

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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Don't forget - not everyone is on facebook!



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EDITORIAL



Dydh da, pubonan (hello everyone),

You will be pleased to hear that we got a good response to our plea for help last month. Not only did we find a treasurer (many thanks, Alan), but we also had some new volunteers to help with the collating and distribution — it's always good to have more people, otherwise the task is much bigger for those already involved. We would still benefit from people to help with some of the other roles, as there is an over-reliance on myself and Martin Cross for many of the 'main' jobs. We're hoping to eventually reach a point where most of the jobs are shared, so people can book holidays and other events without having to look at the Parish News schedule first!

A couple of our new volunteers are relatively new to Kilk, so it will be lovely for them to have an opportunity to meet others, and to be able to share in the neighbourly and caring community we have. It reminds me of when I moved to the village – over a

decade ago now – and after living here a while, I was looking for opportunities to meet people – and somehow that translated into me becoming editor of the Parish News. I don't mind that of course, and it has helped me get to know lots of people.

When I first moved here, we had many more clubs in the village – gardening, table tennis and many others. There are less clubs now, although Kilk Krafts has been a major success since it was introduced. Joyce and Lorna take on the responsibility of making sure the room is booked and the programme is put together, but lots of the members also share this by sharing their own skills, suggesting guest speakers or crafters, and of course making the tea and coffee.

But not everyone is 'crafty' – I did wonder if there might be space for a 'games' club in the village – eg board games, cards, or anything else? I wouldn't mind being involved if there is interest, but I don't want to have sole responsibility. So if anyone fancies trying it out, get in touch with me, and we can meet as a group to discuss how to take it further. Scrabble will definitely be on the agenda!

Until next time,

Oll an gwella (all the best),

Jill

ST JAMES CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING SPONSORSHIP

Please clearly write or type your notices for the church floodlighting page, put them in an envelope with the £5 fee, and give them in at the Spar by the 11th of each month.

If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Smith at kilkchurchlights@gmail.com or phone her on 321432 or 07740 520459

Cheques should be made payable to 'KILKHAMPTON PCC'.

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Please use the contact details below to enquire about 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 5th October - Trinity 16 (Green)

11am Holy Communion and Harvest Festival with Reverend Jane
Joint service with Methodists friends
With Bude Metric Band, and followed by the Harvest Lunch
Welcomers: Myra and Lynn. Reading: Habbakuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4. Kevin.

Sunday 12th October - Trinity 17 (Green)

11am NO SERVICE AT ST JAMES

Joint service at Methodist Church for Harvest Festival

Sunday 19th October - Trinity 18 (Green)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Richard Welcomers: Tracey and Jules. Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31. Hilbre.

Sunday 26th October - Trinity 19 (Last in Trinity) (Green)

11am Morning Prayer with Ian

Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17. Gillian.

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

Daily Morning Prayer: 9am Everyone welcome to drop in on any day

ZOOM Meeting ID 818 0754 3068 Password 342 493 Telephone 02030512874 or 02030515237

Methodist Chapel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	
5th October	UNITED at St. James			
12th October	Mr. Mark Sinden	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Fiona Cleave	
19th October	Mr. Barry Bryne	Brenda Dunstan	Pam Metherell	
26th October	Pastor Albert Sloman	Fiona Cleave	Sandra Jones	

ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

October is a funny month, isn't it? You can get the remnants of an Indian summer or you can have winter, so make use of those good days!

This was put on a church notice board -

Don't wait for six strong men to take you into church! A lot of people's view of church is a bit wacky! Why? Because they think that church is just for perfect people, which is far away from the truth as you can get. In Matthew 16 v18 Jesus said to Peter that He would build His church out of him, but he would go on to mess up his life big time!

The word Jesus used for church was Eclesia and that meant "group of like-minded people", so Jesus' church would be a group of Jesus-minded people.

There is a saying "find the perfect church and join it, and then it won't be perfect". You see, the church was founded on an imperfect person – Peter - and it's been for imperfect people ever since. That's why I feel so at home in church! Church at its best is family, and any family is not perfect but when we come together as church family we encourage each other to overcome problems, to love each other even when we get it wrong, and to be there for each other. So, why not give church a go? There isn't a perfect one, so you definitely fit in!

Every blessing to you all,

Albert Sloman, Pastor.

FROM REV RICHARD

October: Autumn into Winter, "when leaves fall like Albert Hall poppies". This is my favourite month. Mornings are too beautiful, everywhere ablaze. Is it mist or spiders' webs? The sea is still warm and the kids always wanted to swim.

