The book is 544 pages long but, even so, there are some loose ends; but on the whole it was a good read.

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KILK KRAFTS

Dec. 2022 and Jan. 2023 meetings

Wednesday 14th December 2022

Christmas tea party, plus a Christmas quiz

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Beetle drive and book swap

Wednesday 25th January

Topic to be arranged

Venue: Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Cost: £2 per session plus small material costs as needed

Any questions, contact:

Joyce (01288 321292)

or Lorna (01288 321706)

KILK KRAFTS OCTOBER MEETINGS REPORT

On 12 October, Sylvia gave a highly entertaining talk about her experiences as an air hostess for BOAC airline in her younger days. She told the group about the tortuous application process, intensive training, and the limitations of air travel at the time. Some of these were to her advantage, as flights were much shorter as the planes had to refuel regularly, so she had stopovers in countries all over the world. It sounded exciting and glamorous, although Sylvia had to give that life up when she got married. See the photo on the right as an example of some of the lovely memories that Sylvia shared.



Some of the wonderful photos and other resources Sylvia shared with the group



Lots of angels made by the group!

On 26 October, Suzanne demonstrated how to make Christmas angels as tree decorations, before everyone had a go at making their own. Everyone received pots prepared with the beans, wire and felt they would need, plus an instruction sheet. The angels were a bit fiddly but also fun to make, although it was hard work for Suzanne to ensure everyone got the help they needed! Lorna also mentioned that the group has been running for a year now – it is definitely increasing in popularity, and there was lots of chatter in the room as people made their angels. See the photos on the left and right for the results of their efforts!



One of the angels from Suzanne's session

- ANSWERS TO UNCLE ERIC'S PAGE**
- Anagrams**
- 1 Tenon saw
 - 2 Mole wrench
 - 3 Socket set
 - 4 Spirit level
 - 5 Smoothing plane
 - 6 Sandpaper
 - 7 Electric drill
 - 8 Paint roller
 - 9 Adjustable spanner
 - 10 Crosscut saw
 - 11 Paint brush
- What am I?**
- Tamar Lakes

KILKHAMPTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

13th Dec & 10th Jan
FROM 7-9pm
IT'S
TABLE TENNIS TUESDAY
A FUN WAY OF KEEPING FIT!

BUDE, STRATTON & DISTRICT OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

The most memorable thing about our November guest lecturer, Mr. R. Palmer M.A., is his presence of being in the room. Right from the start of his, 'RAF Airfields of WW II' address, the membership had leaned in closer so as not to miss a word, confident that they were in for a 'proper job' treat. Covering the British RAF Airfields, Cleave, Chivenor, Davidstow and Winkleigh, with the emphasis firmly on Cleave. Not far from Bude as the crow flies, past Kilk, over to Morwenstow. The colloquially named 'dishes' situated in Grenville Country, large enough now to be seen everywhere in many an angle, have become an integral and most unquestioned piece of our local landscape. Warmly introduced by society recorder and Chairman Alan McIntosh, Robert Palmer began this talk through history in earnest. A concise list of meticulously researched materials was put up on the screen for all to read. War did not come suddenly, it was borne out through a series of gradual events, global trading, rearmament in 1936, and slow conscription. WW II was officially declared in September of 1939, just twenty-one years after the first supposed "War to end all Wars" had ended.

Evacuees, home guard battalions and allied aircraft were housed at Cleave. HMS Bude, aircraft losses, American soldiers, and Bude as a military town were just some of the exciting, yet deeply poignant, context Mr. Palmer detailed to his captivated audience. In May 1940, France fell to invasion by Germany. The UK government opted to fight on at any cost. Women went to work in the factories and on the farms, as many British Nationals from distant lands fought on the front line., for the union jack, democracy and freedom. Cornwall's wild terrain was used mostly for training. RAF Cleave played a vital role in operational training of anti-aircraft gunners of the British Army. A heightened threat of U-Boat attacks on allied merchant ships saw RAF Chivenor in Barnstable developed from a training ground into a fully-fledged, operational RAF Airfield base, complete with personnel and heavy weapons.

Several war time markers round Bude District can be seen clearly. For example, a stone memorial placed on top of Summerleaze Downs to remember the American Rangers, and individual graves in nearby churchyards that tell of fallen service men from both sides. Interviews recorded with Cornish elders sadly no longer with us, held safe in the 'Old Cornwall' archives, share their memories of their lived WW II experience in 'that there authentic dialect', all but lost to the region. Huge triangular anti-tank stones were once commonplace across Bude bay beach fronts, serving as an immediate reminder to the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren residing in generations thereafter. As were tourist tales of crash-landed aircraft and time-worn bones of the 'killed in action' out to sea, eventually returning to

shore. Thankfully, a conscientious duty-bound Superintendent of Cornwall constabulary diligently kept a record of every war incident in the area. This, and further items such as photos and maps held by the Society, ensure a strong connection to a turbulent and dangerous point in the life of all humanity.

