

# KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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December 2023 and  
January 2024

## Welcome...

*A couple of village items that I have been asked to bring to your attention:*

*1. The telephone number for booking the Grenville Rooms has been added to page two.*

*2. Any businesses in Kilk are welcome to apply to advertise FREE on the council website - just go to [kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk](http://kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk) and fill in the form you'll find there.*

*And festive fun - how many reindeer can you spot in the pages of this issue? They are all waiting to help Santa deliver his presents. Some of them are a bit shy so might take a bit of finding. The solution is on page 16, but don't look before you've had a go at spotting them!*

## *A gentle reminder...*

*If you want Kilk fete to go ahead in 2024, more committee members are needed. Anyone interested, please attend the committee meeting on Monday 29th January, 7.30pm at the New Inn.*

*Here are some of the articles and notices to look out for in this issue:*

*Page 5 - the Christmas Carol Service - please note this is now at the earlier time of **6.30pm**. Also notices for the annual 'Crib and Christingle' service and the January Candlemas lunch.*

*Page 7 - A report and photograph from the Festival of Remembrance.*

*Page 10 - The Annual Report from the Chairman of Kilkhampton Parish Council.*

*Page 12 - Kilk Krafts meetings coming up in December and January - some interesting speakers. Please check the dates carefully as one is on a different day from the usual 2nd Wednesday of the month.*

*Page 15 - Kilk Christmas Fayre at the Grenville Rooms in early December, plus news of where you can see (and hear!) Bude Metric Brass playing over the festive period.*

*Page 16: The Grenville Rooms Annual General Meeting Report, and a reminder about the Christmas Tree Festival over the first weekend of December.*

## St James the Great, Kilkhampton

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## Kilkhampton Methodist Chapel

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## Grenville Rooms

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| <b>Room Bookings</b> | <b>Contact Alan or Tracey Hockin</b> | 01288 321710 |
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## EDITORIAL



Dydh da pubonan - hello everyone,

It's odd, typing 2024 when it's over 6 weeks away. I always feel like I'm 'living in the future' when I do the parish news, and I need to remember that it's still the month before all these events are happening - or for this issue, many of the events are two months away! This issue is full of nice celebratory events, many related to the festive season, and also we can look back at the Remembrance Day events, including photos.

On other topics – many of you know my husband, Mike Carpenter, had a stroke many years ago. When we first moved down here, we investigated what was available for people who have had strokes (the correct term is 'stroke survivors' but Mike hates that!). We found a small group in Bude, set up by the charity Connect which was a great place for resources to help with strokes, but that charity no longer exists and only 3 of the people who used to go to those meetings still stay in touch and meet for coffee. Cornwall has its own challenges including distance, Mike is in Kilk of course and the other two live in Tintagel and Launceston.

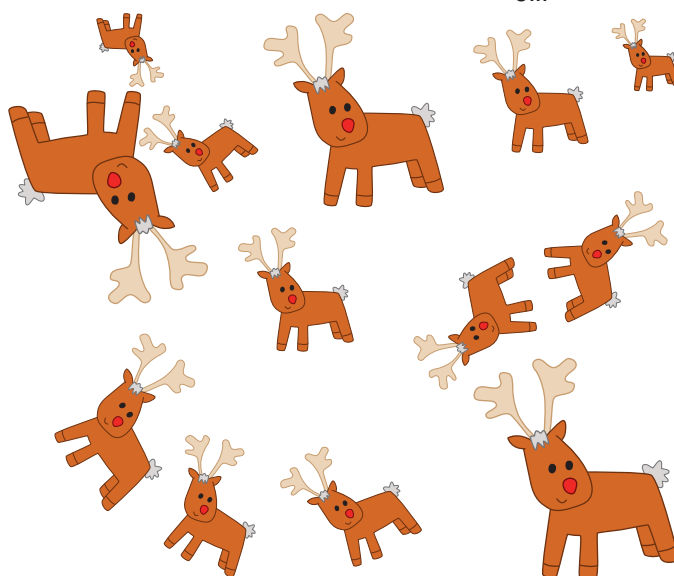
We also found a stroke group in Bideford, and through that we found a small group of people, with

strokes or Parkinson's disease, who met in Appledore once a month to sing sea shanties. As with strokes, some people with Parkinson's have difficulty with speech but find it easier to sing. Mike loved that group, but like many things it no longer exists. He and one of his Bude group friends are quite interested in meeting up and singing with others, and they wanted me to ask whether anyone might be interested in getting together as a small group in Kilk? Or is there anything else that exists that might be similar? If you are interested or have any information about existing groups, please get in touch with me – my contact details are on page 2.

