

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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Kilkhampton Parish News AGM Wednesday 13 March, 7pm, at the Grenville Rooms

Please come along, all are welcome - we have a very effective and efficient team, but are always keen for people to join us and help out with the many small jobs that add up to the safe delivery of your Parish News every month!

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And a couple of thank yous:

Sylv, Reg and family would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, phone calls and support over the past few weeks while Sylv has been poorly. We have been overwhelmed with all the kindness shown by you all and we are pleased to say that Sylv is now recovering well.

The Christmas Fayre committee would like to say such a big thankyou to everyone who came to our Christmas Fayre, the stall holders, all the helpers, the local sponsors, the Ukulele band, Bude Metric Band and the support of The Grenville Rooms Committee. Also a big thanks to Santa for coming a long way to see us at such a busy time! It was such a success we have decided to hold another Fayre this year on Saturday 14th December – save the date!

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Grenville Rooms

Room Bookings

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EDITORIAL



Dydh da pubonan, fatla genes? Yn poynt da ov vy. (hello everyone, how are you? I am very well).

Now I've got the Cornish out of the way, how's life with everyone? Beginning to shake off the winter blues as the evenings slowly get lighter?

I don't know whether you have read the council minutes yet in this issue, but they bring up the topic of parking on the pavement in Kilk, which makes it difficult to manoeuvre round with a pushchair. It's a topic close to my own heart as my husband Mike has a mobility scooter to get around. If the pavement is blocked, he can't step into the road and go round the obstacle, he has to go back to find the last dropped kerb that has another on the opposite side of the road.

If you look online, you can find good arguments for parking on the pavement when the road is narrow or you would otherwise restrict traffic – which you could say applies to Kilk. By putting 2 wheels on the pavement, this leaves the road wide enough for cars to pass both ways in many places without being held up. Where the road is narrower, it is still necessary to wait for oncoming traffic to pass, so traffic can only pass in one direction at a time.

The Highway Code says you 'should not' park on the pavement. In London, you can get fined for parking with any of your vehicle's wheels on the pavement or grass verge, unless there are signs saying you can or should. But elsewhere it's difficult to enforce anything.

What do you think? It sounds as though the council may discuss this further, but I think there would be a reluctance to say people can't park partially on the pavement in the village as there are difficulties finding alternatives that would still keeping traffic moving.

In my view, considering the number of cars in Kilk, the habit that many have of parking partially on the pavement works well UNLESS that makes the pavement too narrow to pass in a wheelchair. Also, people sometimes park over a dropped kerb – again a particular problem for a mobility scooter user, as they have to sometimes travel quite a way to find somewhere they can cross. So it feels as though common sense should prevail, maybe with drivers being a little more aware of how their parking might affect others?

I'm not trying to cause a major debate over this, just raising the issue to raise people's awareness. Safety, practicality and common sense should be the aim!

Rant over. See you next month! Jill

ST JAMES CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING SPONSORSHIP

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 <u>kilkchurchlights@gmail.com</u>

or phone her on 321432 or 07740 520459

Cheques should be made payable to 'KILKHAMPTON PCC'.

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Please use the contact details below 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 3rd March – Lent 3

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa and Ian Welcomers: Rita and Rachel. Reading: Exodus 20, 1-17; Peter

Sunday 10th March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday.

11am Morning Worship with Hilbre Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Exodus 2, 1-10; Kevin

Sunday 17th March – Lent 5

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Douglas Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: Jeremiah 31, 31-34; Tony

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

11.15am BENEFICE SERVICE AT LAUNCELLS with Reverend Teresa and Sandy

Tuesday 26th March – Stations of the Cross

TO BE CONFIRMED. DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Richard Ward-Smith Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Isaiah 25, 6-9; Hilbre

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>

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

31st March

Preacher

Mr. Clive Smale Rev. Joy Wilson Rev. Shirley Henderson Mr. Barry Bryne Rev. Simon Leigh

