



# KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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July and August 2026



**ENJOY THE SUMMER EVERYONE!**



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## **St James Church Flower Festival 2026**

**'Cornwall My Home'**

**14th, 15th & 16th August**

**Friday and Saturday: 10am to 6pm**

**Sunday: 12 noon to 5pm**

**Wheelchair accessible**

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# Kilkhampton Churches and Services

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

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Sunday 5th July - Trinity 5 (Green) 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Richard Ward-Smith  
Welcomers: Joyce and Margaret. Reading: Zachariah 9: 9-12. Gillian

Sunday 12th July - Trinity 6 (Green) 11am Morning Worship with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Lynn and Myra. Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13. Ian

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 7 (Green) 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Tracey and Jules. Reading: Wisdom: 12-13, 16-19. Peter

Sunday 26th July - Trinity 8 (Green). Patronal Festival 6pm Songs of Praise with Reverend Teresa  
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5-12. Kevin (tba)

Sunday 2nd August - Trinity 9 (Green) 11am Holy Communion with Jeffery  
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-5. Tony

Sunday 9th August - Trinity 10 (Green) 11am Morning Prayer with Hilbre  
Welcomers: Margaret and Lynn. Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18. Gillian

Sunday 16th August - Trinity 11 (Green) 11am Holy Communion with Reverend Douglas  
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Isaiah 56: 1 and 6-8. Hilbre

Sunday 23rd August - Trinity 12 (Green) 11am Morning Prayer with Ian  
Welcomers: Jules and Rachel. Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6. Ian

Sunday 30th August - Trinity 13 (Green) 10am **BENEFICE SERVICE AT MORWENSTOW** with Jeffrey  
**NOTE TIME**

**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

### **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'.

### ***Grenville Rooms***

**Room bookings: contact Alan or Tracey Hockin 07399 996720 or 01288 321710**

# **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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
5th July	Pastor Albert Sloman	Pam Metherall	Vivienne Hunt
12th July	Rev Richard Ward-Smith	Monica Heywood	Fiona Cleave
19th July	Rev Joy Wilson	Marlene Bath	Sandra Jones
26th July	Circuit service BMC	Sandra Jones	Pam Metherall
2nd August	Mrs Ruth Bealing	Debbie Dawber	Monica Heywood
9th August	Local arrangement	Judith Heard	Sandra Holmes
16th August	At St James		
23rd August	Rev Richard Ward-Smith	Sandra Holmes	Pam Metherall
30th August	Mr Paul Wreyford	Fiona Cleave	Roger & Brenda Dunstan

### **EDITORIAL**



Dydh da, pubonan! Hello everyone!

We had a lovely road trip up to Scotland, as I talked about last month. We missed the heatwave here, but had some very nice weather up north. It was lovely visiting old haunts in the borders, and also new ones. I have to say I wasn't too impressed with Fife, I had been there before but hadn't remembered it was so flat - it felt like Norfolk or Lincolnshire! But the

Northumberland coast coming down from Scotland was beautiful.

So... this crater on Mars... it's talked about in the council minutes this month as though it has just been discovered, but I remembered writing about it when the parish news started again after lockdown. So I looked up the earlier article, where I had researched the origins of crater names on Mars, and have put the information from there into this issue so those who are interested can read more. I think in all cases, we don't actually know the date when the crater was named, but it's a nice thought that a little bit of Kilkhampton will live forever on Mars.

Enjoy the summer everyone, and we'll be back in September,  
*Jill*

### **Kilkhampton Parish News Editorial team**

Please use the contact details below to enquire about anything related to advertising (Alan), 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 July/August 2026

### **Nigel Jordan**

Happy heavenly birthday to our dear brother on 3rd July.  
Always in our thoughts and hearts.  
Loved and missed always.  
From your brother Keith, sisters, nephews and nieces.

### **Kathleen Jordan**

Happy heavenly birthday to our dear mum on 20th August.  
Loved and missed always.  
From your son Keith, daughters, and grandchildren.

Remembering with love **Madge Spry**, a dear Mum and Gran,  
on her birthday 31st July.  
Always in our hearts and thoughts.  
Lyn, Dave and family.

Remembering with love **Arthur Spry**, a dear Dad, Granddad and  
Great Granddad on his birthday 17th August.  
Always in our hearts and thoughts.  
Lyn, Dave and family.

### **Karl Merrett**

16th July.

Cannot believe it has been 7 years since we lost you, but not a day goes by  
without you being in our thoughts. Love you forever, miss you always.  
Sam xx, Katy and Jack, Mum and Dad and your grandson Thomas.  
You would have been the best grandad.