I'm not too sure how many of you are interested in the Cornish language, but for those who are, I don't think it's too early to say 'Nadelik lowen ha blydhen nowyth da'!

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year, and see you in 2024!

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 11<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Smith at [kilkchurchlights@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the following month, and editorial submissions by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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# **Kilkhampton Church Services**

## ***St James Church***

### **Sunday 3rd December - Advent 1**

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Rita and Rachel. Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9. Peter.

### **Sunday 10th December - Advent 2**

11am Morning Worship with Ian  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading Isaiah 40:1-11. Kevin.

### **Sunday 17th December - Advent 3**

4pm Christingle with Hilbre and Kilkhampton Team  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4. Tony.

### **Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve - Advent 4**

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Readings: To be allocated.

### **Sunday 7th January - Epiphany 1 - Baptism of Christ**

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Douglas  
Welcomers: Rita and Rachel. Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6. Gillian.

### **Sunday 14th January - Epiphany 2**

11am Morning Worship with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and 11-20. Ian.

### **Sunday 21st January - Epiphany 3**

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: Genesis 14:17-20. Peter.

### **Sunday 28th January - Epiphany 4 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

11am Morning Worship with Richard Painter  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey Readings: Malachi 3:1-5. Kevin.

**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

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## ***Methodist Chapel***



| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Preacher</u></b>  | <b><u>Flowers</u></b> | <b><u>Coffee</u></b>   |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 3rd December       | Mr. Paul Wreyford       | Monica Heywood        | Sue & John Brooks      |
| 10th December      | Mr. Barry Bryne         | Sandra Jones          | Pam Metherell          |
| 17th December      | Rev. Simon Leigh        | <b>CHRISTMAS</b>      | Debbie Dawber          |
| 24th December      | Rev. Richard Ward-Smith | <b>CHRISTMAS</b>      | Sue Joyner             |
| 31st December      | Local Arrangement       | Marlene Bath          | Roger & Brenda Dunstan |
| 7th January        | Rev. Joy Wilson         | Sandra Holmes         | Joy Moore              |
| 14th January       | Mr. Mark Shepherd       | Lorna Evans           | Sandra Holmes          |
| 21st January       | Mrs. Cath Paddon        | Joy Moore             | Monica Heywood         |
| 28th January       | Rev. Joy Wilson         | Sylvia Hambley        | Sue & John Brooks      |

**KILKHAMPTON PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL  
SERVICE**

**AROUND THE TREE  
AT THE CHAPEL**

**6.30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO  
ATTEND**

**ST. JAMES CHURCH**

*Not to be missed...*

On Sunday 17th December at 4pm we will  
have our annual

**CRIB AND CHRISTINGLE  
SERVICE**

This is always popular with children and  
adults alike and is special for families of  
all ages. Do please come along and  
celebrate the true meaning of  
Christmas with us.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**ST JAMES THE GREAT - CANDLEMAS LUNCH**

**GRENVILLE ROOMS**

**SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024, 12.30 for 1pm**

**Roast Beef, Homemade Puddings, Cheese and Biscuits, Tea or Coffee**

**£12**

**Please book with Joyce 01288 321292**

**ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE**

Well, it's a double whammy again this time as December and January are combined. So here we are again at the beginning of November and we are being bombarded with Christmas adverts about toys and food, and if you buy this face cream you will stop the ageing process! And yes, companies are spending billions of pounds this year on advertising, not because it does not work but because it does. You would have thought that the world would have cottoned on by now, wouldn't you! Oh, and I have just remembered the box of chocolates that is all box and very few chocolates.

If that is all Christmas is about, then we miss the point completely. When I think of the birth of one little boy that changed the world for ever and changed me! That one event, so momentous, that we now mark time by it; never has the birth of one child had such an impact on the world and it is still impacting the world, as more people are becoming Christians the world over than ever before. So, in our busy lives, spare a thought for the real meaning of Christmas – JESUS. Please spare a little bit of

time to sing carols and attend Christmas services.

Christmas and New Year are great times for getting together with family and friends, but in the busyness and excitement of it all, remember those families for whom there will be an empty chair at the table this year, and those who will have no one to see the New Year in with this year, as it can be a lonely and selfish time of year as well. As I say to you every year – if you want to have the best Christmas and New Year ever, make the best Christmas and New Year for someone else! Go on, find someone you can bless.

So here's wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year and, God willing, see you in 2024.

May God bless you and keep you all in the centre of His will.

Albert Sloman, Pastor  
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## **St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors December 2023 and January 2024**

### **IRIS BOND**

Regrets that she will not be sending Xmas cards this year, but would like to wish all her friends and family a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Remembering with love **MADGE SPRY**, a wonderful loving Mum and Gran who passed away on 18th December 2000.

