

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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Welcome...

Happy New Year, if it's not too late to say it!

Hope everyone is well and happy, and hope you enjoy this issue.

And a look ahead - Kilkhampton Parish News will be holding their AGM in March - date to be confirmed in the next issue. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please come along, or contact one of us for a chat beforehand to see what it entails. We have a small core team who produce the Parish News, then a larger group who collate and distribute copies around the village and beyond, and we're always pleased to have more members to help with that. The time commitment depends on what role you take on, but as already mentioned, any of the committee members can tell you more if you're interested. Contact details are on page 2.

Once again a quick reminder...

Committee members needed for Kilk fete - anyone interested, please come to the meeting on Monday 29th January, 7.30pm at the New Inn.

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EDITORIAL



Dydh da pubonan,

Blydhen Nowydh Da!

For the uninitiated, or those who haven't already guessed... hello everyone, Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a great Christmas season, whether holidaying in the sunshine, curled up in front of the fire, visiting family or anything else! Ours was quiet but with some quality time spent with good friends, perfect! I was also walking my neighbour's dogs, Winnie and Hetty, whilst my neighbour was out of action for a few weeks – you may have seen me around the village with them – I am now an expert in the use of poo bags!! The dogs are lovely, happy and friendly, so it's been nice bonding with them.

My elderly cat Starsky, now 21½ years old, is still going despite needing treatment for arthritis and an overactive thyroid – he's getting quite expensive in his old age! He is quite unsteady on his feet because of his arthritis – very little muscle left in his back legs. Also he is now an indoor cat, so sorry all my neighbours who used to enjoy his visits, and those who didn't can celebrate. He wandered out to the main road a couple of times in the autumn, and got taken to the vets in Bude. Luckily he is chipped, so they could scan him and then contact me. Many thanks to the two kind people who rescued him, and

as a result we found out about the thyroid, which probably accounted for some of his weight loss and also his fur clumping together a lot which meant it had to be cut away – thankfully he's gaining weight again and his fur is much better, but I don't want to risk him wandering again.

And now 2024 is here, I'm back to my Cornish lessons again. I won't burden you with too much... well maybe I will... I can now count to a million (I think!) although numbers are guite complicated so it would probably take me about 5 minutes to get each number right once I got past 100! We're also learning dates, so learning words for 1st, 2nd etc. So this edition should be delivered to your door (as long as there are no printing problems of course!) on Dv-Yow pympes warn ugens Mis Genver, in the year dew mil, peswar warn ugens (or ugens peswar warn ugens if you prefer to say it that way!). I was thinking of taking my level 1 exam this summer, but don't feel ready, especially with my ability to hold a conversation once you get past hello and how are you - so I've decided to leave it till 2025, when hopefully some of the difficult bits will seem a lot easier

It is great fun learning Cornish, as long as you have an interest in languages of course, and Adult Education continue to do lessons at the Gregson Centre, so more people are starting to learn it, even though it's a slow process.

I hope 2024 will bring everyone nice things into their lives, and for those with sadness, I hope you have good friends and neighbours to call on and support you.

Until the Meurth (March) edition – duw genowgh! *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 4th February - 2 before Lent

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Douglas Welcomers: Rita and Rachel. Reading: Proverbs 8: 1 and 22-31. Tony.

Sunday 11th February - Next before Lent

11am Morning Worship with Ian Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12. Hilbre.

Sunday 18th February - Lent 1

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17. Gillian.

Sunday 25th February Lent 2

11am Morning Worship with Richard Painter Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7. Ian.