St Luke's 'little summer' approaches on or nearby the 18th and it is then we can expect fine weather. We celebrate Doctor St Luke on that day. One of the essential qualities of a good doctor is compassion and real concern for others. And so a visit to the doctor's is always good medicine. And Luke was a person of compassion.

Harvest festivals are almost over. It has been an abundant year for fruit especially blackberries and apples, both cookers and eaters. It was just such a year in 1661 when Bishop Edward Reynolds felt so

overcome by Nature's bounty that he wrote a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving. It starts:

"We bless Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life."

And he goes on to ask God to...

"Give us that due sense of all Thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful..."

One of His unfailing mercies, I remember, was the fairy ring called Champignon, found in certain grassy areas. It used to appear at this time of year, if it survived the mower, as a circle, concentric and untouched. One of Nature's October miracles. I haven't seen one since my boyhood.

And so lovely Autumn passes.

Rev Richard. Thursday 11th September 2025

Update on the Poppies

A huge thank you to all the people who have contributed knitted or crocheted poppies - it is coming together really well.

Up to the end of August, we tied on 2,410 poppies, and had 2,070 ready to be attached. We held another session in September, and at the end of this we calculated that we have received, in total, 5,522 poppies!



Our original target was 6,000 poppies but we think we now have nearly enough to finish. So, for anyone who is still knitting or crocheting, please let us have your completed poppies (including the one you're halfway through!), but there is no need to do any more.

In October, we will hold 2 sessions to complete our task. See below for details.

Photos: September's poppy session



NEXT POPPY SESSIONS:

Thursday 2nd October Tuesday 21st October

Grenville Rooms, 2-5pm



St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors October 2025

EDITH MARY CLEAVE

Birthday remembrance for Mum, 30th October 1935.
'Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and treasure them all'
John.

MABEL CLEAVE

Peace to the Memory of Aunt Mabel.

Passed away in hospital in Plymouth 17th October 1954 aged 62 years, from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident.

Beloved daughter of the late Edmund (Ned) and Elizabeth Cleave, of Lopthorne, Launcells.

A tragic loss to the family at the time.

John.

BABB

Thoughts of my dear grandson Lewis, taken from us 7 years ago 1st October 2018.
In our hearts and thoughts always.
God bless, your Nan xxx

GALLING

Another anniversary without you Bry. 21st October.

Miss you always.

Annie xxx

Happy Birthday to Mark, for October 5th Love Mum xxx

WINNIE FANSON

Remembering Aunt Winnie and her passing on 8th October 2014.

We think of you and the happy times we enjoyed.

With love, Ann, John & Beryl xx

CHRISTOPHER BULLETT

Remembering with much love, greatly missed.
Passed away on 6th October 2012.

Jay, Robbie, Stuart, Alison, Alexander & Alan.

GWYN STONE

Remembering Gwyn with much love on our Wedding Anniversary October 1st 1956.

Missed each and every day,

love Ann xxx

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

TREE BOOK GROUP



August meeting: The Glass Maker by Tracy Chevalier

It is 1486 and Venice is a wealthy, opulent centre for trade. Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers on Murano, the island revered for the craft. As a woman, she is not meant to work with glass—but she has the hands for it, the heart, and a vision. When her father dies, she teaches herself to make glass beads in secret, and her work supports the Rosso family fortunes.

Skipping like a stone through the centuries, in a Venice where time moves as slowly as molten glass, we follow Orsola and her family as they live through creative triumph and heartbreaking loss, from a plague devastating Venice to Continental soldiers stripping its palazzos bare to the domination of Murano and its maestros and finally to the transformation of the city of trade into a city of tourists. In every era, the Rosso women ensure that their work, and their bonds, endure.

Chevalier is a master of her own craft, and *The Glass Maker* is as inventive as it is spellbinding: a mesmerising portrait of a woman, a family, and a city as everlasting as their glass.

Between fascinating descriptions of artisans at work and the glassware they create, Chevalier embeds a love story that transcends time as Orsola, across 500 years, holds on to the love she carries for a man she knew in her youth. With colourful narrative and dialogue, Chevalier lets time roll forward through independent women who are determined to shape glass into works of art and frame life paths of their own design.