### **Charles Colwill Cleave**

Remembering Dad on what would have been his 100th Birthday.  
Born at Higher Pigsdon, Launcells on 9th July 1926.  
Passed away at Middlefields, Morwenstow on 19th March 1999.  
'Count the blessings, not the years'. John.

### **Babb**

**Lewis Babb**, memories of you as always on your passing on July 28th 1988.  
In our hearts, love Ann, John & Beryl xxx  
Thoughts of dear **Uncle George** who passed a year ago. Love and fond memories xxx  
Also remembering my dear grandson **Lewis** on what would have been his  
34th birthday, July 12th. You left us far too soon.  
Love your Nan xx  
Thoughts of a special little girl **Tillyann** on the 9th August 2005  
Love your Nan xx

### **Georgie DeRosa**

Happy Birthday Georgie  
You would have turned 44 on 25th July  
We miss you every day and will never stop loving you.  
Love from Mum and Dad, Lyds, Maddy, Emma, Jordan, Dan, Richard, Ellen,  
Meg, Colby and Ivar.  
xxx

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

## FROM REV RICHARD

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and someday will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from then recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint; some of them are so hard to live with. But a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see the good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Thoughts from an old Nun (and sometimes me).

*Rev Richard, 11:6:26*

## ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hi everyone! I hope you are enjoying the summer with plenty of fresh air and barbeques. I just love summer with the long days, don't you?

We all know the Lord's prayer, as it's said in most churches every week, but Jesus never meant it to be recited parrot fashion. Jesus was responding to a request from his disciples who said "Lord, teach us to pray" in Luke 11. So Jesus gave them a pattern for prayer and it reminds me that Jesus said when you pray, not if you pray!

There are two verses that come right after the Lord's prayer in Matthew's gospel chapter 6 verses 14-15. It talks about forgiveness, and that if we can't forgive then God can't forgive us. Unforgiveness is an emotionalcrippler as it leads to bitterness, resentment and hatred. Which has a direct effect on our mental health. Forgiveness is something that we

release and it is not conditional on others receiving it, as it is something that we release. So, if you release something that means you let go of it, and if you let go of it you are no longer holding on to it (the unforgiveness, that is). Is it fair? Sometimes it's not, and Jesus never said it would be! But, when we release it in its true sense we no longer hold on to the negatives like bitterness which are so detrimental to our mental health. So, look again at the Lord's prayer, and if you are struggling with some of those negatives in your life, forgive them if they are alive or dead, because it is not conditional on them acknowledging it, as it is on us releasing it and remember Matt 6 v14 -15 as life is too short.

Every blessing to you all,

Albert Sloman, Pastor.



St James' Church Kilkhampton  
Invites you to  
Traditional Jimmy's Day  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
at Church  
from 3pm-6pm

- FREE BBQ & CREAM TEA FOR KILKHAMPTON CHILDREN
- BOWLING FOR THE PIG
- UKELELE BAND
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE SHEEP
- GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR
- TOMBOLA
- CATCH THE RAT
- WHEEL OF FORTUNE
- GIFT DAY DONATIONS

Songs of Praise at 6pm with Bude Metric Band

## **KILKHAMPTON FETE AND MUSIC WEEKEND 2026**

**24th & 25th July**

**Friday 24th July from 6.30pm**

Live music 6.30pm till midnight, with bar and food vendors

8-10pm Clotted Cream — 10pm-midnight Treme

**Saturday 25th July from 2pm**

Crowning of Fete Royalty

FREE Bouncy Castle and Face Painting, craft stalls

Afternoon hog roast from 3pm, bar and food all day

Live music: 4-6pm Smokey Mountain Boy — 6-8pm Jewell

8-10pm Two Day Hangover — 10pm-midnight The Water Rats

*Volunteers needed to run the bar for both Friday evening  
and Saturday afternoon/evening.*

*Any donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated.*

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

### ***Kilkhampton fete PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?***

CAKES, SANDWICHES,  
SAUSAGE ROLLS ETC  
NEEDED FOR

KILKHAMPTON FETE TEAS

IF YOU CAN PROVIDE  
ANYTHING, PLEASE TAKE IT  
TO LAMB PARK PAVILION ON  
THE MORNING OF THE FETE,  
SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2025

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

For information, please ring Joyce  
on 01288 321292,

THANK YOU



**Kilkhampton Stay and Play**

**at Kilkhampton Methodist Church**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**9.30 am – 12 noon**

**This is the last one for the summer, we return on 10<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**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**

# THE PARISH PANTRY

## Wartime Tea Cake

"Made up during wartime, so each wife made it differently."