Often on our lips and always in our thoughts, Lyn, Dave and family.

### **GALLING-BABB**

Thoughts especially of my dear Brian who is missed so much, but great memories of our time together.

Also all Aunts, Uncles, Grandchildren and special family friends who are no longer here at this special time. Love Ann & family XX

### **JEN PARNELL**

I will not be sending Christmas cards this year, so would like to take the opportunity to wish all friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### **DOROTHY GARDINER**

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

### **BABB**

Another Xmas Mum & Dad, with thoughts of happy times together always in our hearts.  
With our love always, Ann, John, Beryl and all the family xxx

### **BABB**

Remembering our special sister Jo, and dear friend Sharon.  
Years pass, memories stay. Love as always Ann & John xx

### **JOYCE PADDON**

I will not be sending Christmas cards this year, so would like to wish family, friends and everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2024.  
Keep well.

**SID JONES & FAMILY** Would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **EDITH MARY & CHARLES COLWILL CLEAVE**

Remembering ever-loving and much-loved parents.  
Not just at Christmastime, but all the year through.  
'Memories like the ivy cling'. John

Remembering our dear parents **REG and SYLVIA CORNISH**  
Especially at Christmas time.

You are still missed, loved and remembered every day.  
Love Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the families. Xxxxx  
Also remembering our dear **AUNT EDIE** at Christmas time xx

### **ARTHUR HARRIGAN**

Remembering my dear husband who passed away 8th December 1995.  
Miss you every day. Love Edith xx

### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF MEGAN THORNTON**

December 29th. With much love and sadness.  
Rest in Peace. From all the family xxx

### **GWYN STONE**

Remembering Gwyn with much love on his birthday, December 7th.  
With love from Ann and all the family.

### **ARTHUR JORDAN**

Happy heavenly Birthday for our dear Dad on 6th January.  
Loved and missed always. Son Keith, daughters and grandchildren.

### **REV. PETER JOHN ABELL**

In loving memory of a much-loved Husband, Dad and Grandad, who passed away on January 27th 2019. You are greatly missed by all of us, but in our thoughts you are still so much a part of our lives.  
Kilkhampton, Morwenstow and the surrounding area will always be such a special place for us.

### **RUTH BABB**

Another year Mum but still miss those laughs we shared.  
You left us on 10th January 2001 and your birthday January 20th.  
Love as always from Ann, John & Beryl xxx

### **WINNIE FANSON**

Thinking of you on your Birthday, January 27th.  
Fond thoughts from Ann, John, Beryl and family xx

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

## **KILKHAMPTON FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE**

On November 4th, the church bells of St James the Great rang out a muffled peal to welcome over 200 attendees to two performances of the bi-annual Kilkhampton Festival of Remembrance. The church was beautifully decorated and Colonel Roger Lawes welcomed one and all.

The festival started with the national anthem and Chivenor military ladies choir who sang 'The Poppy Red'. Standards of the Royal British Legion, Royal Naval Association, Royal Marines Association, Royal Air Force Association and Hartland RAF cadets were all represented and marched out. They were accompanied by service personnel from the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, and the Rifles, REME and Parachute regiments of the Army. Together they formed a guard of honour for Chelsea Pensioner Brian Cummings, as Tamarside and Kilk church choir sang 'The Boys of the Old Brigade'.

The singing of 'I Vow to Thee My Country' resounded loudly, with Bude Metric Bandmaster Colin Gay taking charge, ably assisted by organist Brenda Luxton, as James Stacey processed the union standard to the front of the church.

The festival welcomed Plymouth Pipe Band, who played a set and were then followed by soloist Callum Flew. Tamarside singers and Kilk choir sang two beautiful pieces which then led on to Naomi Whittaker, whose son Private Joe Whittaker was lost in Afghanistan in 2008, leading the Act of Remembrance, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel

Grice. Deacon Debbie Marsh led prayers with Reverend Teresa Folland and Simon Leigh, and the Act of Remembrance followed.

A lone piper stood in the bell tower and played the last post as the union standard was dipped, and two minutes silence was observed as poppies floated down from the rafters and fell silently on the parade below. The band played sunset and the final hymn was 'The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended' as once again poppies drifted down to the congregation, a very emotional and moving act of remembrance.

Parade Marshall Luke Francis BEM said "it is a privilege to put on the festival with over 100 people participating. With two performances, we seat over 400 people. There are just too many to thank individually but to think it has been enjoyed by so many, and raised over £4500 for the Poppy Appeal, makes it so worthwhile".