Dedicating this presentation to his very good friend Martin, Mr. Palmer ended the evening by taking queries Honorary Secretary Helen Bartrop Hocking asked him for information on how to trace the RAF service record of loved ones. She was advised to begin at the www.gov.co.uk website, where a link to the War Veterans Agency can be found. Mr Palmer also indicated that a search of his own webpage www.britishmilitaryhistory.co.uk provides extensive knowledge of the content of this talk, plus so much more. As a point of reference, documentation of Home Guard in Cornwall is comparatively thin on the ground to this day. It is well known that the popular TV show, 'Dad's Army' is akin to the truth of it all, joking aside. Society President, Richard Michael Heard, on behalf of members and signed-in visitors alike, thanked Mr. Robert Palmer for his most excellent presentation. Thanks to everyone for coming out in the rain on Halloween night.

The next open event organised for the Society by Audrey Aylmer will be 'Carols of the Stratton Hundred' as compiled by M. Richardson, at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, at 7pm on November 28th. Booking is advised. Singers of Choral 'parts' invited. Conducted by J Hobbs with church organist D Thomas. One and All welcome!

OBITUARY

The family of Janet Doreen White are sad to announce her passing on 13 October 2022 after a short illness.

Her cremation was on 11 November 2022 at 2.15 in Surrey and Sussex Crematorium as she returned to the area of her family 2 years prior to her death. She requested donations to the British Heart Foundation or the Red Cross rather than flowers.

Her wish was to have a service in Kilkhampton, so a ceremony of remembrance will be arranged later on the occasion of the scattering of her ashes with the family in Kilkhampton in Spring when the daffodils bloom.

RIP – Janet White - 24.3.1944 – 13.10.1922.

Be at peace now mum and laugh in the sunshine.

Carol White

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on 7th November 2022 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

Attendance: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Tim Cottle (TC), Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Lee Bond (LB), Keith Ovenden (KO), Phil Sluggett (PS), Vinnie James (VJ), Roland Nancekivell (RN), Cornwall County Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

Chairman: Clive Vanstone (Chairman)

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening and welcome to all by the Chairman.

Minutes Approved by all and to be signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

Adopt Code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest None

Public Speaking Session

Mr Gerald Strong here – been asked to act as a consultant for the Parish Council to look into play equipment at Lambpark.

Mr Strong stated that VJ and himself had been asked to look into costs for upgrading the play area. Invited Outdoor Playpeople to visit and give opinion – finally received suggestions and quote. Total comes to £76,000+VAT for everything on their suggestions. We had been hoping to do the area over 4-5 years, however one section was £45,000+VAT on its own. The Parish Council could get VAT back but would not be able to claim any grants. IH asked if anyone else quoted? VJ mentioned it took 4 months just to get this one quote. VJ gave extra details about the quote and quality of the goods. The company requires 40% cost upfront, 40% later on and 20% on completion. The Chairman reminded that we allocated £20,000 to this project and have received CIL money this month for £11,158. The Chairman felt we could allocate this CIL money to this project. If we allocated the £31,000 we could do a fair amount of work. Mr Strong said we could spend money just making everything safe etc, nothing has been condemned as such. KO mentioned some issues that were concerns. Mr Strong said the price may go up on the extra sections if we don't include the large tower section (they had discounted in areas on the basis of this tower being included). KO asked if it was worth Lamb Park Trust making grant claims and not taking VAT issue into account. Mr Strong asked if we go back to the company and explain we like the ideas but just don't have those kind of funds. RH pointed out that if we do spend the £31,000 and claim £10,000 in grants via Lamb Park – we are still £30,000 short. IH asked if we do the tower first. VJ also asked this, while there is most money available at the moment and then it's easier to fund the smaller sections later down the line. ST said there will be more CIL money to come from the other developments happening.

VJ asked if anymore allocation of funds will be available next year? The Chairman said it's a possibility, we were planning on this taking years to complete. We were not expecting to have such a huge fund pay out initially. IH felt by the time it all gets started we may be in new financial year anyway. RH reiterated that they still require the 40% upfront and this then means you are committed to the entire job. Mr Strong stated that the funds need to be guaranteed before we can say yes. KO suggested we go back and ask for a discount. LB asked if they have different grades of equipment which may affect the costs. Mr Strong after a set figure that we can go back to the company with and ask what they can do with the budget we have.

The Chairman asked the Councillors how we move forward now. Do we spend the £31,000 with the view to allocate further money next year? RH suggested VJ and Mr Strong go back to the company and state we have £31,000 and request what can be achieved with that figure. KB mentioned that there are also other projects that have to be taken into account when allocating money to this. The Chairman said to mention that we were looking to do this project over a time and ask what their suggestions are. VJ said if Lamb Park could then fund through grants for other sections that would help. TC felt we should keep our allocation as we stated originally – not just increase.

