



# KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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December 2024 & January 2025

*The Parish News team were very sad to learn of the passing of Barrie Rose in October. Barrie was Chair of the Parish News for many years and we have very happy memories of his time with our team.*

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DECEMBER IN KILK - AT A GLANCE**

11th - Kilk Krafts Bingo and Christmas tea, and Carols around the tree at St James Church

14th - Kilk Christmas Fayre

15th - Methodist Church Candlelight Christmas Service

22nd - Methodist Church Carol Service

23rd - St James Church '9 Lessons and Carols'

11th, 14th and 24th - Bude Metric Band playing at Kilk events



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## Grenville Rooms

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## EDITORIAL



Hi everyone, lots of notices this month so just a quick hello from me!

Lots of changes this year in our team, new people now living in Kilk joining our collating and distribution team which is great. We still need help with some of the admin jobs, to make sure we can keep going with producing the Parish News. So if anyone is interested, please get in touch!

Otherwise, have a really lovely Christmas everyone, and we'll be back in print in February!

Jill



## St James Church CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Wednesday 11th  
December

6.30pm



MUSIC FROM  
BUDE METRIC BAND  
Come and join us!

## ST JAMES THE GREAT CANDLEMAS LUNCH

Sunday 9th February 2025, 12.30 for 1pm

GRENVILLE ROOMS

Roast Beef, Home-made Puddings, Cheese and Biscuits, Tea or Coffee

£12

Please book with Joyce 01288 321292

### 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 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

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# Kilkhampston Church Services

## *St James Church*

**Sunday 1st Dec – Advent 1 (Purple)** 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16. Ian

**Sunday 8th Dec – Advent 2 (Purple)** 11am Morning Worship with Ian  
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4. Kevin

**Sunday 15th Dec – Advent 3 (Purple)** 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Zephania 3: 14-20. Peter

**Sunday 22nd Dec – Advent 4 (Purple)** 2.30pm Children's Party with Hilbre and Team  
4pm Christingle and Crib Service with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Readings: To be allocated. ?Tony

**Christmas Eve** 4pm 9 Lessons and Carols with Bude Metric Band.  
Reverend Teresa and Reverend Richard.  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Readings to be allocated

**Christmas Day (White or Gold)** 11am Holy Communion (Short Service) with Reverend Jane  
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10. Hilbre

**Sunday 29th Dec – Christmas 1 (White)** 9.30am BENEFICE MASS AT STRATTON. Note time.  
No service at St James.

**Sunday 5th January – Epiphany (White)** 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Richard  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6. Gillian

**Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ (White)** 11am Morning Worship with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7. Peter

**Sunday 19th January – Epiphany 2, Christian Unity Week (White)** 11am Holy Communion with  
Reverend Douglas  
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5. Kevin

**Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3** 11am Morning Worship with Ian  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5 and 6, 8-10. Tony

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## *Methodist Chapel*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
1st December	Mr. Barry Bryne	Marlene Bath	Sandra Holmes
8th December	Mrs. Cath Paddon	Sandra Jones	Monica Heywood
15th December	<b>CHRISTMAS SERVICE at 4.00pm</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Judith Heard
22nd December	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> Mr. Paul Wreyford	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Debbie Dawber
29th December	No Service		
5th January	Local Arrangement	Sandra Holmes	Sue & John Brooks
12th January	Rev. Joy Wilson	Sue Joyner	Sue Joyner
19th January	Mr. Clive Smale	Joy Moore	Fiona Cleave
26th January	Rev. Meg Slingo	Vivienne Hunt	Sandra Jones

## FROM REV RICHARD

If I were ever asked on *Desert Island Hymns* (which I wouldn't be because there is no such programme), I would say my favourite Christmas Carol is one that is hardly ever sung these days called "Cradled in a manger, meanly." (Number 98 in the M-Hymn book) It was written by a Methodist minister called George Stringer Rowe who lived from 1830 to 1913. I love the words of this carol for three reasons.

In the first verse it tells the Christmas story.

***Cradled in a manger, meanly  
Laid the Son of Man His head;  
Sleeping his first earthly slumber  
Where the oxen had been fed.  
Happy were those shepherds listening  
To the holy angel's word;  
Happy they within the stable,  
Worshipping their infant Lord.***

The second reason for my choice is that it talks about the coming of Christ into our lives today, not

simply about his coming a long time ago in a place far away.