For those less familiar with recipes used during the first and second world war, rationing made baking very difficult. So eggs were very precious, and also it was common to substitute ingredients (for example the dried fruit in this recipe) if a specific ingredient wasn't available. Also note the use of the word 'wife' in the description - no question about who was in the kitchen in those days!

Thank you Susan for providing this recipe

*(NB it seems a bit wrong, but the measurements are also given in metric!)*

### Ingredients

½ pint (250ml) cold tea

**6–8 oz** (150-200g) dried fruit (or whatever you have saved up)

**4 oz** (100g) margarine

**4 oz** (100g) sugar

**9 oz** (225g) self-raising flour

**1 level tsp** bicarbonate of soda

**½ level tsp** salt

**1–2 level tsp** mixed spice

### Method

- 1. Prep the Tin:** Line a loaf tin with greaseproof paper.
- 2. Melt the Base:** Put the cold tea, dried fruit, margarine, and sugar into a saucepan. Warm gently until the sugar has completely dissolved.
- 3. Cool:** Remove the saucepan from the heat and allow the liquid mixture to cool.
- 4. Mix:** Stir the self-raising flour, bicarbonate of soda, salt, and mixed spice into the cooled liquid until well combined.
- 5. Bake:** Pour the batter into your lined loaf tin and level off the top. Bake at **180°C** for **1 hour**.
- 6. Cool:** Leave the tea cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning it out.

*Susan Beswetherick*



**KILKHAMPTON  
COFFEE &  
CAKES**

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Aug**

**10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at**

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

The Charity for July is Farming Community Network  
and the charity for August is Alzheimers



**KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

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ON  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
& Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

At 12.30 pm  
AT  
**THE GRENVILLE ROOMS**

Limited numbers so please book  
to ensure a place  
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## TREE BOOK GROUP: *The Names* by Florence Knapp

*The Names* is the debut novel from Florence Knapp, and what an incredible debut it is. The concept is simple enough: do our names affect the person we become and influence the paths of our lives? Names used to be chosen very carefully for their meaning, although we don't do that so much these days, perhaps hoping to imbue the child with the qualities of the name. Cora is in an abusive marriage and when she goes to register the birth of her son, she has three names to choose from. Her daughter, Maia, wants the baby to be called Bear, Cora favours Julian which means sky father but her husband Gordon wants the baby named after him.

The story then splits into three parts and we follow the journey of boy to man, with each section showing an alternate version of life for each name choice, jumping forward seven years each time. Cora's choice of name for her son has three different outcomes and leads to three very different lives for her, her son and Maia. Although the book is about the life of Bear/Julian/Gordon, I'd say it's equally a very powerful exploration of controlling relationships and how they affect a family.

It was so fascinating to read the three different scenarios and see where the lives diverged over the years or sometimes where they touched. Are the characters essentially the same, regardless of name, or does it have a profound effect on their lives in so many ways? This book is so thought-provoking. Each variation of the life has its emotive, memorable and moving scenes.

With remarkable dexterity, Knapp examines themes of identity, fate, family, and the limitless possibilities that can unfold from one choice. She also confronts the lasting impact of domestic violence and the ways its effects echo across generations.

This inventive, unsettling, and deeply moving novel filled me with dread at times, yet it also offers moments of hope, beauty, and love. Knapp captures the warmth and wonder of human existence while weaving a story marked by tragedy, and ultimately bringing it together in a poignant, beautifully crafted ending.

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*If you would like to join our book group, we have a space available. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Parkhouse Centre at 11am. If you are interested please contact Dorothy.*

## KILK KRAFTS REPORT

For our first meeting in May, we had a talk by Christine March on the history of cutlery. Christine used to be a school teacher and teacher trainer, with a hobby of collecting old cutlery.

It is known that in the Stone Age, people used flint tied to wooden handles for tools and probably used wooden spoons to eat with. Wooden spoons remained the main item of cutlery until the Middle Ages when spoons were cast in pewter in 1640s with a large round/oval bowl. These were adapted to narrowed bowls in the 1700s, to the shape still used today.



*Left: Drop on the back of a spoon*



*Cutlery with Porcelain handles*

On the back of most spoons is a 'drop' close to the join of the bowl to the handle to strengthen the join. This is sometimes shaped in a line of extra metal known as a 'rat's tail'. Spoon makers in villages made spoons with moulds made of bronze with melted-down pewter poured into them. Silver spoons (for the wealthy) were made from sheets of silver hammered into shape. Meals were mainly of vegetables made into stews as meat was expensive.

