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EDITORIAL



Dydh da everyone,

Welcome to this month's issue! It's a big month - the first coronation this country has seen since 1953, still in living memory for some but for many of us, the first coronation we have witnessed in our lifetime. I wonder if anyone from the village is going to London to line the streets?

I was hoping to bring news of Kilk's coronation celebrations, but sadly I haven't received any notices of events other than the 'Coronation Big Luncheon' on 6th May, which was advertised in last month's issue. Contact Joyce on 321292 if you want to see if there are any tickets left. There are many suggestions and options of events in the Parish Council report (see pages 12-14), but it's not clear which of the ideas suggested will actually be going ahead.

I guess it is a sign of the times, plus of course the effect of Covid and people using internet advertising options, that we no longer receive as many event notices to put in this publication. It makes me a little sad, as this used to be the place where most of the village events were publicised and of course notices are free (as long as they aren't advertising businesses). However, it is of course the choice of the organisers where to advertise, but it definitely won't make me go searching on facebook! Thank you to those who do send notices in, and I hope the tradition will be revived.

I have been continuing my quest to learn Cornish - and to encourage others to speak it, although I'm not sure how much interest there is in Kilk...

I attended the annual 'Cornish Language Weekend' (Pennseythun Gernowek) in St Austell in April - I just went for one morning for a 'taster' of what it would feel like to be among enthusiasts of the language. It was lovely to hear people speak fluently in Cornish, and there were also many people in various stages of learning. There are Cornish exams that you can do, I think grades 1 to 4, and many people are studying for them. I am not yet at grade 1 stage but managed to get some idea of what the exams entail, and they don't sound as daunting as I would have thought - maybe something for me for June 2024!

I was in a group with those studying up to grade 2, and it was really heartening to see the confidence of those in the next grade up, and the way they could recall the Cornish they had learnt in a far quicker time than I could! The sessions were excellent, and we had a chance to put ideas into practice, including writing a story using some of the idioms in Cornish, which of course are like English ones, they don't always make sense (eg 'I have a frog in my throat'). I even learnt my first swear words - although I might save them for a later edition.

So for this month, just a couple of phrases but very useful ones for Kilk - 'pysk hag askloes' which means fish and chips, and 'Yma askloetti brav yn Kylgh!' - there is a great chip shop in Kilk!

Do you have your fish and chips 'gans hoelan hag aysel?' (with salt and vinegar?) Or 'heb' (without?)

More next month. We're visiting Ireland in early May so I may have some Gaelic for you next month!!

Agas gweles,

Jill

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

Cheques should be made payable to 'KILKHAMPTON PCC'.

Please use the contact details on the opposite page to enquire about advertising (Martin), submit or amend your advert (Adam), or send in submissions for the editorial page (Jill). We are happy to be contacted in the first instance and we're happy to accept notices of events and news items. Adverts need to be submitted by 1st of the month for the following month, and editorial submissions by 12th of the month.

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Kilkhampton Church Services

St James Church

Sunday 7th May – Easter 5

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa
Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reader: Tony: Acts 7, 55-end

Sunday 14th May – Easter 6

11am Morning Worship with Shorne Tilbey
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reader: Hilbre: Acts 17, 22-31

Sunday 21st May – Easter 7

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Richard
Welcomers: Rita and Jennie. Reader: Gillian: Acts 1, 6–14

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Whit Sunday

11am Morning Worship with Richard Painter
Welcomers: Joyce and Margaret. Reader: Ian: Acts 2, 1-21

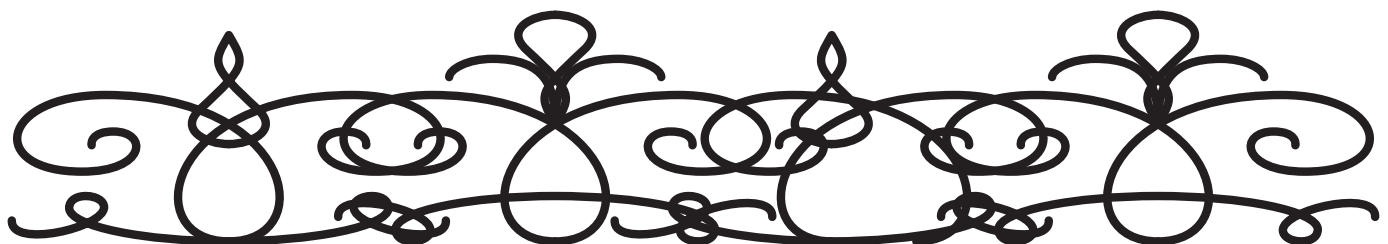
If anyone is unable to make their appointed date please arrange a replacement

