



KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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There is no editorial this month.

Instead, a plea from all of us who work to bring the Parish News to your door. We are getting to the stage where it will be difficult to continue without more volunteers.

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Festival of Remembrance at St. James Church KILKHAMPTON

Saturday 1st November 2025
2.30pm & 7.00pm

Tickets £15
On sale from 1st September 2025
at Gilbert & Vanstone, Kilkhampton
Tel: 01288 321418

St James the Great, Kilkhampton

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Grenville Rooms

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| Room Bookings | Contact Alan or Tracey Hockin | 07399 996720 01288 321710 |
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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'.

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Parish News special announcement

Please read this – even if you don't want to get involved, you may be able to think of others who could. We have said it before but...

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

We have a brilliant team behind the scenes at the Parish News, everyone working hard to create and deliver each edition. Not to mention the numerous contributors, with many regulars, who help to bring you village news each month. Every team member is valued for their contribution.

BUT... the team behind the scenes is getting smaller, quite a few have taken on additional roles as some team members have left, and we need more volunteers for the parish news to continue into 2026 and beyond.

Here's a list of ALL our roles – we welcome ANY interest in either taking on or supporting others for ANY of them. Please note there is no payment – all are voluntary.

Chair: not an onerous job, with an annual AGM and occasional (rare) additional meetings, plus decision making and potential liaison with others in the village and beyond.

Treasurer: maintenance of computerised financial records, liaison with the bank as needed, and production of annual accounts.

Secretary: taking minutes at meetings, doing any additional paperwork or other work to support the organisation as required.

Advertising manager: The point of contact for all advertisers: receives new or altered adverts, annual invoicing of all and chasing up payments, removal of adverts that are no longer being paid for. Requires computer work.

Editorial editor: Receives all the articles and other content each month, edits them into the template, and produces the finished pages ready for print and online publication. Requires computer work. Parish news computer and printer provided.

Advertising editor: As editorial editor, but most adverts remain the same so a smaller job, not necessarily making any changes from one month to the next. Requires computer work.

Website editor: Ensures the newsletter and adverts are added each month, and other web pages reshuffled and re-labelled to bring them in line with dates etc.

Collating: meet on the last Thursday morning of each month to physically put the pages together ready for distribution. Also a nice social occasion for a chat!

Distribution: taking on a regular round of delivery following collation day – the newsletters can be left in the church if people are unable to collect on the day.

We are ALSO interesting in recruiting people who may not want to be involved all the time, but could step in when needed (this would relate to specific roles rather than a willingness to do anything).

Want to join our friendly team? If you have lived in the village for years, you know how important it is to have a willing team to be involved. And if you have only recently moved here – it's a great opportunity to get involved and learn more about this amazing village and the networks and support that exist for everyone!

If you want to chat informally, or find out more, please contact Jill Rodgers, Martin Cross or any committee member – their details are below.

Thank you – we're looking forward to hearing from you!

Jill Rodgers

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Kilkhampton Church Services

St James Church

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12 (Green)

11am Holy Communion with Baptism. Reverend Teresa
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end. Tony

Sunday 14th September – Trinity 13 (Green)

11am Morning Worship with Hilbre
Welcomers: Jules and Rachel. Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9. Gillian

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14 (Green)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane
Welcomers: Rita and Jennie. Reading: Proverbs 3: 13-18. Ian

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15 (Green)

11am Morning Prayer with Ian
Welcomers: Margaret and Joyce. Reading: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7. Peter

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

Morning service at 11am

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Preacher</u> | <u>Flowers</u> | <u>Coffee</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 7th September | Mr. Barry Bryne | Sue Joyner | Sue Joyner |
| 14th September | Rev. Richard Ward-Smith | Vivienne Hunt | Joy Moore |
| 21st September | Mrs. Cath Paddon | Sue Brooks | Sue & John Brooks |
| 28th September | Rev. Graham Slingo | Susan Beswetherick | Marlene Bath |

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hi there, the following hand-written note was found hanging on Mother Teresa's bedroom wall

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may excuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Be successful anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It never was between you and them anyway.

It reminded me of Galatians 6 v 9-10, but the whole of Galatians is worth a read and if that note is good enough to be on Mother Teresa's bedroom wall, it's good enough to be on ours!

Every blessing to you all,

Albert Sloman, Pastor

FROM REV RICHARD

Walking home the other day, I came across a dead mole. Obviously he'd been caught out above ground. Unlucky I thought, as although they are active all year round, they usually come out at night and are least visible in the summer when the worms they like to eat are in much deeper soil, which is more moist.