## BUDE LOOK GROUP

At our latest meeting we focused on the Macchiaioli group of artists who met to discuss politics and art at the Café Michelangelo in Florence. This was the time of Garibaldi, the wars of independence in Italy and its subsequent unification in 1871. The artists resented the classical tuition they had received in their art academies, and thought the art world divorced from the life they knew. They were very patriotic and wished to paint outdoors and celebrate the Tuscany countryside and its people.

### Serafino De Tivoli

De Tivoli, like most of the Macchiaioli, fought as a volunteer with Garibaldi. De Tivoli is considered the father of the group and in 1853 encouraged artists to meet outdoors to paint the real world and experiment with techniques and colour. In 1855, De Tivoli went to France, where he was impressed by the artists of the Barbizon School who were painting outdoors in Fontainebleau Forest outside Paris. Interestingly, the Barbizon group was inspired by the work of John Constable (1776-1837). Are you reminded of a Constable painting when you look at '**A Pasture**'? Constable painted studies outdoors then worked in his studio.



*Raffaello Sernesi, Il Cupolino alle Cascine, 1861*

### Raffaello Sernesi

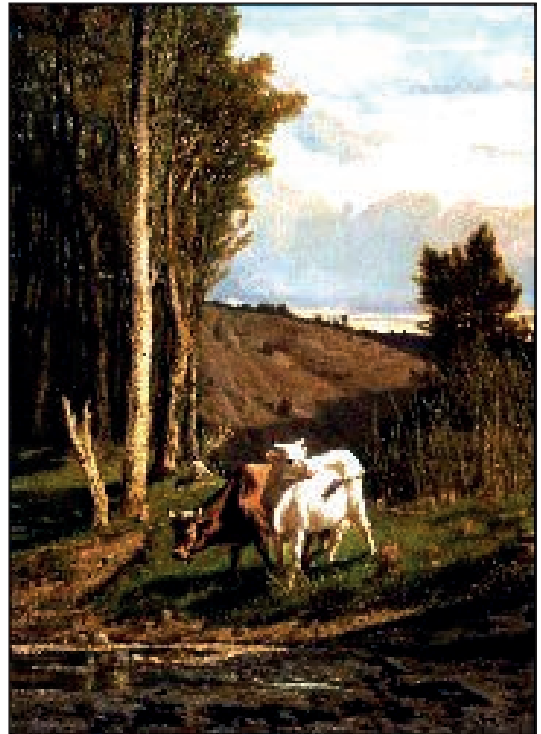
Sernesi's painting seems far more spontaneous than De Tivoli's, as though Sernesi is attempting to capture the moment. The chief claim to fame of the Macchiaioli is that they were a decade ahead of the Impressionists. Unfortunately, Sernesi was killed fighting for independence aged twenty-seven.

### Odoardo Borrani

The Macchiaioli artists believed that areas of light and shadow, or "macchie" (literally patches or spots) were the chief components of a work of art. They experimented with colour to contrast light and shade and to shape their subject, and fine detail became irrelevant and often neglected – a step towards Impressionism.

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

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*Serafino De Tivoli, A Pasture, 1859*



*Odoardo Borrani, A Walk in the Garden, 1860*



## KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

By the time you read this article, the festive season will be well underway. I however am writing this on a grey November day, with December still a few weeks away.

School has been a busy place over the last month. The new building is now really progressing, the brick cladding has been completed and we have some attractive ceramic tiles in the school colours at the front of the building.



*The new building progressing well*

The children and staff have been hard at work and I have included a range of pictures to show what has been going on in the school. Our sports teams have again been in action locally and the children have been learning a wide range of knowledge and skills across the curriculum.



*Children from Key Stage Two laying a wreath at the war memorial*

The whole school learnt about Remembrance and Armistice Day and all of Key Stage Two (children aged between seven and eleven) visited the village war memorial where two house-captains laid a school wreath of poppies and a two-minutes silence was observed. The children then visited the church, saw the roll of honour and the Commonwealth war graves in the churchyard. The younger children held their silence in the school hall. Older pupils also made poppies to decorate the school hall to commemorate the occasion.

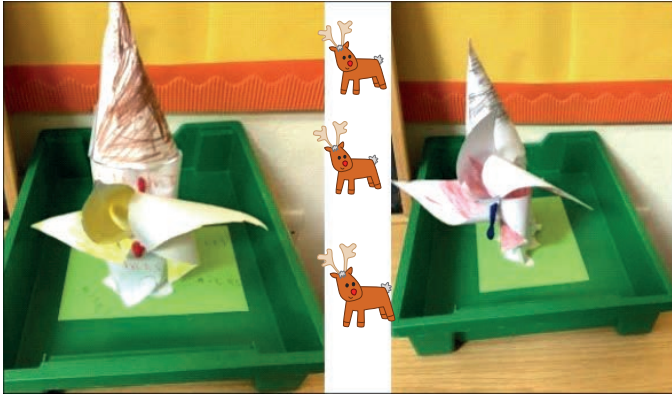
The Parents Teachers Association (PTA) has also been busy fundraising for the school. The children have produced designs for Christmas cards, which have then been printed for the parents to buy and we also held a sponsored aerobics session after school which was well-attended and raised over £800! The PTA and the school are currently looking at two key projects, a quiet and sensory garden where our outdoor library can be sited as well as new outdoor play equipment. Neither is cheap so the support of the parents and community is much appreciated.