Daily Morning Prayer: 9am Everyone welcome to drop in on any day

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

Methodist Chapel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
7th May	Mr. Barry Bryne	Marlene Bath	Judith Heard
14th May	Rev. Richard Ward-Smith	Joy Moore	Fiona Cleave
21st May	Mrs. Cath Paddon	Sylvia Hambly	Sandra Jones
28th May	Rev. Simon Leigh	Sandra Holmes	Pam Metherell



ST. JAMES CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

**18, 19 & 20
AUGUST 2023**

The title of this year's Flower Festival is:

'What a Wonderful World'
which should hopefully
provide many lovely ideas

Subjects can range from:

The natural world,
Man-made and natural
wonders

People and Places

Festivities

Celebrations

and anything our
wonderful world contains

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We look forward to seeing
you in August



ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Sometimes things come really readily for these articles and sometimes they don't, and this month it fell into the latter. So I have had to spend a bit more time in prayer than I sometimes do; which is not a bad thing for me!

As I was praying I began to think and hum to myself an old hymn called "Take time to be holy". With a bit of digging I found out that the hymn was originally a poem written and published in a newspaper, and in around 1880 a Christian man called W.D.Longstaff heard a sermon on Holiness and then saw the poem and took it to D.L.Moody who got it put to music and added it to the Sankey hymn book.

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word;
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone –
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide;
In joy, or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;
Each thought and each temper beneath His control;
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Look at the words, they are as applicable today as they were when they were first written. What are you taking time to do today? To whinge and complain about everything? Do you spend more time angry at the world than trying to change your part of it for the better? Do you spend time complaining that no-one speaks to you or are you going to pick up the phone and ring the loneliest person you know?

Take some time to ponder these verses and then make the changes that you need to make.

Every Blessing to you all and have the best May ever.

Albert Sloman, Pastor

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St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors May 2023

EDITH MARY CLEAVE

PEACE to the memory of **MUM**,

called to rest 21st May 2018.

'Sweet is the fragrance of remembrance.'

John

BABB

Jo and Sharon

As always thinking of 2 very special girls taken from us May 4th 1991.

Still missed so much

God bless

Ann, Brian, John, Beryl and all the family xxxx

Remembering our dear **AUNT MAR** who passed away on May 1st.

Always in our thoughts

Ann, Brian and family xx

Special Birthday wishes

Happy 70th to **BERYL** on May 17th.

Love from Ann Brian and family xx

Also to granddaughter Sydney, May 31st xx

SYLVIA CORNISH

Remembering with much love Sylvia Cornish who passed away on 29th May 2007.

A wonderful Mum, Nan and Great Nan, always in our thoughts.

Stewart, Jean, Sheila,

Paul, Annette and all the family xxx

GWYN STONE

Remembering a much-loved husband, who passed away May 10th 2017.

Sadly missed – always in my thoughts.

With love always,

Ann.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

KILKHAMPTON FETE

SATURDAY 15th JULY 2023

Planning is still ongoing for this event

there will be the usual teas, bar, food and music

We aim to publish more detailed information about the day in the June issue

MEMORIES OF OLD KILK - Part 2

(Tony Davis's talk from the Kilk Krafts meeting, 8th February 2023. See the April edition for part one)

(Continuing from the April edition...)

Still connected to the Church Tower, in 1989, the bells needed new ropes and I volunteered to spend 24 hours in the tower to be sponsored, hoping to raise the £500 needed. It was mid-summer and my vigil started at 5pm on the Friday.

About 5am on Saturday morning I went to the top of the tower and surveyed the village from this marvellous viewpoint (if you have not been you should). I was surprised to see who was leaving houses they had no business to be in. Their secret remains safe!! Our concerted effort actually raised £1,500 and our new ropes were ordered. Not bad for 1989!

Socially, nobody went on holiday much until the 60s. Most of the workforce were employed in reserved occupation on the farms, mostly mixed farms, with each being involved with pigs, poultry, sheep and beef with some arable in the mix. This justified a regular stock market, held, appropriately, in market field on Saturdays, where Bridgmans now stands. There were no animal pens, but local lads earned a few shillings keeping the animals in line until their turn to go into the ring. Market Day was a day out – the two pubs did a roaring trade but I was not old enough to go there. I have been known to visit them occasionally since!! There were obviously more pubs in the village before my time, one being The Carteret Arms right next to the Spar shop.