The Chairman asked for a vote for whether we allocate the CIL funds to this project also. KO moved and RN seconded. All in favour. Total project fund now £31,158. KO feels we should ask how we can achieve the large section with the funds we have. VJ to email the company etc.

RH said Mr Strong and VJ to go back to the company for discussions and then Lamb Park Trust discuss moving forward in more detail.

Thanks to Mr Strong from the Chairman.

Planning Applications

1) PA22/07826 Proposal Change of use of land to horticultural use, siting of two gypsy caravans for holiday use, erection of ancillary building and polytunnels used in association with the land (retrospective) Location Land West Of Aldercombe Cottages Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Ms V Newton Grid Ref 226152 / 1113. Discussed. Extension time has been given for a response from the Parish Council, by the Planning Officer. RH suggested we strongly refuse this application. Concerned on the future use of the site. KB seconded and all in favour of refusal.

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2) PA22/08954 Proposal Planning application for replacement 2 class classroom block with 4 WCs, 2 storerooms and a plant room Location Kilkhampton Junior and Infant School Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Mr Michael Watson PBWC Architects. Discussed. KB moved and IH seconded. All in favour of approval.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £138.90 taken. TC met with the Service Engineer to change the devices – done both. Thanks to TC for sorting.

2. Lamb Park (Glebe) Development: LB and Mrs H Bond heard nothing further at present. Still chasing Finn Solicitors. The Chairman said for LB to ask Mrs Bond if she feels he should make an official appointment to speak to Mr Simon Finn.

3. Lamb Park Pre-school Development: VJ stated that unfortunately the Pre-School will be closing on the 16th December, permanently. The Chairman said this is very sad. We tried to sort something but were unable to make it happen. TC reiterated and mentioned that VJ did so much work to try and sort this for the Pre-School.

4. Skate park maintenance: RH said that we were to look into the skate park area. Spoke with Mr Russ Albert and he came and met IH, KO and RH and explained details of skate parks. Paperwork available for viewing. Our site would be extended and a fence put around. RH said it is a huge project. The company did say there are grants available and would do all they could to help out in this area. Total costs came in at £150,000. The Chairman said that anyone can take this project on if they want to and have the time and effort to put to it. We don't have the budget for this. LB feels we can't justify it. RH mentioned again that if anyone is willing to source all the grants and take it on – there is a lot of work involved for this to happen. No one to take it on at the moment. RH to reply to the company with thanks for their time and effort. LB proposed not to go ahead. The Chairman said there isn't enough general usage of this for £1000s to be put into it. Enough signage there already to state wear correct clothing etc. All in favour.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: A question had come in regarding a sign stating "not a bridle way" opposite Taylors Cross Farm. All dealt with – it's a footpath. LB mentioned that 2 girls had come into Lamb Park on horses.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: Dealt with

School – Nothing to discuss.

Grenville Rooms – RH just recapped on the sad news of the Pre-School having to close. Cupboard

mentioned previously in meetings is now being restored and soon items can be stored in there, the Chairman will mention this to Mr Michael Heard also. The Chairman had received a letter from the electric company too. Capping rates.

Months work Read through and approved by all.

Members

TC – Had meeting with Mr P Cottle and monies already allocated for project. Asked about Remembrance. RH stated that Mr Luke Francis doing similar to last year. If attending maybe wear the Parish Council ties. 10.30am arrival.

KO – Mentioned lots of alcohol bottles being binned at Lambpark

IH – Carol Service – do we have a date? 14th December suggested. At the Church this year, 6.30pm IH to speak to London Inn. Bude Metric Band to be contacted.

VJ – A resident at Priestacott Park mentioned the amount of parking around the area on school drop off and collections. Concerned with the two extra rooms that more cars will be trying to park also. LB said the school is just spreading the children out and not taking any more. VJ to relay to resident.

RH – Mentioned the hedge problem again at Rosecott Cottage. Lady was written to by Clerk – to be on agenda if nothing changes – complaints coming in.

ST – Attended Bude Area Network Panel meeting – to discuss how we may be linked up with another area. Talks about linking with Launceston. Felt the Parishes were too different. Suggested to go in with Camelford instead, due to similarities. Another meeting was held on the 3rd November finalising how we move forward. Due to geographical area – will be trying for a year to see how it works with Camelford. Have to go back to them. Need to respond – ST feels we should respond with "yes for 12 months". Not enough officers to cover the meetings. ST to email Clerk and respond via RN as our representative.

ST also mentioned that the bus routes to Exeter College had a mess up. Changed bus timetable due to lack of use – meeting tomorrow with new Transport Manager.

