

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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June 2023

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We have all the usual notices - please note that the Kilk Community Lunch will be held in the Grenville Rooms from now on.

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Enjoy....

KILKHAMPTON FETE!

Yes, it's that time of year again!

This year's fete will be on

SATURDAY 15TH JULY

Starting at 2pm at Lamb Park

There will be the usual refreshments, beer tent and music till late, plus much more

Come along and have a day out with your friends and neighbours!

KILKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

TWO WEEK VACANCY FOR CAR PARK TOILET CARETAKER

CARETAKER REQUIRED FOR VILLAGE TOILETS

BETWEEN 6TH – 20th JUNE 2023

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EDITORIAL



Dydh da pubonan - hello everyone!

I hope you enjoyed some 'pysk hag askloes' last month, and managed to say 'dyth da' to at least one person in Kilk! I would love to hear from others who are learning cornish in the area, or just from anyone who has any comments or thoughts about the cornish language being revived both locally and throughout Cornwall.

We had a lovely holiday in Southern Ireland, with a few stops on the way and the way back we managed to fit in a 14 night break, taking the ferry from Fishguard in West Wales to Rosslare then travelling across to the far south west corner, which is really beautiful and amazingly quiet! There are a few tourist hotspots such as Killarney, but we mostly avoided the towns and explored the coast and countryside. We also visited the Burren in County Clare, where there are numerous examples of tombs and other prehistoric treasures.

Sadly I only learnt one bit of Gaelic, and that was from the road signs - I learnt that 'go mall' means 'slow'!! Not sure quite how useful that will be in years to come...

Don't forget that it's a double issue next month, so please send your notices and articles in in good time for inclusion!

Until then, dha weles,

Jill

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Beautifully decorated for the occasion, the Grenville Rooms was the venue for a celebratory luncheon on Sunday 7th May. Bookings for this special celebration were soon taken up and eighty people enjoyed their meal in great spirit.

With the assistance of the usual band of volunteer helpers, the luncheon was a great success. The expenses for the event were covered by the Parish Council and the proceeds of the ticket price will be donated to a nominated charity yet to be decided.

The fine meal was rounded off with celebratory cake, made by Mr Rob French and suitably ornate for the occasion, together with a glass of "Bubbly" for the loyal toast to "Their Royal Majesties, King Charles III and Queen Camilla", the toast proposed by Mr. Clive Vanstone, Chair of the Parish Council who also thanked everyone for their help and support. Rob had invited Mrs Margaret Colwill, at 100 years old, to cut the cake which she did, ably assisted by her great granddaughter, to great acclaim. Marg, as she is affectionately known to all, has seen four accessions to the throne and three Coronations and, in thanking her for her services, Rob expressed the hope that she might even be around for the next one!

Rob thanked everyone for coming to the luncheon and also all those whose help had made the event the success that it undoubtedly was.

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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Kilkhampston Church Services

St James Church

Sunday 4th June - Trinity Sunday

11am Holy Communion with (To be advised)

Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reader; Peter: Isaiah 40, 12-17, 27-end.

Sunday 11th June - 1st after Trinity

8.30am BENEFICE SAID MASS. Venue to be advised.

10.30am Christians Together United Service at Bude Methodist Church.

No service at St. James the Great.

Sunday 18th June - 2nd after Trinity

11am Holy Communion with (To be advised)

Welcomers: Margaret and Jennie. Reader: Kevin: Exodus 19, 2-8a.

Sunday 25th June – 3rd after Trinity

11am Morning Worship with (To be advised)

Welcomers: Lynn and Myra. Reader: Hilbre: Jeremiah 20, 7-13.

NOTE: Details of Preachers/Celebrants/etc. will be on updates in Church by the end of May as usual.

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>
4 th June	Rev. Stephen Skinner	Sue Brooks	Debbie Dawber
11 th June	Mr. Courtney Drew	Brenda Dunstan	Sue Joyner
18 th June	Mrs. Debbie Stokes	Fiona Cleave	Roger & Brenda Dunstan
25 th June	Mr. Barry Bryne	Sue Joyner	Joy Moore

ST JAMES CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

18th 19th and 20th AUGUST 2023

This year's title: 'What a Wonderful World'

It's not too late to book or sponsor a table!