Flowers

Joan Sillifant Pam Metherell Monica Heywood S. Beswetherick Sandra Jones

Coffee

Pam Metherell Roger & Brenda Dunstan Joy Moore Sandra Holmes Monica Heywood

FROM REV RICHARD

Memories

Some tunes just stay in your head, don't they? Recently I heard a song called "Memories" by a group called Maroon 5 and it seems to have stuck, in my head at least. And it got me thinking. For example, do memories have a reason? Are vou good at remembering faces, even if the names seem to slip from your grasp? It works both ways - I hope that I have the good grace not to get too upset if others forget my name. So are our memories there to help us learn from looking back? Or something else? A comfort maybe? A warning? I have many fond memories which I cherish. Long memories when our children were children and our grandchildren were future dreams. Happy places too like the garden of my childhood home. First love. But I also think that I have been blessed with selective forgetfulness. I have just about forgotten all the bad stuff that went on at school.

Whenever my Gran forgot something, she used to say that it had gone to her "forgettery". A place I

used to think was like a cupboard full of faces and places. She wasn't one to curse at this everincreasing place. She just knew it was there somewhere and she would find it someday. They were what Terry Wogan used to call "senior moments", with his example of losing your car keys only to find them in the fridge. I put such forgetfulness down to having too many things to think about at one time. Rather like filling a bucket up with water until it overflows. Or it could be that we just let our thoughts drift elsewhere. Probably somewhere more pleasant.

I believe in a God of purpose. That our memories have a reason. Just as imagination gives us hope in looking forward. We learn from looking back. So that when we look into our past memories we recognise that all our actions begin, continue and end in Him, our sovereign Lord.

Rev Richard. February 7th 2024

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Well, the old saying was that if March came in like a lion, i.e. stormy, it would go out like a lamb, i.e. nice weather. So, I wonder what it will bring us this year!

In March this year we have Mothers' Day and Good Friday and Easter Sunday. When I worked in the Christian Drug & Alcohol centre I hated Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day as some of the clients did not want to remember mothers and fathers who had abused them or abandoned them. Having personally had really loving parents, I always found it difficult being with people who did not want to be reminded of parents who were not what they needed at the time, and they certainly did not want to be in any kind of religious service that praised parents! Spare a thought for them on Mothers' Day.

We have Easter at the end of the month, with the horror of Good Friday and the rejoicing of Easter Sunday. I can't remember Easter without remembering Jesus on the cross with two criminals either side of Him, as recorded in Luke's gospel "and one of them said to Jesus "remember me when you come into your kingdom"". Racked with pain, Jesus knew that he was saying "Jesus, I want to be with

you". Genuine repentance is a powerful thing because, like the criminal on the cross, we say "Jesus, everything else has been stripped away and I just want to be with you" and Jesus is still replying "Today you can be with me" and we can be, in spirit and in truth.

Remember John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will be saved."

Easter is not a holiday, it's the pinnacle of the Christian faith because without Easter there is no hope in life or death because as you often hear read out at funerals, as Christians we have the sure hope of the resurrection.

We have the "Walk of Witness" at 11am on Good Friday, starting outside Sainsbury's. Why not come and join us?

Every Blessing to you all,

Albert Sloman, Pastor Tel 01288 321073 albertsloman@outlook.com

St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors March 2024

PHIL FRENCH

Remembering a much-loved husband, dad and grampy on the 1st anniversary of your passing on March 23rd 2023.

Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts, from Mer, Rob, Chris, Michele and all the family xxx

SYLVIA MORRELL

I should like to thank all my friends and neighbours for their various kindnesses whilst I have been recovering from recent hip replacement surgery. There are so many wonderful cooks out there who have plied me with all sorts of goodies – you know who you are! Also thanks for the many good wishes, calls and visits, flowers, plants and offers of lifts etc.

It's not so easy when you live alone, but it is when surrounded by so much friendship and affection.

Sylvia.

BABB

As always, thoughts of you Mum on Mother's Day. Never need a special day to miss you. Love Ann, John, Beryl and all the family xxx March Birthdays: Gordy Fanson, brother John, granddaughter Robyn, daughter Anna (50 on the 23rd) Love Mum, sis & granny.

