

# Kilkhampton Parish News

December 2009 - January 2010

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## Christmas 2009



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# Church Services

at  
**St. James the Great**  
**December 2009 - January 2010**

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	READING	SIDESMEN	FLOWER
29th November	11am <u>6pm</u>	Parish Eucharist with Rev. Christopher Scott <u>Advent Carol Service</u> <u>With Gloria Street</u>	Jer. 33, 14-16 Ed Shepherd	Rowly Pillman And Carolyn Porter	Please see rota at the back
6th December	11am	Parish Eucharist with Rev. Gerald Smith	Bar. 5 1-9 Or Mal 3 1-4	Val Shepherd And Celia Bell	Please see rota at the back
13th December	11am	Short Service With Gloria Street Followed by Parish Statement of Needs Meeting	Zep. 3 14-20 Anne Stone	Jeanette Norman And Margaret Collins	Please see rota at the back
20th December	11am <u>6pm</u>	Parish Eucharist With Rev. D. Adams <u>Carol Service</u> <u>With Gloria Street</u>	Mic. 5 2-5 Rowly Pillman	Trevor Tamblin And Mike Cook	Please see rota at the back
24th December (Christmas)	11:30pm	Midnight Mass With Rev. Douglas Adams	2 Sam. 7 1- 5,8,11,16 Tony Davis	Volunteers	
25th December (Christmas)	11am	Christmas Eucharist With Rev. Douglas Adams		Volunteers	
27th December	11am	Parish Eucharist With Rev. Douglas Adams	1 Sam. 2 18-20,26 Gwen Knox	Joyce Davis And Mary Revell	Please see rota at the back
3rd January (Epiphany)	11am	Family Service With Gloria Street	Isa. 60 1-6 Carolyn Porter	Rowly Pillman And Carolyn Porter	Please see rota at the back
10th January (Epiphany 1)	11am	Parish Eucharist With Rev. Chris Scott	Isa. 43 1-7 Ray Shaddick	Val Shepherd And Celia Bell	Please see rota at the back
17th January (Epiphany 2)	11am	Parish Eucharist With Rev. Douglas Adams	Isa. 62 1-5 Ed Shepherd	Jeanette Norman And Margaret Collins	Please see rota at the back
24th January (Epiphany 3)	11am	Parish Eucharist With Rev. Chris Scott	Neh. 8 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Trevor Tamblin	Trevor Tamblin And Mike Cook	Please see rota at the back
31st January Candlemas	11am 1pm	Parish Eucharist With The Rural Dean  Candlemas Lunch	Mag. 3 1-5 Anne Stone	Joyce Davis And Mary Revell	Please see rota at the back

## **From Tony Davis - Acting Chairman of the Parochial Church Council.**

As you are all aware, our church is currently without a priest. We are reliant on the services of the Rural dean (Who, in effect, becomes our parish priest during the interregnum) to ensure that services are maintained.

Your church is managed, day to day, by the elected Parochial Church Council, which is now charged with the task of preparing a "Statement of Needs" to enable the selection process to begin.

Having had two joint meetings with the PCC of St. Johns, Morwenstow, chaired by the Archdeacon and supported by the Rural Dean, we now have a consultation period during which we, the PCCs, are to draft a document to put forward our views and opinions as to the incumbent we require to fulfil the specific needs of our united benefice.

To this end we want to consult widely within the Parish and give everyone the opportunity to be part of the process. You are invited to contact any of our PCC members (see below) to make your personal views known. Key areas you may wish to consider are:- Your hopes for the future of our united benefice; Qualities you would look for in a new incumbent; Significant changes you consider desirable to enable our congregation to grow - how do we reach new members, young and old?

On Sunday 13th December there will be a short service followed by presentation of the details of our "draft" statement. This will reflect, wherever possible, the concensus view of the parish. The meeting will be over by 12 Noon approx.

## **PLEASE TRY TO BE WITH US ON DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

### Members of the PCC:

Trevor Tamblin 321214

Celia Bell 321423

Gloria Street 352683

Joyce & Tony Davis 353862

Rowly Pillman 321450

Henry Trewin 354934

Gwen Knox 321341

## **The Way Forward - a letter from Clive Cohen**

### **Archdeacon of Bodmin**

It is possible by the time you read this, that a For Sale notice will have gone up outside the Rectory and you may be wondering what is happening.

Patterns of ministry in the Church of England are changing and more parishes are coming under the care of unpaid clergy, sometimes called non-stipendiary ministers or self-supporting ministers, rather than paid clergy, known as stipendiary priests. One of the reasons for this change is that, whilst there are more men and women retiring from the stipendiary ministry than being ordained to it, the reverse is true of the non-stipendiary ministry, which is growing. We therefore have an increasing number of people who are able to support themselves, whilst there is a decreasing number of people who need payment.

The next Parish Priest in Kilkhampton and Morwenstow will, therefore, be unpaid and as the Rectory is a large and expensive to run house we want to replace it with something that is somewhat smaller and more economical to run. After all, if we are not going to be paying the priest, it is only reasonable that he or she should have a house that is not exorbitantly expensive to heat – and this is even more critical in an age when fuel prices are increasing rapidly.