Also got a meeting with Budehaven School to see how they can work together.

Had a meeting with MP Scott Mann and others to meet MP Mann. Everything positive seems to be South of Bodmin – wants to get us more recognised.

The Chairman mentioned that a dial a ride scheme had asked for a donation – we were led to believe that Morwenstow had donated – apparently they

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haven't and are asking what we intend to do. ST attended meeting with the Chairman of Morwenstow. This Dial a ride system is for such things as hospital visits, appointments and also youth groups transport. Costs are approximately £90,000 year to run. Most are volunteers. Asking if all Parishes that have used this service would donate £500. Morwenstow are minded to give. The Chairman mentioned we have a no donations policy. This system is new – can we get figures on how many use the service? ST can look into. The Chairman said it would have to be written directly to the Parish Council with information and we can assess on the type of request we receive. Clerk to reply to Morwenstow.

The Chairman mentioned a Shared Prosperity fund email received – felt we don't get involved with these schemes.

Cornwall Landscape Character Assessment want to know if anything not protected or mapped – the Chairman couldn't think of anything. ST said it is pretty well protected

The Chairman also mentioned the A39 dip in road to be sorted in January. Traffic orders are all now in place.

Asked if everyone had read the email regarding a Mayor for Cornwall. Gentleman wanting to get a petition to prevent Cornwall Council automatically going for a Mayor without a referendum. Asking for our view. The Chairman was led to believe that Mayor-led situations could get quicker decisions. ST felt we should have personal views and not as a Parish Council. ST had his views on the topic. The Chairman asked if we reply? If strong views – please reply individually. Clerk to reply stating not responding as a Parish Council and individuals will respond if they wish.

RN, LB, PS, KB – Nothing

Correspondence None

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £600.00 West Creative; £48.00 Tim Cottle; £35.94 D & I Bridgman; £72.00 Stephen Gifford; £750.00 Archie's Garden Services. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 5th December 2022, 7.30pm. Grenville Rooms.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.



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UNCLE ERIC'S PAGE

Snowfall in the countryside

It gently falls from clouds above upon the ground beneath
It covers woods and fields and meadows also moor and heath
It sparkles in the sunshine just like icing on a cake
It glistens in the moonlight most like a silver lake

It wafts, it drifts, across the land, borne gently on the breeze
Very soon it chills the air and makes the water freeze
It covers every blade of grass, it muffles every sound
It covers every ridge and ditch, it flattens every mound

Now when the wind blows very strong it causes snow to drift
And even in the thickest wood through branches snow will sift
It gets just almost everywhere, it really chills the land
It freezes nose and cheeks and ears, brings tingles to the hand

When first it falls, a pristine silver blanket is soon clear
As time goes by, often, on the surface, many tracks appear
A line of footsteps, made by man, both straight and clear and deep
A faithful shepherd made them there, whilst tending to his sheep

For many months it may well stay, if winter lasts so long
The silence only broken by the birds' most welcome song
But spring is nigh, the warmer weather melts it all away
The countryside prepares to put on another new display!



Eric Latter

What am I?

A place of recreation and usefulness, in two words

My first is in water and also in stream
The next is in nightmare and is found in dream
The third is in mother but not found in daughter
The next's not in concrete but is found in mortar
The fifth's found in ramble and frugal and fear
The next is in laughter, not found in tear
The seventh's found in walking and boating, not sport
This one's in taken but not found in caught
The ninth is in evening but never in night
My last is in countryside also in site
My whole is a place worth a trip in daylight!

Can you solve these anagrams?

They are all tools for the DIY-
er man (or woman!)

When there is more than one
word in the answer, the number
of letters in each word is shown,
e.g. (4,7).

- 1 WANT NOSE (5,3)
- 2 WHELM CRONE (4,6)
- 3 STOKE SECT (6,3)
- 4 TRIPLE VEILS (6,5)
- 5 HOE NAMING PLOTS (9,5)
- 6 NAP DRAPES
- 7 CIRCLED TILLER (8,5)
- 8 TRAINER POLL (5,6)
- 9 BUT LEADEN JARS SPAN
(10,7)
- 10 CROW CUTS ASS (8,3)
- 11 RAP BIN SHUT (5,5)



A short poem for Christmas day

"Christmas comes but once a year" so the worthy
jingle said
Time to get the stockings out and hang them on
the bed
It's time to send the Christmas cards and get the
presents bought
But first of all you have to give a moment's careful
thought

The festival's to celebrate the moment of His birth
He taught us much to think about, wise words
which have great worth
So as you open presents now, early on Christmas
morn
Just think of Him who long ago in Bethlehem was
born

Eric Latter

You can find the answers to 'What am I?' and the anagrams on page 11

No peeping until you've finished your answers!