LAVIS

Remembering our dear brother Cyril (Ces) on his 80th Birthday, 2nd March. Mum – Emily on her Birthday 16th March. Dad - Fred on his Birthday 31st March. Love and miss you all and think of you all the time. Pat, Joy, Jen, Jackie and all the families xx

Remembering **SYLVIA CORNISH,** our dear Mum and Nan on Mothering Sunday and Mum's birthday 25th March. She is always in our thoughts and hearts daily. So sadly missed. Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the family. xxxxx Also **o**ur dear Aunt Edie whom we lost on 5th March 2007 Fondest memories. xxx

ARTHUR HARRIGAN

Dearest Arthur, thinking of you on your birthday 29th March. Love you always. Edie xx

CHARLES COLWILL CLEAVE

PEACE to the memory of DAD, who passed away 25 years ago, 19th March 1999. 'Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last'

John

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





ST. JAMES THE GREAT, KILKHAMPTON EASTER LILIES SPONSOR A LILY IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES £3.50 EACH CONTACT JEANETTE 01288321404 OR JENNIE 01288321319 (or facebook message) BEFORE 18th MARCH 2024





PLEASE FEED THE CROWDS AT KILK FETE!

We're looking for anyone interested in selling 'food to go' for the Fete Saturday 20th July, afternoon and/or evening Any type of food will be considered. £25 per pitch (plus a small donation to fete funds), payable by BACS in advance or cash on the day

If you are interested, please contact Jennie Siddalls on 01288 321319 (or FB message Jennie)





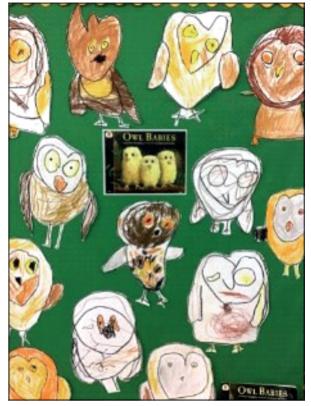
KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am writing this article just before the February half-term and already the days are stretching out. Hopefully by the time you read this in March, Spring will be well underway.

Work on the new building continues apace and we are finally approaching the final stage of its construction. The windows, which will run along the entire front of the building are due to be installed in the next couple of days. The work for the new path connecting the building to the playground is under way and over the half-term break, services between the main school building and the new building will be connected.

There will be further work happening in the school over half-term with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) organising for work to start to the rear of the building on a new 'quiet area' which will eventually have sensory plants and be the new home for our shepherd's hut, which hosts our outdoor library. I look forward to sharing pictures of this area in the summer when it is completed.

The children have been busy working on their areas of study and I have attached pictures showing some of their learning. These include art work from our youngest children in Reception, where they have been looking at the picture book, Owl Babies. I have also included pictures of 3-D models of Roald Dahl characters, inspired by the illustrator Quentin Blake, from Year 3, plus Design and Technology from Year 6 where they have made 'Steady hand games.'



Art from Reception inspired by the book, 'Owl Babies'



Year Six Created 'Steady Hand Toys'



Next term's learning has a distinct Geography focus and the areas the children will be focusing on are as follows: Year One and Two will be focusing on climate, answering the question 'Would you rather live in a hot or a cold place?'; Year Three and Four are looking at human geography investigating 'Are all settlements the same?'; Year Five and Six are looking at 'Why oceans matter?' Our youngest children in Reception will be looking at an area of learning linked to Spring with the question 'What's in the egg?'



Harry made 'The Enormous Crocodile'



Emilie also made 'The Enormous Crocodile'



Finley's 'Enormous Crocodile' really was enormous! Lilly made a 3D model inspired by Roald Dahl's 'The Witches'

The giraffe from Roald Dahl's 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me', by Eda

Our assemblies next half-term will help the children learn more about our United Kingdom and British Isles as we use the festivals of Saints David, Piran and Patrick to learn more about Wales, Cornwall and Northern and Southern Ireland. As well as Saint Piran's Day, we will also be celebrating World Book Day and taking part in Comic Relief during the month of March. I hope to include pictures of these in the April edition.