Moles are not really very like us. But I like them. They are solitary creatures and live alone until the spring when they go looking for a mate. You always know when a tunnelling mole has been about, for their presence is marked by large molehills of soil.

I first met Mole when I read the Wind in the Willows. It is a joy to read. The main characters in the story each possess distinct personalities. Mole is timid but adventurous, Ratty is practical and enjoys a leisurely life, Toad is impulsive and prone to obsessions, especially cars. Badger is wise and solitary.

Certainly it takes imagination to enter into this world of animals with human personalities. But there are certain qualities which are examples of the way we can live with one another. The friendship and bravery between Ratty, Mole and Badger enables them to rescue Toad from prison and worse. By sticking together, they manage to save their homes from being overrun by the wicked Weasels and Stoats. It is their friendship which binds them strongly together. Just as it is with us, it's all about relationships. Getting things done though, with and for people. Jesus understood this perfectly when He said "You are my friends."

Rev Richard

St. James Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

Grenville Rooms
Sunday 5th October
12.30 for 1pm

Cold meat/salad
Home-made Puddings
Cheese and Biscuits
Tea or Coffee

Tickets £10
Please ring Joyce on 321292

Our local auctioneer Reg Hambley
will sell produce etc after the meal.
Proceeds for local charity.

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

These Metal Remembrance poppies are being made locally to make a garden of Remembrance in St James Church Kilkhampton



You can purchase a poppy from 1st September from Gilbert and Vanstone, London Inn, Spar, and Bude post office. They are £5 each minimum donation and you can have as many as you wish. Colours are poppy red, deep red and silver

All Kilkhampton schoolchildren will get them free, this includes Cheldern, Westlands and Kilkhampton School. For any other children a small donation is requested.

From 1st October, you can either place your poppies in Kilkhampton churchyard to make a garden of remembrance, or you can put them in your own garden. If at the church, you can collect your poppies from 1st December.

If you wish, write your name in permanent marker on the stem before placing in the churchyard. If you are unable to locate your original poppy there will be plenty to allocate afterwards.

All proceeds go to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025.

These poppies were kindly donated by Greenfield Engineering Sheet Metal Ltd, Holsworthy

...AND FOR OUR OWN KNITTED POPPY DISPLAY...

The next poppy session is on Tuesday 16th September, 2 to 5pm, in the Grenville Rooms. All welcome to help



Assembling the cascade



A sea of poppies!

St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors September 2025

PHIL FRENCH

Remembering a very special husband, Dad and Grampy
on his birthday, September 3rd
With much love from Mer, Rob, Chris, Michele and all the family.
Xxx

BRUCE BARTLETT

Alison would like to thank family and friends for all the cards, messages of
condolence and visits following the death of her beloved husband Bruce.
Donations in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research amounted to £565.

EILEEN JONES

Taken from us 14th September 2022.
Always in our thoughts.
Love Sid, Phil, Angela, Alan, Sam and Emily.

ARTHUR SPRY

Remembering with love a wonderful Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad,
who passed away September 8th 2005.
We miss you so much.
Lyn, Dave and family.

KARL MERRETT

8th September.
On what would have been your 57th birthday.
Love you always and miss you forever.
Sam x Katy x Jack x
Mum x Dad x and baby Thomas x

Church floodlighting sponsors: see information on page 2 of this newsletter



We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and helped us make our recent Afternoon Tea such a success in raising an amazing £861 for the Breast Cancer Now charity. We had a very enjoyable, busy afternoon and have received some lovely feedback. Thank you once again. Trish and Martin Brennan





KILKHAMPTON
COFFEE & CAKES

SATURDAY 6th Sept

10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at
METHODIST CHURCH HALL

A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO ALL!

The Charity for September is the RNLI

KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £7
ON
Friday 26th September
At 12.30 pm
AT
THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

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

Kilkhampston

Report of St James the Great Patronal Festival

On Friday 25th July, a Pilgrimage of the St James Way started its journey with coffee at St James the Great Church in Kilkhampston, followed by a service and then walking to the Holy Well of St James at the Old Rectory. Pilgrims later moved on to St James Church at Jacobstow, finishing off at St James Chapel at Boscastle. Thank you to the people of St James the Great in Kilkhampston for providing refreshments.

The Patronal Festival of St James the Great or '*Jimmies Day*' as it is locally known was held in the Church and the Church grounds on Sunday 27th July. The annual Gift Day for Church funds was held the same day, and Church-warden Kevin McGrath sat at the lych gate throughout the day, receiving gift envelopes containing kind donations from parishioners and friends of the Church from further afield.