***Blessed Saviour, Christ most holy  
In a manger Thou didst rest;  
Canst Thou stoop, yet lower,  
And abide within my breast?***

***Enter, then, O Christ most holy  
Make a Christmas in my heart.***

Then there is a prayer

***To those who never listened to the message of  
His Birth,  
Who have winter, but no Christmas  
Bringing them Thy peace on earth  
Send to these the joyful tidings;***

And finally because of the powerful climax of the last verse:

***Praise to God, the Christ has come!***

*Rev Richard*

## ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Yes, it's Christmas again. That time of year when we over-spend, over-eat, but I would not have it any other way! But just remember the "have-nots" as you do it, and if you have forgotten what Christmas is really about, get along to the various carol services that will be taking place in the village.

To make you smile and reflect I found these from A Barrel of Fun by J. John and Mark Stibbe:

*As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my e-mail?"*

*"The hinge of history is to be found on the door of a Bethlehem stable."*

*One night Freda went carol singing. She knocked on the door of a house and began to sing. A man with a violin in his hand came to the door. Within half a minute tears were streaming down his face! Freda went on singing for half an hour, every carol she knew - and some she didn't. At last she stopped. "I understand," she said softly. "You are remembering your happy childhood Christmas days. You're a sentimentalist!" "No", he sniffed. "I'm a musician!"*

And for those who enjoy the Community Lunch poems here's one from Sue for the New Year:

With the dawn of today a New Year did loom.  
Will it be one of happiness and light... or one of doom?  
Maybe it's a good job we don't know what's in store,  
Otherwise we might spend time under the duvet more  
and more.

We hope for good health and the minimum of pain,  
For too much of that can drive one insane!  
Perhaps we'll have something new...hip, teeth or knee,  
Becoming more bionic with each post-op cup of tea,

As the years progress, time just seems to fly by,  
And the face in the mirror must be telling a lie.  
For that's surely not me with wrinkles and frown,  
I'm only 29 inside and my hair should still be brown!

As we look at the world and watch the news  
Of floods and famine, wars and warped views,  
It's easy to despair and think what on earth can we do  
In this village by the sea where folks surf and canoe.

So what happens now when we leave our sitting room?  
Do we throw up our hands and think all's doom and gloom?

Or do we look to our God for strength and succour  
For this exciting New Year and all it will have to offer?

Albert Sloman, Pastor

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## St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors December 2024 and January 2025

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.

### **PHIL FRENCH**

Remembering you with love and thinking of you every day, especially now at Christmas.  
From Mer, Rob, Chris, Michele and family xxxxx

### **BABB**

Fond and loving thoughts of our dear Mum and Dad, Ruth and Lew.  
Also our dear sister Jo and friend Sharon.  
Love and miss you always, but especially at this time of year.  
Ann, John, Beryl and all family xx

### **GALLING**

Bry, another Xmas without you, but never more than a thought away.  
Your Annie xx  
Happy December Birthdays to Lindsey and Tina on the 2nd,  
Gypsy 17 on the 3rd and Toby, 32 on the 7th.  
Love from Mum - Nanny xxx

### **BABB**

**Ruth**, who passed away January 10<sup>th</sup> 2001. Still miss those laughs Mum.  
Sad times and happy ones. Also thinking of your Birthday 20th January.  
Aunt **Winnie** on your birthday 27th January.  
Love from all the family xx

### **DOROTHY GARDINER**

Wishing all my Kilkhampston friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year.  
Stay safe. Keep well.

### **JOYCE PADDON**

I would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Healthy New Year 2025.  
Remembering **JIM** on his 90th birthday, January 6th.  
With love from Joy and family xxx  
Wishing **KINGSLEY** a very Happy 60th birthday on January 4th.  
Love and best wishes, Joyce xxx

### **SID JONES & FAMILY**

Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Remembering ever-loving and much-loved parents and grandparents.  
Not just at Christmas time, but all the year through.  
'At the shrine of reward and rest, memory honours those we loved best'.  
John

### **MIKE COOK**

Remembering Mike Cook, a much-loved husband, dad and granf who we miss every day, but  
especially at Christmas time – a time of year he loved spending with the family.  
Jeanette, Helen, Mark, Shaun, Simon, Ellie and Tillie.

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**REG and SYLVIA CORNISH**

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

**ARTHUR HARRIGAN**

Remembering dear Arthur, who passed away 8th December 1995.  
Miss you so much. Still in our thoughts.  
Love Edith, Marie, David, Andrew and Mark xx

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF MEGAN THORNTON**

December 29th  
You're in our thoughts every day. We love you and miss you.  
God bless.  
From all the family xxx R.I.P.

Birthday remembrance of **IRIS BOND** on 5th December.  
Precious and loving memories of a dear friend of many years.  
God bless. R.I.P. from Rita xx

**GWYN STONE**

Remembering Gwyn with much love on his birthday, December 7th.  
Greatly missed by 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.