Please contact

Jennie Siddalls 01288 321319 (or facebook message)

Heather Thomas 01288 321336/ 07717405145

We look forward to seeing you in August

FROM ST JAMES CHURCH

Dear friends,

When writing newsletters, I tend to look forward to the month ahead, but on this occasion, bearing in mind the historic event which took place on May 6th, perhaps you will forgive me for looking back.

It was estimated that billions of people around the world watched King Charles III as he was crowned; some on television screens, some on mobile phones, some live streamed on big screens and a relative few in person. All that historic pageantry in our modern age. Nowhere else in the world could hold such an event and I for one am very glad to have witnessed the ceremony that can trace its roots back to 973 when King Edgar was crowned.

The most poignant moment for me was when King Charles was stripped of all his vestments and finery, down to a simple white shirt to be anointed. At that moment, he was just a man, an ordinary man, with all his failings and weaknesses, kneeling before God his maker to be anointed for the task that lay ahead of him.

It was a laying aside of all the privilege that he had been born into; a laying down of all power and status and authority as he pledged to serve this nation and the nations of the commonwealth. For he, like us, will one day meet his Maker stripped naked of all the pretences we wrap ourselves in. I believe that something significant happened at that anointing.

Perhaps you remember your own confirmation and can remember your bishop laying hands on your head? Or perhaps you can remember your adult baptism? I certainly remember my confirmation and ordination.

God uses these moments and ceremonies and rituals to impart and empower us with the Holy Spirit. Charles was anointed to serve his people, however, Jesus chose to serve all people.

The ceremony was all about service. It reflected the service Charles has already given and has promised to recommit to. The congregation was made up of the great – heads of state and office holders from around the world – and the good – the ordinary, extraordinary people who have served their communities.

This coronation gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our own lives as the themes of community life, volunteering and service were highlighted. How will we respond to that call from God to serve one another?

Do you remember Jesus saying that, whatever you did to the least of my brethren, you did unto me.

I wonder how God has equipped you, what gifts and talents you have been given to serve the church, your family, your workplace, your community; what he has entrusted you with? Perhaps we think our gifts are too insignificant to do much good? Or perhaps we are unwilling to share what we have or who we are?

We can't all be king or queen. But we can all serve. What will that look like for you?

Yours in Christ,

Teresa

Reverend Teresa Folland

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hi everyone and welcome to June. Here we are again halfway through another year, so how about a little reflection! How are you doing with those New Year's resolutions that you gallantly started in January? If something was correct for you to do in January it is still correct for you to do, so how about grabbing it by the horns and driving it to success?

The Bible says 365 times 'Fear not', one for every day of the year. Fear is a crippler in so many lives. It stops us from achieving so many things. I can remember one day I came home to find a young lady who was staying with us holding herself, nearly in pain, outside our bathroom door. When I enquired why she was there and why didn't she just go to the loo, she replied "I can't, there's a spider in there!" When I investigated there was no spider! It made me think – do we spend time being uncomfortable because we are in fear of something that is not there?

A lot of people fear death, which is a bit crazy because it is the one thing that is unavoidable, so to me it seems more prudent to prepare for the unavoidable. That's why I'm a Christian, because the Bible says we have a sure hope of eternal life and that's the opposite of fear, so read Romans 10 v 1-15 and get replacing that fear with hope.

I have a cure for feeling miserable! Go and find a way of blessing someone else and I guarantee you will feel better! Go on, try it!

Every Blessing to you all,

Albert

Albert Sloman, Pastor

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St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors June 2023

Lewis Babb

As always Dad, special thoughts of you on your birthday, June 24th.
Also thoughts of you on Father's day.
With much love from Ann, John, Beryl, and all the now large family xxx

Thank You

Many thanks to all my dear family and friends in Kilkhampton for all the cards and messages on my dear Bri's passing.
Special thanks also to friends and family who helped me in so many ways. You know who you are.
God Bless, Annie

Birthday Wishes

Special 70th Birthday wishes to Cousin Robbie on 30th June
Nikitta on 4th June
Great Grandson Oakley on 21st June
Love Annie (Nanny) xx

Reg Cornish

Remembering our Brother, Dad and Granddad Reg Cornish
on his birthday 15th June, who passed away
on Father's Day 17th June 1990.
Always in our thoughts.
Vera, Alan, Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the families xxxxx

Sadly, despite extensive efforts, one of the messages for the June floodlighting page has been mislaid. Many apologies for this, we have been unable to find the person who gave the message in. If you want to re-submit your notice for the July/August edition, please get in touch with Tracey (details on page 3).

