



KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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*Kilkhampton Parish News AGM
Thursday 6th March, 7pm, Grenville rooms
All are welcome to attend*

We're really pleased to welcome our new team member - Martin Brennan. Strictly speaking, Martin was already part of the team, as together with his wife Trish, he helps with the collating and delivery of the parish news.

Martin contacted me and volunteered to take on the website content management and also editing the adverts. So far, I have transferred the website management to him, which is great as it wasn't my favourite job in the world. In time, he may well also take on editing the adverts. Thank you Martin for volunteering your time and expertise

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EDITORIAL



Dydh da, pubonan! (Hello everyone)

Fatla genowgh? (How are you?)

Isn't it lovely to see the many signs that gwenton (spring) is round the corner? Lots of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and primroses starting to flower despite the cold weather. I know some have got amazing gardens with all-year round colour and flowering plants, but I suspect there are also many like me who have a few winter plants but see the rest of their garden transform in spring from grey and barren to suddenly everything sprouting. And I get reminded once again that I didn't do enough tidying of my garden before the winter! I'm waiting to see what my aquilegias do this year – they produced their usual spring growth in early December time, then stopped when it got too cold and haven't yet got enthusiastic about growing in 2025.

Don't be fooled by this – I'm really not a gardener – I love to plant things that generally look after themselves, and do my pruning at all the wrong times of the year, but despite all that my garden seems to flourish – I hope yours is coming to life again this year.

See you in April!

Jill

BUDE TOY LIBRARY

Did you know?

Bude Area Toy Library has hundreds of toys (from 6 months to 8 years approx) available to borrow for 2 weeks at a time. Membership is £30 per annum (£45 for playgroups and childminders as they multiple use these toys).

We are based at Neetside Community Centre in Bude and open every Weds 9.30-11.30, Sat 10-11. We also have large toys suitable for parties and outdoors (slides, roller coasters, seesaws, ride-on bikes, scooters etc).

We are run entirely by volunteers and welcome new volunteers too. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

budeareatoylibrary61@gmail.com

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 kilkchurchlights@gmail.com or phone her on 321432 or 07740 520459

Cheques should be made payable to 'KILKHAMPTON PCC'.

Kilkhampton Parish News Editorial team

Please use the contact details below to enquire about anything related to advertising (Martin), 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 2nd March - Next before Lent (Green)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa

Welcomers: Margaret and Lyn. Reading: Exodus 34: 29 to end. Kevin

Sunday 9th March - Lent 1 (Green)

11am Morning Worship with Hilbre

Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11. Gillian

Sunday 16th March - Lent 2 (Purple)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane

Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12 and 17,18. Hilbre

Sunday 23rd March - Lent 3 (Purple)

9.30 am NOTE TIME Benefice Holy Communion at MORWENSTOW with Reverend Teresa presiding. Richard Painter preaching and leading.

Sunday 30th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY - Lent 4 (Purple)

11am Morning Worship with Ian.

Welcomers: Lynn and Margaret. Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10. Peter

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

ZOOM: Daily Morning Prayer: 9am Monday - Friday. Everyone welcome to drop in on any day
Meeting ID 818 0754 3068 Password 342 493 or via telephone 02030512874 or 0203051523

Methodist Chapel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
2nd March	Rev. Stephen Skinner	Pam Sillifant	Monica Heywood
9th March	Mr. Clive Smale	Sandra Jones	Judith Heard
16th March	Mr. Barry Bryne	Pam Metherell	Debbie Dawber
23rd March	Mr. Courtney Drew	Monica Heywood	Sue & John Brooks
30th March	Rev. Richard Ward-Smith	Marlene Bath	Marlene Bath

PANCAKES PANCAKES PANCAKES

Shrove Tuesday – March 4th, 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

FROM REV RICHARD

My grandfather used to say that sometimes he felt like an old gate. "With every move I make I creak and groan, and just lately I have been leaning nearer the earth!" Being so fond of him, I have a lot of admiration for gates, especially field gates. I once heard a lady (from the city) complain when confronted with some mud. "I never know why farmers always put their gates in the muddiest parts of the field." I used to think that gates were always made of oak, (dunno now?), and would last four generations. Gates are sort of guardians, protecting fields of corn or grass. Cows and sheep, all of these are 'safely kept' from straying.