Another Kilk social success was its annual CARNIVAL which was heralded as "The best in the West". Held in mid-November it was a big event for a good many years. Artistic tableaux featured large, whilst the usual alcohol-fuelled comic entries went down a treat. There were a number of local carnivals and the tableaux travelled from one to another over a period of a few weeks in November and early December. It was usually freezing but many participants relied on 'a few nips' to anaesthetise themselves, with lots of thick heads next day.

Education in the village in my early days was either at the Church School or the relatively new County Primary School. The former is now divided into three residences near Lamb Park and the latter is much extended and the only school now operating in the village. Before my time I understand there were even more schools, two in West Street, but this was before the council school was built. I have heard of the Wesleyan Chapel School and also Bible Christian Church School, but although I know where they were, I have no information except that one house is still known as 'The Old School House' in West Street. I started school at age 4 and as the

school was close to our house, Rose Cottage, I apparently turned up at home mid-morning on my first day, saying "I don't think I will go tomorrow". I was quickly shunted back and nobody was the wiser!

I have to report that there was much demarcation between the pupils of the church school, who were prodigies of 'church families', and those at the new school were, by and large, from Methodist families. This did not bode well – the church scholars were known to hide behind the wall and throw mud etc. at the chapel school pupils. There was a social divide, which went quite deep. The church patronal festival (St. James the Great – July 25th, irreverently still referred to by my generation as 'JIMMY'S DAY') involved a parade to church on the day, followed by sports and tea in the Parish Hall in Lamb Park. Methodists were not invited! Similarly, chapel anniversary was for chapel people only. Imagine my concern, aged about 9, when my parents decided I would do better at the other school! My younger brother and I were duly transferred, battle commenced and blood was shed! Happily, such divisions no longer exist and we all get along very well together these many years. Fifty plus years on, I was reminded of my pugnacious exploits by one of the recipients of my wrath when Joyce and I were entertained to lunch by a connected party!! He had obviously got the message - we had no further conflict!

At age 11, we all had the 11 plus exam (then referred to as 'the scholarship'), and went either to the Secondary Modern School at Stratton (where the junior school is located now), or to Bude Grammar School until at least age 16. The grammar school was on Bramble Hill, now all residential.

Leisure activities were very simple. There were always village football teams with great rivalry in evidence. Young men were encouraged to join the Working Men's Club (WMC) at age 15, in the building just across the road from the Methodist Chapel (until recently a toy shop). The WMC had table tennis, billiards, darts and a reading room with extensive library, courtesy of the Thynne family of Penstowe who owned most of the farms and many of the cottages in the Parish. Known at the time as 'Library', the building has had various purposes over the years and is now residential. In its heyday it was well used (although never on Sundays), and was one of the first places to have a television. When decimalisation came in 1971, the late Ray Shaddick and I set up a 'shop' in the Library to help the old people get used to the new coins!

The Methodist Chapel room we're in today was once a stable for the visiting Minister's horse! It has also been a Youth Club before significant renovations gave us what we have today.

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St James the Great Church has played a big part in my life – the history is fascinating, but also socially. Many of the youth of the village learnt to ring the bells (Remember nobody had transport except a pushbike), it was something to do and we could go to ringing festivals which opened up how others lived! I kept up ringing and my brother Roy and I have been involved for over 70 years each! Many people in the village state that the Church owns the London Inn, but this is not the case. The pub and a couple of fields are vested in a very old trust, known as The Churchlands Trust, a completely separate entity in the control of elected Trustees.

Another popular misconception is the so called Penstowe Manor. It never was a manor. It was built in the 1880s for the Thynne family. I well-remember Lady Constance Thynne, a widow, living in that big house with only her limited staff. In the stable block was housed her magnificent green Rolls Royce. The last chauffeur took advantage of the fact the old lady always got in on the near side – he never cleaned the off-side! He often took the Rolls to the London Inn when his chauffeur services were not required!! The Thynnes took over when the Grenville line died out. The Grenville's had continuous connection with Kilkhampton (particularly Stowe) for a great many years, Hence Kilk being 'The Grenville Country'. Worthy of note is that Sir Bevil Grenville, who was killed at the Battle of Lansdowne (Bath) in 1642, was well-served by his manservant, Anthony Payne, the Cornish Giant (7ft. 4in tall) who brought the heart of his master back to Kilk. This is interred in the vault at the east end of the Church, along with the bodies of Grenville family members in lead coffins.