With it now being mid-November, the attention of the school will now turn towards Christmas. Sadly, we are unable to use our usual venue of Penstowe for our Christmas play after many years. This means that for the first time we will have to stage separate Christmas plays for the infants and juniors and to limit tickets to a small number per family as we sadly do not have the same amount of space in the school hall!



*Children and staff taking part in a sponsored aerobics event*

*(Continued on page 10)*



Children in Year 1 designed and made windmills



Our Year 6 footballers at a tournament in Bude

As well as the play, we are also looking forward to a shared school dinner, which all staff and pupils share together in the school hall. It is a logistical challenge but well worth the effort to have a meal together as a whole-school community at this special time. We will also have class Christmas parties and a carol concert at the end of term where we can underline the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is one of the most magical times in the life of a primary school. The wonder and magic of the festive season is heightened when seen through the eyes of a child and hearing the first Christmas carol sung in assembly still feels special even after twenty years in the teaching profession.

May I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we move in to 2024,

**Michael Watson, Head Teacher** Tel 01288 321259 head@kilkhampton.cornwall.sch.uk

## ***KILK KRAFTS MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY***



Wednesday 13th December: Christmas bingo with Reg Hambley

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**TUESDAY 16th January: Talk by Tony Rea**

*(Please note the date change from our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)*

If you watched the Great British Sewing Bee, you'll recognise Tony Rea's name as one of the two runners-up in the show. He is also a postie in Bude, and a real supporter of the local community. He had an exhibition of some of his creations for the TV programme in the Castle earlier in the autumn, and his talk should be fascinating!

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Wednesday 24th January: 'All at Sea and Up the Creek'

talk by Rupert Kirkwood



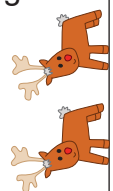
The second of the talks in January features Rupert Kirkwood, a former vet who is going to talk about the amazing wildlife he has encountered while paddling his kayak around Devon and Cornwall. Seals, sharks, dolphins, otters, whales, giant tuna and many more, including a swimming squirrel!

***Venue: Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton***

***Time: 2pm to 4.30pm***

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

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





## KILK KRAFTS REPORT

It has been a busy time for Kilk Crafts!

On 25<sup>th</sup> October, a big thankyou to Susanne's skill and patience for guiding the Kilk Crafts members through an afternoon of making paper flowers – roses, carnations, hydrangeas to name a few. Susanne had cut out all the pieces of paper, leaves and stems in packs ready for assembling. Some were fiddlier than others, but the results were lovely as you can see from the photo below.



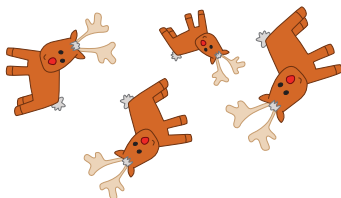
An extra session was held on Thursday 2nd November to fill Christmas shoe boxes for the Samaritans Purse Appeal (see photo below). There were enough items given to fill 15 boxes, and also there were 3 bags of goodies left. All these were forwarded to the Appeal, who are grateful to receive both completed boxes and additional items.



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Sally and Hannah worked with the group to make decorations to dress the Kilk Crafts tree for the Christmas tree festival at St James at the beginning of December. See the photo on the left of some of the handmade products.

And remember the poppies that were knitted, crocheted and attached to netting for Remembrance Day? They were displayed with the soldier in the church for the Festival of Remembrance at the beginning of November, then when the soldier was brought out for Remembrance Sunday, the poppies were left as a curtain in the church, where they looked beautiful.

**SEE PAGE 10 FOR  
OUR GREAT  
MEETINGS IN  
DECEMBER  
AND JANUARY!**



*Soldier with poppies for the  
Festival of Remembrance*



*Poppies displayed as a curtain  
whilst the soldier was outside*

## Annual Report by the Chairman Kilkhampston Parish Council 5 June 2023

During the year, we received 51 planning applications – some were easily dealt with and some, like the Kilkhampston Common one, took a lot of time to come to a decision. We have a good relationship with the Planning Department and on a very high percentage we agree, but not all. Some applications we have to agree to differ on, because they make the final decision. Our local knowledge is important to them, especially when enforcing planning conditions. Thanks to Councillor Hambley for his work as Planning Liaison Officer. One of the planning applications was for the Pre-School building and we put a lot of time into it – unfortunately the project was cancelled.