But gates don't always have to be sentinels, something that stops you, with a "who goes there?" An open gate is a friendly and welcoming gate. Come on in. There is new territory to see and explore.

Perhaps something life changing? Do you remember those words we say at the start of a New Year: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year..." Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." In the course of our lives we go through many gates into many changes of scenery and situations. To go through a gate is to go into something new, which can be daunting, yes, but exciting. But it is quite reassuring to step through and put your hand in to the hand of another, and allow a power greater than yourself to be at work and be led to places we could never have reached under our own steam. When Jesus says "I am the gate; I am the way", it all makes sense to me.

My grandfather also said "never swing on 'em!" Which of course we did when, he wasn't around.

Rev Richard

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Little Johnny had bought Grandma a book for her birthday and wanted to write a suitable inscription. He racked his brain until suddenly he remembered that his father had a book with an inscription of which he was very proud, so Johnny decided to copy it. You can imagine Grandma's surprise when she opened her book, a Bible, and found neatly inscribed the following phrase: 'To Grandma, with the compliments of the author.'

We all love it when people compliment us and tell us what a great job we have done! What do you think God is going to say to you when your time on this earth is done? Jesus told the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 v 14-30. In verse 21 the master said "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things." Is that what we are expecting God to say? What we do not want to hear is v30 which says "throw that worthless servant outside into darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

You see, what we do today, what we change today, who we commit our life to today has a bearing on where we spend eternity, so please read again the parable of the talents and its implications. A talent is a God-given ability to be used for a God-given purpose. Do what you need to do today because today you have, but I can't promise to you that you will have a tomorrow!

Have a great month.

Albert Sloman, Pastor

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POPPY KNITTING OR CROCHETING

As the poster above says, a 'poppy train' is going to be created for Remembrance Day 2025.

You can use your own pattern, or see the February edition of the Parish News for a knitting pattern (on our website)

Please leave completed poppies in the box provided in St James Church, and thank you!

St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors March 2025

RUTH BABB

Special thoughts of you Mum on Mothers' Day. Remembering times spent when we were all together.
With love as always, Ann, John, Beryl and your now large family xxx
Also happy birthday to brother John and granddaughter Robyn in March. Xx

ARTHUR HARRIGAN

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 19th March 1999.
'A day of memory sad to recall, we said goodbye and let him go'.
John

LAVIS

Remembering our dear brother Cyril (Ces) on his 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, Hayley and all the families xxx

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

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

SUPPORT KILKHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB!

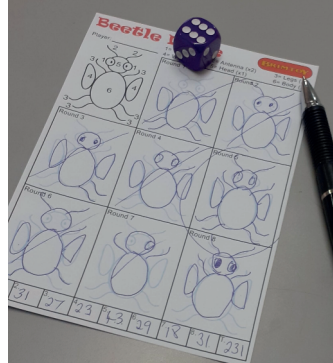
See the list below for their March fixtures for the Mens 1st and 2nd teams, plus Kilkhampton Ladies fixture



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Venue</u>
1st March	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 1st v Looe Town FC 1st	Lamb Park
2nd March	2.30pm	Kilk Ladies AFC v Biscovey Ladies	
8th March	2.30pm	Nanpean Rovers 1st v Kilk Mens 1st	Victoria Park, Nanpean
8th March	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 2nd v North Hill	Lamb Park
15th March	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 2nd v Launceston Development	Lamb Park
16th March	2pm	Kilk Ladies AFC v Lanner Ladies	
22nd March	2.30pm	St Stephen 1st v Kilk Mens 1st	St Stephen Recreation Ground
23rd March	2pm	Ludgvan Ladies v Kilk Ladies AFC	
29th March	2.30pm	Roche 1st v Kilk Mens 1st	Roche Football & Social Complex
29th March	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 2nd v St Teath 2nd	Lamb Park

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

On 8th January, quite a few members turned out in the awful weather (sleet and strong winds for those that remember!) to start the New Year back at Kilk Krafts. This week's entertainment was a beetle drive, which was won by Lynn who had the highest score, and Hannah came second.