Knives and forks originated in Italy in the 1600s. Until the 1700s, only wealthy people could afford them with ivory handles and silver blades and forks. Mid 1700s Meissen in Germany made handles in porcelain with replacement blades. In the 1800s, fashions changed to more fussily-designed handles. Sheffield was the centre for cutlery making out of steel in the UK. The only problem with steel, silver and pewter is that it rusts and tarnishes. In 1913, Harry Brearley of Firth Brown was experimenting to find a way to stop steel from rusting and invented stainless steel by varying the chromium content in the steel.

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Cutlery manufacturing in Sheffield contracted rapidly from the 1960s due to competition from the Far East and other foreign markets – 99.9% is now made in and imported from the Far East, forcing many companies out of business.

Together with her husband Tony, Christine started trading as 'Mrs Huckle's Cutlery Matching' in 1997, selling discontinued cutlery from the 1960s to almost the present day. Mrs Huckles was the name of the cottage they lived in before moving to Ashwater. Quoting from their web site 'myshop.mrshuckles.com', they are probably the UK's largest on-line discontinued cutlery specialists, with over 5,000 items in stock from all the most popular manufacturers and also some very obscure ones. They are able to re-polish and re-finish any stainless steel cutlery in their professional workshops, and also purchase unwanted cutlery.



*Christine and Tony March*



*Christine Littlejohns with her original picture*

The second meeting in May gave members a chance to try their hand at collage. Christine Littlejohns makes pictures from coloured paper taken from various magazines. Once satisfied with the finished picture, her daughter Linda has them copied and made into greetings cards for sale under the brand name of Linda Littlejohns Collage Art.



*Original picture*



*Branding on back of card*

The group were given printouts of Christine's picture (named Cornish Spring), a blank A4 sheet of white paper and a cut-out vase-shaped piece of card, together with various magazines from which to cut coloured shapes. These shapes were then pasted on to the vase shape and A4 paper to make our version of Christine's picture (omitting the background owing to only having two hours to complete our pictures).

You can see below the variety of pictures made by the group.



*The group's completed collage pictures*

## **KILK KRAFTS JULY MEETINGS**

Wednesday 8 July

Flowers with Jan

Wednesday 22 July

Tea party

Venue:

*Methodist Chapel,  
Kilkhampton*

*Time: 2pm to 4.30pm*

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

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

## **Kilkhampston Parish Council**

Report of the AGM and regular meeting held on  
8 June 2026 [www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk](http://www.kilkhampston-pc.gov.uk)

**Attendance:** Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH), Lee Bond (LB), Ian Heard (IH), Keith Ovenden (KO), Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery (FE).

**Apologies:** Joanne Timmins (JT), Tim Cottle (TC), Phil Sluggett (PS), Vinnie James (VJ).

**Chairman:** Councillor Clive Vanstone

**Clerk:** Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by the Chairman.

### **AGM**

#### **Nominations for Chairman**

The meeting began with nominations being taken for the Chairman position via the Vice Chairman. RH nominated Mr Clive Vanstone, KB also nominated Mr Vanstone. All in favour of Mr Vanstone to take on the Chairman's position once again. Thanks and acceptance by Mr Vanstone. RH then proposed that Mr Kingsley Bryant take on the Vice Chairman position. IH seconded and all in favour. Thanks and acceptance from Mr Bryant.

#### **Election of officers and Acceptance of Office**

The Chairman read through individuals' roles. All happy to continue as listed below.

Lamb Park Trust Committee: Chair, RH, TC and IH  
School Representative: LB

Footpath Committee: IH and PS

Transport & Traffic: KB, RH, TC, KO, Chair.

Grenville Rooms: RH, IH and Chair.

Solar Farm: Chairman, TC and RH

Community Area Partnership (CAP): JT and LB

Website advisor and liaison officer: JT

Planning liaison officer: RH and KB

The Chairman read through his annual report (see page 11). The Chairman then declared the AGM closed and began the regular meeting.

**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**

Mr Heard here and spoke regarding the Kilkhampston Historical Collection. Archives vary in size. Mr Heard talked through different aspects relating to Kilkhampston. 88 items have been entered into the book currently. Enjoys the fact that people can open this book and see what's available. Newspaper reports, programs, church happenings, planning permissions. Mr Heard mentioned Ms Molly Rose, formerly of Whitcroft Way, and is indebted to her as she has donated numerous items, including old books and her collections. The oldest original document is dated 1840.

