

# KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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## PARISH NEWS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*6pm, Wednesday 11th March*

*Grenville Rooms (Skittle Alley)*

*All welcome!*

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***The team at Kilkhampston Parish News would like to thank Alison Bartlett, who donated the money for the new printer to Kilkhampston Parish Council.***

***The donation was in memory of her husband Bruce, a lovely man who had time for everyone and was often seen out and about on the streets of Kilk***

***Thank you Alison from us and the residents of Kilk***

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# **Kilkhampton Churches and Services**

## ***St James The Great, Kilkhampton***

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**Churchwardens:** Mr. Kevin McGrath 01288 321277  
Mr. Luke Francis BEM 01288 321270

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### Sunday 1st March – Lent 2 (Purple)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane  
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a, Gillian

### Sunday 8th March – Lent 3 (Purple)

11am Morning Worship with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7, Ian

### Sunday 15th March – Lent 4 (Purple)

11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lynn. Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28, Peter

### Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5 – Passiontide begins (Purple)

11am Morning Prayer with Ian  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Kevin

### Sunday 29th March – PALM SUNDAY – Lent 4 (Purple)

10am (Note time) Benefice Service at Poughill with Reverend Teresa and Alison  
NO SERVICE AT ST JAMES

**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

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## ***Kilkhampton Methodist Chapel***

**MORNING SERVICE 11am**

**Church Stewards:** Mr. John Brooks Killarney Park, Youlstone EX23 9PX  
Fiona Cleave Higher Pigsdon Farm, Launcells EX23 9LQ  
Roland Nancekivell

**Room Bookings** Contact Fiona Cleave on 01288 321261

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
1st March	Mr. Mark Shepherd	Celia Bell	Judith Heard
8th March	Mr. Clive Smale	Pam Sillifant	Sue & John Brooks
15th March	Mrs. Chris Forste	Pam Metherell	Joy Moore
22nd March	Rev. Meg Slingo	Monica Heywood	Sue Joyner
29th March	Rev. Joy Wilson	Marlene Bath	Marlene Bath

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### ***Grenville Rooms***

**Room bookings: contact Alan or Tracey Hockin**

07399 996720 or 01288 321710

## EDITORIAL



Hi everyone – how are you all enjoying the cold and wet weather? I heard on the radio this morning that one place in Cornwall has had rain at some point every day since the beginning of the year! Sometimes it just seems endless doesn't it, but then it's so nice when we get a bit of sunshine, even though it may only be a few hours!

On page 7, you will find a summary of the survey we carried out in November, when we were struggling without a printer and trying to find out if there were any other acceptable ways of producing the parish news. You will see that we received lots of responses – many more than usual for any questions we ask, so thank you all who responded.

I wanted to clarify what goes on 'behind the scenes', as some of the comments from the survey made me think we may not be as transparent as we should be. The revenue we receive for advertising is how we support the cost of printing in terms of paper, ink and any other supplies needed. There are also a few other regular expenses such as insurance and website maintenance. Since Covid, the number of people advertising has reduced, partly because many advertise online more, but also over time some regular advertisers cease trading and we haven't attracted enough new advertisers to fill the gaps. Our income therefore doesn't meet our

outgoing costs, so even a 'free' printer (via a grant or purchase by others) wouldn't give us the means to continue.

We considered many other options, including trying to attract funding via grants, voluntary contributions, and starting to charge for the magazine, probably by a small annual charge.

We were also aware that going online for the majority might also mean that some might withdraw their adverts, although a small survey of some of the advertisers indicated this might not happen. But the online copy, with the option of collecting a paper copy, was the only one that seemed practical and achievable.

Since then of course, the money received from Alison Bartlett and the council's commitment to add funds when needed to our advertising revenue means that it is now possible to continue as we were. We are a small committee but all are happy to volunteer our time and energy needed to get copies of the Parish News to you. I have been editor for about 10 years now, and enjoy the interaction with contributors as well as being able to do my editing at times to suit me. There is also a real team spirit in the collating and delivery team, who meet up on the last Thursday of every month to put each edition together and deliver it.