Various side-shows were set up in the Churchyard, including tombola, guess the combined weight of the two ewes, guess the number of sweets in the jar, and bowling for the pig.

The barbecue served burgers and hot dogs outside throughout, cream teas were available from the Church and all food could be eaten either in the church or outdoors under gazebos.

A well-stocked cake stall sold out in the Church.

Throughout the afternoon, the All@C Ukulele Band provided background music outside. In the evening, proceedings were rounded off with the sound of the Church Bells followed by '*Songs of Praise*' in the Church, led by Rev Teresa Folland and Ian Mason. Favourite hymns were sung and led by organist Luke Francis and the church choir, the hymns being:

How Great Thou Art - Praise My Soul The King of Heaven - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer - O Worship The King - Praise To The Lord, The Almighty - Will Your Anchor Hold Crown Him With Many Crowns - To God Be The Glory - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.

The service was rounded off with the singing of the National Anthem.

Thank you to everyone who made 'Jimmies Day 2025' such a success. It is a day which is never set out to be a fund-raiser, but is more of an opportunity for the Church to give a warm welcome and hospitality in a celebration of our Patron Saint.

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

It is strange writing this article for the start of the new academic year just as the school finishes the end of the previous year!

Since I last wrote to you, we have had sporting success both in the local rounders competition at Budehaven, where we won both Year Three and Four and Year Five and Six tournaments and at the Area Sports, in which all local schools compete. There, two of our children broke local records, Wilbur in the Year Three sprint and Emerson in the Year Five sprint.



Children taking part in inter-house cricket



Our successful rounders teams



Hawker house (yellow) celebrating winning sports day

We have had lots going on in school in the last few weeks of term: trips to Bridge Mill and RHS Rosemoor, our summer fair and sports day, as well as taster days for the Year Sixes at their new schools.

Academically, we were pleased with our SATs results which showed the children at Kilkhampston working in line with national averages at the expected level in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and at the higher standard in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

Now the attention turns naturally to the next academic year, which starts in early September. It is completely normal for children to feel nervous at the beginning of an academic year. What people may not be aware of is that us teachers also feel nervous. In fact, even after twenty years in teaching, and ten years in this job, I still feel those butterflies on the morning of the new school year.



'Pirate PE' on our Key Stage One Beach-Themed Day

Over the next few weeks the life of our school will continue, as it has every year I have been here. There will be changes to the names of house captains, sports leaders, mental health buddies, librarians and many more, but the purpose and values of the roles will remain the same. Children may change class and/or teacher but the values and policies of the school will remain constant. Our underlying aim of being the 'Best you can be' remains the same as always.

Equally unchanged is our commitment to all children and parents and carers to ensure that learners, regardless of their background and starting point, will make progress from their starting points. We are all committed as a staff and governor team to ensure that is planned for and achieved.

Although it is the beginning of a new academic year, I still wanted to be able to share some pictures with you of what happened at the end of the academic year.



Children in Year Five with the soft toys they made in Design and Technology lessons



Children at RHS Rosemoor

My next article will be in the October edition, when I will be able to give you more news and pictures about what is happening in school during the new term.

Michael Watson, Head Teacher



Kilhampton Chapel

Stay and Play

Is back at

**KILHAMPTON METHODIST
CHURCH HALL**

On Thursday 11th & 25th September

9.30 AM—12 Noon

**For Children under 5 and their
parents, grandparents or carers.**

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month

**ALL WELCOME - join us to play , chat
and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!**

**For further information please call or
message Fiona on 01288 321261 or 07854
141474**



TREE BOOK GROUP: FOREVER HOME *by Graham Norton*

Graham Norton's confidence has grown with each book he has written as he gradually ventures out of his comfort zone. We are still in Ireland for this plot and there is a huge appeal to these sensitively drawn characters.

There are 360 pages, split into many small chapters that are not numbered or named. The story was first published in 2022.

The family drama is the main focus of the first third of the book. Carol and Declan have found love after broken marriages and all is good - despite the gossip! The problems start when Declan becomes ill and his adult children begin to take over. Then a discovery is made that makes Carol's world much more complicated. The style of the writing becomes more comedic (and tragic at the same time) with the pace of the writing picking up too.

It's a fast read and is comfortable to get through in just a few sessions. The characters are engaging (even the nosy neighbour) and I loved the descriptions of the small town.

There are plenty of references to the location - particularly in the phrases used by the characters. It's not difficult to pick up the Irish accent as you are reading.

The switch from reality to absurdist comedy is slightly jarring as it gives the feeling that you are reading 2 separate books. They are both great books but don't completely fit together.