Modern items are in the process of being assembled and have meaning for the future.

Mr Heard also mentioned Ms Mary McDonald of Toronto, Canada, who had written in the visitors book of the church about how she was related to 6 families. Mr Heard gave thanks for all the Parish Council support and thanks given back to Mr Heard by the Chairman for everything he has done and is continuing to do.

The Grenville Rooms Committee is hoping to run a function at some point to celebrate the Village Hall being 100 years old in January 2027 and to get information put onto the internet and old pictures etc.

Mr Peter Colwill asked if we could report to Cornwall Council Highways regarding the state of the road from West Street to Cross Cottage. FE took details to report on our behalf. Thanks to Mr Colwill.

#### **Planning Applications: None**

#### **Matters**

1. Car park and toilets: £136.80 taken. RH spoken to Mr Michael Vanstone regarding the markings to be completed on the car park. In hand.
2. Open Space Funding: Discuss at July meeting.
3. Enhanced LMP application: Clerk to resend email to IH and PS. To discuss at next meeting.
4. Chubb Recommendations: Unsure what they are recommending. To be looked into by the Chairman.
5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

#### **Reports**

Footpaths: 1st cut to be done next week per IH. If any works are easy to complete these can just be done. IH to take photos of necessary works. FE said no news on the bridge still despite chasing, should be on a scheme for this financial year.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: TC given details previous to the meeting. Oil system in place and brought the costs down dramatically. MV Plant to be asked to look into and fill the pits; KO said there is some stone just inside the gates to be used.

School: Just back from half term. LB talked through details.

Grenville Rooms: Nothing to mention.

**Month's work** All ok.

#### **Members**

RH – In May, the Clerks salary and the Chairman's payment were due for review. To discuss in July.

At April's meeting we spoke about purchasing a container for Lamb Park. RH has enquired and talked through quotes received:

20ft Container in good condition from 2013: £1800+VAT. 20 ft Container in fair condition (rust on door) from 2018 £1800+VAT. 20 ft Container brand new £2350+VAT. All quotes plus delivery.

The Chairman thought Lamb Park Trust may be able to fund through the Solar Farm. RH said do we need another one for the Coach? Chairman asking if we purchase soon? To be put onto agenda for July. KB asking if we need two. KO said there are lots of items

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in the container at the moment that could be removed to clear up some space. RH felt the container should be owned by the Parish Council. LB proposed we buy the second hand one. KO asked if groundwork needed? No per Chairman as it is going next to the other one and should be suitable already. All in favour of purchasing the 2013 container. RH to organise.

KB had mentioned to FE regarding the footpath. Also the traffic calming wording on the way out of the village is on the wrong side of the system.

IH mentioned 4 incidents at the new red section of the road by the Spar. FE said the road safety audit still hasn't been completed. Will chase this up. People are generally confused and can also not even notice it is there when driving through. The whole point was for a crossing by the bus stop.

KO – new cottages between the Co-op and Aldercombe Lane – a manhole cover is loose. FE took notes to follow up.

LB – Nothing

FE – No move on the footpath queries. Have asked CALC about the joist issue – will speak to them soon over the phone. Want them to spread the word of possible issues with similar buildings. Should have received and email re: EV charging. FE to forward to clerk to distribute. Bude bus users day coming up if anyone is interested in attending. There is also a dentistry summit on 17th July for people's concerns to be raised. See Cornwall Council website for information. Should have received an email on the changes to the register of Interest details, to remove home addresses. If you want to proceed these forms need to be completed in full again. If they are not re-done, nothing will happen. There is a "Cormac meet the team" workshop in Bude on 30th June 10am-1pm. Thanks to FE for all she has done for us. KO asked if the park and ride will be running again this year? Yes per FE from 18th July.

The Chairman mentioned that the phone box in Stibb needs attention. Have received an offer for it to be painted. Do we accept their offer? Yes by all. Chairman to go back to the party and state we will supply paint and thanks for their kind offer.

Funding for the bus shelter to be chased up by FE.

**Correspondence:** None

**Finance:** Read through by Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £72.00 Stephen Gifford; £5.95 Talk Talk; £268.74 Jays Aim (replacement battery); £62.00 Acuiti Broadband charges; £18.71 Bridgmans; £332.26 CHUBB Security. All in favour to be paid. Total balance before aforementioned payments £21,981.56.

