

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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IMPORTANT POST OFFICE NEWS!

Kilkhampton post office will now be under the management of Bude main post office

It will operate in the Grenville Rooms, 9am to 11am on Tuesdays

We are so happy to be able to provide kilk with post office services again and look forward to seeing you all. Thank you for your support, it is most important to use us as we are being monitored by the post office for a six month trial period to see if the footfall and customer sessions warrant this to be a permanent arrangement.

Thank you very much

Luke Francis, Head Postmaster

Kilkhampton Fete - Saturday 20th July 2024

HOWEVER does “Kilkhampton” want a Fete in 2024?

Whilst we have fantastic support for the actual day, we need more help in planning and organising the fete.

We need more involvement from the village so that this event continues – people to join our committee, bring and discuss new ideas and events, and come to a few meetings a year.

Please come along and give your support at the next Fete meeting:

Monday 29th January 2024, 7.30pm, at the New Inn

Inside this issue...

Lots of news about Christmas-related events - see pages 5, 6 and 7.

There are also a number of articles and notices that might be of interest - there is a public consultation being held about a proposed extension to Pigsdon Quarry (see page 7), a request from Kilk PTA to help them raise funds without costing you anything (see page 9), and a chance to meet ‘The Lion Man of Duckpool’ on page 10.

Also, Kilk Krafts have been busy making poppies for St James church for remembrance day - see their news on page 11, with poppy photos. You will be able to see the poppies in St James church over the Remembrance period.

Don't forget, for those wishing to gather with other villagers to commemorate Remembrance Day, there will be the usual Act of Remembrance service at 10.45 on Sunday 12th November, followed by a joint service in St James Church.

St James the Great, Kilkhampton

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EDITORIAL



Dydh da pubonan – hello everyone!

Welcome to our latest edition – with quite a few adverts appearing for Christmas events, it's time to get festive! To be fair, some of the events are in late November or very early in December, so it's good to know about them in plenty of time.

I wanted to talk about the parish news this month. We don't get a huge amount of editorial information submitted each month – it's really lovely to have the regular Kilk school feature with photos, and we have Kilk Krafts reports along with photos, but we have lost a couple of regular features – namely the recipe page and Uncle Eric's page. If anyone has ideas about a regular feature that could be included – and they are willing to take on submitting something every month – we could think about some new features? Articles can be written by a variety of people but I would need to have one contact point to come back to (and chase up if needed!). There may be regular events in the village that could have a write-up, or if anyone likes creating puzzles or crosswords we could include those? These are just starter ideas, but please let us know if you are interested in contributing anything on a regular basis.

Also, please remember that anything that is put in the editorial pages is FREE. The trade advertising pays for the cost of paper and printing, and we're

very grateful to all those that advertise – we know that some businesses don't really need to advertise but continue their adverts in order to support the Parish News, which is much appreciated.

So if you have events planned for a month or two ahead, or want to submit a write-up of anything relevant, please send them in to me. I prefer email, but realise this isn't possible for everyone, so I am happy to have notes posted through my door (my details are on page 2). Also if people are worried about whether their efforts will make sense on paper, again, I am happy to edit them into making sense if needed!!

We have a facebook page, which was set up so that people can be notified when each edition comes out, and for any other news from our team. This particularly helps people who have moved away from Kilk but still want to catch up with village news. The page is a private one, as we have had experience of people signing up in order to promote their businesses. Whilst this is understandable, there are plenty of other opportunities to advertise for free, and we remain loyal to those who place adverts in the Parish News and pay (a very reasonable amount) for them. So if you ask to sign up, please be aware that you will NOT be able to post on our page.

So, hopefully this all makes sense, and I look forward to hearing from any or all of you! And please send in news of anything Christmassy that you would like to put in the next issue - a double issue for December and January as usual.

Until next time – oll an gwella,

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 5th November - Trinity 22

11am: Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa

Welcomers: Rita and Rachel. Reader Tony: Micah 3: 5-12.

Sunday 12th November - Trinity 23 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45am: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial with Reverend Richard

11am: Remembrance Service, joined by our Methodist Friends, led by Simon

Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reader: Hilbre: Wisdom 6: 12-16.