The priest will work collaboratively with his or her neighbours to the south. Indeed, the clergy of the deanery are already meeting together weekly to pray, study the Bible, and plan. This new way of working has enormous benefits as it both prevents isolation and means that particular gifts can be used across a wider area.

The next part of the process is for both parishes, Kilkhampton and Morwenstow, to draw up Statement of Needs and I visited a joint meeting of the PCCs at the beginning of November. Deanery clergy are also drawing up a similar Statement. This will outline both the needs of the deanery and how they can support a parish priest in Kilkhampton and Morwenstow and be the beneficiary of his or her gifts. While this is going on, we will seek to sell the current Rectory and to look for a new one, which I believe should still be in Kilkhampton.

Obviously, both processes are going to take some time, but in the meantime you have the very capable services of Canon Rob Dickenson, your Rural Dean, who becomes in effect your parish priest, and also of the Revd Douglas Adams, a retired priest living in the vicinity, as well as other clergy and Readers.

I hope this keeps you abreast of current developments.

**Clive Cohen**



# Letter from Gloria our Reader...

The four weeks before Christmas are the church season of Advent. During these weeks we make time to step aside from the bustle and excitement of preparing for Christmas so that we can ponder spiritual things.

The Bible readings for the four Sundays of Advent help us to consider how we are living our lives and how they will stand up to the Last Judgement when God ends this world and Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead.

Advent gives us time to face up to our deliberate wrong-doing as well as our acts of thoughtless foolishness and to make what amends we can. It gives us the chance to tell God we are sorry and then thankfully and joyfully to know that he has forgiven us and that we can start afresh with a clean slate.

Now to Christmas. The Christian experience is that in Christ Jesus we have what Bishop John Robinson called the human face of God.

If Jesus is God incarnate then his birth has many levels of meaning and significance.

Jesus is not born to a royal family or in a luxurious home. His father is a carpenter or builder and his parents have had to travel to Bethlehem as a result of a political decision to have a census. Mary is heavily pregnant and so Jesus is born in a stable, the overflow accommodation of an inn.

The first people to know about the long-promised event are shepherds. Now while shepherds were out looking after their sheep they were unable to keep up with the religious rules that Judaism had developed and therefore were unable to be ritually pure. So the story shows that God identifies with and cares for the poor and those outside organised religion as well as those within it.

It tells us in the very first book in the Bible that God *made male and female in his own image and like-*

*ness* which is why we think of God as our father and other people as our brothers and sisters.

This is why the Parish church is there for everyone in the parish. It's just like the family home. Some, as it were, live at home and they're the ones who go to church each week; some live near enough to visit say, once a month. Some only come at Christmas and Easter, but the important thing is to come. Christmas is all about families getting together to celebrate the revelation that God loves each and every one of us totally. This is simply because of who he is and not because of anything we do or don't do and one of the most shattering revelations of all time is in the Epistle of St John "God is love."

***Love is the very nature and purpose of God and this it what makes sense of the Incarnation, that total outpouring of unselfish love in Jesus. This makes sense of the Christian claim that in Jesus Christ we have seen the glory "of the One and only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."***

***Jesus himself commanded us to love and care for one another and if we ask him we will be enabled by the Holy Spirit to do this. "***

***As the liturgical weeks of Advent and Christmas unfold therefore, Advent warns us to be prepared for Christ's Second Coming as Judge when we answer to him for how we have lived our lives and Christmas to reflect upon God's love expressed in the wonder and marvel of the Incarnation.***

***Let us however be careful not to leave it just until then, for the time to become aware of the loving presence of God and to see Christ in one another is always now.***

**The Churchwardens, the members of the PCC join me in wishing everyone**

*a Joyful Christmas and we pray that 2010 will be richly blessed.*

## **Dates for your diary**

### **December**

Christmas market  
Dec. 5th in the Church  
10-3pm

St. James Carol Service  
Sunday 20th December 6pm

### **January**

Sunday 31st 1pm  
Candlemas Hot Lunch  
In the Grenville Rooms

Saturday 9th  
Big Breakfast  
9am—12noon

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**BABB,**

Special thoughts as always at Christmas of our dear Dad, Mum, Sister Joanne and friend Sharon, missed so very much. especially at this time of the year.

Also never forgotten my two little granddaughters born asleep. **Molly Joanne**  
And **Tilly Ann**. Also all family and friends no longer with us.

Ann, Brian & all the family, John and Beryl xxx

**MERVYN SLEEMAN**

Remembering a dear Dad, Grampy and Great Grampy

On his birthday December 24th.

Love from John, Trevor, Anne, grand-children and great grandchildren.

Remembering with everlasting love, especially at Christmas, **KENNETH TURNER**,  
who passed away on December 23 1972.

And **TED DAVIES**, who passed away on March 31 2006.

Always in my thoughts. Audrey

Remembering my dear husband **IVOR GRILLS** at Christmas, missing you more each day.