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

Further to my talk at Kilk Krafts...

I have been pleased and surprised at the interest shown both locally and further afield. Obviously the Kilkhampton Parish News is read and appreciated by many readers online, who have connections with our village, sometimes from years ago. This week I received an email from someone with no connections with Kilk who regularly reads our news in Australia. He was keen to tell of some of his experiences of growing up in the 1940s!

St James' shrinking band of bellringers were pleased to ring for the coronation of King Charles on Saturday morning. Our efforts were recorded and can be seen and heard on St James the Great facebook page thanks to Jenny Siddalls and friends. There won't be many ringers who rang at Queen Elizabeth's coronation – I am proud to say that I did just that. I was taught to ring, as were many others, by the late John Cornish who was tower captain for many years.

We currently have one learner and two more who have expressed interest in learning. Our regular band, with one or two exceptions, are getting on a bit and we need to pass on these skills. If you are interested my number is on page 2. Thank you.

Tony Davis

BUDE METRIC BRASS

We were again pleased to hold our Band Together Concert at King Arthurs at Penstowe on 25th February this year, where we were raising funds for The Cornwall Air Ambulance and Jay's Aim, two charities dear to our hearts. Nearly 60 players came and freely gave their support from as far away as North Yorkshire, London and the South of England to join with more local talent to perform an original program of music which included 2 world premieres. The Concert, hosted by Bude Metric Brass and conducted by their Musical Director Colin Gay, contained music from the classical to George Ezra and was well received by a good audience.



We would like to say a public big thank you to Simon Goodearl, his family, and his team for the use of the venue and for being excellent hosts to our event. The reduction to our outgoings means that ALL proceeds of the concert went to the charities.

Now the dust has settled and the accounts have been audited the band has been able to present cheques to both charities for £800 which they were able to do at their Coronation Weekend engagement at The Brendon Arms despite the foul weather.



The photos show the Treasurer, Gillian Beresford, issuing the cheques to the representatives of the charities. From the Cornwall Air Ambulance is community volunteer Isabel Florendine, and from Jay's Aim, Trustee Samantha Ford and Jay's Aim team member, Remy (Jay and Sam's son).

Since the concert, Bude Metric Brass have been busy preparing for The Coronation Weekend where we performed at Morwenstow Community Centre, The New Inn at Kilkhampton and the Brendon Arms in Bude and we are also preparing for 3 engagements in Kilkhampton with Songs of Praise, Kilkhampton fete and The Festival of Remembrance on the books already. We would like to thank the people of Kilkhampton and surrounding area for their support in the past and look forward to it continuing in the future.

budemetricbrass.org.uk

STALLS

KILKHAMPTON
COFFEE &
CAKES



SATURDAY 3rd June
10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at
METHODIST CHURCH HALL
A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!
The Charity for June is Bude Sea Pool

STALLS

KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH
Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £6

ON
Friday 23rd June
At 12.30 pm
AT
THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

Limited numbers so please book
to ensure a place
contact 01288 321073
transport could be arranged

BUDE LOOK GROUP

You may remember reading our January report when we focused on Barbara Hepworth - on Saturday we were invited by Tate St Ives to a Welcome Day for Look Groups. Thirteen of us enjoyed a wonderful day of talks about Hepworth and a workshop led by sculptor Sovay Berriman. Naturally we are far too modest to share our efforts here! However, in this month's meeting we did reflect on our visit before concluding our focus on **Artists over time who have represented Working People**.

Many of us are familiar with the sculptures in Hepworth's garden but this time we saw works borrowed from other parts of the country. We all wished that we could run our hands over the curves and textures in the way that Hepworth felt was so important. Sad that for the sake of conserving her work her wishes cannot be followed.