Date of the next regular meeting: 6th July 2026, Grenville Rooms, 7.30pm.

KB gave apologies for July meeting. Thanks to all by the Chairman. Declared the meeting closed.

## Parish Council Chair's annual report 8.6.26

This year we dealt with 34 planning applications (each application is counted as one whether it's a multi-plot site or a minor alteration to an existing approved plan). One application was for 36 dwellings. During the year, and in no particular order, We are monitoring tree issues with ash die-back. We do not wish to just fell them, because if they survive the tree is immune from the disease. Thanks to Lee Bond we get regular up-dates on the excellent work at the school. On Remembrance Day the Parish Council soldier goes out and always creates a lot of interest. Thanks to Luke Francis and others for the marvellous performance put on at the Church. We maintain the footpaths, but this year we have had to close one – the one between Taylors Cross and Aldercombe due to an unsafe bridge. This is a major job for Cornwall Council to replace.

Thanks for the help of our new County Councillor, Faye Emery, who has helped the Parish Council with some money to refurbish the bus stop at North Close, to be done soon. The Parish Council owns the Grenville Rooms and we have completed roof and lintel repairs. The play park is complete for the moment. We will be doing more in the near future. Thanks to Alan Somerfield for looking after our public toilets – this is a valued service in our Parish and is subsidised by the PC. Thanks also to Keith Ovenden and Tim Cottle for maintenance. This year we have seen the East Road junction completed with another crossing point and the red crossing near the Spar shop. Also the speed calming at the north of the village. We had a lot of discussion with Highways about traffic on the A39. Sometimes they took notice of us, some things have been imposed on us. The alterations to the entrance of the Bunny Homes site at North Close should be done before the end of 2026. Thanks to our Clerk, Hannah, for her excellent work. Sometimes we get anonymous letters and our policy is to ignore them. This year we had one praising what we did, but we still ignored it, or did we? Thanks to everyone who helps produce our Parish Magazine – it is still the best way for the PC to communicate with Parishioners. We arranged to purchase a new printer, but thanks to a large donation from a parishioner, we did not have to bear the cost. Thank you to the Christmas Fayre group for what they do, especially the new sign at Lamb Park. They hope to have one on the north end of the village this year. Now the major expenditure on Lamb Park play area is ending, the finances are in good shape and we were able to reduce the Parish Precept per property by approximately 3%. This year we can say something that has never been said at a Kilkhampton PC meeting before – there is a crater on Mars named 'Kilkhampton' thanks to a past resident - Peter Fawdon - who works on the Mars Exploration Project. Thanks to everyone that makes Kilkhampton the village that it is.

## KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

Although this is my last parish news article of the academic year, I am writing this in the middle of June. We are currently in the final half-term of the school year, which is packed with activities.

A lot has been going on in school since I last wrote to you. Children in Year Six have taken their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), the results of which will be received later in July. Children in Year One have sat the government's phonic screening test, and children in Year Four the national multiplication times table check.

There have been a number of trips out from school. Years Five and Six have visited the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, and Years Three and Four have visited Exmoor Zoo. Later this term, our youngest children will be visiting Wooda Holiday Park to visit Sue Read's artist studio, take part in woodland trails and meet the animals. They also had a visit from the Really Wild Experience, which included exotic animals for them to hold. Reception, Year One and Two have also had a visit from the Bude Surf Life Saving Club, who helped the children learn about the history of the oldest surf life-saving club in the country, which is the children's current local history topic.

The rest of the school have also been busy with their learning. Years Three and Four have been learning about the Roman invasion and settlement of Britain, whilst the oldest children have been learning about the Spanish Armada. There has also been plenty of cooking going on. Year Four have been designing and making their own biscuits; Year Five have learnt how to make spaghetti bolognese and Year Six are learning to design and create a three-course meal.

Speaking of Year Six, our pupils are starting to think about moving on. They have already started meeting staff from their new secondary schools, and in the next few weeks will be visiting their new schools for taster days. At the same time, we have started the process of meeting the newest members of our school family, the new reception children and their families, who have already had a meeting and a stay and play session at the school.

We still have our sports day (fingers crossed for the weather) and the summer fair to look forward to as well as reports sent home and new classes days, where the children will meet their new teacher for the autumn term.

I hope you all have a lovely summer, I am sure you join with me in wishing our departing Year Six pupils all the best in the next phase of their education, they have done themselves proud and enriched the life of this school.