22nd January saw over 30 ladies gathering to watch Yvonne make some quick and easy puds.

Yvonne opened the afternoon with stories of her childhood,. She was remembering her days on the farm where there was always milk, eggs and cream. She called the cream 'scalded cream' which was cream from the top of the milk which was slowly cooked on the top of the stove to form the thick cream crust. Puddings then were simple: rice pudding, custard, trifles, steamed puddings, fruit crumbles using apples from their orchard and of course blackberries too in the autumn. A west country favourite for some was junket, made by milk being warmed roughly to the temperature of our blood, then mixed with rennet and sugar, nutmeg sprinkled on top, then left to set. Delicious served with clotted cream and a biscuit. Yvonne said desserts like profiteroles, pavlova, black forest gateaux etc were unheard of then.

For the demonstration, Yvonne's first dish was ginger and pear trifle. Ginger cake was sliced into a bowl, covered with some of the tinned pear juice and left to soak, then the pears were chopped up and placed on top of the cake, then a layer of custard, then whipped cream decorated with toasted almonds.

Next was a chocolate and raspberry pudding. Chocolate bourbon biscuits were crushed and mixed with melted butter to form the base, then a raspberry yogurt whipped with the same quantity of double cream was spread over the biscuit base, then it was topped with raspberries.

Third was a lemon meringue dessert; meringue nests were filled with whipped lemon yogurt and cream and decorated with chocolate flake shards. This could obviously be adapted to suit individual tastes.

The final dish was tinned mandarins drained and placed in the bottom of a glass dish, then mandarin yogurt whipped with double cream layered on top, then sprinkled with toasted almonds. A liqueur such as Cointreau could be added to the fruit if you wished.

The members were then invited to come and take a taste of each of the desserts. Delicious and apparently no calories!!!



KILK KRAFTS MARCH MEETINGS

Wednesday 12 March

Handbell ringing

Wednesday 26 March

Talk: Bude Sea Pool, by Deb Rosser

Venue: Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

£2 per session plus small material costs

Any questions, contact:

Joyce (01288 321292) or Lorna (01288 321706)

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am writing this article just before half-term and already the days are stretching out. I see snowdrops and primroses on my way to work. I am hoping that by the time you read this in March, spring will be well underway.

Following on from my last article, the children have enjoyed learning about geography this term. Most classes have also been learning Design and Technology skills. Year One have been making cars; Year Two, Ferris wheels; Year Three having been making castles and Year Four have designed and made torches. Finally, Year Five have adapted a recipe for Spaghetti Bolognese.



Children in Northcott class racing the cars they designed and made



Some of the cars that were made



Children in Year Two designing and making Ferris wheels



Year Five:
Preparing the
ingredients and
cooking the
Bolognese



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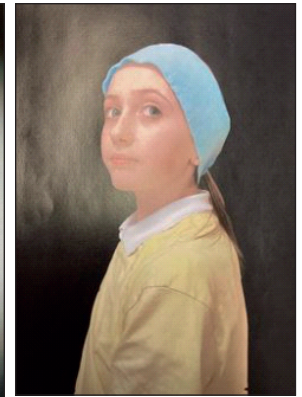


Year Four proudly showing off the torches they designed and made

Year Six have been studying art this term, learning about photography and manipulating photos they took to recreate famous pieces of artwork.



Recreating 'Girl with a Balloon' by Banksy

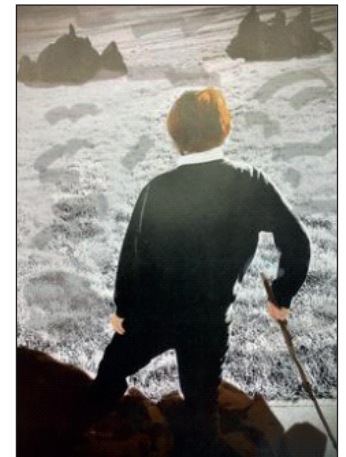


Year Six manipulating a photograph to recreate 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' by Johannes Vermeer

Year One's history learning was enhanced with a visit to Bude Library, where they took part in activities and learning about toys from the past. This was organised by the Royal Cornwall Museum and the children learnt lots.