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

**STALLS**



**KILKHAMPTON  
COFFEE &  
CAKES**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at**

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

**The Charity for December is Make a Wish**

**STALLS**

**KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

**2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £6**

ON  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec and**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Jan**



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 JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am writing this on a sunny November morning, but by the time it reaches you, we will be in the throws of a primary school Christmas, which, even after over twenty years of teaching, is still a magical time.

We are just about to start practising our school Christmas plays, one performed by children in Reception and Key Stage One and the other by children in Key Stage Two. We will bring you photos and reports in the New Year!

Since last month, we have been very busy in the school. Through the charity Soundwave Southwest, we were able to have a performance from a Baroque ensemble, Apollo's Cabinet, which the children really enjoyed and it really broadened their musical knowledge.

By October half-term, the children completed the geography part of this term's humanities learning, with the Year Five and Six pupils enjoying tasting Alpine foods linked to their studies of that region. This term, children in Key Stage One and Two are learning history topics. Key Stage One are finding about how homes have changed since Victorian times. Children in Year Three and Four are learning about who the Anglo-Saxons were and why they settled in Britain. Year Five and Six are learning about World War Two.



*Apollo's Cabinet performing to the school*



*Enjoying Alpine food*



*Our dodgeballers at the Budehaven competition*

*Right: The Year Five and Six football team*

We have also sent sports teams to various competitions, with our dodgeball team coming second and our footballers reaching the semi-final group. Key Stage Two's PE last half-term was football and was concluded with an inter-house competition, which was won by Hawker, yellow house.

Our pupils enjoyed a Halloween disco, which raised more than £300 for PTA funds and funds are also being raised through parents buying Christmas cards designed by their children.

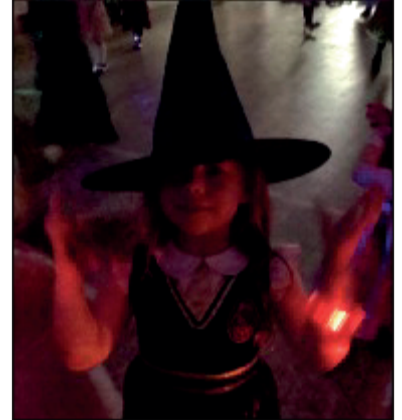


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Right and below: At the Halloween Disco



Above and below: Making sparkler biscuits for Bonfire Night



November is a month of remembrance, and children in all parts of the school learnt about why this is important, with children in Key Stage Two visiting the village war memorial on Armistice Day and observing the two minute silence. Following that, they visited the parish church to see the roll of honour before going to see the Commonwealth war graves in the churchyard.



As I am about to embark on a few weeks of building excitement, Christmas carols and the nativity story, may I wish you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2025.

**Michael Watson, Head Teacher**

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At the village war memorial shortly before the silence on Armistice Day

### The Grenville Rooms Annual General Meeting

Our AGM took place on Monday 23 September 2024 and there were 8 committee members present. All our committee was re-elected en-bloc:

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

The Chair thanked the whole committee for their hard work over the year, our Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for their help and support. He also said a very big thank you to our caretakers for the excellent job they do. A discussion took place regarding the general running of the hall, including maintenance and the increase in utility service costs. Bookings continue to be good.

If you would like to book the Grenville Rooms or have any information, please contact Alan or Tracey Hockin – Landline 01288 321710, mobile 07399 996720 or email – [alanhockin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alanhockin@hotmail.co.uk). Morning, afternoon or evening sessions can be booked.

If anyone would like to come along to one of our meetings, or join our friendly committee, please contact any of our members. Thank you for supporting our village hall.  
M Vanstone, Secretary, 01288 321231

**Don't forget:**  
**Kilkhampton**  
**Christmas**  
**Fayre**  
**Saturday**  
**14th December**  
**4-8pm**  
**Come and see**  
**Santa at the**  
**Grenville Rooms!**

## TREE BOOK GROUP: BROTHERLESS NIGHT *by GaneShananthan*

Sixteen-year-old Sashi wants to become a doctor. However, over the next decade, as a vicious civil war tears through her hometown of Jaffna, her dream spins off course as she sees those around her – including her four brothers and their best friend – get swept up in violent political ideologies and their consequences. Desperate to act, she must ask herself: is it possible for anyone to move through life without doing harm?

This book so beautifully and effectively personalises the place, events, and people through the narrator's eyes, so that a reader feels the disintegration of society and relationships in a way that a history couldn't explain. The story here shows the power of fiction and especially of a great narrative to put the reader into historical events.

The narrative itself is mostly in the first person, but the occasional use of the second person brilliantly pulls the reader into the story. Sashi's family, as a group and as individuals, is illustrated not only through events and character descriptions, but through the myriad things that make up the fabric of daily life -- conversations about politics and history, food, clothing, trips to the market and temple. I knew nothing about Tamil culture before I read this book, or how the civil war tore it apart, but I learned a great deal about the time, place, and people as they were before and during the early part of the civil war.