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

ZOOM Meeting ID 818 0754 3068 Password 342 493 Telephone 02030512874 or 02030515237 Daily Morning Prayer: 9am Everyone welcome to drop in on any day

Methodist Chapel

Date

Preacher

Flowers

4th February Mr. Barry Bryne 11th February Rev. Richard Ward-Smith Brenda Dunstan 18th February Mr Courtney Drew 25th February Mr. Paul Wreyford

Sue Brooks Fiona Cleave Sue Joyner

Coffee

Reg & Sylvia Hambley Fiona Cleave Sandra Jones Sue Joyner

PANCAKES PANCAKES PANCAKES

On Shrove Tuesday – February 13th – 12 noon to 2pm In the Chapel Room Savoury or Sweet Pancakes £4.00 including tea/coffee, biscuits and lucky ticket **Proceeds for Church Flower Fund**

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hi everyone! Here we are, a month into 2024 and I was wondering how you viewed February. For some it's a bit depressing because we are still in the grips of winter as February can throw anything at you weather-wise, and it's not really a growing month. But, on the other hand, it's a month nearer Spring, days are getting longer, snowdrops are here and, for me, hope rises as I remember what Scripture says in Genesis 8 v 22.

While the earth remains, Seedtime and Harvest, And cold and heat, And winter and summer And day and night Shall not cease.

In other words, winter is here but summer is coming! Scripture is so reassuring, isn't it.

As I read Scripture I get reminded that we have a Heaven to gain and a hell to keep out of! Have you ever thought that once we step into Heaven we will never have an argument again, we will never feel disappointed, unworthy, unloved again, an existence where nothing wears out, so no need for dentures or waiting for knee or hip replacements, where a frown does not exist. A place where you will see colours that you have never seen, hear music the likes of which you have never heard. What an existence!

I'm not going to talk about hell because it's more depressing than February could ever be, and I'm not going there. Jesus said "I have come to give you life" earthly life and eternal life with Him if we believe in Him, if we truly believe that He is who Scripture says that He is –

The Baby in the manger

The Jesus on the cross

The Jesus who rose again on the third day and now sits at the right hand of God.

Because if we believe any of Scripture we have to believe all of it and that means that there is a Heaven to gain and a hell to keep out of! Have a really blessed month.

Albert Sloman, Pastor 01288 321073 albertsloman@outlook.com





St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors February 2024 TREVOR BELL In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Grandad who passed away February 5th 2004. Always in our thoughts. Love Celia, Ann, Kevin, Anya & Lucy. Remembering my dear husband **ARTHUR HARRIGAN** on our Wedding Anniversary. 5th February 1955. Miss you every day, love Edie xx MARY KITCHINGHAM Remembering dear Mary, our friend and neighbour, who passed away 2 years ago on 6th February. Happy memories forever in our thoughts. Sylvia and Ann. **EILEEN JONES** Remembering Eileen Jones on the 14th February, on what would have been her 80th Birthday. Always in our thoughts. Love Sid, Phil, Angela and Alan Sam and family. Announcements **GILBERT & VANSTONE** on the 39th Anniversary of the formation of their business on 16th February 1985. Always happy to support the floodlighting fund. Church floodlighting sponsors: see information on page 3 of this newsletter

Leap Year Children's party Lunchtime on Thursday 29th February 2024

Christopher Darwin was born on 29th February 1944 and will be celebrating his 20th birthday this year.

A birthday party has been arranged at midday in Bude on Thursday 29th February 2024 for Leap Year children. A function room at a hotel near the sea has been booked from 1200 for two hours on Thursday 29th February 2024. Most private celebrations will be in the evening, hence this lunchtime gathering in Bude. A similar event in 2020 attracted 14 other 'Leapers' celebrating from 4th to 17th birthdays.

Christopher says "I am aiming for more than a dozen Leap Year's day children and each can bring a friend, relation, spouse or other 'responsible adult'. There are already eleven from 2020 on the list. I shall provide the buffet and the drinks – under-age alcohol will be permitted for the over-fives. I shall need some evidence – a passport, or a driving licence from the over-fours. I plan name tags with birthday numbers and guests can certainly dress as their Leap Year ages.

Any readers who know anyone born on 29th February who is within range of Bude, please pass on this invitation.

Leap Year children, please make contact: jcsdarwin@gmail.com or 01288 381265.

BUDE METRIC BRASS

Hello everyone and a very happy new year to you all.

The members of Bude Metric Brass were very busy in the lead-up to Christmas, playing all over the local area for church services, local fund-raising events, care homes and public houses as well as our first concert with Bude Choral Society. The band were well received at all the venues that they performed at and raised enough funds to enable them, to support some events free of charge.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported us and for the kind and generous comments that we received.