Above: Barbara Hepworth's sculptures



When discussing depictions of working people from the late 1940s to present time we included Hepworth's amazing **Hospital Drawings** undertaken in the operating theatre and other key workers exhibited during lockdown such as **Duncan Johnson Street Cleaner** by Telford Morton. See pictures on the right.



Some works were more controversial. We discussed a gallery with walls completely covered in plastic toys interspersed with photographs of young factory workers in China sat at conveyor belts by Michael Wolf. And this composition of manipulated photos by **Gursky, May Day V 2016**, as shown on the right.

What do you think he was communicating?



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

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

This newsletter will be in the June edition of the Parish News but is being written just after the bank holiday weekend to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Obviously, the coronation is a historic moment and we marked the event as a school in a number of ways. Over the course of the weeks running up to the event, our assemblies have focused on the coronation, the Commonwealth, the United Kingdom and past monarchs.

Every class also produced art-work to decorate the hall linked to the coronation, I have included some pictures of these to accompany this article. The oldest children produced work based on the king's cipher; children in Widemouth class produced collages based upon the king's silhouette; the children in Crooklets class learnt printing techniques to produce a piece of art showing the coronation procession; Duckpool class made portraits of the king; Northcott made miniature models of King Charles and Sandymouth produced crowns featuring the flowers of the home nations.

On the Friday before the coronation, the children came to school dressed in red, white and blue. They all made crowns and then had a special picnic lunch. Unfortunately the weather did not play ball, so our picnic turned into a school 'street party' in the hall.

That afternoon, we learnt about the route of the procession, some of the music of the coronation and sang the national anthem. Every child then went home with a special commemorative mug, donated by the parish council. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the parish council for the gifts for the children.

In non-coronation related news, Years Six and Two have begun sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) the results of which will be known later in the school year. Later this term, children in Year One will take a phonics screening test to assess their ability in early reading, and children in Year Four will sit a multiplication tables test.

Our girls' football team performed really well at a north Cornwall festival held in Bodmin, winning most of the games they played. Our attention is now shifting from sports such as football to athletics and rounders with our sports day coming in early July. Some children will also be taking their cycling proficiency during June and July.

I look forward to updating you further about what has been happening in the school in next month's Parish News.

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Miniature King Charles produced by Northcott class



Collage silhouettes of the king by Widemouth class



Portraits of King Charles III by Duckpool class

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Crowns with national flowers produced by Sandymouth class



Above: Coronation procession by Crooklets class



Left: One of the royal ciphers produced by Summerleaze class



Left: Sandymouth class wearing the crowns they made

Right: Children enjoying their 'street party'



KILK KRAFTS REPORT

The Kilk Krafts meetings continue to be popular and well-attended. On 12th April, Jan Dickerson led a session creating spring flower table arrangements. Jan brought greenery, flowers, soaked oasis and pots all ready for use by the group. Some members had also brought their own greenery, flowers and pots.

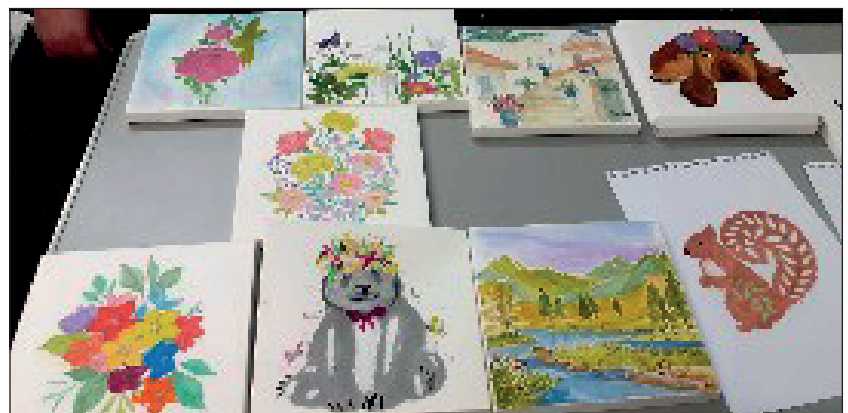
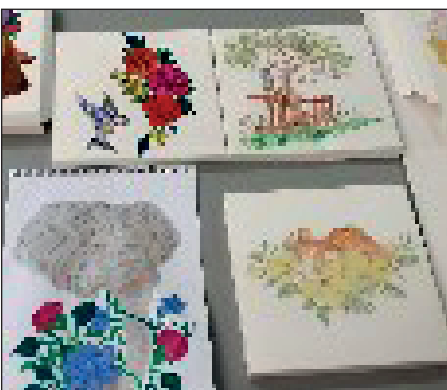
Everyone placed greenery around the edge of their oasis, then white gyp inside this layer. They were then given spray carnations to infill the remaining space and then shown how to cut and bend bear grass to create loops. It was a really enjoyable afternoon, and as you will see from the photos all the arrangements came out differently, and all of them were great. Many thanks to Jan.