Finally, I can't say enough good things about the author's writing. The book is well structured and as I mentioned, the narrative style is effective. There are many beautifully crafted and original sentences in this book. Those sentences not only are a pleasure to read but they powerfully move the story and convey precisely what the narrator thinks and feels. So it is not only the story itself, but the writing, that ensures I will always remember this book.

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## KILK KRAFTS REPORT

At our 9th October meeting, we had an amazing demonstration of how to turn 3 bunches of supermarket flowers into a beautiful hand-tied bouquet! Helen Collier, from Kings Hill Florist in Bude, brought along roses, lilies, alstroemeria and eucalyptus leaves.

First, Helen stripped the flowers of most of their leaves, then cut the flower stems at an angle to prevent them becoming sealed to the bottom of the vase, so they can absorb water. Flowers should be hydrated as soon as possible after purchase as they may have been without water for a while. Helen recommended always using the plant food provided with flowers, changing the water every couple of days, and if you don't have any more plant food, add a couple of spoonfuls of sugar to the water. A few drops of bleach can also be added to the water to stop bacteria growing in it.



To make the bouquet, Helen started by holding a stem in one hand and placing the next flower at an angle, picking different flowers each time to build up the arrangement. She also added in the eucalyptus leaves, plus some stocks and tanacetum daisies (as 'fluffy fillers') – gypsophila soft white flowers could be used instead.

Once she was happy with the bouquet, Helen carefully tied it with twine, then cut the stems to two hand widths in length, a straight cut so the stems didn't pierce the water bubble they were going to be placed in. Helen then assembled her ready-made cardboard box, and added one sheet of folded brown paper with the corners at different angles. She then laid out more brown paper with brightly coloured tissue paper, all at different angles. This was then carefully



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wrapped around the flowers without getting the paper creased. The paper was then tied with more twine.

The flowers were then held upright at the centre of a sheet of plastic, and the corners were brought up to form a bubble round the stems, then again tied. Then water was slowly poured into a small gap in the top of the 'bubble'. Once the flowers were adjusted to make sure all were in the water, the bag was placed in the box, adding her signature ladybird wooden stick and a gift tag. Helen also made a lovely bow using 2 different colour ribbons to add to the box. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and at the end, everyone had numbered cards with Helen's details on, a number was picked at random, and Jackie was the lucky winner who was presented with the bouquet to take home.



At our 23rd October session, Christmas charity boxes were filled. There were gifts for different age groups and genders, and everyone selected what they wanted to add to their boxes. Joyce and Lorna, then took them to a central collection point later in the week. Sorry no photos of this one!

And finally, the 7th November session was led by Susanne, making Christmas baubles. She brought along all the materials needed. First, each bauble needed 20 circles of paper, with different colours and patterns on. Once people had chosen the colours they wanted to show, the circles were glued with the chosen colours inwards, then part-glued together, and repeated until all the paper had been glued to form a round ball. Then a thin red ribbon with a pearl at one end was threaded from the bottom upwards and glued at the top to stop it pulling through. As you can see from the photo, the results were great!

## **KILK KRAFTS DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS**

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas bingo with Reg

Plus Christmas tea

Wednesday 8th January

Beetle drive

Wednesday 22nd January

Topic to be confirmed

*Venue:*

*Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton*

*Time: 2pm to 4.30pm*

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

Any questions, contact:

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Or

Lorna (01288 321706)

DECEMBER CONCERTS

# BUDE METRIC BRASS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

[www.budemetricbrass.org.uk](http://www.budemetricbrass.org.uk)

Tu 3rd - Morwenstow Comm. Centre, 3pm  
Sun 8th - Falcon Hotel, 3pm  
Sun 8th - Woodford Chapel, 6.30pm  
Tue 10th - Bencoolen Inn, 7pm  
Wed 11th - Kilkhampton carols, 6.30pm  
Thu 12th - Sainsbury's, 10.30am  
Fri 13th - Sainsbury's, 10.30am  
Sat 14th - Sainsbury's, 10.30am  
Sat 14th - Kilkhampton Christmas Fayre, 7pm  
Sun 15th - Bar 35, 3pm  
Mon 16th - Falcon Hotel, Rotary Club, 3pm  
Thu 17th - Fairfield Rest Home, 2pm  
Thu 19th - Sainsbury's, 10.30am  
Thu 19th - Trelana Nursing Home, 2.30pm  
Fri 20th - Sainsbury's, 10.30am  
Fri 20th - Preston Gate Inn, 4pm  
Sat 21st - Rosie's Kitchen, 4pm  
Sun 22nd - St Michael's Church, 6pm  
Mon 23rd - The Weir, 2pm  
Mon 23rd - Brendon Arms, 7pm  
Tue 24th - Kilkhampton Church, 4pm  
(and possibly the New Inn about 6pm)