We are now practicing for our Band Together concert on February 17th @ 7.30pm at Bude Methodist Church (see the poster for more details). This is a new venue this year due to the closure of the cabaret suite at Penstowe, which I'm sure we will miss, but would like to say thank you for their support.

The band are looking to recruit younger members to our team on brass and percussion instruments so why not give it a go especially if you have played in the past and think you might enjoy our style of playing.

Colin Gay (Musical Director)



TREE BOOK GROUP: 'Flight' by Isabel Ashdown

It's a November evening in 1994 – the night of the very first National Lottery draw in England. Wren Irving watches the draw on the sofa as she feeds her six-month-old baby, Phoebe. Her husband Rob is at her side, enjoying a glass of red wine as the numbers are called. Afterwards he folds up his ticket, disappointed, and throws it in the bin. However, Wren sits quietly, 'frozen in position'. She has her own lottery ticket – a ticket Rob knows nothing about – and her numbers have just come up. She packs her bags and leaves her husband and daughter behind to start a new life. Rob moves on to find happiness with their oldest friend Laura.

However, when a journalist is doing some research uncovering all the lottery winners, and asks Laura about Wren's connection with her lottery win, Laura explains to him that Wren no longer lives at this address. The journalist presses Laura for information and wants to know Wren's last movements and enquires if Wren has been reported missing or if she is dead or alive. Will Mark Wood the journalist be able to trace where Wren moved to after winning the lottery? And will Rob find out why Wren left him and their daughter?

Among many other things, Flight is a very persuasive and endearing account of a close

friendship triangle - the delight Wren, Laura and Rob take in one another, the flirting and the banter that sometimes hides resentment and sometimes yearning, the way the relationship shifts and evolves as the years pass. It also deals with the complexities of dealing with everyday life and moving on in the wake of something extraordinary happening - posing one of life's great questions - can you ever really escape from your past?

The detail that Ashdown goes into when describing the Cornish coast cannot be ignored - and demonstrates the extent to which the area was researched. Indeed the bleak coastal landscape depicted provides a perfect backdrop to what was going on in the present with the characters' lives.

We have no idea why Wren keeps her win a secret, still less idea why she decided to abandon Rob and Phoebe and escape to a hermit-like existence on the Cornish coast. Ashdown skilfully unravels the mystery in a compelling narrative which is told in the alternating voices of Wren, Rob, and their mutual friend Laura. The action moves from 1994 to the present day, when we meet Phoebe as a 20-year-old woman who's struggling to come to terms with her mother's disappearance.

Dorothy Flaxman 01288 359590

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

Although this article will reach you in the February edition of the parish news. I have not written an article since before Christmas and therefore would like to wish you a Happy New Year from all of us at Kilkhampton Junior and Infant School.

A lot has happened since I last wrote to you including our Christmas plays, which we performed in the school hall. Due to having to use the hall rather than Penstowe, we staged Key Stage separate One and Two performances for the first time and these were held over several days to ensure that all parents could come and see their children perform. Children and staff alike worked hard on the shows and the children were superb in their performances.



Kev Stage One performing 'Robin's Christmas Singalong'



Children in Reception class ready for their performance Key Stage Two performing 'A Christmas Carol: Reloaded'

We have seen a lot of progress in the new building over the last few weeks. The brickwork and slates on the exterior of the building have been completed, with solar panels now fitted. The building is now watertight and work is now happening mainly on the interior. At my last building inspection, insulation had been fitted, as had the underfloor heating, and the scree work on the flooring was being installed. There have been some delays to completion due to the adverse weather conditions, but we are anticipating moving the classes in some time around Easter with the Portakabin being removed at the same time.



The current view of the new classroom block

MORE FROM KILK SCHOOL ...