The 26th April meeting was led by Suzanne, and involved colouring pre-printed canvases which came as flat packs and are then folded into a box frame. There was a large range of choice of mediums, including watercolour pencils, acrylic paints, metallic watercolour paints and also crayons. Some of the members were a bit hesitant at first, but then tried to do the task and were very pleased with the results, which you can see from the photos. It just shows how everyone has the ability to be artistic!



Above: Spring flower table arrangements

Below: completed canvases



KILK KRAFTS JUNE MEETINGS

Wednesday 14th June

Lynn Whaley showing how to make gift bags

Wednesday 28th June

Sally Strong with the ukulele band

Venue: Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Cost: £2 per session plus material costs as needed

*Any questions, contact: Joyce (01288 321292)
or Lorna (01288 321706)*

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on 2nd May
2023 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

Attendance: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Lee Bond (LB), Keith Ovenden (KO).

Apologies: Phil Sluggett (PS), Tim Cottle (TC), Cornwall County Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST), Roland Nancekivell (RN), Vinnie James (VJ).

Chairman: Clive Vanstone

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 No-one attended.

Planning Applications

1. PA23/02035 Change of use of a detached workshop outbuilding into an annexe. The Old Mission Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RZ. RH explained this had come in at the last meeting and has already been dealt with.

2. PA23/02761 Construction of a sun room, Ashgrove Barn Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RZ. We approved the new access now they are asking for a sunroom. The Chairman is concerned they weren't allowed to increase the footprint. Pictures shown and available for viewing. Discussed. KO felt more substantial than a sunroom. KO felt it looked more like an extension. Chairman had thought it was a conservatory style as application by Bude Windows. RH felt things have changed in planning over time. RH approved and LB seconded. All in favour.

3. PA23/02975 Erection of one detached 3 bedroom dwelling, with associated vehicle access and landscaping. Land West Of Sunnyside East Road Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9QS. The Chairman went to view the area – felt it is a decent size plot. Pictures for viewing available and discussed in detail. The Chairman was concerned about the vehicle access and visibility. The need to reverse in or out. RH reiterated that conditions have changed over the years on policies etc. KO said we can agree with the building plot but have concerns about vehicle access. Site lends itself for a dwelling but we have to provisionally accept with concerns on access. RH proposed and KO seconded. All in favour.

4. PA23/02980 Change of use of holiday flat/annexe to unrestricted residential use flat. Furlongs Lymsworthy Farm Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RY. Asking for a change of use. KO felt it would be better as residential. LB moved and RH seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £128.00 taken. Stated that if no cover for when Mr Somerfield is on holiday we would have to close for two weeks. Advert to be put into the parish magazine for job to be covered.

2. Lamb Park (Glebe) Development: RH mentioned that Mrs H Bond had passed over the paperwork to him. Signatures required – some from the solicitors. To be taken by RH. RH wanted to give word of thanks to Mrs Bond and all agreed for RH to return all paperwork. Mrs Bond has completed all her parts. Leave on agenda for payment of service to be agreed.

3. Lamb Park Play area: VJ not here. Email received from Eco Playground regarding inspections. The Chairman felt we should reply to say thanks for email and someone will contact in due course to discuss our requirements. Chairman to also call. Also, Lamb Park Trust have made an application for Solar Farm funding.