So we're not going anywhere, and the parish news should continue to come through your letterbox for the next few years at least! And if you know of a business that might be interested in advertising, give them Martin's details (below). Thank you!

### 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](mailto: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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## St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors March 2026

### RUTH BABB

Special wishes Mum on Mothers Day  
We will always miss you  
With love from Ann and all your family along with Jon and Beryl xxx  
Also happy birthday to brother Jon,  
Robyn and Anna in March xx

### ARTHUR HARRIGAN

Remembering my dear husband on his birthday 29th March  
Miss you so much, love from Edith xx

### CHARLES COLWILL CLEAVE

PEACE to the memory of DAD, who passed away 19th March 1999  
God saw the rugged pathway was getting hard to climb, so He closed those  
weary eyelids and whispered 'Peace be Thine'.  
John

Remembering **SYLVIA CORNISH**, our dear Mum and Nan  
on Mothering Sunday and Mum's birthday 25th March  
She is forever in our thoughts and hearts. So sadly missed xxx  
Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the family xxx  
We all still love and miss Aunt Edie who we lost on 5th March 2007  
Loving memories xxx

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

## FROM REV RICHARD

Let's hear it for King Charles III. This man, our King, has my deepest respect. Times have not been easy for him lately, dealing with his own cancer, his daughter in law's cancer, his troublesome brother and his erratic son Harry. The King is just a bit younger than me so I have followed his career for much of my life. Throughout it, there has been one thing on the forefront of much of his mind and he has stuck to it and promoted it; that is his love of nature and his care and concern for the environment.

At first the press rather mocked him. "There goes Charles talking to his flowers and vegetables again." But as his concerns grew he was prepared to use his position to tell huge gatherings of world leaders and politicians of his fears for the planet. His projects ranged from environmentally friendly villages, to city architecture; schemes for young people; training schools for skills and all the time, what we are doing to our world.

Has anyone seen King Charles' documentary in which he is hoping to stir up discussion about impending environmental collapse. It is called "Finding Harmony, a King's vision." It is a film detailing his environmental efforts both personal and global - undercut with a message of harmony. "We must return" he says "to the indigenous wisdoms that once had us working in sympathy with the natural world".

And he is not wrong. Is his vision possible? Is anyone out there listening? I surely hope so. "For", as the Bible says, "without vision the people perish." So as I said at the beginning, "Let's hear it for King Charles" and for all of us.

*Rev Richard, 10:2:26*

## ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Proverbs 3 v 5-6 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Trust is a funny thing because it's easy to say that we trust someone but to actually put our trust in a human being isn't always so easy. Let me explain – to totally trust someone means that we remove all doubt and fear about that person, but that is tainted when we have put our trust in someone or something and that trust has been broken. And that happens on a regular basis; when we get caught out for instance with a scam on the telephone or on line and, yes, I got caught with a scam!!

And we are being bombarded with things we can't trust, that's why we have surveillance cameras everywhere, and now, with AI when edited images can appear real, it's worse than ever. And we watch the news and say "who can we trust?" when the people we should be able to trust prove untrustworthy.

It's at times like this that I am glad I'm a Christian because I know I can trust God with today and tomorrow and the rest of my life, and I know that trust will not be broken.

How about you? Do you know this God that is totally trustworthy? There are more people going to church at the moment seeking him out than ever before. Why don't you join them?

Every Blessing to you all,  
Albert Sloman, Pastor.

Kilhampton Methodist Church



### Kilhampton Stay and Play at Kilhampton Methodist Church

Dates for March:

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

9.30am to 12 noon

For children under 5 and their parents, grandparents  
or carers

Please join us for tea/coffee and chat while the  
children play

**ALL WELCOME**

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

## **ST. JAMES THE GREAT KILKHAMPTON EASTER LILIES**



**SPONSOR A LILY IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

**£3.50 EACH**

**CONTACT JEANETTE 01288 321404**

**OR JENNIE 01288 321319**

**(or facebook message)**

**BEFORE 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

**NAMES WILL BE READ OUT IN CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY**

# THE PARISH PANTRY

## Cadbury Buttons Cookie Bars

With Easter coming next month and plenty of chocolate likely to be about, these cookie bars come with a small nod to a dear friend who has a particular love for Cadbury Buttons (and insists they taste best straight from the freezer— I'd recommend giving it a try!) Here's a sweet treat made for sharing.