Love From Ellen and Family xx

In loving memory of **HARRY RANDALL**, a dear husband and father, also granddaughter **TANYA**.

From Joan Randall.

Remembering with love **MADGE SPRY** a wonderful, loving Mum and Gran who passed away on  
December 18th 2000. Often on our lips and always in our thoughts. Lyn, Dave and family.

In loving memory of **ARTHUR HARRIGAN**, who passed away 8 December 1995.

Love you always, Edith, Marie, David, Andrew and Mark.

**LAVIS - Remembering Dad,**

**FRED** who left us 22nd January 1992. Will always miss you. Always in our thoughts, Joy, Jim and family.

In loving memory of my mother, **SUVLA BANBURY**, on her birthday, 23rd January, from Ruth and family.

**ARTHUR JORDAN** - Birthday remembrance on January 6th.

With love from Keith, Nigel and families.

Remembering son **ANDREW** and husband **TERRY** at Christmas, and Mum **ROSE PIPER**,  
with love always XXX Rita and families.

Treasured memories of Mum **BEATRICE LANE**, who passed away on December 12th 1972,  
and Dad **HAROLD LANE**, who passed away December 25 1981. From Iris, Phyl and Families.

In loving memory of my parents, **ANNIE & CHARLES BAILEY**.

Mam passed away on December 22nd 1962, and Dad on 6th June 1972,  
and my dear husband **ARTHUR** in 1988. From Gwen and family.

In loving memory at Christmas of a dear Mum, **MARIAN WIDDICOMBE**.

Trevor, Robert, Maureen and family XXXX

Thinking of our much loved son **RICHARD GIFFORD** at this time of the year.

Love always, Mum and Dad.

**NANCEKIVELL** – Remembering **DAVE** on his birthday, December 1st.

Loved and missed so much everyday, Eileen, Richard, Nikki, Roland, Ruth, Edward, Helen  
and families.

Birthday remembrance with love: **WILLIAM THOMAS HOLDEN**, December 4th, **ANNIE HOLDEN**,  
December 16th, and **DENNIS WILLIAM METHERELL**, January 25th.

**WESTLAKE**

With fondest love at Christmas **RUSS**.

We will all be thinking and missing you so much as the third Christmas goes by.

Love always.

Betty, Julian, Emma & Nan.

**CORNISH**

Remembering our precious parents **REG and SYLVIA** especially at Christmas time

But always in our thoughts

Love Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette, grandchildren, great grandchildren

And all the family.

Also remembering our dear auntie **EDIE CORNISH**.

To my dad **JIM SPRY**

It's definitely not the same without you.

Love Adam and the boys

**HEARD**, In loving memory of **DENNIS JEWELL** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Loved and not forgotten, from the family.

*Grateful thanks to all that sponsor the cost of Floodlighting  
our Beautiful Church. A donation of £5.00 or more is  
appreciated with each entry.*

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## **Christmas Greetings and Messages**

**GWEN FANSON** will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but wishes relations, friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

**ANN MITCHELL** would like to thank kind neighbours and friends for all their help with shopping and lifts to hospital after my recent operation. I've much appreciated all the kindness shown to me, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

**BABB** Congratulations, Nikita on becoming Tiverton Town Carnival Queen.  
I'm sure you will have a wonderful year.  
Well done lots of love your Nanny and Brian xxx

**FLO & CLIFF DE-ROSA** will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but wish family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**BABB** Congratulations to my Grandson Carl who was 18 on November 13th, best wishes and lots of love, Grandmother & Brian xxx

**To Ed & Val Shepherd** Wishing you both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Best Wishes from Adam

**RON PARNELL** Would like to thank his family and friends for all the kind thoughts and get well cards received during his stay in Derriford Hospital. Special thanks to Una, Trina, Martin, Rayna, Connie, Shaun, Nikki and Adam for all their help and support.

# The Methodist Church

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rev. Paddy Kyle	Eileen Nancekivell	Pam Metherell & Joan Sillifant
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mr. Kevin Hogarth	Sandra Jones	Roger & Brenda Dunstan
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rev. Joy Wilson	Christmas	Edgar & Marion Metherell
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	L A or Bude	Christmas	Pam & Dave Sillifant

Dear Friends,

Christmas is fast approaching, and before too long, we shall all start to experience the friendliness and joy that is so often around at this time of year. But after Christmas, many people ask the question: 'Why can't the goodwill that we all share during that season can't be with us all the year round?' The answer is that it can -- if we have the will to do it.

The desire to show our love to people as we choose and then give them gifts, is not something that we do everyday; we make the effort, once a year, but it doesn't take much effort to be kind helpful and caring all the time, and the rewards are enormous. If we treat every person with whom we come into contact, with love and respect -- in effect, treating them as we ourselves would like to be treated, then the knock-on effect would be staggering; because we all have a tendency to treat the next person we meet in exactly the same way as we have just been treated.

As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we remind ourselves of the gifts of the Wise Men and the Shepherds; but we remember too, the greatest gift of all, the gift from God to us, the gift of his own Son, Jesus.