4. King Charles III Coronation: Stated that the mugs arrived and looked great. 162 delivered to school and some sold in the shop already. Nice reactions online also. The Chairman said if we need more we can get them. Lunch being dealt with – 82 booked. Monday picnic booked – VJ organised bouncy castle. Everyone to bring food etc. Soft drinks and hot drinks will be available for purchase. Picnic at Lamb Park 2pm onwards, including face painting. LB mentioned the School is also doing events for the children. IH mentioned no decorations have gone up. RH said the Grenville Rooms will be decorated. The weather becomes an issue with any bunting etc. The Chairman felt individuals are welcome to decorate if they wish. Hopefully lots will turn up on Monday.

5. Church Payments: KPCC and Kilkhampton Methodist Church. LB proposed we increase the Church to £1100 and Methodist to £500. All in favour. RH also mentioned that the Chairman's annual money is due. Proposed and LB seconded. All in favour.

6. Annual General Meeting: RH mentioned the process of the AGM. The Chairman steps down and the Vice Chairman asks for nominations for the Chairman position. The Chairman then goes through all the committees to be allocated and agreed. Next AGM: 7pm on 5th June.

7. Zurich Insurance Renewal: Clerk stated costs and previous years. All agreed to renew. Clerk to sort. Need to re-assess the cover when any additions are added.

8. Annual Accounts Approval: AGAR forms available, including all accounting paperwork. Section 1 approved by the Chairman and signed

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accordingly. Reference 020523/CVHC/01. Section 2 approved by the Chairman and signed accordingly. Reference 020523/CVHC/02.

9. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: Email received about cliff face at Duckpool. Reply to state unfortunately nothing to do with us and would be a National Trust issue. IH to start cuts next month. PS sent message to state that an email had been received from Cornwall Countryside regarding the tree at Kespit. Landowner has contacted M V Plant but nothing happened as yet. Now out of our hands and with the contractors.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: Nothing further.

School: LB said school is doing great. Report given. Nothing further heard about buildings etc.

Grenville Rooms: Store now clear. Needs some attention so we can store paperwork etc. Lining needed. All areas for work discussed in full. Works to be quoted. Need to sort.

Month's work Read through and approved by all.

Members

Invoice for lighting failure. Emergency call out etc to be paid. N M Electrical. All agreed.

RH – mentioned that a pothole had been reported and details given to the Clerk, Mr Oliver Jones at Highways was contacted. All sorted now.

LB mentioned the road to Bradworthy at Taylors Cross. Terrible road and busy. Highways to be contacted by Clerk to state road from Taylors Cross to the County Border in need of attention.

KB – Nothing

KO – new defibrillator at the garage now in place. Repaired all missing slats on large climbing frame and links. Went to Stibb to look at the noticeboard – waiting on Bradworthy class – been a month.

IH mentioned VJ's point raised about the bins at Lamb Park being picked up and tipped out.

Goals been dragged across the grass also and damaged. Also the potholes at Lamb Park are getting worse. Was mentioned that once the lease is in place we can begin to sort everything.

LB – asked to mention about excrement found up the road and bottles of wine also. Couple of vans been reported on doing things in Bude. Been parking at Wayside. Unfortunately not a lot we can do. KB to find out who the Neighbourhood Police contact is and to mention details.

The Chairman said funding workshop details from ST received. ST had also sent information regarding West Street car park – where houses are being built and being used to park. Letter received from Hazy View, Penstowe Road, talking about the same site. Worried about the levels of building – developers

tipping soil against their hedge and they are worried they are starting at these levels. Chairman to speak to them. Significant rise in levels and felt it was at least a metre. RH said the Chairman needs to state this is out of our hands and they need to go to the planning officer – the Chairman said they have mentioned that they have written to the planners also.

Email from Sam and Beth Lewis – read through by the Chairman. Discussed and Clerk to reply to state, unfortunately nothing to do with the Parish Council as we don't own any part of the wall.

Correspondence Email received and read through from Ms Nicola Cull. Reply to be sent thanking for interest in the Parish activities and welcome to attend the next AGM meeting on 5th June, 7pm. The Chairman mentioned an email from Mr Steven Carpenter regarding football club tenancy etc. Has been replied to.