Makes about 16 squares

*Lucy Stevens*

### Ingredients

150g (5¼ oz) unsalted butter, softened  
150g (5¼ oz) light brown sugar  
75g (2½ oz) caster sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
250g (9 oz) plain flour  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
180g (6 oz) Cadbury chocolate buttons (or any chocolate chips would work fine)  
A pinch of salt

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan) / 350°F. Line a 20 cm (8 in) square tin with baking parchment.
2. Cream butter and sugars together until pale and fluffy.
3. Beat in the eggs and vanilla until smooth.
4. Stir in the dry ingredients (flour, bicarbonate of soda, salt) to form a soft dough.
5. Fold in most of the chocolate buttons, keeping a small handful for the top.
6. Press the dough evenly into the tin and scatter the remaining buttons on top.
7. Bake for 20–25 minutes, until golden at the edges but still slightly soft in the centre.
8. Cool completely in the tin, then lift out and cut into squares.

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## TREE BOOK GROUP: *The List of Suspicious Things* by Jennie Godfrey

The start of 1979 saw political change with the election of our first-ever female Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. A serial murderer, Peter Sutcliffe (dubbed the Yorkshire Ripper), continued to terrorise women in the area, the victims brutally attacked with a hammer. From 1975 to 1980, thirteen women were murdered by Sutcliffe, and seven more attacked. The fear was all-pervasive and the sense of danger was in everyone's psyche.

To this background, Jennie Godfrey has set an enthralling narrative and one that draws you in. The main character of the book is a young girl, Miv, growing up in Yorkshire at the time of the Yorkshire Ripper murders, experiencing the dark fearful clouds of his existence, and the worry of parents avidly following the news. Miv sets out to catch the Ripper, with the aid of her friend Sharon.

In 'The List of Suspicious Things', twelve-year-old Miv instantly catches the reader's attention. Her family life, described with wonderful and memorable '70s detail, is askew after her mother suddenly stopped talking and her Aunt Jean moved into the home. Aunt Jean is a typical no-fuss-no-frills woman, outspoken, only to be listened to, and she is never afraid to give her opinion on everything and everyone! It is not long before her aunt starts whispering to her father that they need to move away to safety – away from the Yorkshire Ripper.

Overhearing this, Miv, who is a determined and clever girl yet full of self-doubt, comes up with the idea for her and her friend Sharon to discover the identity of the Yorkshire Ripper and ensure she does not have to move away. The idea of 'The List of Suspicious Things' is born. After all, Miv has a huge interest in detective stories, TV shows and films!

The girls slowly add names to the list and it weaves an incredibly moving and dramatic cycle of secrets of those in the community, touching upon themes especially far-reaching at the time. A recently-bereaved Pakistani father, Omar, opens a shop in the area. Omar's young son, in the same year as Miv and Sharon, soon becomes friends with them, and they see the experience of racial hatred that the father and son endure daily, a hatred that later plays a key role in the novel. A young librarian, Helen, helping the girls source documents for their research becomes a friend, and they worry at her accident-prone nature and over-protective husband. A young girl comes to them for help, frightened by the choir teacher's fondness for tickling.

There are many more characters and themes explored in the book. The characters feature in their own right with sections in the third person, while the first-person narrative from Miv runs throughout the book. The combination is a powerful, warm and fully immersive novel. Ultimately Miv and Sharon can help some people on the list, others sadly not.

The biggest secret of all remains unmentioned – why did Miv's mother fall silent? Will Miv ever learn the reason for her mother's withdrawal? As names are added and crossed off the list, Miv is closer to finding the Yorkshire Ripper than she ever imagined.

The final chapters of the book are riveting, heart-wrenching and heart-warming. Jennie Godfrey writes with a deft and exact touch, ensuring the voice of young Miv is a driving force, allowing us to see her grow through the months as her understanding of the adult world deepens.