The Grenvilles were very influential in the area, and their history dates back to AD 911. That influence was carried on by the Thynnes when the male line of the Grenvilles died out. It is interesting to note that Grenville Rooms in Penstowe Road was built, allegedly, because Lady Constance had fallen out with the then rector, and the parish hall in Lamb Park was the church hall at the time. She commissioned the Grenville Rooms and you can still hear it referred to as "SPITE" hall by those of my generation! Lady Constance WAS the local aristocracy!

The old parish hall, a wooden construction situated in the top right corner of Lamb Park, was burnt down several years ago. Arson was suspected but never proven.

The Thynne estate had been dissipated by the selling-off of farms and cottages over many years and the whole estate was sold up on Lady Constance's death. The sale was in 1961 and I have a copy of the sale catalogue somewhere.

I mentioned NCT or North Cornwall Tractors earlier. I worked there for 32 years, up to 1990. They started in 1951 where Gilbert & Vanstones are now, then built workshops in 1958 where the Co-op now stands. Later, in 1990, they bought the market field where Bridgmans now stands. I worked there for 32 years up to 1990, and the company ceased trading in 1994.

Earlier I mentioned local dialects. There are not many who speak proper Cornish but it is pleasing to note that classes in our ancient language are gaining numbers again.

Whilst not authentic Cornish there are many local words and expressions which bewilder our lovely 'Incomers'...

I heard this in the village recently. The question was "Will you move my car?" Kay-srin-nen is the answer – meaning 'the keys are in it'!

You will all understand 'Drekly' – it doesn't mean 'directly, but is like the Spanish word 'Manyana' but without all the pressure. "I will get to it drekly" might mean before Xmas but not which Xmas!

'Viddy' means properly or tidily (A local wag said you need a viddy dictionary to understand).

When Albert Pengelly had the New Inn he put up a large sign on the end of the building telling all patrons to 'PARK VIDDY'

Dashell is Thistle

Vuzz is Gorse or Furze

Herish is a field where the corn has been cut and stubble remains

Datch is Thatch

Reverend Stephen Hawker decreed that our dialect was neither Cornish nor Devonshire but 'Tamarite' which is only heard a few miles each side of the river Tamar. Things have moved on and mostly we understand each other??

Kilk is a great village, with a strong spirit of community, a wonderful place to live - away from the A39, anyway! Earlier (much earlier) I referred to the famous Kilk Carnivals and I shall finish with a reference to one comic tableau that sticks in my mind the carnival. There was a trailer with a tree standing on it, with a car crashed half way up the tree. The vicar was on the trailer, there was much steam and bits of car everywhere. Writ large on the tableau was:-

"HERE ENDETH THE FIRST LESSON"

I do hope you have got something out of my ramblings! Thank you for your indulgence.

Tony Davis

BUDE LOOK GROUP

This month we discussed **Artists over time who have represented Working People**. Working people were not acceptable subjects for art until more recent times. We found monks painted in 1350, and some scenes depicting normal working life by Bruegel (1565) and Vermeer (1660) painted in Holland where there was a new middle class. It was not until the mid 19th century that artists began to paint working people.



'Stone breakers' - Courbet, 1849



'Gleaners' - Millet, 1857

Courbet's **Stone Breakers** 1849 was not exhibited at the time of painting. The public was horrified by the size and status given to peasants in Millet's **Gleaners** 1857 – the French Revolution was still painfully remembered.

By the end of the century, more artists were emerging from working class families and more politicians were focusing on the plight of working people in the new industrial age. We looked at the work of Van Gogh, Meunier, and the depiction on the right of the **March of the Weavers** by Käthe Kollwitz.

By the 20th century working people were a more popular subject to paint. We discussed the work of Sir Stanley Spencer, Herman Heijenbrock and L S Lowrie. During WW2 many artists were commissioned to paint working people like land girls and female engineers in support of the war effort. We ended the meeting by looking at the work of a number of artists who painted coal miners.



'March of the weavers'



'Three miners' - Josef Herman, 1953

Three Miners 1953 by Josef Herman

Josef Herman was a working class Polish Jew who went to Warsaw School of Art where he was influenced by leading European artists. In 1938 he left Poland for Brussels then fled the Nazi regime first to France then by ship to Glasgow. There he became an important influence on contemporary art. At this time he heard that all his family in Poland had been killed. He was lost, seeking solace by painting memories of his early Polish life. He moved to London and decided to spend two weeks in Wales. There he was able to find a warm, welcoming community and establish a new life among the miners. He lived in Ystragynlais for 11 years

Bude Look Group meets once a month at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude.