Children in Key Stage One learning about toys from the past, at the workshop run by the Royal Cornwall Museum



Recreating 'Wanderer above the Sea of Fog' by Caspar David Friedrich

We marked 'Safer Internet Day' just before half term, where we not only reiterated our regular messages about how to stay safe online, but also covered this year's theme of how to keep yourself safe from scams. We shared information with our parents on the theme via the school newsletter. We also marked Holocaust Memorial Day in January in an age-appropriate manner.

We have been offering a bumper number of after-school clubs this half term. Children have been able to choose from a range of activities including handball, Lego, cooking, board games and dance! More will be on offer next half-term. It is a nice way to see another side of the children in a non-academic environment and to give them other opportunities.

Next half-term is very busy. We will be sending out interim reports to parents and offering parent evening slots, as well as celebrating Saint Piran's Day (including a pasty lunch with hevva cake) and World Book Day, and learning about Saint David's and Saint Patrick's Days in our assemblies. Later in the term, we will be taking part in Comic Relief, raising money through the ever-popular, 'Kilk's Got Talent'.

As this will reach you in March, may I take this opportunity to wish you Gool Peran Lowen, I look forward to writing to you again in the April edition with an update on what happens after half-term.

Michael Watson, Head Teacher

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TREE BOOK GROUP: *One Day* by David Nicholls

Boy meets girl and they are in denial that they are in love. Their individual fortunes wax and wane in perfect asymmetry, they each experience failed relationships in a sequence that ensures they are never both single at the same time. At times they are either each other's best friends, at others the unspoken tension between them blows them apart. It is witty, not laugh out loud funny, but a nice understated cynical wit mostly spoken in a Yorkshire accent. However, it all seems to march slowly towards that inevitable conclusion that they will be together at the end...

Well, that isn't quite what happens, it wobbles significantly from the standard story.

The most obvious first difference from the standard is that it is spread out over a long time and told through the events of a single day each year. This does give the story from the start an edge, the frustration of their situation hurts more as it just takes so long and you need to do some work filling in the gaps.

However the big difference from the standard comes after halfway through, when it goes too dark for a light hearted read. One of the protagonists lives takes a very uncomfortable downward spiral.

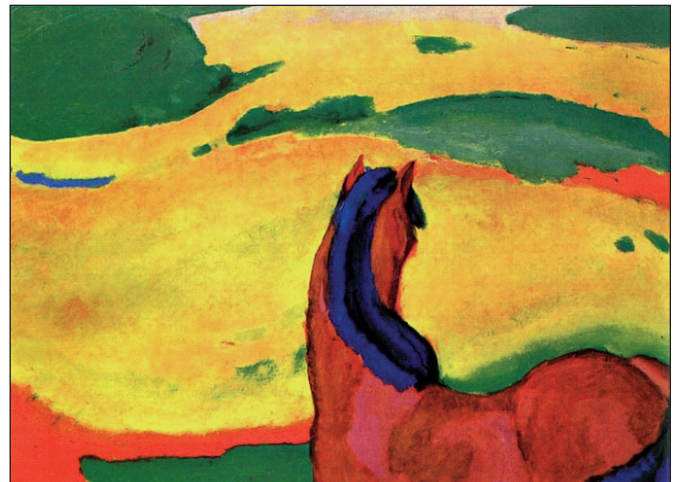
And then there is the end... no spoilers, other than it is very good.

Dorothy Flaxman (derekflaxman@btinternet.com)

BUDE LOOK GROUP

Last month we discussed Synthetism, and our focus this month, the Blue Rider (1911-1914) group of artists in Munich, seemed a smooth development in painting. This group was also more concerned with shapes and colour than in realism but the journey towards abstraction and the importance of communicating feelings and ideas went much further under the leadership of Kandinsky.