Sunday 19th November - Trinity 24

11am: Holy Communion with Reverend Douglas

Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reader: Gillian: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18.

Sunday 26th November - Christ the King

11am: Morning Worship with Richard Painter

Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reader: Ian: Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24.

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>
5th November	Rev. Richard Ward-Smith	Sue Joyner	Sue Joyner
12th November	Rev. Simon Leigh		
	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	UNITED SERVICE	ST. JAMES
19th November	Mrs. Chris Forster	Joan Sillifant	Judith Heard
26th November	Mr. Andrew Pitt	Pam Metherell	Fiona Cleave



ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

It's been twelve months since I had my heart attack so it's made me reflect on the past year of my life that I may not have had! So, I've been asking myself some questions like – have I made good use of this time that I have been given? Is there anything I regret doing or not doing?

There are some things that I have come to understand and one is that we think life is a chain, and it's not. It's a very weak thread that, in a split second, can be broken. So I try and plan to live until I'm a hundred but live as if I'm going to die tonight. That changes what you do and how you are!

This reminds me of the parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12 who put together great natural wealth for his retirement, but God said to him "you fool, tonight you are going to die and everything you have done is for nothing", then verse 31 says "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you".

So, it begs the question – what are you seeking? What are your priorities in your life today? Let me encourage you. If someone needs to hear you say "I love you", say it; if you need to forgive someone, forgive them; if you need to ask for forgiveness, ask for it and put matters right because you may not be here tomorrow to do it or say it. And why is it we avoid talking about the very thing that is unavoidable and do very little to prepare for the unavoidable?

John 3 v 16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

It's the main thing that church is for. It prepares us for the unavoidable.

Every Blessing to you all and have a great month.

Albert Sloman, Pastor

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P.S. As I have just finished writing this, we had a phone call about someone we loved and respected, that their thread has just broken.

KILKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

AROUND THE TREE AT THE CHAPEL

7PM

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER
EVERYONE WELCOME TO
ATTEND



St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors November 2023

Remembering with love a son, **ANDREW CANN**,
who passed away on November 5th 1979
Also husband **TERRY CANN**,
who passed away November 3rd 2004.
Miss you both very much, from Rita and all the family.
Rest in Peace.

KARL MERRETT
5th November 1994
On what should have been our 29th Wedding Anniversary
Loved and missed every day.
Sam xx

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



KILKHAMPTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

(see poster on left)

We hope you and your families will join us for some seasonal festive fun

We have an outside market selling Christmas gifts

Hot food and drink will be available to purchase

Free face painting for the children and they will be able to decorate biscuits and baubles

We will be entertained by Bude Metric band, carol singers and the Ukulele band

Santa will be travelling through the village and arriving on his sleigh around 6pm

We look forward to seeing you there!



KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £6

ON

Friday 24th November

At 12.30 pm

AT

THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

Limited numbers so please book
to ensure a place
contact 01288 321073

transport could be arranged

Christmas Tree
Festival

St James

Church

Kilkhampton

Fri 1st December

+
Sat 2nd

+
Sun 3rd

Refreshments

Open 10 - 6 pm

Phone Heather

07717405145

KILKHAMPTON
COFFEE & CAKES

SATURDAY 4th Nov
10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at
METHODIST CHURCH HALL

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

The Charity for November is Bude Food Bank



PIGSDON QUARRY EXTENSION CONSULTATION EVENT

E & JW GLENDINNING IS SEEKING TO EXTEND THE EXTRACTION AREA OF PIGSDON QUARRY

We are holding a public drop-in event to share our proposals and invite you to join us.

Glendinning wishes to extend the mineral extraction area at Pigsdon Quarry due to limited space within the existing extraction area. The proposed extension will also allow further reserves of high specification gritstone to be utilised and will therefore extend the life of the quarry. This will ensure that local gritstone can be used for road surfacing throughout Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

All information presented at the event will be published on Glendinning's website from the day of the event at www.ejwglendinning.co.uk

DATE: THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

Time: 1PM TO 7PM

Location: Launcells Parish Hall, Grimscott, EX23 9LS

built on solid principles

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am writing this month's article just ahead of the October half-term. The weather has remained unseasonably warm which has enabled us to get outside and use the field for longer than we would normally.