Children in Year Six designed playgrounds in Design and Technology



With it being a new term, the classes are focusing on new learning areas. In Reception, children are answering the question, 'What is in the sky?' whilst in Year One and Two in history, the children are investigating 'What happened when London burnt in 1666?' Meanwhile Year Three and Four are learning about Ancient Egypt and answering the question, 'How did the Ancient Egyptians rule for thirty centuries?' The Year Five and Six pupils are learning about the Mayan civilization of Central America, their question being, 'What do we really know about the Mayan civilization?' Next half term the children will be focusing on geography and I will include their areas of study in the March edition of the news. This is a busy term, we are looking forward to children taking part in workshops linked to their PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) next week, where they will be learning about recognising and managing feelings and positive mental health. Later in the term we will be celebrating Saint Piran's Day, World Book Day and Comic Relief, where we will hold out annual talent show, 'Kilk's Got Talent', to raise money for a good cause.

I look forward to sharing details of these and other events and learning across the curriculum in upcoming editions of the parish news. I have also included pictures of progress of the new building, our Christmas performances and learning from around the school.

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



Children in Year Two enjoying a fencing session

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meetings held on 4th December 2023 and 8th January 2024 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

4th December meeting

Attendance: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Tim Cottle (TC),

Keith Ovenden (KO), Lee Bond (LB), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

Apologies: Phil Sluggett (PS), Vinnie James (VJ).

Chairman: Cllr Clive Vanstone

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by Chairman Cllr Clive Vanstone 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: KO declared an interest in planning application number 1.

Public Speaking Session: The Chairman explained that Pentire Holiday Park had been trying to organise a tour for the Councillors – unable to organise a convenient time for all, hence Mr Ben Blackwood has attended this evening.

Mr Blackwood began by explaining the reason for the invitation to view the site, was due to an application that was put in and now revoked. They have scaled back a lot. They have been bought out by an American company and the application they are wanting to now put in is to reduce the 100 glamping pods to just 34 statics and lodges to go along with how the business is at the moment. More second home owners etc.

Mr Blackwood wanted to give us this information so the Parish Council could understand fully. Proposed additions shown and viewed by all. When the application was first put in, there were some issues with residents. RH asked if using the same access – yes from Mr Blackwood, only a slight difference. The Chairman stated this is obviously just a discussion and will need a proper application.

Mr Blackwood asked if any questions. KB mentioned how smart he felt the whole site was and Mr Blackwood said anyone is welcome. Mr Blackwood mentioned they do still have post code issues and have been trying to sort this for years. Hoping 'my three words' will help. Felt the 34 statics instead of the domes will be a lot less impactful on traffic etc.

ST asked if there were any controls for home owners to stop sub-letting? Mr Blackwood said they are one of the companies who have owners who are least likely to sub-let. No actual restrictions in place -but still felt it would be a lot better than the 100 domes.

The Chairman asked how many units. Mr Blackwood said there are 121 including 13 glamping

pods. With the changes it will be around 142. The Chairman also felt this site is really nice. Thanks to Mr Blackwood for attending on such a wet night. Thanks to all for listening from Mr Blackwood.

Planning Applications

1) PA23/09149 Construction of extension at first floor level to replace existing extended area, Stanbridge Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RF. KO left the room. RH stated that everyone knows where this is and what it entails. The Chairman mentioned that he is the only one that can see the alterations and has no issues. RH proposed for approval and KB seconded. All in favour.

KO back in the room.

2) PA23/08987 Listed Building. Consent for Building Consent to remove all the old blown, cracked and peeling render from the front of the property only, and replace with new render. Fuschia Cottage The Square West Street Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9QQ. Viewed and discussed, IH proposed for approval and LB seconded. All in favour.

3) PA23/09401 Demolition of garden store building, replacement bedroom annex ancillary to host dwelling and creation of new detached garden store. Agan Chy Stibb Road Bude Cornwall EX23 9HP. Discussed and talked through. No issues. KB proposed for approval and KO seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £75.90 taken. TC mentioned that he had spoken to the gentleman regarding the disabled toilets. Having difficulty finding any information on the machine. Looking at maybe needing a new one. KO heard that someone Mr Somerfield knew was looking into it. TC to check out information. RH wondered if we speak to the gentleman at St Austell who has been and worked on these before – to see if he could come up and look. RH to sort.

2. Lamb Park Play area: KO said he did get a name of a camera company - was trying to work it so the football club had cameras and recorders and if one could be put on the playing fields. The Chairman mentioned it would need wifi. KO said solar powered ones use telephone cable.