The painting on the right was the first work Marc painted after sharing ideas about colour with Kandinsky. Each colour represented different feelings, spirituality, and sensuality. Marc loved animals. Here the rolling curves of the landscape in yellow, red, and green are like the curves of the horse in purple, pink and red. They are also reminiscent of the rolling gait of a cantering horse. We felt a sense of freedom and harmony with nature.



Franz Marc, *Horse in a Landscape* 1910



Gabriele Münter, *Jawlensky and Werefkin* 1909

The members of Blue Rider were all friends, who had travelled extensively around Europe meeting other artists such as Van Gogh, Matisse, and Picasso. They included: Wassily Kandinsky and partner Gabriele Münter; Marianne von Werefkin and partner Jawlensky; August Macke and his friend Franz Marc with partner Maria Franck-Marc along with other friends. Together they took creative risks that would define modern art.

The painting below by August Macke transports us to a tranquil walk in a park. The elegant vertical curves of trunks and people contrast with semicircles of foliage and patches of sunshine.

The Blue Rider disbanded at the outbreak of World War 1. Marc and Macke died in battle, but this new way of working lived on as Expressionism.

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(Bude Look Group, continued from page 10)

Of all the artists, Kandinsky made the biggest leap at this time. We traced his work from realism to abstraction. He loved music and how instruments conveyed emotion through combinations of sound. When he listened, he saw combinations of colour (synaesthesia). He knew that it was possible to use colour to create emotion and to transport people with a painting in the same way that music can. This was his goal.



Kandinsky, *Impression III (Concert)* 1911

Look long enough at the painting below and there is a cacophony of colour – so much movement and thrilling excitement!



Kandinsky, *Composition VII* 1913

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



August Macke *Promenade* 1913

Bude Choral Society

Mozart and Haydn

Saturday, March 29th at 7pm

St Michael's Church, Bude

Tickets £18 in advance, £20 on door

Free admission for school children

Conductor John Hobbs and organist Stephen Tyrrell will be joined by an outstanding quartet of soloists:

Soprano: Lisa Moffat

Contralto: Rebecca Squire

Tenor: Mark Hounsell

Bass: Christopher Painter.

This concert offers a rare opportunity for music lovers to hear Mozart's magnificent Solemn Vespers and Organ Mass in C, alongside Haydn's celebrated Maria Theresa Mass, performed live in Bude. Both Mozart and Haydn were masters at creating music of extraordinary beauty and emotional depth.

Tickets will be £18 in advance or £20 on the door, with free admission for schoolchildren. Paper tickets: £18 from Ark Angel Bookshop or Bude Tourist Information Centre, or email tickets@budechoral.org

Online tickets £20 from Bude Tourist Information or 'Visit Bude' website.

Bude Choral Society
Registered Charity No. 1101044

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on

3 February 2025 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

Attendance: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH), Lee Bond (LB), Keith Ovenden (KO), Ian Heard (IH).

Apologies: Phil Sluggett (PS), Tim Cottle (TC), Jo Timmins (JT), Vinnie James (VJ), Cornwall Cllr Shorne Tilbey (ST).

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

Welcome to all that have attended.

Mr Luke Francis began by giving thanks for the letters of thanks he had received from the Parish Council for his contributions to the pantomime and Remembrance service. Mr Francis explained that the post office run at the Grenville Rooms is doing well and they are more than happy with the amount of transactions that are taking place each week. It is well supported and there are no reasons to remove this service from the village, would like to continue with the post office in the Grenville Rooms. Mr Francis mentioned that he is in the process of chasing up on the replacement post box. Trying to relocate to outside the Church – Highways have been chased and all other parties are more than happy on the suggested location.

Regarding Remembrance Day this year – Mr Francis stated there will be a festival of Remembrance on the 1st November. This year is the 80th year in Commemoration of the end of the 2nd World War. Mr Francis showed images of metal poppies that they intend to organise (details given on school involvement and how it will all be organised). Joyce Davis and others will be creating a pathway of knitted poppies. The Chairman said that Mr Francis mentioned Westlands and the schoolchildren and asked that all other schools and nurseries are included.