You have to be open minded to enjoy this book. The author uses a technique I've not come across before where the main character's life span stretches across the eras from the 15th to 21st centuries! Time does not move at the same speed as elsewhere and in each leap of a hundred years or more, the characters have only aged by a few years. It allows the same characters to exist throughout and is a well executed concept.

September meeting: We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

The first in a new series from Richard Osman after his very successful, and indeed very enjoyable, Thursday Murder Club series. "We Solve Murders" suffers the same issues as the first Murder Club book had, perhaps more so.

The Thursday Murder Club book one felt a little messy, too complicated, uneven in tone and with not very well rounded characters. The subsequent books were absolutely charming with much more streamlined stories, fantastically fleshed out characters and a confidence in the writing that ironed out the unevenness of the first. I hoped that would be the case here.

The story of 'We Solve Murders' feels overly complicated for the light-hearted tone of the book. There are way too many characters, and the main characters, who we are meeting for the first time, suffer as a consequence.

The chapters are very short (some only a page long) and it's to the detriment of the book. It made it hard to connect with the characters. It was as though 'now you see them, now you don't' as they dipped in and out of the story. We spend a couple of pages in one part of the world and suddenly we are somewhere else on the planet for a few minutes. However, after saying the above, there is enough there to make this an enjoyable series and I have confidence Mr Osman will deliver. It just felt like he tried to throw the kitchen sink at this new series opener and unfortunately it's a case of less is more.

I have high hopes for the series and I think we will eventually see good books in it but, unfortunately, 'We Solve Murders' was a hugely underwhelming start.

Dorothy Flaxman (contact derekflaxman@btinternet.com)

KILKHAMPTON FLOWER FESTIVAL 2025

St. James Church was filled with colour for the Flower Festival in August. All the arrangements were outstanding as usual, and there were many interesting interpretations of this year's theme 'Circus, Festivals & Fairs'.

The photos on this page and the next show just a small selection of the amazing arrangements in this year's festival. Well done to everyone who took part, there were many appreciative comments from all the visitors.

'Pasties and Puds' was well attended on the Sunday. Many thanks to all who helped, and to Robert for the delicious pasties.











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For anyone unaware or new to the village, the flower festival is run by volunteers, and new villagers are welcome to join in by providing or sponsoring an arrangement or helping out during the festival. More details will be given next year.

Kilkhampton Flower Festival 2026

Next year's Flower Festival will be on 14th, 15th and 16th August, and the theme will be 'Cornwall my Home '. Everyone is welcome to come and join in.

Many thanks once again to everyone who contributed in any way to make it a success. Your help and generosity is much appreciated.

Thank You All

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on 1st September 2025 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

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

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

Chairman: Councillor 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: The Chairman for PA25/05203

Public Speaking Session: No one needing to speak. Thanks to both for attending. The Chairman explained the rules of meetings with regard to public speaking and attending.

Planning Applications

1. PA25/05203 26 August 2025 Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the Proposed residential development comprising of up to 36no. dwellings (Access Only) Location Applicant Grid Ref Land North Of East Road East Road Kilkhampton Bude Mr M Vanstone

The Chairman left the room. The Vice Chairman took over the meeting. Discussions had. IH asked the situation on social housing, social renting and affordable homes. LB stated that the education section needs assessment. Not all agreed on part of the planning. Details read through by LB. Felt until certain areas are agreed we shouldn't move on anything. £2736 per occupying dwelling should be approved.

The Vice Chairman mentioned that this is just an outline plan. LB felt there were areas that needed to be sorted first. IH concerned on how much more the village can take. It was mentioned that previous developments have been done in batches – which eliminated the need for payments to be made. RH stated that the document was 36 pages long. He has read through. Felt from the planning side, all the boxes have been ticked with regards to the outline plan. 11 affordable homes on the document. We do not want to lose these 11 (on previous developments we have lost 2).

RH doesn't feel we can refuse but we do have reservations. Need to keep our concerns on the full planning application when that arrives. Further discussions held. All agreed on approval with reservations to be discussed at full application. IH moved and KO seconded.

The Chairman came back in the room and took over the meeting once more. Thanks for Vice Chairman for stepping in. CIL payments discussed briefly. FE to look into.