Contact: Dorothy Flaxman ([derekflaxman@btinternet.com](mailto:derekflaxman@btinternet.com))

# **KILKHAMPTON FETE WEEKEND 2026**

**24th & 25th July**

*Friday 24th July, 6.30pm until midnight*

An evening of live music, with bar and food vendors

Acts appearing will be announced at a later date

*Saturday 25th July*

Fete day, with all the usual attractions:

Fete Royalty, Live Music, Bar and Food all day and evening

FREE Bouncy Castle, Face painting

We need volunteers to run the bar over both Friday evening and

Saturday afternoon/evening. Details nearer the time.

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact Jennie on 01288 321319 or 07421 454839 if you can help. Thank You

## **KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS SURVEY RESULTS from November 2025**

As you all know, we are continuing to produce a printed copy of the Parish News and deliver it to all households. But as promised, here is a summary of the survey we undertook in November. The survey asked if you supported the proposal to put the Parish News online plus make paper copies available for collection.

We received 115 replies in total – that is more than 1 in 6 households, a really good response. Of those, 102 said yes they supported it, with 7 of those ‘yes’ replies commenting that they would like to pick up a paper copy. There were also many who said yes but suggested there may be alternative options, including maybe paying 50p for a copy or asking for donations, and asking advertisers to pay a bit more. There was also a suggestion that the council might support the cost of a new printer – which of course is what the council offered to do, although the money to purchase it was then donated by Alison Bartlett in memory of her husband Bruce. Another concern was that we may end up losing some of the floodlighting contributions, because many contributors do not have access to a computer. We also received comments that we should advertise more on social media (eg Kilk Chatter on Facebook), or put copies of the Parish News on noticeboards around the village, or change the format to a smaller, magazine-type publication.

In many of the comments, alongside suggestions, there was a strong shared feeling that we should not be undervaluing the importance of communication

with everyone in the village, whether online or not, to ensure people are connected with events and with the running of the village. This was also a sentiment from the Parish Council, as this is the only place that their meeting reports appear in a printed version.

Some of the comments were more enthusiastic overall, such as stating it was a good idea, it would save a lot of work in printing and delivering, as well as being more environmentally-friendly.

The remaining 13 replies did not support the proposal. 5 of these did not add comments, but those who did commented:

- It's an integral part of village life, not the same online, and not everyone has internet access.
- We shouldn't be creating a 2-tier system, it's unfair on those who are not online.
- Considering how much money is spent on other developments in the village, couldn't the council support the cost?
- Could we start charging?
- Advertisers will have less coverage and will withdraw their adverts.

In addition to comments about the proposal, we also received messages of thanks and appreciation for the work put in by our team over the years. So a big thank you to all Parish News team members! And thank you once again for rallying round and replying to the survey, it really is appreciated.

## KILK KRAFTS REPORT

There was quite a crowd for the first Kilk Krafts event of 2026 on 14th January, a lunch at the New Inn! Around 40 Kilk Krafters gathered to enjoy a lovely hot meal with desserts and tea and coffee. The conversation flowed freely, and there was even a glass of wine or two around the room!

All agreed it was a lovely event, and that they hoped to repeat it next year! Many thanks to Joyce and Lorna for their superb organisation of the event.

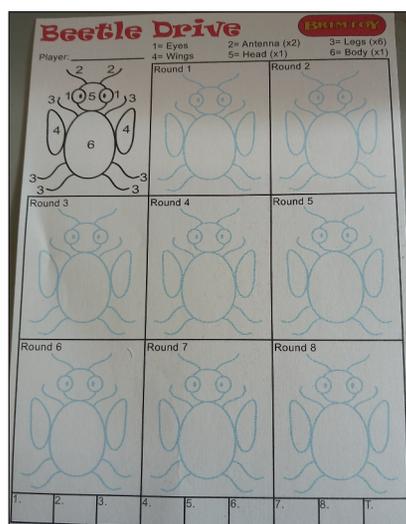
The second meeting, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, was a Beetle Drive organised by Lorna and Joyce. There were tables with four players on each. Each player was given a Beetle Drive sheet with eight games on it. Players took it in turns to throw a dice but had to throw a 6 to start the game with the body before completing legs and wings, and then a 5 for the head before completing the eyes and antennae.