## **Kilkhampton Parish Council**

Report of the regular meeting held on  
4 November 2024 [www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk)

**Attendance:** Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH), Tim Cottle (TC), Joanne Timmins (JT), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

**Apologies:** Phil Sluggett (PS), Vinnie James (VJ), Keith Ovenden (KO), Ian Heard (IH), Lee Bond (LB).

**Chairman:** Clive Vanstone

**Clerk:** Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by the Chairman.

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

**Adopt Code of Conduct**

**Declaration of Interest** None

**Public Speaking Session** No one attended

### **Planning Applications**

1. PA24/07589 | Erection of extension to form dining/living area with balcony above. Windsor Farm Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RZ. Details read through and pictures shown. RH didn't feel any issues. Described where situated. KB proposed approval and TC seconded. All in favour.

2. PA24/07648 Proposal Listed Building Consent for the reconstruction of four metres of a cob wall on the north end of the boundary. Location The Old Rectory Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall. Applicant Mr Paul Constantine. RH proposed approval and JT seconded. All in favour.

### **Matters**

1. Car park and Toilets: £120.10 taken. Nothing else to report.

2. Playpark Budgeting: VJ not here. (Further information detailed in Reports)

3. CCTV at Lamb Park: Cameras bought. LB, KO and IH not here to update. Leave on agenda.

4. Traffic calming in village: ST mentioned that Mr Oliver Jones has tried to move forward for finance. The Chairman asked if they get the money before the consultation. ST said it's a process of ticking boxes etc. ST to chase up on our behalf.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

### **Reports**

Footpaths: IH and PS not here to report.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: The Chairman said there have been huge problems with the heat source pump. Looking into replacing and TC felt we should go back to an oil boiler which we can control much more efficiently. Won't need to be on all the time. TC read through figures and different scenarios. Prefers a boiler placed inside, however an outdoor one would be placed in an appropriate and practical position. Costs for putting a boiler inside would come in around £13800 + VAT. Costs for an outside boiler would come in around £9000 +

VAT. TC did a comparison for a heat source boiler and that would be around £9000 + VAT. However the running costs are high as they have to be left on all the time. The Chairman also felt it makes much better sense to go for an oil boiler due to wasting electric with the heat source pump. All felt this is classed as an emergency job due to the time of year etc. Funds haven't been allocated for this – so would need to use playpark allocated funds. The Chairman felt we could then ask for further funds from the Solar Farm funding for the playpark, due to these emergency works having to be done on the Lamb Park building. ST felt it was more than reasonable to make this request. Total costs would be around £10,000 + VAT. Should be some funds coming in to use towards the play equipment.

The Chairman reiterated that it was now down to the Parish Council to decide if we go head as discussed. Definitely much more cost effective in the long run electricity wise. RH feels definitely look for grants to replenish this money. TC mentioned that we had allocated £2000 at the last meeting which now won't be needed for its original purpose. RH proposed allocation of £10,000 for emergency job at Lamb Park due to failure of heat source pump. KB seconded and all in favour.

School: LB not here to report.

Grenville Rooms: The Chairman said an oil tank is needed and Mr M Vanstone has very kindly donated one. All we need is a new lid which The Chairman will sort. Base should all be OK

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

### **Members**

RH – Singing around the Christmas tree is on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm at the church, with music from Metric Band. Advert to be placed in the Parish Magazine – clerk to sort. JT mentioned she has sorted the soup at the London Inn for afterwards. RH mentioned the sign for Pentire Holiday Park sales has moved. ST said he had questioned it as it shouldn't be there – they've moved it into the hedge but still fixed on the highway. ST brought it up as it's a distraction and they shouldn't advertise either.

KB – Christmas lights – picture shown and costs discussed. The Christmas organisers would like to purchase one. Already looking into purchasing two smaller ones for outside the Grenville Rooms. The Chairman concerned as we haven't discussed and not budgeted for. May be unable to help out at this time. RH said it could be funded through the Grenville Room Management and then owned by them.

The Parish Council all recommend for the organisers to speak to the Grenville Room Management Committee.

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KB also mentioned new bin collections and discussed various concerns. ST stated these are to be looked into. White lines on highways – some been disappearing. They have been done by Taylors Cross but area by the Little Pig and round to the refuse centre is very faint. ST stated that Mr Oliver Jones at Highways has put this on his list of works to be done.

KB had spoken to a parishioner and they had asked if the council could look into getting a road sign for 'East Road' and they also questioned the correct/official name for this road. The Chairman stated it is East Road.