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £340.00 South West Bouncy Castles; £7.60 D & I Bridgman; £90.00 S Gifford; £153.00 Face Value Accounting (audit); £378.30 N M Electrical. Invoice received from Mat Sampson – details being checked. RH moved and IH seconded. All in favour to be paid.

Date of the next meeting: 5th June 2023, 7pm, Grenville Rooms. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by the Regular Parish Council meeting.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

KEITH METHERELL

Lyn, Krystle and Dan Metherell would like to thank everyone for the kind messages of sympathy, cards received and to everyone who attended the funeral.

Donations given in Keith's memory amounted to:

Exeter Leukaemia Fund £628.48

And

MS Society £552.12

Our thanks also to Kingsley Bryant, the New Inn and Val Shadrack.

TREE BOOK GROUP: The Confessions of Frannie Langton, by Sara Collins

The Confessions of Frannie Langton is a compelling and interesting historical novel set in the early nineteenth century. The book opens with Frannie in the dock of The Old Bailey accused of murdering her master and mistress, George Benham and Marguerite Benham. Since her arrest Frannie has not spoken about that night as she can't remember what happened. Whilst in her prison cell she writes down her confessions and the story of her life, in the form of a letter, to her lawyer, John Pettigrew. It is this letter that makes up the majority of the book, with Frannie narrating her story from a young girl in Paradise, Jamaica, to her becoming a maid at the Benham's in London and the events of that terrible night. A deeply moving story, shocking in parts, this is an engaging and immersive read.

There is no doubt that Frannie is the heroine of this book, and one you can't help but admire. As she tells her story you become invested in her, and as the plot moves towards the murder charge you want the outcome to be not guilty. Paradise was the plantation she was brought up on in Jamaica, but it was no paradise for her, the other slaves or in fact the owners. Frannie was a mulatta, her mother a black slave and her father, the owner of the plantation John Langton. This puts her in a strange position on the plantation, she is neither one thing nor another. Taken on as a house slave due to her father, she is not trusted by the other slaves, but in the house she is a slave to her mistress and Langton. This is a situation that seems to follow her around; at the Benhams she becomes a lady's maid to Marguerite Benham where the other servants are mistrustful of her, but Mr Benham sees her as a servant. Throughout her life she seems to occupy a grey area as she is educated by her father, an intelligent woman who can read and write, but ultimately seen as a heathen due to the colour of her skin. In every book there is a villain, and in this book there are two: John Langton and George Benham. As a child they used Frannie as an experiment to see if these heathens could be educated, and then used her abilities to help with their experiments, to their benefit.

Sara Collins has a wonderful writing style that makes this book flow beautifully and a pleasure to read. The historical detail is brilliant, and this detail is carried on to the very different settings in the book, from the heat and dryness of Paradise to the cold, wet and dark city of London. The characters are richly drawn and have a gritty realism to them, making them very believable, especially the rawness and honesty of Frannie. The tension is kept throughout as Frannie slowly reveals her story, and the build-up to the murder and the huge question of what happened that terrible night and whether Frannie was capable of murder.

The Confessions of Frannie Langton is a rich and detailed historical novel, which is written with great thought and understanding. Frannie's story is one of hardship, difference, strength, love and sadness, where she is treated as a commodity and a possession at the hands of white men.

Contact: Dorothy Flaxman 01288 359590

MORWENSTOW COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 11th June

Entry is free!!

**Arrive at the community
centre between 12 noon and
5pm to collect your map**

**You can also view the stalls,
buy plants, and there will be
cream teas and squash
available for donations**

**We look forward to seeing
you there!**

Hedgehog News from Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue

We are an organisation in Newquay
dedicated to helping hedgehogs, which
are now sadly vulnerable to extinction.

We are well into hedgehog breeding
season and it's likely hedgehog activity
will increase due to this. At the rescue
we are now very much on countdown
to the first orphaned hoglet of the year
as last year May saw the first of nearly
350 hoglets admitted to the rescue,
making up part of a total of nearly
1300!

There are many ways you can make
your garden more hedgehog-friendly,
please visit our website to read more.

**Most importantly, if a hedgehog
needs help, please call us.**

Do not leave a facebook message.

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