The game stops when a player shouts "beetle!" earning them 43 points, then everyone else adds up their scores for the parts completed and enters the total at the bottom of the form. When all eight games are completed the winner is the player with the highest score overall.

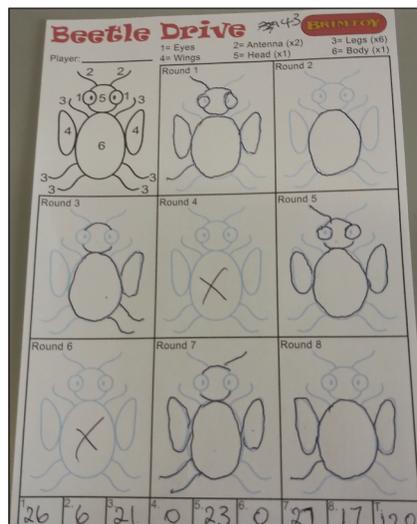
Cathy French scored 292 for first place, and runners-up were Anne Stone and Tracey Hockin who were presented with plants/bulbs.

It was a good job there was no booby prize – as you can see from my score of 120, I would have had a good chance of winning that! I had two games where I did not throw a 6 so didn't even get started, and scored noughts.

A very enjoyable, but sometimes frustrating, afternoon. The raffle was won by Joyce Davis – the first time she said she had won anything in the four years of running Kilk Krafts.



*Beetle Drive starting sheet*



*Susanne's completed Beetle Drive sheet*

### KILK KRAFTS MARCH MEETINGS

Wednesday 11 March

Spring wreaths from material, with Sally

Wednesday 25 March

Quiz, with Sandra and Bob

*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)

## **Kilkhampton Parish Council**

Report of the regular meeting held on  
2 February 2026 [www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk)

**Attendance:** Reg Hambley (RH), Tim Cottle (TC), Ian Heard (IH), Phil Sluggett (PS), Keith Ovenden (KO), Vinnie James (VJ), Lee Bond (LB), Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery (FE).

**Apologies:** Kingsley Bryant (KB), Joanne Timmins (JT).

**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** None to declare

### **Public Speaking Session**

Mr Martin Brennan here to observe. Ms Angela and Mr Herman Sundberg here regarding PA26/00089. The Chairman stated that everyone had trouble viewing the files for this application. LB had managed to print the site plan for viewing. The Chairman read through the plan and details given. Was a Q plan barn. Have since had permission for storage building. New application now. RH didn't know any more than what we have in front of us. Talked through. Is an 11 acre field. Solar to the left, pods and sewerage shown. RH asked if anticipated more than 3 pods in the future. Mr Sundberg stated they have actually gone from requesting 5 pods to 3. More than likely only going to put two in place. Will be eco pods. Wanting to make as little impact as possible. Want to also plant trees. Solar panels are south-facing, putting in battery pack. Want as self-sustainable as possible. More than happy to state they do not want more than 3 pods. RH feels the trees will hide the pods etc. PS asked where the sewerage tank runs to. Mr Sundberg said it's a septic tank that can run up to 2000 ltrs a day. Pods are 1 bed only so 1 toilet, 1 shower and a sink. Is on brush land so soaks away nicely and towards the trees. CV mentioned the original plan was a Q plan, which we don't have any say on. RH didn't see any objections. Proposed approval. IH seconded and all in favour. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Sundberg. The Chairman stated they were welcome to stay for the duration of the meeting.

### **Planning Applications**

1. PA26/00089|Use of land for the siting of 3nos glamping pods, provision of hard standing, driveway access and installation of solar panel array.|Land East Of Nordic Barn Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9HN. After discussions previously, RH didn't see any objections. IH seconded and all in favour. Approved.