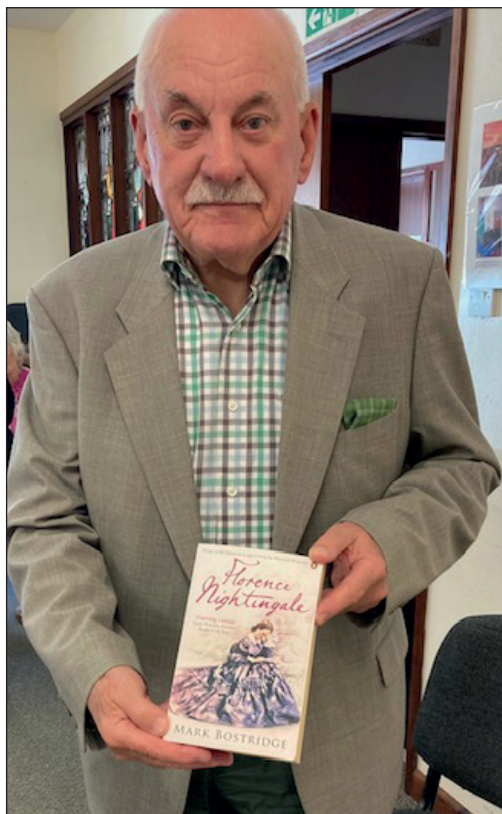
Throughout everything that happens in the plot it is the humanity that shines the whole time. The author shows a warmth for his characters that makes it easy for a reader to like them and to connect to their lives.

DOROTHY FLAXMAN (Contact derekflaxman@btinternet.com)

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

Lots of meetings to report on for this edition, plus photos of course. Here's a catch-up of all the Kilk Krafts meetings up to their summer breal.

On 11 June, David Kendrick gave a brilliant talk on Florence Nightingale. His knowledge was vast, and it was a very interesting talk about an amazing lady who could have had a very privileged life but chose to care for others. Many thanks to David.



David Kendrick, 11 June talk



Cup Cakes!



25th June saw a good turnout for Hilbre's cup cake decorating. Hilbre showed the group the different piping bags and nozzles that are available. Joyce had kindly made the cupcakes to be decorated. With help from Yvonne and with different colours of butter icing, all the cakes were decorated our cakes with roses, tulips and leaves. As you can see from the photos, the results were quite amazing!



Card-making on 9 July

On 9 July, there was a good turnout as usual. Sadly our planned topic was cancelled, but Susanne stepped in at the last minute, You can see the results in the photo on the left - everyone felt pleased with their efforts and results!



High tea and dressing smart!



On 23 July, for the last meeting of Kilk KRAFTS before the summer break, we held a high tea. The weather was good, and many people celebrating by getting out their posh dresses, hats and fascinators.

Joan and Monica made the tables look lovely and served a really good high tea. The buffet food was provided by some of the members.



And to look ahead - we already have a great programme planned for up to Christmas. Keep an eye out for news of each month's meetings in the Parish News!



KILK KRAFTS SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Wednesday 10 Sept

Key rings with Lyn and Yvonne, plus book swap

Wednesday 24 Sept

Talk on farming by Lesley Perrett

Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton. From 2pm to 4.30pm

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

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

Kilkhampston Parish Council

Report of the regular meetings held on 7 July and
4 August 2025 www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk

7th July meeting

Attendance: Reg Hambley (RH), Kingsley Bryant (KB), Keith Ovenden (KO), Tim Cottle (TC), Joanne Timmins (JT), Lee Bond (LB), Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery (FE), Ian Heard (IH).

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

Chairman: Councillor Clive Vanstone

Clerk: Hannah Collett

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. PA25/03893 PA25/03893 18 June 2025
Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for proposed self-build/custom build single dwelling Location Applicant Grid Ref Sea View West Street Kilkhampston Bude Mr & Mrs Spencer. Details discussed and documents viewed. Doesn't encroach any further than other buildings. Doesn't affect anyone. No new entrance needed. IH stated he wasn't sure how much more traffic West St could handle. No objections have been received, can only deal with the plan we have in front of us now. Detailed discussions had. LB asked if it would be holiday lets or residential? Unknown. IH proposed approval and KO seconded. All in favour.

2. PA25/03331 Proposed Agricultural Shed plus renewal of existing concrete areas. Herdacott Dipper Lane Kilkhampston Bude Cornwall EX23 9RH. RH discussed. The last application was for a slurry. Doesn't see anything we can refuse on. RH proposed approval and LB seconded. All in favour.