Mr Francis said VE Day is the 8th May and he has spoken to the church and the vicar and would like to suggest a similar service to Remembrance Day, at the War Memorial with a church service. Would also like all schools and children to be involved and do the service (leading maybe, hymns, readings etc). Mr Francis would also like the Parish Council to give Union flags and possibly mugs. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would have to consider something that they could do for the children.

Mr Francis reiterated he wanted it to all be about the children being part of the service. Whichever

timetable suits the head teacher and school the best, is what they will go with. Mr Francis wondered if the top square of the village could be closed off for the event. The Chairman felt the Parish Council wouldn't have any problems with Mr Francis' ideas and thanks to Mr Francis for wanting to organise. Thanks from Mr Francis and thanks for listening.

Dr James and Mrs Amanda Tonks here regarding planning application PA25/01350. The Chairman read through the application details. The Chairman stated we are all aware of where this is. Dr Tonks wanted to come and explain why it is a retrospective application and also what they do. They work with children who have been a victim of, or are still experiencing, trauma. They set up an independent practice and sometimes get referrals with complex situations etc. They said it wasn't ideal to just chat to children in an enclosed room and so they decided to set up sessions that involved being in the outdoors – encouraging greater progression in their sessions. OFSTED have now granted 7 spaces. Mr Tonks explained they had never realised they would need to apply for planning permission in any way. He pointed out that they have re-built the shed (on the same footprint) and also included a wood store. They now realise they should have applied for a certificate of lawfulness. Again, had no idea of this at the time.

RH asked if the Planning Officer had visited them. Mr Tonks informed they had been to see them on the 20th January 2025. RH asking as when the plan originally came through, it had been referred to another officer. Mr Tonks said the Eco survey has been done too – very positive outcome. KB asked how far the children come from for these sessions. Mr Tonks explained they come from Bude Kilkhampton, Bideford and further.

The Chairman doesn't feel there are any problems. Just had initial fears as we have had previous questionable applications in the past that have subsequently changed from their original plans. Thank you to Dr James and Mrs Amanda Tonks by The Chairman. Dr Tonks said they are fully open to visits and are working very closely with the local authorities. Got Healthcare Council registrations and OFSTED. Just genuinely didn't realise the planning regulations. They are highly likely to grow and since finding out about planning regulations, they will always put in applications for any other changes they do.

Planning Applications.

1. PA24/01350 Proposal Change of use of land to allow a mixed use comprising forestry and agriculture in addition to woodland therapy uses, together with a replacement building, a new wood store, with associated works (retrospective). Location Woodland South West Of Four Acres

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(Council minutes, continued from page 12)

Woodford Bude Cornwall Applicant Dr James Tonks Haven Clinical Psychology Practice Ltd. As discussed above. KO proposed approval and KB seconded. All in favour.

2. PA25/00344 | Partial conversion of garage on ground floor and attic area above, with flat-roofed single storey extension to the rear. Hendra 2 Home Park Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9FJ. This is right at the back of the building and won't be seen. KB moved and LB seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £24.30 taken. Gentleman's toilets have new light. Now open again.

2. Playpark: VJ not here. RH mentioned one quote had been received by T K Play. Two more companies coming out tomorrow to give quotes. Details of what the quote entails were read through by RH (via email from VJ). List will be given to each of the other companies. Hope to get these quotes ASAP so we can hopefully apply for grants. Needs to be tied up soon. CV collected seats that were purchased – in container, ready for installation when weather improves.

3. CCTV at Lamb Park: Now up and subscriptions to use the memory purchased (invoice from KO to follow).

4. LMP Approval: Details read through. All agreed and approved. Clerk to complete paperwork.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: IH cleared pathway at Hessaford Farm, as discussed at last month's meeting. A few hedges at Barn Lane need cutting, not done for a few years. Ball park costs to be given at next meeting by IH.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: TC was up there today. Last bit of new heating system is the fence – but no brackets sent. Energy costs decreased considerably. All working well. Invoices and details to be sent in – in hand. Old fence by playpark had blown down and to be dealt with. Gate being done on new fence.