### **Matters**

1. Car park and toilets: £70.40 taken. TC still to sort card machine information. KO to look into redecorating etc.

2. Other matters arising from the minutes: Transport meeting per Chairman. Unfortunately no-one was able to log onto the meeting. FE was able to represent on our behalf. Lots had looked at the consultation. 27 commented. 18 approved and 9 against. 36 mile per hour average speed of vehicles coming in from the north. Speed camera had been requested. The double yellow lines north of the new crossing by the Spar are apparently at the minimum requirement of length. FE said they may get away without re-painting the bus stop. Apparently they will be replying to everyone who commented. Possibly starting work next week – weather permitting. Mr Oliver Jones of Highways had stated he felt this was the best option he had seen. Entrance to Bunnyhomes is apparently still in hand and moving forwards. Thanks to FE by the Chairman for representing the Parish Council. The Chairman was unsure if this is the minimum distance for yellow lines. FE will ask for another final drawing and confirmation of the legal requirements. LB will ask Mrs Bond to speak to Devon County to also confirm.

### **Reports**

Footpaths: IH – have a few repairs – one at Taylors Cross. PS has a plan of where the bridge is for FE. Shown on screen. Clerk emailed details to FE also. Details shown on different Gold and Silver cuts. Need to state if we accept the figure offered for the LMP. Large works (i.e. bridge) will hopefully to be done jointly with Cornwall Council.

The Mill at Duckpool – KO said a Parishioner said it's collapsing. PD stated where it is. It's not our responsibility. FE feels she has asked previously and can't do anything about it- Landmark Trust owed. CV will put FE in contact with his associate at the Landmark Trust.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: RH feels need a meeting shortly. The Chairman said all being kept well. £45/hr to hire the machinery to deal with the trees. The Chairman still to speak to the owner at Hill Park Lane. IH feels it would possibly take half a day.

School: LB talked through. Governors meeting to be held soon.

Grenville Rooms: Encouraging lunch yesterday – 72 attended.

**Month's work** All Ok.

### **Members**

RH – Trees by North Close by the post box and kiosk need attention. IH to sort.

On behalf of KB – Manhole by the school still not been dealt with. FE has asked also. SWW should be dealing with. Would also like FE to enquire about work done at Tiscott. Really patchy. FE to look into with Highways.

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(Council minutes, continued from page 9)

KB also had an email from Mr Luke Francis – the Post Office has been running from the Spar Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout January – the support has been outstanding with over 50 customers each day. Thanks from the Post Master.

TC, IH, PS, VJ, KO, LB – Nothing

FE – Had received a complaint from residents in Bush by the 30 mph limit of people speeding. FE suggesting we put in for a flashing speed limit sign.

On the back of the storms recently FE asked if we had an emergency plan in place, no by the Chairman. Main concern is people in remote spots etc. FE has asked for some guidance on these plans and it may be something that needs to be looked into. The utilities companies didn't have a good list of vulnerable people.

The Chairman said thanks to FE for the email regarding bus stop. To do an application. Total costs looking at around £1200. Quite a lot of work to be done.

The Chairman stated the coach has been taken for work to be done. Glass to be replaced possibly too. The Chairman asked if we should consider purchasing another storage unit for storing the coach and other items required. TC to look into costs with CV.

The Chairman mentioned a request from RNLI regarding the marquee. IH has this in hand, as it is up to the Fete committee to deal with.

The Chairman said a letter had been sent to the residents of Priestacott Park regarding an inspection taking place due to complaints received. The Chairman pointed out that the original complaint was from a Parishioner (not the Parish Council) and was to do with the field next the Priestacott Park. Clerk to write to the residents of Priestacott Park to explain the misunderstanding etc.

The Chairman said that we have received a cheque to the value of £3,625.62 from Mrs Bartlett in memory of Mr Bruce Bartlett – which covers the cost of the new printer. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Bartlett.

**Finance** Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £72.00 Stephen Gifford; £46.73 Bridgmans; £324.00 Acuiti broadband charges. All in favour to be paid. Total balance before aforementioned payments £8,618.84.

Date of next regular meeting: 2nd March 2026, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm. Thanks to all by the Chairman, declared the meeting closed.