RH mentioned that CV, KB and himself had seen an application for 25-30 units at Penstowe Park. Apparently this was a "pre-application", not an official one – hence we have not received any documentation as yet.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £149.90 taken. Nothing else.

2. Playpark: LB has details from Mrs Helen Bond – read through by LB. Inspection booked for the 18th July 2025. Mrs Bond can be available to receive verbal decision by the inspection company. Play equipment installers cannot get back until Monday 21st to do anything further. If the main section passes the inspection on the Friday – the fencing can be taken down by the Parish Council. Mrs Bond double checking we want it available for Fete day. The Chairman reiterated that it must pass the inspection first. The Chairman also mentioned that

the play installers have some specific feet for the seats to be installed and are happy to do this free of charge, rather than the concrete sections we have. All happy for this to happen. Currently waiting for the surfaces to come – there are three different layers to them. Details given by the Chairman regarding the swings. Happy to leave the frame. Child seat to be taken down. Chairman to sort. Feels it will all look really good. KO mentioned we were going to replace some of the big swings. Chairman stated to leave as they are as Kompan said they were all ok. Should pass the inspection. The Chairman mentioned an email received regarding the skatepark. Will let the inspection company check it on the 18th and let us know their thoughts.

3. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: First cuts done – a number of hedges also needed to be addressed.

IH said Hessaford needs a handrail. Very dangerous, Health and Safety issue. All in favour for IH to sort ASAP. Will replace the treads and hopefully be able to install a handrail afterwards. The Chairman mentioned Aldercombe Lane – wet sections. Apparently there is a drain where the old well is and Mr Strong feels it has become blocked. IH to go down and check if this is the case. Try to rod it. IH to confer with Mr Strong and sort.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: Already spoken about in depth. RH saw Mr Cross – grant for bouncy castle received and now arrived. Will be used for the fete and will be rented out in the future also. Fire extinguishers checked also.

School: Governors meeting on Thursday per LB. Very lucky to have Michael Watson as the Headmaster.

Grenville Rooms: Still waiting for the damp sections to be inspected.

Month's work All ok.

Members

RH – Post box been removed. Clerk to contact the Post Office and ask for the one knocked down to be replaced.

TC – The Football club have gone up a league. May need to install a barrier around the entire pitch. Asking if the Parish Council would be happy for this to happen. The Chairman said it is also a public play area and others use it. TC to get clarification on details. TC mentioned the fence is now down and gone. Slight deviation to be put straight. May need re-seeding etc. Pot holes to also be filled ASAP.

KB, IH, KO, JT, LB – Nothing

FE mentioned issues with elections as discussed at previous meeting – unfortunately they can't do anything about it (even though they agree with the issues) due to it being set by the Electoral

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Commission. FE also mentioned that there are 20mph details going round at the moment.

RH feels the speed of the Arla milk tankers going through the village at 11pm and 3am needs to be mentioned to them directly. Clerk to write to inform driving too fast through the village on a regular basis.

Park and Ride will be available over the summer months in Bude. Mr Ben McGuire here on Friday at the Bude Life Saving Club.

Email received regarding the Government changing housing targets – talks to be held on what to be done about it. FE not heard a date on it yet.

The Chairman has received a complaint about the bus stop at North Close. KO said some rust on there causing holes. KO to look into. FE asked who's responsibility are the bus stops? Clerk to try and find out if we purchased this one originally.

Road markings have been put throughout the village. Some work may be in the pipeline. LB feels just normal patching will be done.

Email back from the gentleman regarding the dead tree – details discussed. CV to talk to the gentleman. The tree at Lamb Park is looking healthier now.

Correspondence

Letter from Mr Keith Taylor received regarding the Parish Plan. Had been part of the review of the original one and mentioned that he is happy to review again. Chairman asking the Council if they are happy for Mr Taylor to look into it? Yes by all. Chairman to respond accordingly.

Email from Mr Zerafa received. Chairman to talk to Mr Zerafa.

Finance: Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £90.00 Stephen Gifford; £51.23 D & I Bridgmans; £486.00 Acuiti Broadband; £1,027.50 Archie's Gardening Services; £450.00 Archie's Gardening Services. All in favour to be paid. Thanks to all by the Chairman and declared the meeting closed.

4th August meeting

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Good evening to all by the Chairman

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Public Speaking Session No one needing to speak. Thanks to both for attending.

Planning Applications

1. PA25/05027 Extension & alterations to existing

dwelling, Breakers View Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9HW. Discussed and explained where situated. Building is very old – want to demolish section and add a conservatory. RH didn't feel there would be any objections. No one overlooking etc. Agricultural tie was lifted a while ago. KB moved and IH seconded. All in favour of approval.