School: LB had a Governors meeting last week. LB talked through.

Grenville Rooms: Lighting issue a couple of weeks ago – now been sorted and invoice received.

Month's work Read through and approved by all.

Members

KO – Had a parishioner asking what the intended use was now for the shop, now that is closed. Unknown by the Parish Council.

KB – The car at Dipper Lane has now been removed. Mini is still there (Clerk has sent details off to Highways). Still have issues with the bins at the minute. ST not here to check details.

RH – asked thoughts on the metal poppies that had been proposed. Look good and these will be sorted by Mr Francis.

Letter received regarding a breach of planning on property at The Ridgeway. Details shown and discussed by The Chairman. The Parish Council are unable to do anything and details have been forwarded to our County Councillor and will be dealt with by County.

Parish Council elections are on 1st May. Anyone interested can contact a Parish Councillor.

Wifi been dealt with today. Chairman to speak to Matthew at Acuti.

ST in touch with Highways about resurfacing through the village. Chairman to double check emails and threads via ST and Mr Oliver Jones.

IH, LB – Nothing.

Correspondence Health Initiative with Heart Health Drop in Sessions sent by Cornwall Council. No centres anywhere past Bodmin. Clerk to email and ask if any other locations available closer by.

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices: £72.00 S Gifford; £65.00 Archies Garden Services; £195.00 K & J Building Services; £604.00 NM Technical Services (GR); £708.75 NM Technical Services (Lamb Park). All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 3rd March 2025, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm.

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

Welcombe Spinners

Come and join us?

Members of the long-established Welcombe Spinners meet at the Grenville Rooms every Monday, apart from Bank Holidays, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. They cover many textile skills and crafts – spinning, weaving, dyeing, knitting, crochet, rug-making and felt-making are just some examples.

New members are always welcome. No experience necessary - lessons are available for £5 a session, and equipment and materials to learn with can be provided from the group. If you decide to continue, membership is £20 per term (3 terms a year) or £4 a session.

To get a better idea of what they are about you could have a look at their website, contact them by email, or even better, they would love you to pay them a visit!

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The family of Mary Crews from Kilk - Thomas Crews Hockridge Part 2

Jane Ricobi's family history continues...

Thomas was born in Kilk in 1858, the son of Mary Crews. In last month's parish news, we saw Thomas married to Jane Cornish and the birth of 12 of his 14 children.

When they had lived in Marhamchurch, the children enjoyed their Sunday school treat going on a hay wain to Widemouth.

In 1898, the family was living in Helebridge, and my great grandfather Thomas was out of work again. The oldest son, also Tom, had gone to London earlier in the year to join the Metropolitan police. When Tom retired from the police, he came home and lived in Valley road in Bude until he died in 1966. He told his dad that there was lots of work in London. So, like so many Cornishmen at the time, Thomas took his family and all his furniture on the train from Bude. They initially went to Pounders End in London, before moving out to Bedfont near Heathrow, where their youngest son Alfred was born in 1899. Thomas worked as a navvy on the Staines Reservoir. Here, Thomas met a young man called Jack Leach from Poughill. As Jack had no family locally, Thomas invited him to have Sunday dinner with the family. Jack married Thomas's daughter Florrie. Thomas said he should stop bringing young men home or he would run out of daughters.

Florrie and Jack moved in to a newly-built house in Hampton, not far from Hampton Court. In the early 1900s she named the house Kilkhampton after the place of her birth. Her daughter also lived there, so there was a house called Kilkhampton in Middlesex well into the 1980s probably 1990s.

Thomas and Jane had their final child, another daughter, Winifred, born in 1901. My grandad William (Thomas's 9th child) said that when they moved the other boys at school laughed at him as he had a funny accent. Their next door neighbours in Bedfont were the Oakley family from Essex, who had little girls about the same age as Thomas's younger girls Kate and Gert. One day Mrs Oakley took Gert Hockridge to the seaside with her little girls. When they got to Southend, which is the Thames estuary, Gert asked where the proper sea was. So I have always known the Atlantic coast of Cornwall as the 'proper sea'.