With that gift, came the gift of love, as we know it today, and the wonderful thing is that love never fades. Every other gift we will ever be given, will either break, fade, become too small or unfashionable; love just grows the more we share it. I am reminded of an old rhyme that goes like this: "That love in your heart wasn't put there to stay, because love isn't love till you give it away."

St Paul calls love the greatest gift of all, and this is because of all the blessings we have on earth, love is the only one we take with us when we die.

So as we prepare ourselves for the Christmas season, let us remember that it is possible to keep that special atmosphere all the year round, but it is up to us to make the effort to put that love into practice, every moment of every day.

A very happy and joyous Christmas to you all.

With all good wishes,

*Joy Wilson*

**Pat and Noel Mitchell** would like to thank everyone for the kind words, cards and gifts received before and since we left Kilkhampton. We thoroughly enjoyed our fourteen and a half years living and working alongside so many friends in the village. We didn't really want to leave but thought it was the right time to move closer to our family. Our sadness is relieved by the pleasure of spending so much more time with our daughters and our grandchildren. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### **A letter from Clive Vanstone**

It was about 15 years ago that Pat and Noel Mitchell came to look at our house in West Street which we were trying to sell. They liked it - but not as much as the one next door. West Cottage was not on the market at that time but they managed to purchase it.

They moved in quietly and gently joining in with village life. Noel was interested in local government and was elected onto the parish council where I got to know him very well and is the main reason for writing this article.

As a retired head teacher, who had stood for parliament he was very knowledgeable about how local government works, and during his time as Chair of Kilk P.C. he implemented many things that would not have been done without his expertise.

One of which was the Parish Plan. Like most parish councillors I was not convinced about the value of this document. Noel plodded on producing a plan that was copied by many parishes in the area. The value of the plan became apparent when we started applying for lottery and other grants. Noel is an expert at this. Kilkhampton has benefitted by many tens of thousands of pounds mainly due to his efforts.

He is still working for K.P.C. from his new home in Norfolk, applying for funding for the proposed sports pavilion at Lamb Park.

Noel and Pat were active members of many organisations in Kilk and the wider area. I will not try to list them all - the other members of the committees will know that when they joined things would happen.

They did not want to leave Kilk and its unique weather but the call of family, especially grandchildren, was too strong.

A lovely couple who brought so much to our village and will be impossible to replace.

We wish them well.

Clive Vanstone

## **Remembrance Sunday Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

This was the first year for sometime that we did not have our Rector, Rev (Wing Commander) Peter Abell officiating at the War Memorial for the Short Service of Remembrance. This year a large congregation met at the War Memorial and the service was led by Rev Mrs Joy Wilson ( Methodist Chapel) officiating. She was assisted by Mrs Gloria Street the Reader for St James Church and Albert Sloman, Pastor of the Kilkhampton Christian Fellowship.

A minutes silence was held and the passing traffic was stopped as a sign of respect. The poem,

' They shall not grow old ' was recited by Alan Crews assisted by Ray Shaddick. A short poem entitled ' The Remembrance Poem ' written by Lucy Stevens, aged 9 years was read by Mrs Gloria Street.

At the conclusion of the Service wreaths and tributes were laid by;

The Parish Council, The W. I., The Gardeners Club, Grenville Lodge, The Kilkhampton Youth Club, The Kilkhampton Brownies and the Kilkhampton AFC. In addition there were numerous personal tributes left at the War Memorial by those attending.

One such tribute was left by a lady on holiday from Cheshire whose Grandfather was born in Kilkhampton and whose name is listed on the memorial.

At the conclusion of the Short Service a Joint Service was then held in the Methodist Chapel.

Thank you to all of those who attended and showed support for our Men & Women, Past and Present, who have served our Country so well, and for remembering those who did not return.

### **Remembrance Poem**

Covered in poppies, red and black,  
and let our minds think right back,  
let us all join in with a prayer ,  
and lay our wreaths with great care.

All remember those at war,  
hurt, injured and much, much more.

People think of those right now,  
And those who died and think, " well  
how ?"

How in the future will we stop this fight?  
Let us hope and try, and pray we might.

Lucy Stevens  
aged 9 years

# **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

## **5th DECEMBER 2009**

### **In the Church 10am-3pm**



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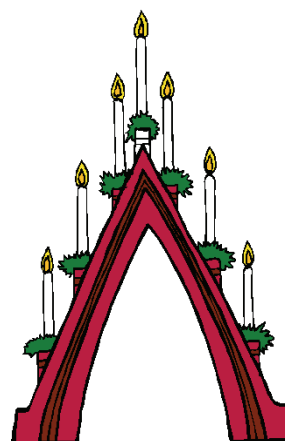
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**And Lots, Lots More...**

## **THE ADVENT CHARITY CANDLE TREE**

**On each of the 4 Sundays of Advent one ring of candles on the Advent Tree in St James's is lit during church services finishing on Christmas Eve with the lighting of the Christ Candle. All YOU have to do is write your dedication on the envelope provided, circle the day on which you would like it read, enclose your donation (minimum £5) and hand it in to one of the churchwardens or PCC members, the envelopes are in the church now!**



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**Cancer Research UK** Committee would like to thank their many supporters in Kilkhampton for their generosity during 2009.