2. PA25/05329 Single storey side extension incorporating balcony and reconfiguration of on-site car parking. Trepolpen Penstowe Road Kilkhampton Bude Mr & Mrs Robert Neden. Discussed and details talked through. Felt no conflict to anyone. Previous application has lapsed – so no issues. To state on reply previous application PA19/07812 has been extant. No objections to this application. KB moved and KO seconded. All in favour of approval.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets: £126.60 taken. Few items mentioned by Mr Somerfield. There is a black Vauxhall Corsa with flat tyres that has been on the car park for a few months PE58 OWZ. The Chairman checked its status: SORN and MOT up 17/8/25. JT to contact possible owner. We have the right to ask them to move it, as we own the car park. A push bike is chained to the downpipe at the men's toilets and has been there a few weeks. Two of the toilet pans in the ladies are loose - TC to look into. Hand dryer in the disabled toilets is not working correctly and hasn't been for a while - TC suggested to replace – KO to sort. Mr Somerfield has repaired the flushes in both the men's and disabled toilets. Drains also working fine now too. Thanks to Mr Somerfield. A letter had been written to the Parish Council stating how clean our toilet facilities were.

2. Playpark: Great work from all involved from the Chairman. Was up and running the day before the fete. Paperwork received that we need to sign off. Seats have been fitted by Play UK. The invoice went via Mrs Bond who will be requested to give final confirmation that everything is ok with it before paying. All agreed for the Chairman to sign the Kompan form. Inspection report received and talked through in detail - KO knew sections and details. To be given to Lamb Park Management Committee to sort. New safety matting will be required under existing equipment also. The Skatepark area is fine re the inspection report.

3. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: IH stated that the new bridge has now been installed. Handrails on both sides too. 2nd cut in the next 2-3 weeks. Barn Lane needs cutting back – to be in September due to birds etc. TC asked IH if we do Wayside etc. IH didn't think it was one of the main ones. TC mentioned a broken stile. IH stated you have to go through three fields to get to this

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particular stile. IH to trim soon and look at repairs.

Photos taken by IH each time any damages have been noticed. RH said is it down to us to repair bridges etc. The Chairman said PS had been in talks with Cornwall Council about them supplying the materials and us mending as necessary. Asked if anyone looked in to the water issues on Aldercombe Lane? IH to talk to Mr Strong. Blocked pipe to a well where it crosses the road.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: Great village fete held.

School: Broken up for the summer. Details talked through by LB. Once again Headmaster and staff all doing a fantastic job.

Grenville Rooms: RH met with Mr P Cottle and went through the building. 3 quotes for necessary works:

- 1) Skittle alley roof leak repair: £1946.00 + VAT
- 2) Replacing crumbling lintels: £4330.00 + VAT
- 3) Replacing roof ventilators: £1694.00 + VAT

RH proposed we tackle these in stages. Priority would be the roof – brief description of details read through by RH. The Chairman said we may be able to get some grant money. Vents also a necessity as birds can get in and then start nesting. KB suggested getting the two roofing issues sorted. RH proposed. IH seconded. All in favour. RH to meet with Mr Cottle again and to sign the necessary confirmations on the quotations. RH to also make an application with the Solar Farm for some funding.

Month's work All Ok.

Members RH, TC, IH, JT, LB – Nothing

KB – A Parishioner had mentioned numerous points of concern on different aspects in the village. Read through and discussed. Some in hand, others not the councils responsibility. Information also given to County Councillor Faye Emery for checking.

KO – The rusting bus shelter is made of 2 panels – needs heavy wire brushing and treatment. KO to keep on with. The Chairman mentioned some other shelters around with acrylic panels showing pictures of areas of the village etc. Chairman to ask relevant companies for idea of costs for this - looks better, and help with current issues.

FE – Had a complaint about the lack of crossings. Discussed once again and FE to go back to Highways. The three works talked about throughout the village are getting a little mixed up with Highways and Cornwall Council. The Chairman reiterated that we still hadn't received a response from Highways regarding our thoughts on village changes. The Chairman mentioned that previous County Councillor Shorne Tilbey is happy to assist FE. FE to try Mr Oliver Jones again.

Had complaint about the lack of EV charging in the village. LB felt the space would not be kept clear for charging if on the car park and they take up such a

large space also. The Chairman said the only place really would be outside the Grenville Rooms. FE said there may be funding available.

FE mentioned 20 mph details being discussed. The Chairman said if we moved the 20mph up by the school they would have to remove the flashing 20mph signs – which he felt were more effective. The Chairman asked if they are taking into account all the Bunnyhomes alterations – FE said they do know about the works, to email both parties. RH suggested asking Mr Jones to come back again. FE to contact him first. Community Area Partnership mentioned lack of community bus services.