TC – asked ST about the street lights – was under the impression the new ones would just get duller, but they are going off completely. Queried what happens if someone falls etc. ST happy to log anyone's concerns. The Chairman felt they were ok after midnight. Apparently started going off in October. ST said they are selected lights that go off. TC mentioned people had asked why they weren't solar as they were completely new?

JT – Mentioned she had been to see the lady regarding the hedge we had discussed last time. It had already been done and she said she knows it needs to be kept tidy and trim.

ST – mentioned levelling up funds available. Waiting for Highways to come back about highway improvements. Blackberry Way 106 agreement going through with crossings etc. All agreed and all technicalities have been sorted. This is all separate from our traffic calming.

ST said unfortunately he cannot make our remembrance service due to commitments elsewhere. ST passed over a wreath to be placed that had been purchased by him on Cornwall Council's behalf.

The Chairman mentioned the Parish Council have 4 wreaths purchased. One for the Parish Council, the Church, the Chapel and the Football Club. £27.50 each.

Hire of the theatre club to be invoiced – clerk to sort.

**Finance** Read through by Chairman, Invoices to be paid: £75.00 S Gifford (litterpick); £110.00 The Royal British Legion; £129.60 A P Cottle; £70.20 Michael Vanstone. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 2nd December 2024, 7.30pm, Grenville Rooms.

Thanks to all by the Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

## KILKHAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Come and share in our  
Christmas Celebrations



**Sunday December 15th**  
**4.00pm**

**Christmas Service  
In Candle Light**

**Featuring an Adult  
Nativity in Rhyme!**

**Followed by tea, coffee  
& mince pies**

**Sunday December 22nd**

**11.00am**

**Carol Service**

**Followed by tea, coffee,  
biscuits and mince pies**



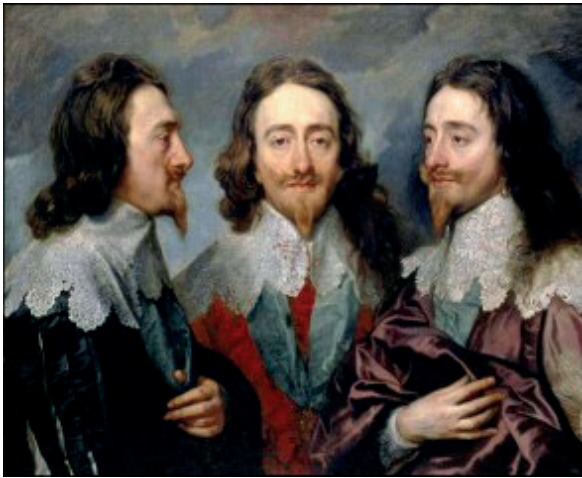
**Everyone welcome at all of our services**

A decorative Christmas card with a green background, gold and red ornaments, and a yellow central panel. The text on the panel is as follows:

LONDON INN'S  
*9 lessons &  
Carols*  
Led by Rev Ward-Smith  
with Luke Francis on the  
organ  
DEC 23 7PM  
*Raffle and  
Christmas nibbles*  
*All welcome*

## BUDE LOOK GROUP

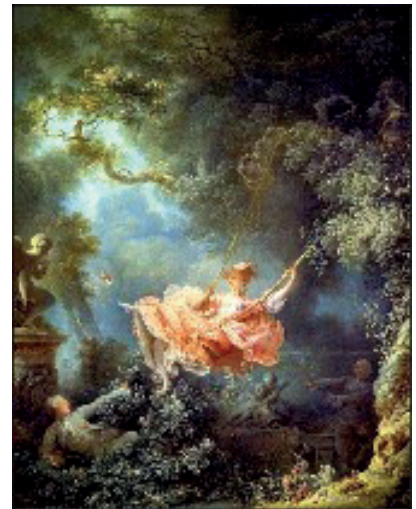
This month, our group discussed the changes in style across the periods of art, from the Renaissance and Mannerism to Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism, Romanticism and Realism. It provided a good overview and a way to pin down favourite art works that we have talked about in the past. Here is just a taste of the artworks that we discussed.



*Anthony van Dyck*  
*Charles I in Three Positions 1635-1636*

This portrait, painted by Anthony Van Dyck during the Baroque period, is very unusual because of its three viewpoints, but this made sense when we discovered that King Charles 1 sent the painting to Rome so that the famous sculptor, Bernini, could use it to create a bust. The king was so pleased that he rewarded Bernini with a valuable diamond ring. Unfortunately, in 1698 the bust was destroyed in a fire.

*Right:*  
*Jean Honore Fragonard*  
*The Swing 1767*



The Swing (*on the right*), a famous painting from the Rococo period is typical of this frivolous time prior to the French Revolution. Unbeknown to the husband, the lover is peeking under the girl's dress, and, at that time, ladies didn't wear knickers!