Matters

- 1. Car park and Toilets: £150.50 taken. KO mentioned that the hand dryer is on order just awaiting delivery. JT said that the car discussed last month has been removed.
- 2. Playpark: The Chairman stated that the park is all completed now. KO changed all information on inspection report as requested. Thanks to KO. The Chairman will look into liabilities of having someone help out with maintenance etc. TC feels the dead branches on the ash tree need to be removed asap. IH to sort figures for next meeting. Tree is recovering just needs some attention. TC mentioned they had scrapped the path at the weekend.
- 3. Email addresses: The Clerk informed that the main email address has had to be changed to clerk@kilkhmapton-pc.gov.uk All Councillors will need to be given a .gov.uk email address to be compliant. Clerk to forward details to Tom Westlake for assistance.
- 4. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: IH started the second cut. Resident unhappy with where we are cutting down at Kespit – concerned on wildlife issue. Big issue with cross over at Taylors Cross and Aldercombe Lane. The bridge is really broken and needs replacing completely. IH asked if we contact Cornwall Council about it. PS knew all the details on this one. Footpath can't be used due to broken bridge. Chairman to make up some signage to close the footpath temporarily. IH to get costings and to mention to PS. FE to ask footpath officer also and to liaise with IH. Kespit stile at the far end needs to be replaced. IH to sort with a kissing gate.

KO had a message from a parishioner that the hedges need trimming down Barn Lane. IH stated they haven't been done due to not being allowed until 1st September per county. KO to respond accordingly. Necessary hedges to be dealt with by IH. Thanks to IH from the Chairman.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: Nothing further.

School: Still closed for the summer holidays.

Grenville Rooms: Application been put in for grants for the works required. Waiting for grant meeting at the start of November to hear if successful.

Month's work All Ok.

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RH asked if any reply from Davidstow regarding the speeding lorries. Nothing heard. Clerk to chase again.

KB – asked if Oliver Jones replied regarding the works throughout the village - FE talked through her reply from Mr Jones. Funding not available for the current scheme we had been in contact about. The Chairman reiterated they said they wanted our approval before consultation – we still haven't approved their ideas. RH asked if we should ask Mr Jones to come up to the village again, along with FE. KB also asked for manhole faults outside the school and the New Inn to be chased. Clerk to sort.

KB mentioned on behalf of the Christmas Fayre Committee – they are looking into purchasing a large illuminated sign for the village. Looking for some funding. Image shown as example. Chairman mentioned this is the type of thing they try to raise money for, KB to check on costings. Some been funded by the solar farm. Christmas fayre will be held on 6th December.

TC, KO, IH - nothing

JT – stated she will be going to the CAP meeting on Monday.

LB – stated he will be going to the SEND conference at the Parkhouse on 26th September.

FE – has had a complaint about parking on the pavement throughout the village. Apparently it is only illegal in London. Chairman mentioned we have asked highways to alter the wider pavements to assist in this matter and they said no. No funding apparently. LB said unfortunately, unless something serious happens, there will be no change.

FE – has been asked about the overgrown section by Wayside (inside the fence). This is apparently Cornwall Council's land. FE to mention.

Fire and Rescue have a survey out if anyone wants to complete it.

Morwenstow Parish Council are opening the multiuse area officially on Sunday 7th September. The Chairman reminded everyone about our thoughts on the bus stop at North Close. Application forms for funding not received yet by FE. Will chase. The Chairman showed pictures of the state of the bus stop and said about the idea to cover with a panel with old pictures of the village on. Red Smart have given numerous different prices. For every panel to be covered a cost of £696 + VAT would be involved. The Chairman has a lot of old photos of Kilkhampton that could be used. Would also need to change the perspex. Didn't feel a difficult job. The Chairman felt the total job would come in at around £1000. The Chairman asking if we fund it or try and get from

some of FE's grant money. If over £500 can apply for 75%. All in favour of applying and moving forward with this work. The Chairman stated he is happy to project manage. The structure of the bus stop itself is solid. FE to find out how the scheduling works for funding deadlines etc. RH said someone reported that the branches by the bus stop need to be dealt with. IH to sort this also.

The Chairman asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Helen Bond for all the works and commitment put into the Playpark.

Correspondence none

Finance Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £90.00 Stephen Gifford; £189.09, £148.57 and £46.73 Mole Valley (previously Bridgmans); £450.00 Play inspections Company. All in favour to be paid.

Date of next regular meeting: 6th October 2025, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm.

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



KILKHAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL

On Thursday 9th & 23rd October
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

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BUDE LOOK GROUP

This month we discussed the work of Vincent van Gogh and Anselm Kiefer. Their work is currently on show at the Royal Academy, and we are grateful for information from their website.