Michael Watson, Head Teacher



### CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

It's that time of year again when me (Trish Brennan) and my husband Martin are planning and looking forward to our Afternoon Tea to raise funds and awareness for the Breast Cancer Now charity. This will be our 6th tea in total, and the 3rd one we have held in Kilkhampton. We have had amazing support for this worthy cause, and our overall total raised is a fantastic £3905.

The date and time are on the poster on the left. If anyone would like to donate a cake, tombola or raffle prize it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact me on 07415 668589.

Everyone is welcome, do bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Trish

## Our very own crater on Mars!

In June's Parish Council meeting (see report on pages 10-11), it was reported that there is a crater on Mars named 'Kilkhampton after our village. It sounded as though this was something new, but I remembered writing an article a few years ago on this topic. So I dug it out - it was June 2022 - and have reproduced it below (with a bit of editing to bring it up to date). As you will see, I didn't have the information that the Parish Council had, that it was Peter Fawdon, a former resident of Kilkhampton, who had put the name forward. My article discusses what process is gone through to name craters, so it makes sense that the person who put the name forward was actually involved in the Mars Exploration Project.

Here is the original article with some minor amendments:

On 6th May 2020, during the early days of the pandemic, I was contacted by John Green, an astrophotographer living in Mooresville, North Carolina, USA. John is researching the meaning of the names of craters on Mars, and had come across one named Kilkhampton, but had been unable to find anything about its meaning.

After checking that John was genuine and not a spammer, my first question was how did a crater on Mars get the name Kilkhampton? Well apparently, anyone can put forward names which then go on a list, and when a new crater or other feature is found, it is given a name, chosen by the 'Nomenclature Committee', part of the International Astronomical Union, who select and approve names for ALL astronomical objects and features on their surface. These are the criteria for the different categories of features on Mars:

Large regional contrast features: named after historical mythological features.

Valleys: named after names for Mars in various languages.

Craters larger than 60km wide: named after deceased people who in some way contributed to our understanding of Mars.

Craters smaller than 60km wide: named after cities, towns and villages anywhere in the world with a population of less than 100,000 population – which is where Kilkhampton comes in.

*(From the original article - now we know more! 'So the name Kilkhampton was approved for a crater on Mars on 10 June 2019, although it may have been put on the list at any time before that. It sounds like the names are almost chosen at random off the list, rather than being specifically intended to commemorate a place. I was wondering if anyone*

*knew who might have put forward the name Kilkhampton as a potential Mars crater?'*

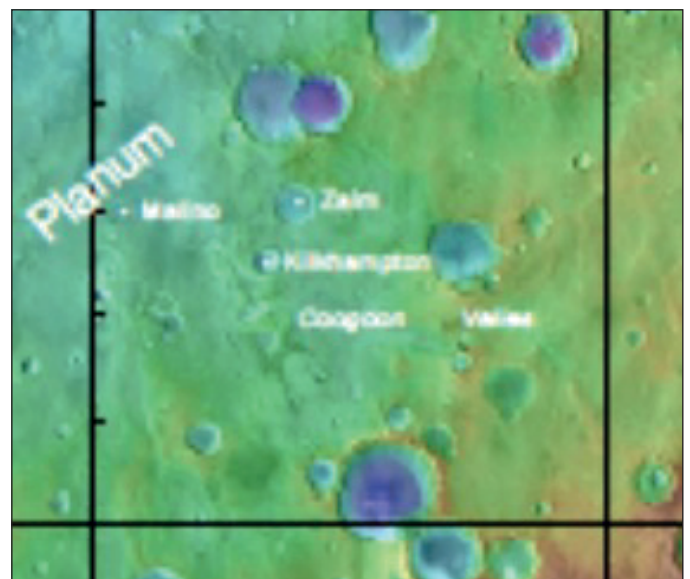
It's quite easy to see the Kilkhampton crater by searching the internet with the words 'mars' and 'kilkhampton'. I decided to investigate further and see how well the naming theory worked in practice, and relatively close to the Kilkhampton crater, I found a large valley called Ares (the Greek god of war), a large crater called Trouvelot (an astronomer), and a small valley called Mawrth (Welsh for Mars).

John Green also supplied more information about the names. He thinks there are over a thousand craters with place names, many of them in the UK. The names and their meaning are listed alphabetically in a list entitled 'The Etymology of Mars Crater Names' which he describes as 'not the most exciting reading ever printed, but recommended as a sleep aid!' It is online and I was told by John that Kilkhampton would be in the next update.