**KILKHAMPTON**  
COFFEE & CAKES

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

**10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at**

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

The Charity for March is Cornwall Air Ambulance

**KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

**2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £7**

ON  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

At 12.30 pm  
AT  
**THE GRENVILLE ROOMS**

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

# KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

Although this is the March edition of the parish news, I am writing this just before the half term break with rain streaming down yet again outside. I really hope that by the time you read this, it has dried up and we are starting to see some spring weather!

The first half term of the spring term has passed really quickly and school has been as busy as normal. We have been lucky to have several activities to enhance the children's learning this half term. This year has been designated the National Year of Reading and we are taking part to promote a life-long love of reading. To that end, all the children took part in National Storytelling week, with children engaging with live workshops. Key Stage One took part in a session with the writer and musician Annemarie Anang on using sounds and music in storytelling. There was big excitement in Key Stage Two where children learnt to write and perform raps with the rapper and poet Alim Kamara. Key Stage Two are signed up at the beginning of March for a live workshop with the great Michael Rosen!

We have also had a great opportunity to learn about healthy eating. Educatering, the company who provide our menus and supply our food, brought a healthy eating workshop in to school and all children got to design and make their own smoothies, which they blended themselves with pedal power using a smoothie bike!

Key Stage One have been learning about space and on the last day before half term, we brought into school the Wonderdome, a portable, inflatable planetarium giving all children the chance to learn more about the solar system.

When I next write to you, we will be in the run-up to Easter and hopefully the weather will have finally turned. I will be able to report on lots from school, including World Book Day, Saint Piran's Day, Science Week and Red Nose Day.

Until then,

**Michael Watson, Head Teacher**



*Children in Year Four taking part in a live web workshop with Alim Kamara.*



*Year Three designing and making castles in DT*



*Right: Blending a smoothie using the smoothie bike*

## **SUPPORT KILKHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB!**

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



<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Teams</u></b>
1st March	2pm	Kilk Women v St Dennis
8th March	2pm	Kilk Women v Saltash Borough
22nd March	2pm	Sticker Women v Kilk Women
28th March	2.30pm	St Dominick 2nd v Kilk Mens 2nd

## BUDE LOOK GROUP

In February, Bude Look Group focused on the sculptors seen by one of our members at the new Freedom Monument Sculpture Park in Alabama. Each artist has contributed towards the story of the journey that traces the history of slavery in the USA. "A journey that must be taken to understand the past and to create a different kind of future", says Bryan Stevenson, the lawyer who founded the sculpture park and Legacy Museum. "It is hard to confront these painful truths, but the powerful thing is that when we have the courage to learn the truth then we open up doors that permit justice, that permit reckoning, which permit healing. This museum is dedicated to creating a society where the children of our children are no longer burdened by the legacy of slavery... no longer haunted by racial inequality, no matter where they go."



Rayvenn Shaleigha D'Clark, *Black Renaissance – Child Sculptures 2023-2024* silicon bronze

Above: This huge, beautiful sculpture is one of the largest commissions ever obtained for a woman under



Allan Houser, *Meeting on the Trail*

Some of the sculptures referred to the forced displacement and ethnic cleansing of about 60,000 Native Americans, known as The Trail of Tears. We loved the calm organic curves of the above that reminded us of Hepworth sculptures.



Daniel Popper, *Hallow*

Above: Here a woman opens her heart in sorrow and remembrance. Popper hopes people will feel these emotions and her vulnerability as they walk through this sculpture that spans the path.



Left: Charles Gaines, *Hanging Tree*

Above: This poignant, poetic installation speaks of the unspoken number of lynchings that have taken place. Gaines was inspired by 'Strange Fruit', a song Billie Holiday recorded in 1939: "Southern trees bear a strange fruit, blood on the leaves and blood at the root. Black bodies swinging in the Southern breeze, strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees."

In Bryan Stevenson's words, "It is important that we begin to commit to an era of truth and justice... We still live in a country where there is this problem of racial inequality, racial injustice, and the narrative that created that problem of racial difference continues to haunt us today... You can continue to advance ways to ensure justice in your society, your community, your neighbourhood."

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

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