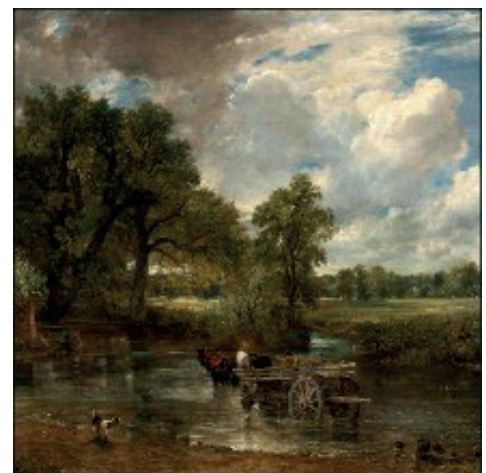


With the exciting archaeological rediscoveries of Pompeii and Herculaneum in Rome, Neoclassicism arose as artists returned to Greek and Roman ideals. At this time of the Grand Tour and the Industrial Revolution, people believed that art should express the ideal virtues in life.

*Left:*  
*Joseph Wright of Derby*  
*A Philosopher, Lecturing on the Orrery, 1766*

And finally, The Hay Wain. This painting is so familiar to us that it is difficult to imagine how ground-breaking this painting was. Constable painted it during the Romanticism period when there was a reaction to the drastic changes to people's lives brought about by the Industrial Revolution. Instead of painting portraits, religious or mythological scenes, artists embraced Nature and the uniqueness of the human spirit.

Constable painted very freely using blobs of paint and he scraped colours across the canvas. French artists considered him the messiah of landscape painting and invited him to exhibit at The Louvre. Constable made such an impact on artists they went on to paint outdoors and this eventually led to Impressionism.



*John Constable*  
*The Hay Wain, 1821*

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## **THE STORY OF MARY CREWS**

### ***A resident of Kilkhampton in the 1800's***

I am Jane Ricobi, I grew up in London, but my family come from this area and I have been coming down to Bude all my life. Earlier this year I came home, and am living between Tamar Lakes and Bradworthy. So not quite the right side of the Tamar, but I can see Kilk church from my garden. I recently attended Kilk Krafts and talked to local people about my connection to the area – they encouraged me to share my story. You never know, it might mean I can connect with some of my long-lost family members!

This is the story of my great-great-grandma Mary Crews (on some records, Crews is spelt Cruise or Cruse).

If you lived in Kilk in the middle of the 1800's I'm sure you would have known about Mary. I come from a long line of very strong independent women, and Mary is my favourite. She didn't seem to care what people thought of her. She was born in Poughill in 1817, the youngest child and only girl of William and Susanna Crews. It seems quite a sad family – her brother John died as a baby and her brother William died at the age of 30. I don't know what happened to her other brother, Thomas, or her parents.

Mary moved to Kilk in the early 1840's where she worked as a servant. In 1845, she gave birth to a baby girl, Henrietta Frances Crews. Maybe Mary didn't want to answer the vicar's questions as to who the father was. We will never know, but neither Henry nor Francis are our family names. So was it Mr Henry Francis, a farmer in Stratton?

In 1849, Mary had another baby, Mary Ann, who only lived a few weeks. In 1852 she had another baby, William Francis Crews, followed by Jemima in 1856. So that was 4 children before she married, not the done thing in Victorian times!

In 1856, life for Mary got more interesting. On 15th December 1856 she went to Bodmin jail for refusing to maintain her bastard children. I'm not sure exactly



*William Crews, Mary's son*

why, but I believe she wasn't paying for their keep. In 1851, it seems that Henrietta was living with an elderly lady Mary Walkey, who in 1841 lived with another old lady, Mary Francis (maybe Henrietta's grandma?), who died in 1850. So was Mary Crews not paying for her children's keep or was she claiming

poor relief even though she was working as a servant? She was sent to jail for 1 month.

Mary was released from jail on 15th January 1857, but went back in again on 23rd January 1857 for refusing to pay for her 3 base (bastard) children. These children then became chargeable of Kilk (so entitled to poor relief). She was finally let out of jail on 23rd March 1857. I don't know who looked after the children in that time or whether she paid up.

There is a description of Mary in the Cornwall online parish clerks website ([www.opc-cornwall.org](http://www.opc-cornwall.org)) from the times she was sent to jail: 'age 42, ht 5ft 1in, grey eyes, sandy brown hair, fresh complexion, long visage, can't read write, single, 3 base children. Scar on nose, left eyebrow and upper lip. Lost 2 upper front teeth, both little fingers crooked, freckled'.