It is by your efforts, along with the local community that this year alone, we have raised for the first time ever the magnificent sum of £25,000 (twenty five thousand pounds) Thank you Kilk.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Ray Shaddick  
Chairman

### Postal Scam...

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## CANDLEMAS LUNCH

The Candlemas Lunch will be held on Sunday 31st January in the Grenville Rooms at 1pm. Tickets available from the normal sources.

## KILKHAMPTON & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB

The November meeting was opened by the new Chairman, Frances Hill-Smith who welcomed members and thanked them for turning out on such a "Wintry" evening. She then introduced the Speaker for the evening, Nick Oliver, from St. Johns Nursery, BarrLstaple, who is well-known to us from previous talks, this time to tell us about "Shrubs and trees for the Season".

He *had brought a large selection of plants which would provide colourful leaves, stems, flowers or berries* from now until the Spring. An enthusiastic and lively speaker, he then showed us the plants one by one and explained their virtues and uses with tips about the locations best suited to them. For colourful foliage Acers are of course very well know, but cannot tolerate windy locations, so are of little use in Kilkhampton unless you have a very sheltered spot / Heucharas provide excellent ground cover, now *come in a very wide range* of colours and most will retain their leaves year-round. Larger plants such as the Choisya and Mahonia. have excellent leaf colour, also have fragrant flowers which in the case of the Mahonia are produced over the winter months and this plant also has blue berries later on and some varieties even have leaf colour change ! There is also Viburnum Tinus with its white winter flowers *and* the Cornus *family* with coloured winter *stems*.

Phormiums and some grasses come in van-coloured varieties and have elegant growth, Then there are the berry-bearing plants such as the well-known Skimmia and the less well known Pernettya which has berry colour ranging fran white, pink, rose, red and purple, all borne In clusters. We should also consider flowers such as the primroses and Polyanthus, which provide vivid splashes of colour from early Spring (and even in late Winter) and plant growers have now crossed the Cyclamen Persica (the house plant) with the totally hardy Cyclamen Coum to produce a Hybrid which is hardy and has large flowers and will provide ground cover colour from Autumn to Spring. Nick also introduced some plants not known to many of us which have been successfully introduced into the U.K. and provide differnt winter interest.

Altogether an inspiring talk giving many ideas and suggestions, rounded off with a "questions" session where Nick was able to provide the answers.

Our December meeting, on Wednesday 9th, takes the form of the Club Christmas Dinner, at The New Inn, and we start our 2010 Programme on Wednesday January 6'. when Henry ICendall will *talk to us* about "*The Honey Bee*" Meetings take place at the Grenville Rooms, Penstow Road, Kilkhampton at 7.30.pm. Visitors and guests are always welcome so why not come along to our January meeting and see what we are like! Details of what the Club offers to members can be obtained from the Chairman, Frances Hill-Smith (01288 350183) or the Secretary, Eric Latter (01288 321002)

Finally, the Chairman and Committee wish you all, members and non-members alike, a Happy Christmas and a good growing year in 2010!

## New Street Lights

You may have noticed that new Street lighting has been installed in the village. This is part of Cornwall Council's 'Invest to Save' initiative and, according to the Council's Project Manager, James Lantsbery, will save £54m over the next 25 years as well as reducing the Council's carbon emissions by 60% to meet the UK targets by 2050.

The new low energy lights are being fitted to the existing poles as the contractors go around on their planned maintenance tasks and the North

Cornwall villages are among the first to be installed following a successful trial at Crackington Haven.

They emit a white light which is easier to see by, and can be individually controlled remotely for different light levels and on/off times. The lights also have the ability to automatically report when they are faulty which should mean a faster repair response. The lights were lit continually, even during daylight, for quite a while after installation. I am told that this is a normal part of the process because the contractors have to provide information to the Council before the lights can be controlled and the information is only available when a batch of lights has been replaced.

We will be given the opportunity to influence how the lighting is programmed in the area, and in about 6 months time, the Council will consult with each community, probably through the Parish Councils, to agree the lighting levels and when they will be lit. The Council can set up a variety of lighting in the village for a short period so that we can see the effect before deciding on the final arrangement. We will keep you informed of this process nearer the time. James Lantsbery has kindly provided us with a copy of the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which will shortly be published on the Cornwall Council website <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/>.

If you need to report a faulty street light you can do so by ringing the Council on 0300 1234 222 or email [roadtransportandparking@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:roadtransportandparking@cornwall.gov.uk) giving the light reference number which is attached to the pole (yellow figures on a black background e.g. AICO) and the location (town and road).

By Mike Sutton  
Editor of the Whitstone Whistler  
[www.whitstonevillage.com](http://www.whitstonevillage.com)  
(Thanks to Mike for letting us use this article)



## THE 'TREE' BOOK GROUP

The Group held its third meeting and welcomed 1 new member.