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Recipe Corner

Coronation chicken

Serves 6

This seemed an apt recipe for the month of King Charles' coronation, although it may be considered a bit retro nowadays! Coronation chicken was first devised to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, and is thought to have been inspired by a dish created in 1935 for the silver jubilee of George V, the Queen's grandfather. There are a huge variety of recipes available – the original dish contained dried apricots, some recipes use fresh herbs with spices, others contain raisins. Most have some sort of fruit in them. See what you think of this one...

Ingredients

1 x approx 1.5kg chicken, cooked and chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped (optional)
1 level tbsp. curry powder
125ml chicken stock
1 round tsp tomato puree
Juice of half a lemon
2 rounded tbsp sweet chutney such as mango
250ml mayonnaise
3 tbsp single cream

Method

Heat the oil and cook the onion (and garlic if used) gently for 5 minutes. Stir in the curry powder, cook for a few minutes then add the stock, tomato puree, lemon juice and chutney. Stir and bring to the boil, then simmer for 5 minutes. Strain the sauce into a basin and allow to cool.

To serve, stir in the mayonnaise and cream, then add the chopped chicken.

This recipe used green grapes and flaked almonds for decoration. It was suggested to serve it with a cold mixed rice, containing (for example) chopped pineapple, chopped red pepper, raisins, chopped spring onions and chopped apple.

An alternative is to make Golden Jubilee Chicken, which was devised in honour of Queen Elizabeth II. This recipe, which can be found on the internet, uses predominantly lime and ginger flavourings with a mayonnaise and crème fraîche sauce, and is designed to be served with a cold pasta salad.

TREE BOOK GROUP: The island of missing trees, by Elif Shafak

This extraordinary novel was originally published in August 2021. It was shortlisted for the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction. Elif Shafak is a writer who has demonstrated her willingness to take innovative paths in her storytelling. In this, her latest novel, this manifests itself by having a fig tree serving as one of the main characters in the story of star-crossed lovers.

On the island of Cyprus in 1974, teenagers from opposite sides of a divided land meet at a taverna in Nicosia, the city that they both call home. The taverna is the only place that Kostas, who is Greek and Christian, and Defne, who is Turkish and Muslim, can meet in secret. The taverna is named The Happy Fig and has a fig tree growing through a cavity in the roof.

The fig tree bears witness to their happy meetings and silent departures and is also there when war breaks out and the city reduced to ashes. In the aftermath the young couple are separated.

Decades later the fig tree, or rather a cutting of the original, is smuggled to England in a suitcase by Kostas, now a botanist. It eventually comes to live in his London garden. In the late 2010s sixteen-year-old Ada (Kostas and Defne's daughter) is made aware of the fig tree's origins. It watches over her as she seeks to untangle years of secrets and silence to find her place in the world.

Elif Shafak weaves her story through time and location in a nonlinear style. However, these shifts were noted in the chapter headings, which made it easier to follow. I adored the fig tree's accounts of her arboreal life and interactions with other parts of nature. There were also snippets of history and mythology as well as a focus on climate change. Elif Shafak's descriptions of insects, birds, butterflies as well as trees are lyrical. The conclusion of the story is very moving.

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KILK KRAFTS REPORT

On March 8th, Suzanne bought in a huge selection of beads, and everyone proceeded to make their own bracelets, by threading our choice of shapes and colour onto some wire which was then secured with pliers bending over the wire. Some people made a couple of bracelets. It was a very enjoyable session, and you can see the varied results in the photo.

On 22nd March, Reg Hambley led a lively session of Easter bingo enjoyed by all, with lots of easter eggs as prizes.



STALLS

KILKHAMPTON
COFFEE &
CAKES



SATURDAY 13th May
10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at
METHODIST CHURCH HALL
A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!
The Charity for May is Cornwall Air Ambulance

STALLS

KILK KRAFTS MAY MEETINGS

Wednesday 10th May

Coronation tea party and quiz

Wednesday 24th May

A variety of card-making with
Suzanne, Kathy, Jan and Lorna

*Venue: Methodist Chapel,
Kilkhampton*

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

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

Any questions, contact:

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Kilkhampston Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on 3rd April
2023 www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk

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

Apologies: Phil Sluggett (PS), Tim Cottle (TC).