The work of Van Gogh had a great impact on Anselm Kiefer. When eighteen, he retraced Van Gogh's journey from the Netherlands to Belgium, Paris, and finally to Arles where, in the final years of his life, Van Gogh created many of his most iconic works. We love the colour, the emotion and movement of Van Gogh's work. We were stunned that in just over a decade, he created approximately 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings, most of them during the last two years of his life.



Vincent van Gogh, Starry Night 1889



Anselm Kiefer Starry Night 2019

Kiefer did not set out to paint like Van Gogh, but he shares a love of landscape. Kiefer is fascinated by the sky and the cosmos. In Van Gogh's *The Starry Night* he sees the night sky as a window into a mysterious universe.

In Keifer's work of the same title, he replaces Van Gogh's swirling strokes of blue with bundles of golden wheat, anchoring the cosmos of the sky to the crops grown out of the soil. This suggests the profound connection between heaven and earth.

For both artists, a painting of a field goes beyond merely a nice view. Their depictions of wheat, earth, and space are filled with a deeper meaning.

Having grown up in a German town devastated by World War II, Kiefer believes that landscapes stand as silent witnesses to human history. His work is huge and speaks of the horrors of war. Van Gogh imbued his landscapes with intense personal feelings and emotions, whether it was joy or sorrow.



Van Gogh Wheatfield with Crows 1890

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

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Anselm Kiefer

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Anselm Kiefer's Sunflowers

For Kiefer, just as for Van Gogh, the sunflower symbolises the cycle of life. Both artists depict the flower in its various stages of decay. For Van Gogh, the sunflower represents his creative rebirth in Arles, where he painted them obsessively. Attracted to their eye-popping colour, Van Gogh's sunflowers radiate warmth.

Kiefer is drawn to sunflowers as a symbol of life and death; "the moment they explode they are yellow and fantastic: that's already the declining point. So, sunflowers are a symbol of our condition d'être [condition of being]." He uses them in much of his work

KILK KRAFTS OCTOBER MEETINGS

Wednesday 8 October: Cookery with Yvonne Wednesday 22 October: Craft afternoon

Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton, 2pm to 4.30pm Cost: £2 per session plus small material costs as needed

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

(Reports from September's meetings will be in the next issue)

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.

KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £7

ON

Friday 24th October

At 12.30 pm

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THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

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

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

I am writing this article at the end of the first full week back in September. The new Reception children have now been with us for just seven mornings and have settled in really well. We have also welcomed new children to the school in other year groups who have also settled in to the school. The children here are so friendly and always welcome new students and are keen to make new friends.

We have a slightly different class organisation this year with two infant classes, Sandymouth for Reception and Year One and Northcott for Years One and Two. For the juniors we have four classes, one for each year group. They are called (in order from youngest to oldest) Duckpool, Crooklets, Widemouth and Summerleaze. Numbers are about the same as for last year with 148 on roll.

We have just held elections for our house and vice captains and Mrs McGrath is just about to train our new school librarians. In the next few weeks children will also be able to apply to become Sports Leaders, Digital Ambassadors and Mental Health Buddies. Our new Year Six pupils are settling in well to being the oldest in the school, in this, their final year at primary school. Although the school year has just started, Year Six parents are beginning to apply for secondary school places with children going to visit local secondary schools for their open mornings to help them with their choices.

The children have started learning their new topics for this half term, and for Key Stage Two (the juniors) they all have a geography focus. Year Five and Six are learning about population change; Year Three and Four are answering the question 'Who lives in Antarctica?' Meanwhile in Reception, Year One and Year Two, the children are learning about 'Healthy Me'

There are also many other subjects being studied, including design technology, art and music. As well, of course, as core subjects of English, maths and science.

I look forward to sharing pictures of these and much more in the November issue of the Parish News.

Michael Watson, Head Teacher

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SUPPORT KILKHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB!

See the list below for the October fixtures for the Men's 1st and 2nd teams, plus Kilkhampton Women's fixtures



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teams</u>
4th October	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 1st v Gunnislake
5th October	2pm	Kilk Women v Sticker Women
11th October	2.30pm	Kilk Mens1st v Saltash United
12th October	2pm	Kilk Women v Launceston Women
18th October	2.30pm	Kilk Mens 2nd v North Petherwin Mens 2nd
25th October	2.30pm	Delabole United 1st v Kilk Mens 2nd
26th October	2.30pm	Saltash Borough v Kilk Women