The biggest news that has happened since the last time I wrote to you is that the school has been inspected by OFSTED. We have been awaiting an inspection since January 2022 but due to the pandemic, inspections have been delayed somewhat. We were inspected by two of His Majesty's Inspectors on 13th and 14th September and I have just received the final report.

I am pleased to inform you that Kilkhampton Junior and Infant School has been judged as good in all areas. Inspectors praised the behaviour of the children at the school, saying "Pupils behave well. High expectations are widely shared by all" and "Pupils' well-being is promoted particularly well. This helps pupils to feel valued, listened to and happy."

They also praised the school for ensuring that all children are catered for: "Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) flourish at this inclusive, community-oriented school. They contribute to the friendly, family atmosphere." They also said "Parents are positive about their children's experiences. They also believe that their children are well-looked after. Pupils, like staff, strive to live by the school's motto of 'be the best you can be'."

As with all OFSTED reports, areas for us to work on to further improve the school have been identified and we are all looking forward to continuing our work to make the school, the best it can be. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and governors for their hard work and for the children for continually being great ambassadors to the school.

Away from OFSTED, our new building has continued to be developed. Bricks are now being added to the outside of the structure and I was pleased to have my first opportunity to visit inside the building. Wooden beams will be exposed, giving a light airy atmosphere, aided by the large windows to the front and skylights above. The building will also be climate-friendly, due in part to its wooden frame as well as its solar panels and air source heat pump used to provide heating.



The view through the front of one of our new classrooms



A first view of the inside



Year 3 pupils working on charcoal art, inspired by the caves at Lascaux



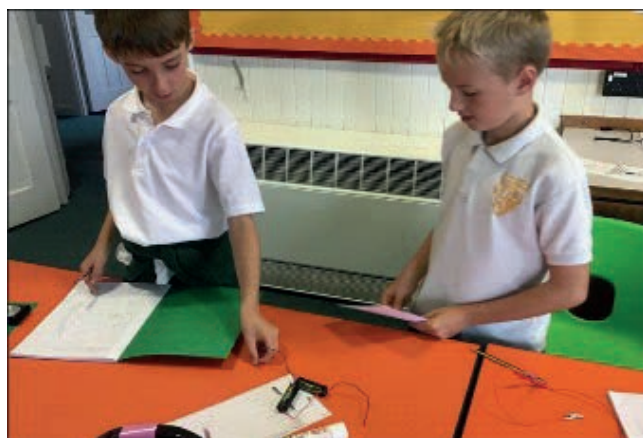
*Left:
Progress on the outside of our new building*



'Life-size' versions of our Reception pupils



Year 3 pupils taking part in a hockey festival



Year 4 pupils investigating circuits



Sports Leaders being trained by our sports coach, Scott

School life continues. Children are working hard and learning lots. We have attended sports festivals and our sports leaders (pupils who help younger pupils have active playtimes) have been trained by our sports coach, Scott. Our harvest festival is next week and children will then have a well-earned half-term before returning to school at the beginning of November. By the next time I write to you, we will be well on the way towards Christmas! (I apologise for mentioning that word – but time is fast passing!)

Speaking of Christmas, with shopping opportunities coming up, I have been asked by the school's Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) to pass on the message at the bottom of this page.

I look forward to writing to you again next month for what will be the Christmas edition – sorry I mentioned it again!

Michael Watson, Head Teacher

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Kilkhampton can you help us?

It won't cost you a penny!

As Kilkhampton Junior and Infant School PTA, we are signed up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, so whenever you shop online, the school benefits from a percentage of your spend at no extra cost to you. A huge number of major retailers participate in this, so as a community we could raise valuable funds to go towards our children and their school if we all signed up (honestly, it is easy).