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 ST for Planning Number 1.

Public Speaking Session No one attended.

Planning Applications

1) PA23/01519 | Single storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey side workshop without compliance with condition 2 of decision PA22/07437 dated 13.10.2022. | Tregarth West Street Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall EX23 9QW. The Chairman read through the details. ST said it's just a change in size. Going smaller. Mrs Wilson had written detailed information on why she felt it should be refused. The Chairman mentioned we would discuss and decide as we always do. Condition 2 is a previously approved scheme and this variation is not a building approved scheme – therefore application has to be amended. It just being made smaller. The Chairman said we gave permission last time – now it's reduced in size there is no reason for us to refuse. RH felt already passed and can't change our mind just due to the change in size. Nothing to object to. KB proposed for approval and KO seconded. All agreed in a unanimous decision.

2) PA23/01803 | Proposed erection of dwelling | Land At Penstowe Park The Coombe Penstowe Park Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall. The Chairman described placement diagram shown the Councillors, of where the building is. The Chairman said we have always said anything inside Penstowe area – we leave to the decision of the planners. This is a single site. As there have been hundreds of applications go through over the years, the Chairman didn't feel we could refuse as so many built all over. LB proposed approval and IH seconded. All in favour.

3) PA23/02035 | Change of use of a detached workshop outbuilding into an annexe. | The Old Mission Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall EX23 9RZ. RH said he hasn't been to site, but knows where is. It is a detached workshop and explained location. Diagram shown of what they want to turn into the annexe. RH mentioned where Mr D Sillifant's place is and that the planners turned this one down. This application is an existing building though, not a new

build. RN asked how large, as not much smaller than the house was. RH said it is within their own garden. RH moved and VJ seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £100.30 taken.

2. Lamb Park (Glebe) Development: The Chairman stated that RH went to Mr Paul Finn directly and within a week the paperwork had been done. RH said Mr S Finn rang and apologised for the delays we have incurred. Necessary details have been forwarded to Mrs H Bond and RH accepted apology on the Councils behalf. Moving forward again now.

3. Lamb Park Play area: VJ had met with T K Play – did get quote for a couple of sections. Still waiting on 3 phase details. Quote received for swing and roundabout of £33k. Original quote from previous company was everything for £75k. VJ said more sections/panels of the climbing frame are broken. Chairman asked KO to tend to as urgency to make safe. VJ also stated the quote from T K Play didn't include removal of items. The Chairman reiterated his astonishment of the cost of these items. The Chairman said we can either make safe or take down. KO felt it should just be the chain and panels that need attention. LB asked if any grants were available. VJ also asked this. A meeting for these may be in May. VJ felt if we had actual prices for replacing – we may stand more chance of getting some funding towards them. VJ did mention that T K Play did have great ideas and phases so could start earlier and they are more local. The Chairman mentioned that we are in another financial year now – may be able to re-assess finances towards this project. RH to give VJ the number for Mr G Strong to contact regarding grants. VJ felt it looked good that we are also putting money to the area.

4. King Charles III Coronation: The Chairman began by confirming that the mugs had been ordered. VJ to distribute at school and maybe state on website also. Every primary school aged child in the Parish will receive one and any child that attends Kilkhampston Primary School also. Approximately 150 children at the school. Should have ordered plenty and company also said we could order more if required. KB asked how we allow sales of any mugs available. The Chairman stated he is happy for them to be purchased from Gilbert and Vanstone store when needed. KB to check prices for anyone wishing to purchase.

Sunday lunch is organised, £6/ticket (limited tickets available). Speak to Joyce for ordering tickets. KB said the New Inn have got 2 bands and BBQ on the Saturday and on the Sunday they have Metric band and a cream tea organised.

IH asked if we wanted to do something on the Monday. LB said we had mentioned planting trees.

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IH felt we may not cover something for everyone if just the New Inn and Grenville Room lunch is provided. VJ said the Monday is classed as 'community help out'. KB mentioned another Parish are doing games etc and picnic on the Monday. Morwenstow doing similar. The Chairman felt that was all fine – someone needs to organise these events though. KB felt it would be nice to organise something at Lamb Park. KB suggested organising some games. ST said Morwenstow are dressing in red, white and blue.