Thomas remained in London - his last move was to Willesden near Wembley. He died in 1927, and his wife Jane died in 1939. On her death bed she kept telling the family she was going back to Coombe valley (where she was born) they had to tell her 'granny you can't go today, there's no bus, why not go tomorrow?' Had they always planned to come back when things got better in Cornwall? Nice to think she never forgot the land of her birth. Cornwall



*Photo from World War 1:
William Hockridge, sailor, and his brother
Alf Hockridge, soldier*

and the sea have always been very important to my family.

My grandad William, at the age of 13, was sent to work on a farm in Hertfordshire. This was not what he wanted to do - he wanted to see the world. So when he was 18, he joined the Royal Navy. His trade was a stoker, his home port was Portsmouth, and his first ship was HMS Victory; in those days, she was still afloat and used as a training ship. He was probably one of the last generation of sailors to learn to sail and climb the rigging. I remember going to see him as an old man, and the first thing he did whenever I got there was say 'I'll just stoke the fire'. He served on HMS Hampshire before the First World War, and in 1914 he joined HMS Leviathan.

From the ships log: '1st August 1914, 10am, employed preparing ship for war. 6.32pm: Lizard light. 7.15pm: Land's End. 8.07pm: Long Ships light'.

On 5th August 1914, at sea, they received a wireless telegraph at 1.40am stating that Great Britain had declared war on Germany. They

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darkened ship. The fleet was moved to Scapa Flow in Orkney.

Between 1914 and 1916, HMS Leviathan was sailing between Halifax (Nova Scotia), and Kingston (Jamaica), escorting sugar ships. I think my grandad fought at Jutland. Then he went to Gosport in Hampshire to train for submarines. About this time, he went on leave to visit his sister Kate, who was working in service in London. The other housemaid was Nellie Clampin who was the niece of Mrs Oakley from Bedford, who fell for him, the handsome sailor. In 1917 William went out to Hong Kong with HMS Titania which was the deport ship for the submarines, because at the time the submarines were very basic and couldn't stay at sea for long. He sent a photo to Nellie of his Sub L5 in 1919. The photo is now a bit battered as she kept it in her handbag until he returned for their wedding in 1921. William brought his new bride back to stay with his aunt and uncle in Poundstock for their honeymoon.

Grandad was a great story teller my favourite was the high admiral came to inspect his submarine. While the admiral was standing on the submarine he gave the order to dive. Grandad was now leading stoker, so he dived. He got highly commended for obeying orders that appeared wrong. Knowing grandad, he probably thought it thought it funny if the Admiral got his feet wet!

William left the Navy in 1923 but spent another 10 years in the Royal Fleet reserve. He continued to work as a stoker for the gas board at Greenwich where the Olympic stadium now is. When World War 2 came, he planned to go back into the Navy but he was too old. He did take a coal barge to Dunkirk as part of the war efforts. When he retired he hoped to come home to Cornwall, but even in the late 1950s he was told the house agents could sell cottages for more as a holiday home, so he went to Suffolk where he lived until he died aged 89.

Most of his siblings also lived to about 89. They all survived the First World War, as did the husbands of the girls. The girls all married, most stayed in the London area. Kate and her husband ran the village shop on the edge of the New Forest. Maud and her husband ran a hotel in Buxton in Derbyshire. Jack was the first to come back to Cornwall in the late 1930s. He lived in Stratton but walked to work in Kilkhampton every day. His son, also Jack *Hockridge, was the barber.*

Jane Ricobi



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KILK PHOTOS FROM THE 1950s

Does anyone remember these?

I was browsing through all the information given to me over my years as editor (9 years this October!) and I found a CD of old black and white photos of Kilk.

There are no dates on most of the photos, but the ones here have dates - so the flood was on 22nd August 1958 - as you would expect in Kilk in the middle of summer!!

It looks to me to be where the co-op is now - am I right?



And the Grenville Rooms photo below is dated 1950 - it looks lovely, but is only half as big as today's building!

If you have old photos or other memories of Kilk you would like to share, please email them to me, or if preferred, of course you can put an envelope through my letterbox.