We have currently raised over £550! And every little helps so if you are a shopaholic, do your weekly grocery shop online or are making a large purchase, eg electrical items, insurance or even a holiday please sign up to this first!

We'd be really grateful – Thank You.

MEET 'THE LION-MAN OF DUCKPOOL'



THE LION-MAN OF DUCKPOOL

As very new holiday residents at Pentire Coastal Holiday Park, my wife and I have naturally been keen to find what is to be found in this part of Cornwall.

In the first few days, after getting our feet wet at wonderful Sandymouth and enjoying a first visit to the London Inn, we ventured to Duckpool. What a setting! Starting with the fascinating 'pool' with its disappearing and reappearing water and which I understand was used for the ducking of witches. I wonder what the resident ducks thought of that! Then the rocky beach with its spectacular cliffs.

We took photos to send back to family, plus I paint as a hobby so sometimes with that in mind. I was attracted to striking cliff rock formations and I found 'THE LION-MAN OF DUCKPOOL'. Not quite 'The Lion of Lucerne', which is man-made, but a very clear image. Some 20+ feet from the top of his head to his chin.

I offered my photos to the National Trust, and also showed a few local people who were really surprised and very interested in the image. I felt encouraged and want to tell people who may not know about it, including fellow National Trust members.

After considering alternatives I have elected to create photos of the image, uniquely, in post-card form and line/wash pictures. He clearly is a Lion-Man but I had considered a title of Old Man which I liked, so to satisfy that I have created the 'OLD MAN AT DUCKPOOL'.

These postcards and pictures will be available in November as a once-only sale with all proceeds to be donated and shared equally to the National Trust and RNLI. There are:

15 postcard Portrait Lion-Man Photos, 16.5x11.7cm

15 postcard Landscape Lion-Man Photos, 16.5x11.7cm

All individually numbered in a presentation sleeve.

10 line/wash Lion Man pictures, A4 size

10 line/wash Old Man pictures, 25x20cm.

All individually numbered on high quality art paper.

These will be available for collection: Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November from Handmade Frames in Kilkhampton, and Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 November at Pentire Park reception. Once they're gone, they're gone!

I would like to thank Editor Jill for accepting this article and hope readers have found some interest, and thank Jon at Handmade Frames and Ben at Pentire for their help and support.

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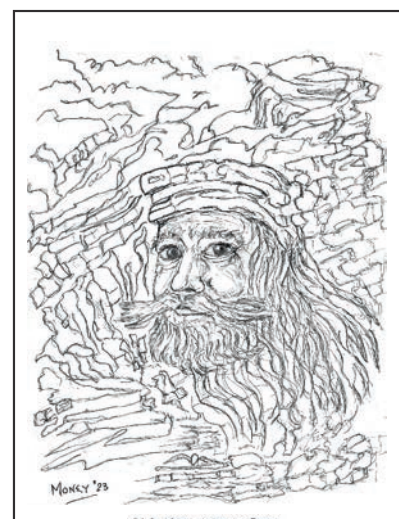


THE LION-MAN OF DUCKPOOL

The 'Lion-Man' can clearly be seen from the beach at Duckpool



THE LION-MAN OF DUCKPOOL



OLD MAN AT DUCKPOOL

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

Kilk Krafts held their first autumn meeting on 13th September, with a book swap and a chance to catch up on the crafts everyone had been doing over the summer.

On 27th September, they had a very well-attended meeting, where a lovely lady called Kerry Smith from Hats of Holsworthy talked about her business, from how it started to where she is now. Her main work is making fascinators and also adapting the many hats she has to tie in with any outfit colour, plus adding ribbons, feathers, beads or other embellishments. She brought a beautiful selection of hats, fascinators and hatinators, (yes it's a thing, not a typing error, a cross between a hat and a fascinator!) with her, plus some handbags. She has hundreds in stock in her shop which are available for hire, so if you are off to a wedding, Ascot Races or some other special event, she is the lady to see.

Kerry is very passionate about her work, not only taking into account the customers wishes, but also offering advice about what suits that person. After her talk and a demonstration, some of our members made a fascinator. They were lovely, as you can see from the photos, and everyone had a great afternoon.