In the past year we have had 3 Royal events, i.e. the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Her Majesty's Funeral and the Coronation of King Charles III - each one involving the Parish Council.

We re-installed the telephone box at North Close with a defibrillator and up-graded the defibrillator at the garage. We now have 3 in the village and one at Stibb – all with Jay's Aim. They have been used in the past year.

We are working on refurbishing a room at the Grenville Rooms as a history room and document storage - thanks to Alan Hockin for his assistance with this.

We have just completed, at the third attempt, the paperwork for a lease with the Diocese of Truro for more land at Lamb Park. This has taken many months to complete. Thank you to Helen Bond for her assistance with this project. Also the sports pavilion is being redecorated, and some repairs to guttering etc. Work is due to start soon.

The play equipment in the park is being up-graded, this is taking a long time. We first allocated some money to the project in 2021. Negotiating with various suppliers and their workload is the main reason. Thank you to East Langford Solar Farm for their support in awarding a grant of £16,000 for a roundabout. Thank you to Gerald Strong for his work on this project.

We have regular meetings with Oliver Jones, from Cornwall Highways, regarding traffic problems in the village and with South West Water about water pressure in some parts of the village.

We have had some social behaviour problems reported to us and have worked with the police and others about this.

We are supporting Mr Ian Mason from North Kernow Community Housing.

We are helping the residents of Sanctuary Housing to sort out some repair and maintenance problems, with the help of Mr Shorne Tilbey.

We now have a new Parish Council website, thanks to Tom Westlake from West Creative for his help, and if any businesses in the Parish wishes to enter their business details on the website in the Business Directory, they will get free advertising.

Simon DeRosa did some interesting work about Holy Wells in the Parish and this will be continued with our History Group.

This report gives an outline of what we do in a year, along with the day to day work of running the Parish, i.e. toilets, footpaths, parking and pollution problems and dealing with correspondence from all over the world about our parish – all handled professionally by our clerk, Hannah.

It does seem to take us a long time to do anything – we are all volunteers and only meet once a month. Add to that solicitors taking an age to do paperwork, and our preferred contractors being busy, the fact we have to have the money in place before we can start a job all adds to the time factor.

We are independently audited every year and the auditors have no problems with our accounts.

As Chairman I am proud of what we achieve in our wonderful village. Thank you to all the Parish Councillors and Hannah, and everyone who helps.

Clive Vanstone, Chairman

### Kilkhampston Parish Council



Report of the regular meeting held on  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk](http://www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk)

**Attendance:** Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Tim Cottle (TC), Phil Sluggett (PS), Keith Ovenden (KO), Vinnie James (VJ).

**Apologies:** Kingsley Bryant (KB), Lee Bond (LB), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

**Chairman:** Clive Vanstone

**Clerk:** Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by Chairman and welcome to all attending this evening.

**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** The Chairman began by asking Mr and Mrs Brookes if they wished to talk. They said just here to listen and observe, but thank you.

### **Planning Applications**

1. PA23/07236 Proposal Change of Use of Christian Fellowship Hall to two dwellings Kilkhampston Christian Fellowship Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall Applicant Aquila Fellowship Trust. RH began by reiterating that we had deferred this from last month due to the planning officer could look into. RH discussed the concerns raised with

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the planning officer – windows on the side were a concern. Too large and position not great. RH did feel that two properties would be better provided the planners were happy also. The Chairman also felt two properties were better than on large one. KO questioned the parking again. The Chairman discussed, not actually a planning matter. RH discussed talks had with planners. PS proposed and VJ seconded. All in favour with the stipulation that the side windows are reduced (north side) – concerns with size and position and planners have to be happy also. Clerk to also email Planning Officer Aimee Williams directly as well as putting decision online.

2. PA23/07459 Siting of a shepherds hut for family and holiday use Ashgrove Lodge Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RZ. Pictures available for viewing and discussion. RH mentioned a couple of applications already received and previously approved. Discussed in details. For family and holiday use only. RH didn't feel any objections. Proposed approval and IH seconded. All in favour.

3. PA23/08024 Retrospective application to regularise the erection of machinery and wood store to maintain the land West Of Aldercombe Cottages Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RP. Plan read through and discussed. Numerous applications have come in already. We have refused them so far. RH proposed refusal as per previous applications and whilst enforcement order is in place. IH seconded. All in favour of refusal.