3. Parish Council Vacancy: No contact been made. RH said if any Councillors know anyone that's interested they must email the Parish Council and not just turn up to the meeting.

4. Precept: The Chairman reminded that last year's figure was $\pounds 26,000$ (which it has been for the last 4 years). If we add $\pounds 1000$ this still gives a council tax reduction of 1.2%. LB asked if we should raise so the figure is equal. The Chairman felt a reduction is better and we would still get $\pounds 1000$ extra. RH said we need to really consider the extra $\pounds 1000$. Our funds

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are all due to be spent. LB agreed as we have had a heavy spend this year. TC proposed £27,000 and RH seconded. All in favour. KO said if they value on band D – won't most of Bunnyhomes be over band D? The Chairman didn't feel so. The Chairman also mentioned that the growth of homes has helped us on these figures. Clerk to organise precept as required.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None.

Reports

Footpaths: Nothing to report. The Chairman mentioned someone using the footpath out of Rosecott Park had said there was a car parked on there and have subsequently found out this is not a public footpath – is private land.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: Nothing to report.

School: Nothing to report.

Grenville Rooms: KB felt the two pictures by where the chairs are kept should be moved. The Chairman said regarding the History room, after talks - we may need another cabinet. Mr Alan Hockin and Mr Michael Heard are organising the room etc. RH asked if worth getting a locksmith out to look at the existing cabinet. KO to look at the cabinet. The Chairman informed that the Post Office is having lots attend, which is good.

Month's work Read through and approved by all.

Members

RH – Mr Francis would like to have the Post Box brought up from Penstowe to outside the Grenville Rooms and asked if it would be OK to have outside. KO asked if the Post Office have to approve this?

The Chairman asked if anyone had any issues with this request. No. All approved and no objections. RH asked where it is to be sited. The Chairman said for RH to explain to Mr Francis that the Grenville Rooms Committee will meet up with him to discuss.

Asked when the soldier is going back inside the Church? Informed Wednesday morning.

TC – wanted to mention the sad passing of former Councillor Mr Douglas Spence.

KO – Asked by a Parishioner about the cat's eyes in the roads around where works have been done – haven't been replaced. ST mentioned that he is bringing this issue up with Mr Oliver Jones. Also to mention the rumble strips outside the Co-op – they haven't been sorted. ST to also mentioned to Mr Jones about manhole cover outside Gilbert and Vanstone that needs attention.

ST – Gave full report. To forward full details to the Clerk for circulation and filed with these minutes. ST also mentioned that the Community Fund is still available to be applied for before February.

The Chairman mentioned a gentleman from Stibb who looks after some land wanted us to go and pick up a bin full of dog mess that someone had left. The Chairman gave the gentleman Cornwall Councils details. Explained that we don't have actual staff and nothing the Parish Council could get involved with.

The Carriage has been valued at £1000 and an offer of maintenance to be done, when required, by Mr Clive Fry. The Clerk has already added this to the insurance policy.

The Chairman showed a picture of Bunnyhomes entrance – viewed and Clerk to reply to Mr Morris and state that as we are not traffic engineers we will be taking the advice of the Highways Officers on this matter.

The Chairman mentioned the Armistice event held

on the 12th November and that after the service Bishop Samuel Ndamena from Sierra Leone had attended.

Correspondence None

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £104.00 numerous D & I Bridgmans; £90.00 S Gifford; £500.00 Savilles rent; £210.00 Merry Harriers; £364.00 Morwenstow Parish (Duckpool maintenance). All in favour to be paid.

Thanks to all by Chairman and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

8th January meeting

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

Apologies: Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST), Kingsley Bryant (KB).

Chairman: Cllr Clive Vanstone

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by Chairman Cllr Clive Vanstone and welcome to all attending this evening.

Apologies read through and the Parish Council wish Cllr Kingsley Bryant a speedy recovery.

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 to be declared

Public Speaking Session Will be dealt with in Parish Vacancy section.

Planning Applications.