KILK KRAFTS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS

Wednesday 8th November

Sally and Hannah: crafts for the church Christmas tree exhibition

Wednesday 22nd November

Susanne: Christmas mobiles

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas bingo and tea

*Venue: Methodist Chapel,
Kilkhampton*

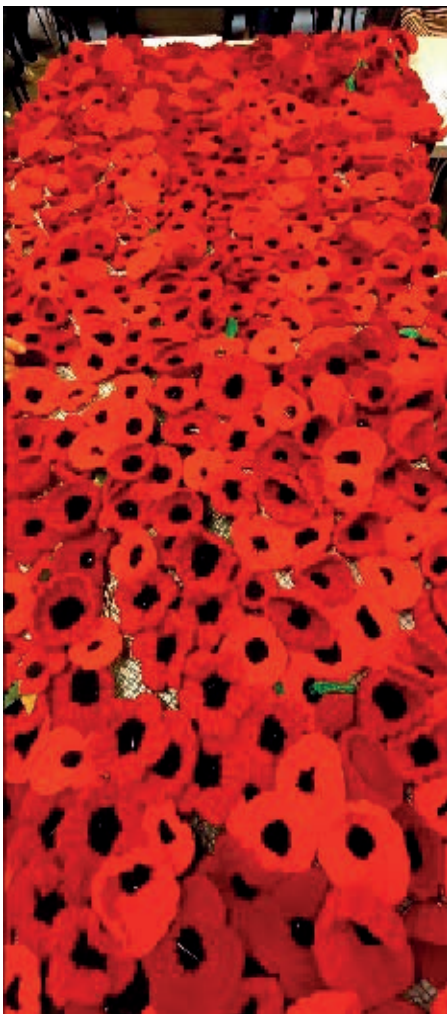
Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

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

Any questions, contact:

Joyce (01288 321292)

or Lorna (01288 321706)



For the 11th October meeting, the group gathered to sew their poppies onto netting. There were hundreds of poppies that had been knitted or crocheted over the summer. You can see the results on the photos, and the poppies will be displayed in St James Church in November, over the remembrance period.



BUDE LOOK GROUP

Paul Cezanne was our chosen artist this month. He is considered the Father of Modern Art and we were fascinated to discover why. He was born in the south of France to very prosperous parents who had planned a future for him as a lawyer, but he was desperate to be a great artist and went to Paris where he became friends with some of the Impressionists such as Monet and Pissarro, whose work we discussed last month. Pissarro was his mentor. He encouraged Cezanne to lighten the colours he chose and to paint outdoors.



Paul Cezanne - Great Pine near Aix, 1895-1897

Cezanne's greatest work was produced in the 15 years before his death in 1906. The 'Great Pine near Aix' is amazing. The centre of the pine is carefully drafted and the colours capture the essence of pine trees, yet on careful inspection the leaves and shrubbery are blocks of purples, blues and greens, while the patches of path and the view beyond glow orange, red and yellow. This is just one step away from an abstract painting. Future artists were inspired to take that step.

Cezanne's work was refused by the major gallery in Paris so many times that he retreated to his family estate in Aix and painted in seclusion until the end of his life. Rather than painting gleaming silverware and symbolic objects, he painted everyday objects, especially apples. Even more ground-breaking was his disregard of perspective. Look carefully and you will see the table is not a rectangle and has no right angles. It looks tilted as though the apples are about to roll off. Future artists like Picasso, Matisse and Braque were inspired to play with perspective, colour and shape.



Paul Cezanne - The Basket of Apples, 1893

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Unlike the Impressionists, Cezanne wasn't interested in painting quickly to capture light. In all his painting he worked slowly and fastidiously over years to create balanced compositions focusing on form or shapes and colour. There are few shadows. His colours were applied in small blocks; figures and buildings were simplified down to basic geometric shapes. Braque was inspired to do likewise and very soon after Cezanne's exhibition he and Picasso gave birth to Cubism.



Paul Cezanne - Mont Sainte Victoire, 1906



Paul Cezanne - The Bathers, 1895-1905

Even more ground-breaking were these simplified human shapes and flattened distances: we have Post Impressionism!