In 1858, Mary gave birth to my great-grandad Thomas Crews. She finally had William, Jemima and Thomas baptised on 15th October 1858. As far as I know, Henrietta wasn't baptised. Then on 7th January 1860 she married John Hockridge, a local stonemason, in Kilk Church. John was probably the father of Jemima and Thomas, as they added Hockridge to their names. Was she pushed into the marriage by the local busybodies? Yet more scandal, as he was 25 and she was 40 (she was in fact 43!), but her happiness didn't last.

On 16th March 1860, John Hockridge was sent to Bodmin jail for 6 weeks for assaulting his wife Mary. In June 1860, Mary gave birth to her last child, a girl, Emma Jane. The family lived on the main road in Kilk, where John was still a stonemason.

As far as Mary's children were concerned, after leaving school both the boys went to work on local farms – William to Woolley, and Thomas to Barn Farm, Kilk. The girls went into service.

Jemima went to Torrington where she met John Davey, a train driver. They later married and moved to Yeovil, where they had a lot of children – one of these was Thirza, both in December 1885. In January 1886, Mary went by train to Yeovil to see her new granddaughter, but unfortunately died on the way home. Even Mary's death got in the paper! She got off the 4pm train from Yeovil at Holsworthy Station, and was waiting for the carrier's cart to take her back to her home in Kilkhampton, when she was seen to fall. The local doctor, who was also at the station, went to her aid, but she was already dead from a heart attack. Her body was carried through the town to the doctor's house (what is now the 'Filter Through' coffee lounge on Fore Street). Her

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Mary's son Thomas, with his wife Sarah Jane Cornish

body was identified by her son William, then she was taken back to Kilk to be buried. She has no gravestone.

Mary had a hard life. She won't be remembered for doing great works but she was a fighter. She kept her children out of the workhouse. All except Mary Ann, who died soon after birth, went on to marry and have children. In total she had 50 grandchildren, though not all born in her lifetime. Do you fancy buying Christmas presents for that lot? There's a lot of people alive today who wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Mary.

My great-granddad Thomas Hockridge worked on the canal, then when it closed he was a navvy on the railway. His son William, my grandad, was born in Marhamchurch in 1892, although his older siblings had been born in Kilk. Once the railway had opened, Thomas was out of work, so he moved his family to London to get work, which explains why I was brought up in that area. William's daughter, Iris Hockridge, was my mum, and my dad was Terry Ricobi.

My ancestors have lived in Kilk from at least the 1500s. The Crews family were originally from Morwenstow, and the Hockridge side of the family didn't come to Kilk until 1640. You may have known Mary's great-grandson Jack Hockridge, who was a barber in Stratton in the 1940's and 50's.

I hope you found this story interesting, I've enjoyed sharing it. If anyone thinks they might have family connections or can add to this story, please get in touch.

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Have you heard about the new Community Café in Bude? It opened in April in Berries Avenue, and brings people together with great food and activities. It's bright and colourful both indoors and out, and is already gaining a reputation for providing good home-cooked food and refreshments at very reasonable prices.

The café is run by professional staff and fully trained volunteers, who help make it a cheerful, comfortable space to sit and chat over coffee or lunch, And support or information groups also meet there.

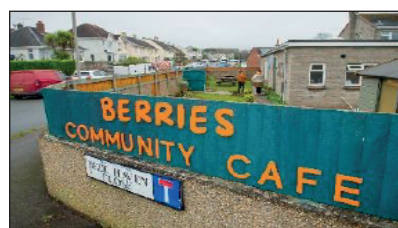
The Café is for everyone, you don't have to live locally. The volunteers are a lively bunch - if you would like to join them, either helping in the kitchen, serving food, making coffee or just chatting to customers, you would be very welcome.



On a recent Friday evening, Berries hosted a Sausage Sizzle, serving over 80 customers to a background of music by Fiddle Fit. The café was really buzzing. On Saturdays 1-2pm we have The Food Larder, and there are some exciting plans for the outside area. Watch this space...

COMMUNITY HUB WEEKLY SESSIONS	
<p><b>TUESDAY BERRIES</b></p> <p><b>BUDE VOLUNTEER BUREAU</b> 10am - 2pm ~ Free ~ Drop in Find out about local volunteering opportunities</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY BERRIES</b></p> <p><b>BUDE STROKE SUPPORT</b> 1st &amp; 3rd Thursday 2.30 - 4.30pm Free ~ Drop in From 18/4</p>
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<p><b>SATURDAY BERRIES</b></p> <p><b>BUDE VOLUNTEER BUREAU REPAIR CAFE</b> <b>COMMUNITY LARDER</b> 10.30am - 1pm ~ Free ~ Drop in At Berries from April 27th 2024</p> <p><b>Last Saturday of the month</b></p>	

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