With it being an early Easter and me not writing to you again until April, may I take the opportunity to wish you all both a 'Gool Peran Lowen' – Happy Saint Piran's Day, as well as a Happy Easter,

Michael Watson, Head Teacher

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TREE BOOK GROUP: THE SCAPEGOAT by Daphne Du Maurier

Two men, one a rather shabby French aristocrat called Jean, and the other a down-at-heel English teacher of French history called John, meet by chance in France. So far so ordinary but what brings the two men together is the fact that they look identical. Wishing to escape the tangled mess of his home life the Frenchman wines and dines his new found friend before leaving him drunk in a cheap hotel. The Englishman wakes up, wearing the other chap's clothes and with the other chap's papers. Understandably annoyed John finds himself almost against his will - and then with increasing relish and delight - playing the part of the French aristocrat: living in his house, being the head of the family, and running his double's business and entertaining his double's array of mistresses. As a plot device it's fascinating and du Maurier makes full use of the possibilities the storyline gives her. The French household which formerly had a swaggering bully at its head now has a sensitive and uncertain imposter pulling the strings and attempting to work out the past of the man whose role he has taken.

Perhaps even better than the set-up of the novel are the characters of the people living in the French chateau. Jean's mother is doped-up to her eyeballs; his wife is sweet but easily manipulated; his sister, for reasons which only gradually emerge, refuses to talk to him while his brother understandably hates him because Jean appears to be having an affair with his wife. Finally, to cap it all, Jean's daughter suffers from religious visions and threatens to throw herself from one of the top floor windows every time she doesn't get her way. The whole plot and the bizarre cast of characters is surreal but makes a telling tale about the nature of identity; the desire (or otherwise) to do good rather than evil and the need at all times to work with your family and friends rather than against them.

Dorothy Flaxman (email <u>derekflaxman@btinternet.com</u>)

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

On 16 January, Tony Rea, a local postman in Bude, gave a very entertaining talk about his experience when he became one of the runners-up on the Great British Sewing Bee. 40 people attended the session which was hectic but enjoyed by all.

Rupert Kirkwood's talk on his experiences as 'the lone kayaker' on 24 January was very informative and entertaining. Rupert used to be a vet in Holsworthy before he retired. His talk was accompanied by numerous amazing photographs of wildlife, taken by him and his family around the south West coast. As well as kayaking extensively abroad, he has journeyed 1156 miles around the South West coast, which includes creeks, sea caves, rivers, islands and even canals! He recommends his method of transport as he can sit completely silently on his kayak. Many of the wildlife creatures he saw were just as curious about him as he was about them!



Dave the dolphin, taken at Coombe Martin

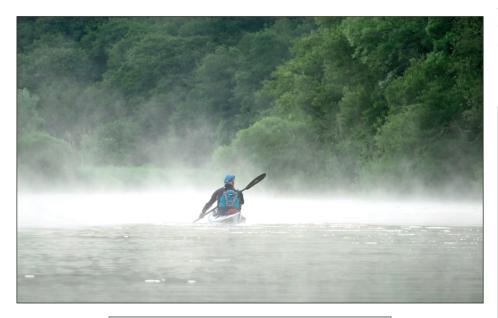
Left: Kayak and dolphin



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A friendly seal



Kayaking up the Tamar river in fog



Risso's dolphins

Some of Rupert's photos can be seen on this and the previous page, but if you want to see and learn more, take a look at his blog

thelonekayaker.wordpress.com which has huge numbers of photos and videos, plus lots of information about things such as cameras and weather if you want to have a go yourself. Leatherback turtles and humpback whales are among the many amazing sights he has been able to capture on camera. The blog does come with a warning from me though - it is highly addictive, it's very difficult to stop scrolling through all the beautiful photos and information!

KILK KRAFTS MARCH MEETINGS

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)

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on

5 February 2024 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

5th February 2024

Attendance: Reg Hambley (RH), Ian Heard (IH), Tim Cottle (TC), Vinnie James (VJ), Lee Bond (LB).