SEND provision discussion on the 26th September 2025 at the Parkhouse Centre – LB will attend. Community Chest available up to £1400 to be spent in the local area.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr Zerafa would like to do more maintenance etc for us. Offered to re-varnish the woodwork outside. The Chairman has said we would have to supply to correct materials. The Chairman also suggested we ask if he would like to help repaint the playpark shelter. Chairman to talk to Mr Zerafa.

Correspondence: Letter from Cormac. Outside Lamb Park the tree is of concern to them. Asking us to keep an eye on it. IH said it's much better than it was last year. KO asked if we should trim the dead branches. IH to sort.

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £72.00 Stephen Gifford; £378.00 BDO (Audit Company); £200.00 Archie's Garden Services; £264.00 Play UK (on Mrs Bond's approval); £40,851.44 Kompan (on Mrs Bond's approval). All in favour to be paid.

Next meeting: 1st Sept, 7.30pm. Grenville Rooms

Thanks to all by the Chairman, meeting closed.

Continuation of Mary Crews family story

William Francis Crews was born in Kilk in 1852. He was the oldest son of Mary Crews, a single woman who, though born in Poughill, had lived in Kilk for many years while working as a servant. William had an older sister Hetty who about 6 when he was born. William was baptised at home on 25th February 1852 by the Kilk Bible Christians. I guess he was very small and not expected to live. Mary was Church of England but as far as I can tell Hetty wasn't baptised, so would the church not do it as she was unmarried?

I know very little about William's childhood. He was only about 4 when his mother went to Bodmin jail for not maintaining her bastard children. Also in 1856 he gained a stepfather and baby sister Jemima. 2 years later he got a little brother Thomas, my great grandad. On 15th October 1858, William (aged 6),

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Jemima (aged 2) and Thomas (aged 4 months) were all baptised in Kilk Church. Then on 7th January 1860, William's mother married John Hockridge, a stonemason, in Kilk Church. That summer they had a baby girl, Emma Jane.

In 1861 census, William is 9 and at Kilk school. This must have been a hard year for the family, as in the March, John Hockridge was sent to Bodmin jail for 6 weeks for assaulting his wife. By 1871 William was living and working on a farm at Woolley run by Mr Charles Shepherd.

In 1875, William married Mary Jane Nicolls in the chapel at Milton Damerel. Mary Jane was born in Milton Damerel in 1854, the daughter of William and Catherine Nicholls, her father was also a stonemason. The young couple moved to Woodford when they got married, living and working at Ham farm before moving to Deane cottage Shop where William continued to work as a farm labourer I think for the Wickett family. They had 8 children. The oldest, a little girl, Olive Mary, was born in 1879. Olive went on to marry John Shaddick in 1902. John was the son of Richard Shaddick and his wife Elizabeth Jennings, and was a farm labourer born in 1880 in Bradworthy. The couple moved to Tetcott and had 2 children.

The next child of William Crews was a boy, Francis William, born on 18th March 1881. In 1901 he is working as a farm servant at Harscott Farm, which was at the southern end of where the satellite station is now. I bet he didn't know it had been his ancestral home! Francis and I are descended from the 11 generations of John Shearms, who were yeoman farmers there for about 400 years from the 1300s (there is a memorial to them in Morwenstow church).

On 30th March 1905, Francis married Elizabeth Vinson at Morwenstow church, and they had 2 boys. Francis was horseman at Great Briadon Farm, Morwenstow, before joining the Army Veterinary Corps in 1915. After the war, Francis returned to Shop where he lived until his death in 1947.

Next, William and Mary had another daughter, Katie, who was born on 24th January 1883. In 1906 she married William Henry Heard, the 22nd son of Thomas and Ann Heard. William was from Bowden farm, Kilk. The couple continued to live in Kilk and had 4 children. In 1921 they are living at Forda Cottage. William Henry Heard is working as an agricultural labourer for Mrs Hocken at Forda Farm.

Next, William and Mary had a daughter, Emily Jane, born on 8th August 1884, but she died as a baby. Next was another baby boy, Frederick, born on the 8th April 1886. Fred worked as a bricklayer, and in 1914 he set off on an adventure, boarding the Cunard ship RMS Andania in Liverpool. She was a new ship; it was less than a year from her maiden voyage. They sailed across the Atlantic via Southampton to Montreal. Fred got off in Portland, Maine, USA before travelling overland to Toronto where he spent the rest of his life. Did he meet up with his cousin Richard Bolt who had already moved from Kilk to Toronto?