The link he gave me was:

[https://archive.org/details/TheEtymologyOfMarsCraterNames\\_201803/mode/2up](https://archive.org/details/TheEtymologyOfMarsCraterNames_201803/mode/2up)

*Words added for this edition, July 2026:* I checked this link at the time of the previous article but it hadn't been updated. It looks like that update still hasn't happened, as the document still has the year 2018 as the last update. I wonder if anyone will be living on Mars by the time the name Kilkhampton appears in the records?



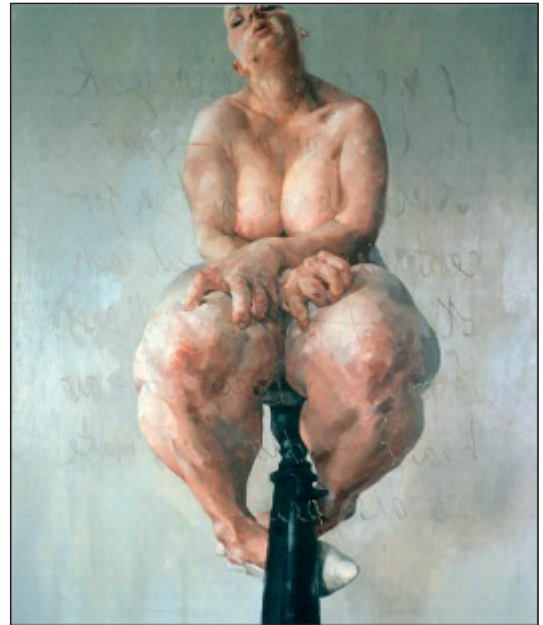
*Apologies for the poor quality of this image, if you look closely you may be able to spot the name 'Kilkhampton' in the middle of the photo*

## BUDE LOOK GROUP

This month we discussed two very different modern British artists, Jenny Saville and Eileen Cooper.

Both, however, have skills founded on figure drawing. This is a self-portrait painted while looking at a mirror. There is mirror writing in the background which reads, "If we continue to speak in this sameness – speak as men have spoken for centuries, we will fail each other," a quote from feminist writer Luce Irigaray.

The skin tones and form are so realistically painted! So, we asked, why has she exaggerated her shape in this way, and why is she propped so precariously in this seated position?



Jenny Saville *Propped* 1992  
(Size: 84 x 72ins)



Jenny Saville *Drift* 2020-2022

We discussed the huge stress now placed on women to adhere to current standards of perfection in terms of appearance, and on the impact this can have on mental health, and self-confidence.

Jenny Saville continues in her desire to distil the essence of what it is to be human, particularly our vulnerability. Her huge paintings are too tall to fit into a house and they continue to shock. After applying layers of colour very freely, she builds her portraits using the techniques learned from studying artists such as Rembrandt and Titian. She is a giant in the art world.

### Eileen Cooper

We thought Eileen Cooper's paintings were more accessible. *"I'm happy for the viewer to interpret my work, I like that quote 'the viewer brings the final piece of the puzzle'."* Eileen Cooper.

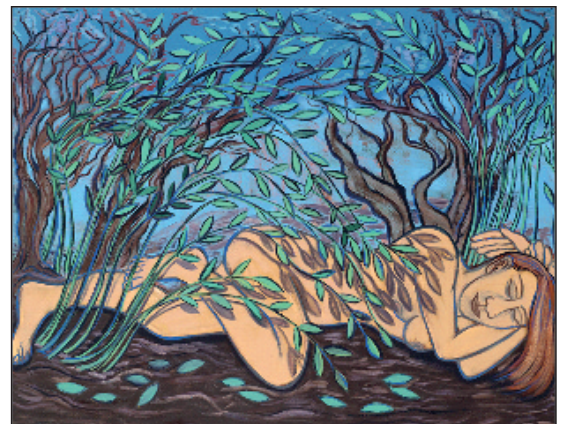
Her work is deceptively simple and yet conveys feelings that we immediately relate to our own experience. Some paintings, such as the one on the left, depict mundane personal activities.:

Others, such as the one below, perfectly express feelings that many of us have had. All are wonderfully composed to fill the space in interesting ways, and they always engage us in thought. *"I love the possibility of the mysterious and the magical being suggested."* Eileen Cooper.

Her work is allegorical and explores many themes, such as our connectivity to nature, but all are reflections of our lives. She wants us to *read* her work and form our own meaning to "complete the puzzle."



Eileen Cooper *Sleep* 2021  
(Oil on canvas, 23 x 30cm)



Eileen Cooper *RA Memory* 2018 (Oil on canvas, 106 x 137cm)

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

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