Apologies: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST), Phil Sluggett (PS), Keith Ovenden (KO).

Chairman: Cllr Clive Vanstone

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by Chairman Cllr Clive Vanstone. Apologies read through and the Parish Council would like to wish King Charles a speedy recovery from his illness and our thoughts are with him in this challenging time.

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 None.

Planning Applications

1) PA24/00054 Proposal Proposed single-storey extension, 12B Whitecroft Way Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall Applicant Mr Simon Hoare. Chairman read through. RH mentioned details and discussed. No objections. RH proposed approval and IH seconded. All in favour.

2) RH did mention PA23/02975. Appeal in where we had objected. Has been passed.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £74.00 taken. Toilet door working now. Apparently was being jammed by 2p's. The Chairman mentioned details of the lock fix. TC asked if worth putting a notice up to state these machines only take 20p's. To sort.

2. Lamb Park Play area: VJ stated that the part required for the bridge to be mended is on its way. The Chairman mentioned the litter bin had been sorted.

3. Other matters arising from the minutes: None.

Reports

Footpaths: IH mentioned that hopefully a few repairs will be done soon. Photos to be provided and decided at next meeting. LMP plan received and forwarded. PS had mentioned to RH that the tree at Kespit is to be looked at by Cornwall Council in their new financial year.

Playing Fields and Lamb Park: The Chairman mentioned that the energy bills are extremely high. Monitoring being done at the moment and hoping to

reduce. TC in negotiation regarding heat pumps. Just checking if worth changing. Needs to have a significant impact on costs to warrant a change.

Electricity needs to put on the budget for this year for Lamb Park and the Grenville Rooms as the costs are so high. Bills have been £500+ per month, with hardly any use. TC said it has been turned off now. Still monitoring.

No invoices received for works done so far at Lamb Park. TC to mention to P. Cottle.

School: LB had nothing to report.

Grenville Rooms: The Chairman said the luncheon that used to be held at the Christian Fellowship has now moved to the Grenville Rooms. Was a huge success. Do need an electricity certificate report for the lighting. All other aspects passed with flying colours by Cornwall Council Health department. RH to speak to relevant individual regarding report.

Month's work Read through and approved by all.

Members

VJ – Asked if we heard anything back about the speed bumps up at the green on North Close? No. Also a few parishioners have mentioned that they have been unable to pass the cars parked on the pavements all throughout the village. Specifically with a pushchair. Not safe to walk round into the road. The Chairman asked what we can do? TC felt we should have a note in the Parish Magazine as it is such a problem throughout. To be monitored and discussed at next meeting.

TC – Asked if we could mention to Oliver Jones the whole road through the village. RH said there is a report to be done soon. There is also a manhole outside Gilbert and Vanstone and the Co-op that needs attention. Clerk to email Oliver Jones accordingly.

IH – Mentioned that he has just been to empty the bins at Lamb Park and the car park holes are getting really bad again. A lot of pits. RH said it needs to be looked at in general. IH asked if Lamb Park Trust could put in for a grant? The Chairman mentioned we are still needing to find funds for the Playpark. TC asked if anything we can get from School bodies? At least 75 car journeys each day go onto the carpark due to the school. LB mentioned that the school bodies just can't afford anything for this. The Chairman felt in the meantime we can pay for the pits to be filled temporarily again.

IH also mentioned that Ms Margaret Trewin had not received any correspondence regarding the donation of the Fete Coach. Clerk to resend original letter done back in August.

RH, LB – Nothing

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(Council minutes, continued from page 12)

The Chairman mentioned a litter-picker called Mr Julian Hutchinson, who he had spoken to and wanted to contact him and acknowledge all he does and thank him for cleaning and keeping the village tidy. Mr Hutchinson collects rubbish from outside areas where Mr Gifford cleans and feels it's a really nice thing for him to do. The Chairman mentioned he had attended a Climate Change meeting in Bude. Was a very interesting scheme. The Chairman briefed on the details of the meeting and all the plans etc. The Chairman also stated that we have now received the copy of the lease

for Glebe Land. Will meet with Mr Roland Nancekivell to discuss fencing etc.