William and Mary Jane had 3 more daughters. Phoebe was born 3rd December 1887, who in 1915 married Frederick Hopgood, a 28 year old haulage contractor from Kilk. Phoebe and Frederick had 3

children: Lewis in 1915, Victor in 1923 and Grace in 1927. As far as I can tell they lived in Kilk all their lives. Frederick died in 1959.

Next was Emma Jane, born on 18th January 1889. In 1911 she was living and working as a general servant in a lodging house in Downs View Road in Bude. In 1914 she married Arthur Jordan, a labourer's son from Aldercombe Mill, Kilk. Arthur was killed in action in 1917.

The youngest child was Nora, born on 25th September 1892. But poor Nora would not have remembered her father for he died on 13th December 1892 of congestion on the lungs. In 1892 there was a flu pandemic - had he caught the flu? Mary Jane brought her children up alone until in 1904 she married George Jennings, a widower with 6 children. He was originally from Bradworthy but now living in Kilk, and was working at Lymworthy Farm. After they married, they and the younger children still living at home moved in to new buildings in Kilk, and George became a rabbit trapper. Mary Jane died in 1922, and George in 1935. They are both buried in Kilk.

In 1914, Nora married William Fishley from Holsworthy. They had 2 little girls: Gwendoline, born in 1915, and Gladys born 1917. William was also killed in action in 1917, so Nora and the girls came back to live with her mum and stepfather in Kilk. Nora died in Surrey in 1931.

All William and Mary Jane's children went to St Marks School in Morwenstow, and some of their grandchildren went to school in Kilk.



Francis Crews' grave
Woodford, Morwenstow

BUDE LOOK GROUP

In July, we discussed the work of Peter Doig. He was born in Scotland and grew up in Canada and Trinidad. He returned to the UK to study art and achieved his MA in 1986. The quality of his work was immediately recognised in his first exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery in London. Doig sold *White Canoe* for £1,000 and it was auctioned at Sotheby's for \$11.7 million in 2007 making him the most expensive artist at that time. We loved the dazzling light in this painting and its sense of mystery. Like most of his work, there is so much to look at and puzzle over.



Peter Doig *White Canoe* 1990-91

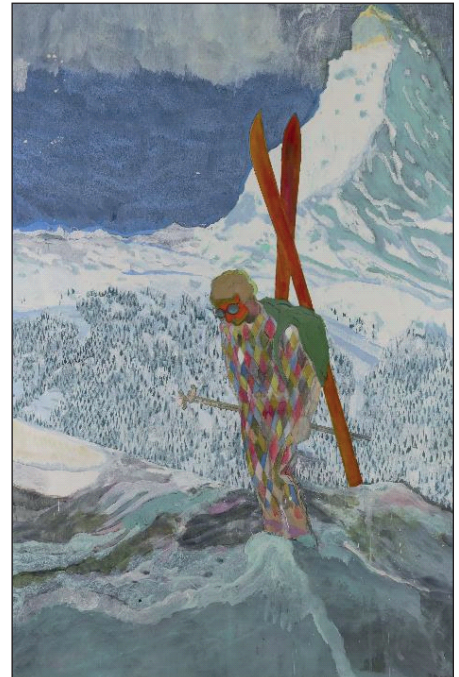


Peter Doig *Concrete Cabin*, 1994

We loved the contrast of light and dark, wild nature and concrete Brutalist architecture in *The Concrete Cabin* (above). The deep dark woods have the feeling of a fairytale.

Doig's love of other artists' work often shines through. Do these paintings bring famous paintings to your mind?

There is often a sense of huge space, raw nature and the vulnerability and isolation of people. This is particularly clear in *The Alpinist* (right), a painting of a skier struggling upward with a sheer drop behind him. There is a religious reference here and is the harlequin pattern on the ski suit suggesting man is a fool in pitting himself against Nature?



Peter Doig *The Alpinist* 2001

In 2000, Doig won a residency in Trinidad and was able to return to his childhood home. Now he has moved there with his family although he spends a lot of his time working across the world, particularly in London and New York.



Peter Doig *Blotter* 1993

When working at his studio in London. Doig's paintings were frequently inspired by memories triggered by photos of his time in Canada. In *Blotter* (above), a lone figure seems deep in thought in the icy wilderness.



Peter Doig
Figures in a Red Boat 2005-2007

We loved talking about Doig's work. He manages to create such a dreamlike atmosphere - something not quite real - something as intangible as a memory yet a place to enter to peer through, listen, feel and puzzle over.

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