1) PA23/09643 Proposal Single storey rear extension to provide disabled adaptions to the property to include ground floor bedroom. Location 22 North Close Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Mr Ben Ashford Cornwall Housing Ltd.

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KB, IH, LB – Nothing.

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The Chairman stated that this is to do with Cornwall Housing, they are planning on altering the house accordingly. RH proposed approval and VJ seconded. All in favour.

2) PA23/09724 Proposal Change of use of an existing games room into unrestricted residential use flat. Location Furlongs Lymsworthy Farm Kilkhampton Bude Applicant Mr D Braund. No-one felt there were any issues - if there were any conditions in place, Cornwall Council would know. We have no further information. PS proposed approval and KO seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £86.60 taken. The Chairman asked if the coin meter had been sorted. KO said it was refurbished and put back in – works but won't let the lock shut. TC said Cornwall Council had used their own people originally. RH did contact the Gentleman who had done work before – he was away at the time. RH to chase again. Needs to be sorted asap.

2. Lamb Park Play area: Informed of a bin that was damaged, VJ also mentioned over Christmas there had been mud thrown around deliberately and lots of damage happening more often. Have talked about CCTV. TC had enquired about a price and will chase. The Chairman mentioned he has repaired the bin liner.

3. Parish Council Vacancy: Mr Chris Trick, Ms Jo Timmins and Mr Jay Lin all applied for the vacancy. Mr Trick and Mr Lin attended the meeting (Ms Timmins had not received the invitation email and therefore had not attended due to not knowing this was taking place). The Chairman explained the process to Mr Trick and Mr Lin. They were asked if they would like to make a short presentation as to why they would like the position. There would be a secret vote and the Clerk would then count the votes and explain who had been successful. In the event of a tie, the Chairman would have the casting vote. The voting will take place at the end for all applicants.

Mr Trick left the room and Mr Lin explained his position. Felt that as he hadn't always lived in the village, this would be an advantage by having different perspectives. Mr Lin felt his outside knowledge would be beneficial to be brought into the circle and a certain representation that would be brought forward. Mr Lin felt some individuals don't want to attend the Parish meetings and thought he would then be able to assist in these matters. Mentioned that he has a fondness for the village.

Mr Lin then left the room and Mr Trick returned. Mr Trick began by saying he had lived in the village all his life and for the last 40 years has been involved in lots of behind the scenes and events that have taken place. Mr Trick explained he is very passionate

about the village and would love to come onto the Council and assist further.

Mr Trick then also left the room.

The Chairman mentioned that prior to this meeting – Cllr Kingsley Bryant had submitted his vote. Asked if all were happy for Cllr Bryants vote to be included – Yes by all. The Chairman distributed individual pens and voting slips to all remaining Councillors. Each Councillor went to a separate area and placed their vote into the relevant box. The Clerk then counted the votes and revealed that Ms Jo Timmins had received the most votes.

Mr Trick and Mr Lin were then asked to return to the room. The Chairman thanked the two Gentlemen for their time and applications and informed that unfortunately this time, they had been unsuccessful. They were welcome to remain at the meeting and thanks again for applying.

Clerk to write to Ms Timmins and explain that she was the successful applicant and that when we have the procedures from Cornwall Council, we will let her know the process.

4. LMP Acceptance: The Clerk explained the figure had increased from last year and this was to get acceptance of the new offer from Cornwall Council. All OK and accepted the new figure.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None.

Reports

Footpaths: PS found out where Cornwall Council had said about cutting out a bridle path. Described where. They will be dealing with.

KO said on Facebook people had posted how bad the footpaths were at the Common. The Chairman informed that we are not able to tend to these permissive paths and that they do not belong to the Parish Council.

TC had recently walked down Kespit and mentioned the condition when walking around the tree stump. Asked if we should sort the steps around the tree? PS stated that if we attempt anything - we would effectively be "moving the path" from around the tree onto private land. IH questioned who would be responsible if something happened to someone walking around the stump on the path as it is? PS to email his contact at Cornwall Council and ask relevant questions. Informed that it was Cornwall Council that cut the stump and have left it where it is.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: Lots of work done at the Pavilion. TC listed the works and said still ongoing. The Chairman mentioned also had nothing back from the Solicitors regarding the land boundaries. RH to chase again as we need to know for fencing etc.