The Chairman reiterated that someone needs to run with this and sort. KO and VJ felt bring own picnic idea was good. VJ happy to help sort something on the Monday. Background music could also be provided. VJ suggested a bouncy castle. VJ to try and get in contact with some people for these ideas. Bar can be open also. VJ to organise "Picnic in the Park". Bring and share food picnic. Someone needs to post on Facebook. The Chairman also said we could mention to the Hog Roast company if they wanted to have their stall also, for those not bringing any food. To begin at 2pm.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None.

Reports

Footpaths: Nothing to report per IH.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: The Chairman has instructed Mr Cottle to begin work on sports pavilion. To be done during the summer. Nothing further heard from company wanting to rent space for possible works at School.

School: LB said he is now on numerous committees. School is updating lots at present.

Grenville Rooms: RH said they have had a meeting and are planning on keeping a close eye on the electric consumption per organisation booked in. Need to get an idea of costings each time the hall is booked out. Electricity charges are obviously very high at the moment. Hire charges may need to reflect this. May get expensive when using the kitchen area. The Chairman said they have signed a 3 year deal as no companies wanted to supply due to being classed as a small user. RH said the store room is being cleared out this week. The Chairman mentioned we can then ask Mr Alan Hockin in. Email received offering laptops for charities, for small charge. Thinking this could be good for the history group. Could go through the Grenville Trust.

Months work Read through and approved by all.

Members

KB – Roadworks at North Close – re: sewers. Had a Parishioner in Aldercombe Lane approach him, that has had severe issues in the past with sewerage pumping into his garden. Very anxious if issues happen as previously have done. Concerned

on where the new pipework is going to. The Chairman said unfortunately we cannot do anything before any issues arise. ST asked KB to give details to him to look into.

Also mentioned were the Holy Wells in the village. Can we list anything – to try to preserve them? Do we know enough about their locations to list? Can anyone list? The Chairman felt they were listed already as online. Should be on deeds/land registry. Clerk to look into via paperwork from KB.

RN – Went to Bude Community Network Panel meeting. Now called Community Area Partnership (CAP). Two people spoke on zoom. Money is available but needing someone to push these funds. Lamb Park Play area etc. ST said all boxes need to be ticked to get the funds, but they are available. LB felt we should ask for more money and then negotiate if required. ST has information on such and will forward to VJ for viewing. Next CAP meeting is in May. ST said needs to be represented as RN has been doing.

RH, KO, IH, LB – Nothing.

VJ – Had two people come to her regarding a mound on a certain field and they feel there is some asbestos in there. The Chairman said they need to write in to us and we can pass onto the relevant authority. VJ to relay this to them.

ST – mentioned local area partnership devolution. Not one comment to him on which way to go with regard to a Mayor. Decision to be made on 19th April. Minded to put support to a referendum. Concerns over the cost to referendum for small turnout. The Chairman feels people don't know enough. People need to be highly interested in politics for it to be fully understood. ST felt it was all out there for people. LB feels we shouldn't have a Mayor. LB felt we are rural and funding would just go elsewhere. ST felt we should give our opinions on whether we want a mayor. Need to make a decision for the County. If there was a referendum we would all have a vote – per the Chairman. Do we as a Parish Council ask ST to vote on our behalf? LB felt we should say if we wanted one or not. ST worried we would lose control. Worried it would be a unity with Devon also, which then brings control from Exeter. LB moved for the Parish Council to give ST the agreement to vote on our behalf. VJ seconded. All in favour. LB feels everyone should take more interest, more often.

The Chairman asked if anything heard back from Sanctuary Housing? ST had a meeting with a surveyor 2 weeks ago. Nothing further done. ST to keep an eye on. KB said some are having people out in May – but have to replace lots. ST said the surveyor was embarrassed. VJ said another lady is getting some fencing. Waiting for these people to turn up and get things done.

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The Chairman mentioned the letter we had written regarding hedge at Stibb. Reply was received informing that the occupants had paid someone to come and sort, however they did not return to do the job. The Chairman mentioned he had given them some information on someone that can help them.

The Chairman mentioned the noticeboard at Stibb is looking a mess. KO to look into.

Correspondence

Finance: Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £348.00 Acuiti (Broadband); £558.55 CALC membership; £72.00 S Gifford. KB moved and LB seconded. All in favour to be paid.

Date of the next regular meeting: TUESDAY 2nd May 2023 (due to bank holidays), 7.30pm, Grenville Rooms.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

Can you see the wood for the trees?

By Sandra & Robert Langley

The other day I thought to myself I should take Sandra away for a few days; that will make me POPLAR. So after LOGGING on to the computer to see where we could stay, decided on this luxury BEECH hut on the coast, where we could hire a boat, and I could take the hELM. Thought we would BRANCH out a bit, YEW know. We didn't need to take much, so only packed a small TRUNK.