The book for review was 'The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende.

Spanning four generations, the saga is populated by a memorable, often eccentric, cast of characters. The forces of nature, history, spirits, men and women, converge in the novel.

The novel encompasses over half a century of Chilean history, even though you are never told the book is set in Chile.

There is an occasional unnecessary swap in narrative from third to first person.

The Group collectively agreed the book was well written but quite difficult and hard going. There was a consensus that perseverance was required but the effort was worth it.

Our next book is The Road by Cormac McCarthy. The next meeting is Wednesday 9th December at 11am at the Tree in Stratton.

Future dates for your diary:-

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at 11am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 at 11am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 11am

Contact Tel No: 07928 208635 (Dorothy Flaxman)



Dear Readers,

Now that the annual Remembrance week has past, the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal will slip from our minds until next year,

Are there any among you who could help in keeping the RBL alive and strong in the future? Would you like to be involved? Why not join a local branch?

We at Bude & Stratton Branch are always looking for new members, Marhamchurch Branch is also recruiting. Should enough people be interested it would be possible to Re-form a Kilkhampton Branch.

Please remember, it is not necessary that you served in the Armed Forces to become a member, all that is needed is the desire to help us promote the Poppy Appeal and the work of the Royal British Legion.

The cost is small; at present male membership is £11 per annum and ladies £5. In the event you would like further information please contact me by email: [godfreyharrison@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreyharrison@btinternet.com), telephone 01288 354728 or by letter to: Godfrey W. Harrison RBL Headquarters 5 Burn View, Bude, Cornwall EX23 81W

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely, Godfrey W. Harrison  
**Bude & Stratton Branch Hon. Secretary**

# COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2009

**KILKHAMPTON  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS**

10AM TO 12.30PM

Cake Stall, Raffle, Table Top Sale, Games Etc.

RAISING FUNDS FOR VICTA

GILL GILBERT'S 2010 LONDON MARATHON CHARITY

VICTA Children Ltd Reg. Charity No. 1065029

## *Kilkhampton A F C*

### *Fixtures at Lamb Park*

*December 2009*

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	K.O. 2.30pm	Kilk 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	v's	Combe Martin
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	K.O. 10.30am	Kilk u/13s	v's	Braunton u/13's North Devon League
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>		awaits		
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	K.O.	Kilk Ladies	v's	Camelford Ladies Cornwall Womens League
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	K.O. 2.15pm	Kilk Reserves	v's	Tarka Athletic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Hutchings Cup
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	K.O. 10.30am	Kilk u/13's	v's	Holsworthy u/13's North Devon League
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>		awaits		
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>		awaits		

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Please Note

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**BOXING DAY**

Bude Town v's Kilkhampton AFC  
at Broad Close Hill, Bude

K.O. awaits

These fixtures are correct at the time of publication

## *Kilkhampton Parish Council*

*Keith W Taylor*  
*Clerk to the Parish Council*

*Brooklea*  
*Stibb*  
*Bude*  
*Cornwall*  
*EX23 9HP*  
*01288 354 636*

### *Parish Council Meeting*

The monthly Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November with Rollo McGrath in the chair. He was accompanied by 7 other members and Cllr Paula Dolphin our CC member.

The Parish Plan Review forms have all been collected and a system of analysing the results was agreed. An update was also given on the progress of funding for the Lamb Park buildings and it was noted that the Cornwall County Playing Field Association have very kindly donated a sum of £2000.00 to assist with the project. BT have decided that due to the poor usage of 2 of our telephone boxes, Thurdon only being used 4 times and Stibb 20 times during the last year they wish to close them. Accordingly they have decided to remove their equipment and have offered the Parish Council the opportunity of 'Adopting' the 2 telephone boxes for a nominal price. A petition was brought to the meeting indicating the support for this project. The Parish Council decided that they will write to BT to indicate that they are interested in the idea of adopting the 2 red phone boxes in Stibb and Thurdon and will ask for more information. If these boxes are purchased, the Parish Council must accept that they will be responsible for the cost of their maintenance. There is no information about any of the other telephone boxes within the parish at present.

The Short Service at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday was discussed and it is hopeful that a large number of residents will attend to show support for our young servicemen and women who are at present fighting abroad. Christmas Carols at the Lych Gate was also discussed and it was noted that the numbers attending have been getting smaller year by year. It was agreed to change the day to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December to start at 6 for 6.30pm to see if that is a better day and time for our younger residents to attend. Other items discussed included our Highways, Village Maintenance, the Equal Opportunities Act, the Parish Walks and necessary renovation work in The Grenville Rooms.

Planning Applications discussed were for;  
Mr V Short of 8, Rosecott Park, Messrs D & M Spence of Bryder Farm, and Mr & Mrs Cheeseman of Ivyleaf Combe, Ivyleaf Hill ( x 3).  
A Planning Approval has been received for Mr & Mrs G England of Browhill, Ivyleaf Hill.