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

Contact chris.edwards39@btinternet.com

Editor's note:

For these and other pictures in the Parish News, I have lightened them to try and make them clearer when printed in black and white. Some of the artwork will be darker in real life. If you want to view any of the photos in colour, you can access current and past editions of the Parish News online at www.kilkhampton.net

Kilkhampston Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on

2nd October 2023

www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk

Attendance: Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Lee Bond (LB), Phil Sluggett (PS), Keith Ovenden (KO), Vinnie James (VJ).

Apologies: Clive Vanstone (CV), Tim Cottle (TC), Roland Nancekivell (RN), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

Vice Chairman: Kingsley Bryant

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening to all from Vice Chairman Kingsley Bryant and welcome to all attending this evening.

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

Adopt Code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest PS declared an interest in planning application number 5.

Public Speaking Session

The Vice Chairman began by handing over to Mr Gerald Strong. Mr Strong here just to inform that the first phase of the playpark is complete. Special thanks to be given to Mr Keith Francis for being on site every night. Clerk to write letter of thanks.

Mrs Sarah Bryant and Ms Susie Cox here to talk about Christmas events. Mrs Bryant mentioned that a group of people have joined together to organise a Christmas village fair. They plan on having market stalls, lighting in the village, music, primary school to do some singing and to also involve St James and the Methodist Church. Plans to have decorating crafts for the children, gingerbread men, baubles and have face painting too and mince pies etc. Hopeful of a really Christmassy event. 15 stalls have been booked already. Wanting local companies to help out too. To be held on the 9th December.

Mrs Bryant was wondering, on everyone's behalf, if the Parish Council would be able to help out with the event. Mrs Bryant felt the lighting would be the major cost. Probably looking at around £1000 worth of help. IH pointed out that all the initial costs of equipment would be this first year and most items can then be re-used in years to come.

RH did explain that the Parish Council cannot donate to such events. However, the Grenville Rooms Community Trust may be able to help on this occasion. RH informed that they have a meeting in a couple of weeks, which the ladies are welcome to attend and put their request to the Management Trust. Thanks to all by Mrs Bryant and Ms Cox.

VJ mentioned that without having any bank accounts in place, they cannot apply for the grants that ST had previously mentioned. The Vice Chairman gave thanks for attending the meeting and stated they were welcome to stay for the duration.

Planning Applications

1. PA23/06811 Proposal Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA21/03733 dated 04.08.2021 to change the ground front floor Bedroom 1 windows and change the garage from double to single with part conversion to annexe with attic room within garage roof. Location Land South Of Chynoweth Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall EX23 9PA Applicant Mr Cliff Medler. RH mentioned that this had been dealt with at the previous meeting.

2. PA23/05899 Proposal Proposed farm office and parking Location North Park Halls Farm Stibb Road Bude Applicant Mr And Mrs Drew. RH mentioned he had visited the site. This was a brand new building. Described where situated and gave details. Mr Richard White is the architect. RH couldn't see any issues. Images shown. PS proposed approval and VJ seconded. All in favour.

3. PA23/06125 Proposal Minor extension to The Tithe Barn (undesigned) to infill existing walled yard to create storage and shower room accommodation. Within the curtilage of the Grade II Listed Old Rectory Location Tithe Barn The Old Rectory
AND

4. PA23/06126 Proposal Listed Building Consent for Minor extension to The Tithe Barn (undesigned) to infill existing walled yard to create storage and shower room accommodation. Within the curtilage of the Grade II Listed Old Rectory and the change of use of land to residential curtilage (revision to previous application PA21/10076 dated 06.12.2021) Location Tithe Barn The Old Rectory Kilkhampston Bude Applicant Mr Paul Constantine. Both applications above discussed at the same time. LB couldn't see any difference apart from the Grade II listing mention. PA23/06126 refers to the previous application. All within our curtilage per RH. We passed previously. Vice Chairman mentioned what they are planning on doing. It's infill. No issues. RH proposed approval and LB seconded. All in favour.