School: LB informed there will be a Governors' meeting in 2 weeks.

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Grenville Rooms: RH mentioned there are still a lot of items to be cleared – will be sorted soon. The Christmas Fayre was fantastic and a huge success. Clerk to write to Mrs Sarah Bryant with a letter of congratulations and thanks.

Month's work Read through and approved by all.

Members

RH: Mentioned the money from the Carol Service donations. Previously we have given to the CAB. RH would like to give to someone different this time. IH suggested giving to the Christmas Fayre Committee. RH agreed. LB proposed giving this money raised to the Christmas Fayre Committee, IH seconded and all in favour.

The Chairman mentioned that he had been invited to listen to the results of the Bude Climate Change group next Monday and to hear their report. LB said we can support their aims if we feel they are ok etc.

Cabinet out the back still needs to be opened. KO to sort.

VJ, LB, KO, PS, TC, IH: Nothing.

Correspondence: None.

Finance: Read through by Chairman. Invoice to be paid: £90.00 Mr S Gifford. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 5th February 2024, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm start.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

On 22nd November (a long time ago now!), Kilk Krafts members, led by Susanne, made decorations that could be used for Christmas or other celebrations. The decorations were made with a single sheet on paper with a different pattern each side, which was then cut and folded into 4, then the strips were glued to the opposite angle. As you can see from the photo at the bottom of the page, the result is beautiful!

The final meeting of 2023, held on the 8th December, was The Christmas party. Lots of lovely food was provided by the members, and everyone had great fun playing bingo. Reg Hambley was the bingo caller, who was very entertaining with his quick wit and dry comments. There were also lots of lovely prizes for those who called 'House'!

These popular meetings will continue in 2024, starting with 2 talks in January that will be reported in the next parish news. See below for the programme for February. New members always welcome, even if only for one session that catches your eye!

KILK KRAFTS FUTURE MEETINGS
Wednesday 14th February
Valentine flowers with Jan
Wednesday 28th February
Decorating bottles with lights inside
(lights provided, please bring your own bottle)
Wednesday 13th March
Sugarcraft with Hilbre and Yvonne
Wednesday 27th March
Easter beetle drive and book swap
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)



BUDE LOOK GROUP

Our first meeting of the New Year was very engaging the focus was the East London Group who exhibited between 1928 and 1936 – in living memory of most of our grandparents. At that time only the well-to-do were able to attend the Slade School of Art. One such person was John Cooper ,a very charismatic and wellconnected artist who believed that everyone should have access to art education. He decided to teach evening classes in the East End of London in the area that includes Shoreditch and Bow.

Cooper arranged visits from the most famous artists of the time such as Walter Sickert and Sir William Coldstream. (The latter lived in Killerton Road in Bude for a time when he married his second wife, a girl from Bude). He arranged exhibitions, sought patrons, funding and media attention and used all his contacts such as the director of the gallery now known as the Tate.



Cecil Osborne: Sunday Morning Farrington Road, 1929



Grace Oscroft: Iron Foundry

A surprising number of us are familiar with this part of London and we shared nostalgic memories and histories.

Tragically Cooper died of illness in 1943 after using his skills in camouflage and as an artist in wartime Britain. After the war no one else was able to reassemble the East London Group. Forgotten until recently, national exhibitions have revived their story and highlighted their work again.



Elwin Hawthorn: Bow Road, 1931

Consequently, the artwork of the East London Group became sought after: artists who were working people such as domestics, window cleaners, messenger boys, and basket makers.

Cooper encouraged the group to look around them and paint the London they knew. The resulting paintings record beauty in the most unlikely places. They capture the atmosphere of quiet streets, the detail of the buildings prior to slum clearance, the poverty, and the smog. We admired the complexity of line and form that combined to make such interesting compositions. In 1936, Elwin Hawthorne and Walter Steggles represented Britain at the 1936 Venice Biennale, the largest art show in the world, alongside well known and established artists such as Hepworth.



Walter Steggles: Brymay Wharf

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

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