There were 6 items of correspondence which were discussed and noted including; the Annual Report for the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum, consultation documents for both SW Ambulance and Cornwall Fire Service and a letter from Mr J A Dickinson regarding the Parish Plan Review.

Residents are reminded that they can access the Parish Magazine by logging into [www.kilkhampton.net](http://www.kilkhampton.net), and the Parish Council Noticeboard in The Square has the agenda for the monthly Parish Council Meeting from the Friday prior to the next meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was agreed as **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009** at 7.30pm at The Grenville Rooms.

# BIG BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010**  
**9 a.m. to 12 noon**

**IN THE GRENVILLE ROOMS**

**Tickets £6.00**  
**From Reg 321340,**  
**Joyce 353862 and Marlene 321231**

Fruit Juice  
Cereal  
Full English Breakfast  
Toast & Preserves  
Tea or Coffee

**Proceeds to Grenville Rooms Funds**

*Kilkhampton*

## **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Someone said to me once that, next to divorce, selling your house was one of the most traumatic experiences that you will go through in life and we are discovering the truth of it as our house sale has fallen through. The hopes of being in the village with you by Christmas dashed and with it the disappointment that we feel. Sometimes in life you have to "dig-in" so, with a new agent and renewed confidence on our part, watch this space!

Christmas is different things for different people isn't it? In September I had to take part in the funeral service of a friend. For that family this Christmas will be a difficult one as trying to celebrate and feeling that sense of grief is really hard. So, this Christmas, if you know of someone in difficult circumstances pray for them, or better still, how about asking them to spend Christmas day with you (most of us will throw away enough to feed 2 or 3 people!) If you want to have the best Christmas make Christmas special for someone else.

First, Christmas – then the start of a new year. At this point it's a time usually of reflection of the year that has passed. Perhaps you're glad it's over as everything will be better next year! I'm sorry if I am going to burst your bubble but it won't. Let me explain – if you are obnoxious people still won't like you in 2010, if you make unwise purchases or live outside your means your bank balance will still be in the red, if those who should know that you love them don't know because you haven't told them or you haven't shown it they still won't know in 2010, and, by the way, more people get divorced in January than any other month of the year. I have learnt, sometimes the hard way, that if I want the next year to be better than the last I need to look at what "I" need to change and do I need help to change it. Be careful of making rash resolutions. Instead look at what went right in 2009 and be grateful to God for it, then look at what was not so good in 2009 and ask these questions – what could I have done, what should I have done, and what do I need to do to stop 2010 from being the same? Then go and do it and your year will change.

John 3 verse 16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." That's the message of Christmas. God loving you and me so much that He was prepared to send His only Son, knowing that the cross was the only way of redemption for us. I know you won't forget the real meaning of this festive time.

From Di and myself, we wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and step into the New Year with hope and determination to make it the best year ever. May God bless you and keep you in the centre of His will.

Albert Sloman, Pastor Tel 01566 781208

November 2009

Dear Friends,

The start to this school year was rather strange as we were preparing for me to make a 4000+ mile journey to Uganda, Africa to visit a partner school. Rugot School is in the Tororo District about five miles from the Kenyan border and several miles off tarmac road along hard baked orange dirt roads shaped by roots, rain and the tread of many feet and bicycle tyres.

I don't know where to start with explaining my trip to Uganda. It's a beautiful fertile country where anything will grow in a year round 26-27°C average temperature, as long as the rain falls when it should. Kampala is a bustling modern city with the usual range of businesses and residential homes that span from the many poor shacks to the few architect-designed grandeur. Our guesthouse came complete with cold shower, a power cut and geckos in the loo - and that was quite smart! I attended a lot of meetings with a lot of very grateful people who gave rather long speeches of thanks to Food For Thought, UK, Kulika Trust Uganda and the three of us for taking the time to travel so far to visit them. It was humbling how grateful people were, how our visit helped them to feel valued, that we cared and that it gave them hope and strength to keep working (and they do work very hard) to know that so many people in Cornwall knew they were there. I have travelled for hours on dusty orange roads to visit a total of 10 schools, all with the same dream, to be accepted by the outside world, to feed and educate their children because at last Uganda is peaceful and people can see a future.

Our school, Rugot School now has 4 built classrooms and 2 classes under trees, a thriving 2 acre garden that feeds all the children every day. Huge progress especially as the government now recognises the school as a state school and will now start to inject some money into it via the district education office - all thanks to our link. The school has no electricity, no water on site (latrines were interesting), virtually no resources. It does have great teachers, children and community involvement. It is very like our school, small with huge hearts, dedicated people who want the best for each other. We have so much in material terms. Our gifts were gratefully received - as gifts, not charity which was a message everyone at Rugot loved and appreciated.

It took me until I saw our children on my return to feel I was back in reality as I understand it. I can't give you my learning journey but I can tell you that the gifts and love I took out to our school was received with humbling gratitude. The families have very little in our terms but the abiding memory I will carry forever is their love of family, love of God and love of singing, dancing and sharing. Everyone we met wanted to feed us (that's another story), entertain us, welcome us and impress on us that when we got home we must say hello from Rugot, Uganda and thank you, thank you for caring and believing in us.