It was on the south coast, so we drove through OAKhampton and had some lunch and a coffee en-ROOT; finally arrived and the accommodation was sub-LIME. Suddenly I felt ill and was sick, then SYCAMORE. It must have been the lunch I ate – cHICKORY salad in BALSAmic vinegar with a JARRAH pickles - but I didn't TWIG at first. Some kids started to laugh at me so I told them to have some respect for their ELDERS, (in my day they would have been BIRCHED for that!), but Sandra said I should be nice and that they were only LARCHing about. Being ill like that had SAPPED my strength and my colour was ASHen. I could see the boat outside, it was a BARK, but I said I would preFIR to stay in and watch a film, so we did - FORREST Gump.

Next morning I felt better, so got SPRUCED up to go out. We met this couple, OLIVE and Ed WOOD. She was tall and WILLOWy with HAZEL eyes and he was wearing a bright yellow woollen JUNIPER. I told a few jokes; they didn't laugh though, but I don't think they could FIGure them out because they looked a bit STUMPED, but did say I should STICK at it. I felt like a bit of a PLANK actually. Their hobby was PALMistry and this was only their second DATE. Later they introduced us to a friend of theirs who was very, very old, Anne TEAK.

By now Sandra and I were PINEing for home, so we started on our way. Just down the road a cyclist swerved out. "Be more careful" I yelled, "EUCALYPTUS on the wing mirror!" He looked completely BAMBOOzled!

Next time we'll go a bit further, to the Mediterranean I think, CYPRESS maybe.

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KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

Although this article will not reach you until May, I am sat here in the last week of March writing this article. March has been a very busy month in the school and I have lots of news and pictures to share.

Our return to normality after the pandemic continued with our second set of parents' evenings of the academic year. These gave parents the chance to talk to teachers about how their children were progressing at the half-way point in the year and after receiving their child's interim report at the end of February. As normal, the parents' evenings were well-attended.

Red Nose Day always brings a lot of excitement in a primary school and at Kilkhampton School this is linked to the fact that the house captains organise a whole-school talent show, Kilk's Got Talent! In this talent show the children vote for their favourite act with small change, the winning act raising the most for charity. The show produced many varied talents from instruments being played to gymnastics, dance routines and singing. The show was eventually won by Charlie in Year Five, assisted by Joseph, who solved a Rubik's Cube in just over one minute. He just pipped a group of dancers from the Reception class and Jake playing tunes from the Greatest Showman on the keyboard to the top spot! Over £100 was raised for Comic Relief. (See more on next page)



Our winner Charlie, solving the Rubik's Cube in just one minute, supported by Joseph



Above: Kilk's Got Talent – The finalists



Jake on the keyboard playing tunes from The Greatest Showman



A group from Year Two perform as the Spice Girls

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Our children have continued to learn lots. In Key Stage One, children have been learning about caring for the environment, and paid a visit to Crooklets Beach where they spent some time with the 'Two Minute Beach Clean' team. Whilst there, the children took part in a beach clean, learnt about micro-plastic pollution, visited the rock pools in search of life and produced some beach art.

Years Three and Four have been learning about the Stone Age and the move to the earliest farming. A contrast to that was made on a recent visit to the Wadebridge Showground where the children took part in a Farm and Country Day. The children got to experience many activities linked to farming, they made bread, put nettles on Yarg cheese and met some farm animals amongst other things.

We have also introduced a new handwriting style over the last month and teachers have been busy working with the children to further improve their handwriting.

The end of term will see a special whole-school science day with children taking part in different experiments and investigations. The children will then have a chance to share their learning with the rest of the school. A special Easter assembly will also be held.



Children from Years 1 and 2 taking part in a two-minute beach clean



Beach Art



Children in Year 3 at the Farm and Country Day



Adding nettles to a Yarg cheese

Although as I write this the Easter holiday is looming large, my thoughts are already turning to the new term ahead. We are currently planning how the school will mark the momentous occasion that is the coronation of a new monarch with King Charles III being crowned in May; the first coronation that the vast majority of us will have ever witnessed! Added to that we have assessments and tests for children aged five, seven and eleven as well as the usual summer term mix of sports days, cycling proficiency and the school summer fair.

I have included as always, a selection of photos from some of the events I have described. I look forward to writing to you all again next month,

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