4. PA23/08565 Application for tree works in a Conservation Area: Reducing height of 3 x multi-stemmed Sycamores St James Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9QR. RH read through and discussed. IH proposed approval and PS seconded. All in favour of approval.

### **Matters**

1. Car park and Toilets: £126.30 taken. TC mentioned that the disabled toilet was still out of order. Works done but not sorted as of yet. Coin operation not working. RH mentioned another gentleman had done something before. Current gentleman to assist is unable to due to illness. TC to check on situation.

2. Lamb Park play area: Photos view of works done so far. A Few issues – but most have been resolved. VJ met with Mr Gerald Strong and looking at funding for the other swing. IH mentioned the yellow gate still not closing properly. Under the tunnel section there was evidence of someone trying to set fire to the matting. TC felt as we are spending so much money on the area, we should invest in CCTV. VJ reiterated this – seen lots of glass alcoholic bottles being left around the play areas. VJ felt some CCTV on the football club area

would be good. TC felt it is our property and to have it all looked after as necessary. KO said as long as signs are up then we are covered. Could put a solar powered one up. The Chairman asked for someone to look into. TC to look at and KO to also ask his contact. RH proposed it is looked into officially. Clerk to write to Mr Strong with letter of thanks for everything he has contributed with the play area.

RH mentioned Mr Simon Finn had rung him regarding Glebe Land boundaries etc. Nothing heard as yet. RH to keep chasing.

Solar Farm money will be available again in May per the Chairman.

3. Parish Council Vacancy: Email from Cornwall Council received stating they had not received enough applicants and therefore it was up to the Parish Council to co-opt a new Councillor. Anyone interested needs to email the Clerk and come to a meeting and explain why they would like to be on the Council. We then discuss if they are a suitable candidate.

### **Reports**

Footpaths: IH mentioned that the second cut was finished. Some issues had to be dealt with. Reiterated that perhaps next year we do three cuts to make everything easier. TC proposed the 3 cuts. All in favour. IH also said that repair work will need to be done this winter. Talked through and will prioritise important ones and let us know the works involved and necessary places.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: Nothing further happening. IH mentioned the Mr Strong had mentioned they are getting short of funds. Management Trust to have a meeting soon per RH.

School: LB not here. VJ said building coming on great

Grenville Rooms: Nothing. Meeting had been held. VJ said letter sent to businesses for Christmas event. Banking issues all resolved. RH mentioned Penstowe Leisure are having an auction of all their equipment on 11th November, if anyone thought anything could be of use.

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

### **Members**

KO – Asked if we are moving forward with the History room? The Chairman said yes, will be carrying on again soon, furnishings etc. IH asked when it's done will it be available for the public to view? The Chairman stated there is no history group yet – will be looked into.

VJ, PS – Nothing

TC – As Football Club Chairman – the Club would like to put a donation to the maintenance at Lamb

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Park – Clerk to give bank details. TC to sort sweets for the carol service. Asked about the soldier for Remembrance Sunday. The Chairman mentioned the wonderful display that had been done around the soldier in the Church, 300+ poppies. We had been asked to keep the soldier inside this year, but the Chairman stated that it will be taken out on Thursday for the Remembrance Day Service, as it is every year, for all to be able to view. 10.30 arrival for Sunday 12th Service.

IH – Soup is organised for the carol service via the London Inn.

RH – mentioned the Christmas trees have been ordered. Will be here first week of December.

Advert for the Carol service is changed to starting at 6.30pm.

The Chairman mentioned all the funds and where they have been spent over the last year and all the efforts put in by the Councillors involved. The Chairman to send a detailed report to the Parish News for publishing.

KO mentioned all the talks that have to be made and all the changes and repairs in the village.

KB emailed, read through by the Chairman.

Staining of bench to be sorted by KO.

A mention of Mr Colin Stretton's sewage situation. Clerk to write to Mr Stretton and state we had received his concerns and to reiterate that all relevant companies have been involved and

hopefully they have been in contact with Mr Stretton and the situation is being sorted.

The Chairman mentioned a production Mr Luke Francis had put on and organised for Armistice. Clerk to write to Mr Francis and express how amazed the Parish Council were and thankful for his efforts in this outstanding production for our village.

The Chairman had received a voicemail from Mr Will Morris at Bunnyhomes regarding an email that he had mentioned regarding the changes to the road plans. Nothing received by the Clerk. Chairman to speak to Mr Morris.

Post Office service is up and running on Tuesday mornings at the Grenville Rooms.

TC mentioned how great the bridge looks at the common.

Finally the Chairman said that Mr Wong had mentioned a tree falling on their car park area. The Chairman informed that this was private land and therefore the land owner's responsibility.