What's next? An email link is being worked on but most of all our school needs water. A tank to collect rain water complete with guttering and pipes would cost £2500 to install. It would transform their lives. I carried a yellow plastic jerry can of water to experience the weight. I nearly blew my heart out(!) and children the age of our children do that chore every day to water their crops, provide water to wash hands and to cook with... and then they clean the classrooms and grounds before doing lessons. I'd like to raise funds for the water tank - not charity - Rugot would have to raise some funds locally and from the government. Any donations to the Water Tank Fund would be appreciated via the school office.

I travelled with two other teachers on a grant from the Department for Internal Development that will also fund a teacher from each Ugandan school to come to the UK. Our children have already shared letters telling of their families, our schools, their hopes and dreams. In the future we hope to study gardening and growing, each other's culture, use of water and hopefully establish a long term relationship across the miles. There is a display of photographs and artefacts in our foyer that everyone is welcome to view.

The school team deserve huge thanks for keeping everything running in my absence and presenting an excellent Harvest Celebration.

The children are enjoying a range of clubs, thanks to dedicated volunteers. We have a new PTA team and several new governors. We are preparing for our Christmas performance at Penstowe, 6.00pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to come along to watch and join in the singing (you will know all the songs). Help us raise the roof with "O, Come All Ye Faithful".

Right, I'm off to practice with the children and staff.

Jane Adams,  
Headteacher



## KILKHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB NEWS DECEMBER 2009

Youth Club would like to thank all the members who have signed up for another year and welcome all the new youngsters who joined for the first time in September. We hope you enjoy your Club - please see one of the volunteers if you have any ideas of projects or sessions you would like to do...we need your input to keep the Club to your tastes! We have some arty sessions coming up, another film night following the successful showing last month of Madagasca 2 and a disco.

### OUR THANKS GO TO.....

All the members who dressed to impress for the Halloween party we had at the School Hall in October - good fun and some great fancy dress outfits!  
Well done to Chloe McGrath winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Niamh Parnell 2<sup>nd</sup> and Becky Cottle 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Ethan Clapton for giving us all a laugh in the black and pink velvet cat suit!  
Amanda Brooke Dance Academy for the street dancing session in November - what a fantastic dance sequence the members put on for us - please see Lisa if you would like a copy.

### FINALLY...

Please note the change of venue for 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December to the School Hall due to the pantomime held at the Grenville Rooms.  
We hope you will all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **SESSION DATES;**

**NOVEMBER 27TH ~ SCHOOL HALL ~ FILM NIGHT** ~ a suitable age related film. Let us know what you want! Plus, all usual equipment and materials available.

**DECEMBER 4TH ~ SCHOOL HALL ~ CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** ~ Salt dough craft + all usual equipment and materials available.

**11TH ~ CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** ~ Salt dough craft + all usual equipment and materials available.

**18TH ~ CHRISTMAS DISCO + RAFFLE** ~ Come and party! DKDJ will supply the music 7.30-9.30.

**Youth Club will re-open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

**Have a Happy Christmas & Joyous New Year!**

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO THE COMMUNITY WHEN LEAVING THE YOUTH CLUB ~  
THANKYOU

For more info: Youth Club mobile - 07910 029099 Only in use during Club sessions  
Lisa - 07810200480 or email - [clapton9@talktalk.net](mailto:clapton9@talktalk.net)

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PLEASE COULD ALL VOLUNTEERS ATTEND A BRIEF (20 min.)  
VOLUNTEER MEETING AT THE GRENVILLE ROOMS  
ON FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ 7.15pm  
BEFORE YOUTH CLUB STARTS

PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE KNOW IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE THIS  
MEETING THANK YOU

**Lovers of the English language might enjoy this.** It is yet another example of why people learning English have trouble with the language. Learning the nuances of English makes it a difficult language. (But then, that's probably true of many languages.)

There is a two-letter word in English that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word,

and that word is 'UP.'

It is listed in the dictionary as being used as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends and we use ! it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has a real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this up is confusing:

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP !

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now .....my time is UP, so time to shut UP!

Oh...one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night?

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By Ray Shaddick



## Daddy! Is that Santa's Carbon Footprint?

**Father Christmas' sledge broke down on Christmas Eve. He flagged down a passing motorist and asked, 'Can you help me fix my sledge?'**

'Sorry,' the motorist replied. 'I'm not a mechanic - I'm a chiroprapist.'

**'Well, can you give me a toe?'**

## We Wish You a Politically Correct Christmas & New Year:

Please accept without obligation, expressed or implied, these best wishes for an environmentally safe, socially responsible, low stress, non addictive, and gender neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday as practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice (but with respect for the religious or secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or for their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all) and further for a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated onset of the generally accepted calendar year (including, but not limited to, the Christian calendar, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures). The preceding wishes are extended without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or of course choice of computer platform.

Can I have a pony?

Do you have your parents' signed liability waiver?



**What did Santa say to Mrs. Claus when he looked out the window?**

Looks like "rain", "Dear"!