PS left the room.

5. PA23/07194 Proposal 'Re-roofing in slate and raising of the ridge by 900mm and conversion of existing low headroom store to bedroom, with new window, and utility area.' with variation of condition 2 of decision PA20/02793 dated 02/07/2020. Location Beacon Cottage West Street Kilkhampston Bude Applicant Mr P Sluggett Grid Ref 225282 / 11139. Vice Chairman spoke about the application and details discussed. Nothing to turn down and felt would look better. IH proposed approval and KO seconded. All in favour.

PS back in the room.

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6. PA23/05974 Proposal Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval PA19/01715 dated 06/07/2020 for proposed residential development of land for the erection of up to 16 new dwellings Location Land South West Of Westboro West Street Kilkhampton Bude Applicant Mr Damian Gill Rainbow Developments Ltd.

The Vice Chairman handed over to RH. RH mentioned that this was to do with reserved matters, not to do with the previous application for access – that has already been approved. This is to do with the original application for 16 houses. Road up the centre and houses on either side. If we are still happy with the layout as previously agreed, nothing else has changed. Vice Chairman said the latest correspondence was from Cornwall Council asking for contributions on 106 agreement to Kilkhampton. RH reminded all that they had reduced from 20 houses to 16. RH felt we need to propose that we have no issues, provided the Case Officer and Planners have no concerns. The Vice Chairman stated that we had previously requested that the strip hedge was not to be removed. This to be mentioned on the website consultation by the Clerk. LB proposed approval on this basis and KO seconded. All in favour.

7. PA23/07415 Proposal Single storey side extension to dwelling and associated works Location 3 Whitecroft Way Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Mr And Mrs Wesley and Catherine Hutchinson. RH had visited the site. No issues. Single extension. Pictures viewed and discussed. RH informed that there were no objections from neighbours. No overlooking windows etc. RH proposed approval and IH seconded. All in favour.

8. PA23/07300 Change of use of dwelling from holiday use only to unrestricted residential use Ruby Barn Scadghill Farm Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9HN. LB asked if we did this a couple of years ago. RH informed they just want unrestricted residential use. No issues or concerns. LB proposed approval and PS seconded. All in favour.

9. PA23/07236 Proposal Change of Use of Christian Fellowship Hall to two dwellings Location Kilkhampton Christian Fellowship Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Aquila Fellowship Trust received and forwarded to all. RH asked for deferral until November meeting. The Case Officer is coming for a visit. There are concerns with parking and the private lane. To discuss in November. Clerk to keep on agenda. Clerk to also email Ms Aimee Williams (Case officer) to inform of the decision.

Matters

1. Car park and toilets: £153.80. No issues.

2. Lamb Park Play area: VJ reiterated that Phase one was now complete. The East Langford Grant will hopefully be able to be applied for in the spring. KO asked if other places we can apply for grants from? Morwenstow have had Ms Denise May apply on their behalf. VJ mentioned that it wasn't the applying that was a concern – but having the details of what needing to apply for on the next phase. The Vice Chairman said he would speak to Ms May and see what can be done. VJ also mentioned we will wait on the final figure to be paid. KO asked why the new gate required and matting removal weren't on the original quote? VJ said moving forward they needed to be sorted. Thanks to VJ from Vice Chairman.

3. Sporting Achievements Board: CV not here.

4. Other matters arising from the minutes: Mail received re: Pigsdon Quarry meeting. Inviting Councillors to attend on Thursday 5th October between 1pm and 3pm. To be taken around site and be shown what they are wanting to extend and control measures. Need to reply if anyone representing the Parish Council. RH, KO and PS to attend on our behalf. Clerk to reply accordingly.

Reports

Footpaths: IH said second cut to be done in a couple of weeks. Nothing else to report.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: RH mentioned Mr P Cottle had done the works at the Pavilion. Vice Chairman mentioned a representative had requested assistance on the Lamb Park Trust Funds.

School: Report given by LB. Governors meeting to be held this week.