**Correspondence:** None

**Finance:** Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £9.79 D & I Bridgmans; £180.00 West Creative; £72.00 S Gifford; £355.20 K W Sluggett; £1,050.00 Archie's Gardening Services. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm.



A vertical sign for a stall. At the top is a stylized metal frame holding a sign that says "KILHAMPTON COFFEE & CAKES" with an illustration of a coffee pot. Below this, the text reads "SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec", "10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at", "METHODIST CHURCH HALL", "A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!", and "The Charity for December is Make a Wish". The word "STALLS" is written vertically on both sides of the sign.

## KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £6

ON

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December &

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

At 12.30 pm

AT

THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

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

transport could be arranged



## 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!



## Bude Metric Brass at Kilkhampton 2023

Hello fellow villagers and friends.

2023 has been a busy year for us in the band, and Kilkhampton has featured several times, from February's Band Together concert at Penstowe Manor, through the year to the Festival or Remembrance, to the upcoming Christmas celebrations.

We, as a band, are always pleased to get any bookings and our village certainly keeps us busy. I am very proud to be able to stand in front of the band and hope I can continue for a while yet but we do need to recruit younger players as we are all getting older and the years seem to be going quicker now as our membership ages.

That's the hopeful recruitment campaign said, and I'm sure you will want to know where we are in the weeks before Christmas. Our next concert is with the Bude Choral Society at Bude Central Methodist on 15 December at 7pm.

We are at several other venues around the area too but in **Kilkhampton** we are due to play at:

- **Craft Fair at the Grenville rooms, Saturday 9th December, 5pm**
- **Carols around the tree at the Chapel, Wednesday 13th December, 6.30pm**
- **Carol Service at St. James the Great, 24th December, 4.30pm**

If we don't see you in person we would like to say thank you to all our friends here for your support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and looking forward to a Healthy New Year 2024.

Colin Gay



## THE GRENVILLE ROOMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 23 October 2023 and there were nine committee members present.

All our committee was re-elected en-bloc:

Chair - Reg Hambley  
Vice Chair - Joyce Davis  
Treasurer - Clive Vanstone  
Secretary - Marlene Vanstone

Reg thanked all present for their continued work and support in looking after the hall. Special thanks to Alan and Tracey Hockin, our caretakers, and to our Treasurer and Secretary. Hall bookings have not quite returned to pre-COVID levels but we continue to run smoothly and provide an excellent venue for events – large or small.

If anyone would like to join our small, friendly committee we should be very pleased to welcome you. If you are interested, please contact any of the committee above, or if you see us in the street please approach us and ask any questions you have. It is an important building in our village and the continued maintenance and care of the premises is essential.

For booking of the main hall and/or the skittle alley for smaller events/meetings, and if you would like the use of the kitchen facilities alongside, please contact Alan or Tracey on 01288 321710. They will be able to help you and advise the very reasonable costs for hiring the hall.

Reg and the whole committee wish to thank everyone who supports our special village hall.

Marlene Vanstone - Secretary



### TREE BOOK GROUP: White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

Here we follow the development of an Indian boy from a poor village. He was named simply Gunna – meaning Boy – as no-one in his family had the time to give him a real name. His teacher finally names him. However, he has changed again to Balram, leaving the old name behind like a snake leaves its skin, and has now become an entrepreneur.

Written in the form of letters, our now-adult protagonist is writing night after night to the Premier of China, in Beijing – called by him 'The Capital of the Freedom-Loving Nation of China'. He moves from being an extraordinarily-talented



scholar in his village, to an almost-slave in a tea-shop, and then to the high-rises of Delhi as a junior driver for a millionaire. However the whole family - with the roots in the same village our boy came from, plus one American spouse - see him only as a beast of burden. Only his Master has some limited form of human feelings for him. The boy sleeps in the basement with cockroaches and dreams the impossible dream. Contact with other drivers in similar situations teaches him to find a way out of this one-way street. His salary - which once rolled right into the hands of his odious grandmother in the dirty hometown – he now keeps for his way out. However, the corruption that surrounds him day by day will corrupt him too, and very soon. Now the question is: will he really be able to commit murder to realise his dreams of a free - and more importantly - totally independent life? The answer comes very soon in the letters he writes from his new office, adorned with a lot of crystal chandeliers. He is very successful and plans for the future, too. However, he has lost almost all humanity and has finally become a real 'White Tiger' – mercilessly feeding on everything and everyone.

The book is an example of how a citizen is more than able to judge his 'Mother India' and the moral corruption which exists.

Contact: Dorothy Flaxman 01288 359590

Total number of reindeer: 42