Correspondence Clerk to reply to allotment request accordingly.

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £72.00 Mr S Gifford; £242.50 C Trick; £98.62 T Cottle. LB moved and VJ seconded. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: Monday 4 March, 7.30pm, Grenville Rooms.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

BUDE CHORAL SOCIETY BRAHMS'S REQUIEM and MENDELSSOHN'S HEAR MY PRAYER Saturday March 23rd, 7pm, St Michael's Church, Bude

Come and enjoy this uplifting performance. What better way to celebrate the return of Spring, and all the hope that it brings, than listening to the professional Soprano, Katie Wright, singing the beautiful 'Oh for the wings of a dove', and the rich bass of Julian Rippon conducted by the very able John Hobbs. Organist David Robinson will be retiring from Bude Choral Society after this concert, so this will also be a very special last performance and a chance to say thank you for all the wonderful music. We hope all those attending can join us afterwards for coffee, cake and a final farewell presentation.

David Robinson has played both organ and rehearsal piano with Bude Choral Society for over 20 years. A Royal Academy of Music scholar, David has also been a much-garlanded prize-winner at the Royal College of Organists, having given several broadcasted recitals. He was also at the Academy as a Professor and Course Director and was at one time a Choral conductor of several societies and an Associated Board examiner for 50 years.

David's career has been long and illustrious, he reformed the Holsworthy Festival Chorus in 1997, after a lapse of 7 years, when Sylvia Goldspink had to retire. Under his leadership, the Chorus performed Handel's 'Messiah' in 1997, Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' in 1998 and Mozart's 'Requiem' in 1999, raising over £2000 for charity. On 20th May 2000, Bude Choral Society joined forces with Holsworthy Festival Chorus, Launceston Choral Society and St Joseph's Chamber Choir in a performance of Bach's 'St Matthew Passion' at Launceston Central Methodist Church. David conducted that performance, with both orchestral and organ accompaniment. The event was presented as part of a 'Music for the Millennium' programme throughout North Tamar, and raised more than £1500 for Children's Hospice South West. Many other charitable concerts, all organised and directed by David, were performed by the HFC in succeeding years. One time Music Director at Saint Paul's School and at Ardingly, and Director of Croydon Philharmonic Choir and Harrow Philharmonic Choir, with many recitals on organ and piano, both at home and abroad, David's achievements are considerable, he will be hugely missed.

So Bude Choral Society will be savouring a last chance to perform together with him, and hope you can join us Saturday 23rd March at St Michael's Bude for an entertaining evening with Brahms and Mendelssohn. We hope as many people as possible can join us to wish him a very happy retirement.

Lindsey Twiston Davies on behalf of Bude Choral Society

BUDE LOOK GROUP

We focused on Louise Bourgeois for our February meeting because many in the group visited an exhibition of her work at the Burton Gallery, Bideford. She is one of the greatest artists of recent times. The child of weavers, her parents ran a tapestry restoration atelier in Paris, overseen by her mother. Yet, despite appearances, the household of this prosperous, middle-class family was wrought with domestic tension, for Louise Bourgeois' governess was also her father's mistress. This trauma led to years of psychoanalysis for Louise but the strong emotions that stemmed from childhood fed much of her future work.

Louise Bourgeois moved to America to marry in 1938. Her husband was a professor of art history, and she knew all the great artists of the time but it was not until the seventies and eighties – after the death of her husband - that she became internationally recognised. She worked obsessively until her death almost reaching her hundredth birthday in 2010.

The theme for which she is most famous is spiders. These can be seen in or outside galleries all over the world and some are thirty feet high and thirty-three feet wide. **SCARY!**



But, actually, Louise saw spiders as weavers, useful to us, good protective mothers, diligent, deliberate, clever, patient, soothing, reasonable, dainty, subtle, indispensable and neat. In fact, she created them as an ode to her mother *Maman*. Look carefully and her sculptures usually carry marble eggs in a sack below their abdomens.



Bude Look Group meets once a month at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude. Contact chris.edwards39@btinternet.com