Grenville Rooms: RH mentioned the post office situation. Mr Luke Francis had asked if possible to put a pop-up post office in the Grenville Rooms once a week. Requesting the Parish Council to cover the costs of £80-£100 per session. All agreed unfortunately this wasn't possible. At end – no solution made and RH heard nothing further from Mr Francis.

Month's work: Read through and approved by all.

Members

RH asked Clerk to write regarding streetlight M048 on Whitecroft Way not working. Clerk to deal with accordingly. RH gave details on Mr Luke Francis

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organising Remembrance Day celebrations on 12th November.

IH asked if we could set a date for the Christmas Carol service at the Chapel. Agreed on 13th December for 7pm start, RH to contact the Metric Band. IH to speak to the London Inn re: soup. Clerk to send advert to Jill for including in parish magazine.

Wreaths for Parish Council, Football club, Chapel and Church. Clerk to double-check these are being dealt with.

KO – mentioned that the defibrillator was taken out last weekend at North Close for a child not breathing. Defibrillator not needed or used in the end. KO checked all OK and put back. KO mentioned that he had completed his part on the history room.

PS, VJ – nothing.

Correspondence: The Vice Chairman read through a letter of resignation from RN that had been received. Vice Chairman asked if Councillors accepted this resignation. All agreed with regret. Clerk to reply to RN accordingly. Clerk to also email Cornwall Council and inform – they will then explain the process we need to take. Email received regarding CIL payments – reply required from Clerk.

Access to Sandymouth – road closure read through by Vice Chairman.

Finance: Read through by Vice Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £46.73 D & I Bridgmans; £48.00 K J Building Services; £72.00 S Gifford. Invoice for the history room work passed over to Grenville Rooms Management Committee. All in favour to be paid.

Email from British Gas received, giving new rates and offering 1, 3 and 5 year fixed deals. Clerk to reply requesting 1 year fix.

Vice Chairman mentioned that once all the finances have been cleared on the playpark invoices, funds will be very low so please be mindful of this.

Date of the next regular meeting: 6th November 2023, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm.

Vice Chairman gave his apologies for the next meeting.



TREE BOOK GROUP: EXILES

by Jane Harper

Beneath the ferris wheel at the Marralee Valley Annual Food and Wine Festival is a pram bay, for attendees to leave their prams, pushchairs, bikes, scooters, etc. However, when the festival closes, there is a single uncollected pram, and on closer inspection a technician discovers six week old Zoe Gillespie sleeping within – her thirty nine year old mother Kim nowhere to be found.

The investigation leads to one of Kim's shoes being found in the dam filter of the reservoir, the drop overlooking it located within walking distance of the fairground. What happened to Kim? Was it suicide? Murder? Or did Kim simply leave of her own accord? But why?

Aaron Falk was at the festival that night, visiting Marralee for the christening of the son of Greg Raco, Aaron's fellow policeman and friend.

The story continues, and it's now a year to the day since Kim disappeared. Aaron has returned to Marralee for the same christening, which was postponed due to the tragedy, as Kim has close personal ties to Greg's family.

Neither the police, nor those closest to Kim, are any the wiser regarding what happened to her twelve months earlier. Opening night of the Food and Wine Festival has rolled around again, and it is hoped that a planned appeal and tribute will refresh the memories of those who attended the previous year, and unearth fresh clues regarding what really happened to Kim Gillespie.

Kim's disappearance was the main mystery, but there was also an even colder case of a hit-and-run car accident five years earlier, which occurred at the same spot overlooking the reservoir that Kim probably jumped from. Both mysteries had me stumped, and also anxious as, like Aaron, I completely warmed to Greg Raco's family and their close-knit group of friends, and didn't want any of them to be involved, but knew that, at the very least, one of them had to be.

Marralee Valley, a fictitious small South Australian town in the heart of wine country, is vivid, detailed and real. It was hot (they drank a lot of water) but not unbearable – a lush green, peaceful, beautiful piece of paradise, the kind of place where you'd think nothing bad could happen, but does. Ever-present but not always acknowledged or talked about, you feel like you are in the calm of a storm, sitting in quiet bliss within the epicentre knowing full well the storm is going to get you at some point.

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