



KILKHAMPTON Parish News



St. James the Great

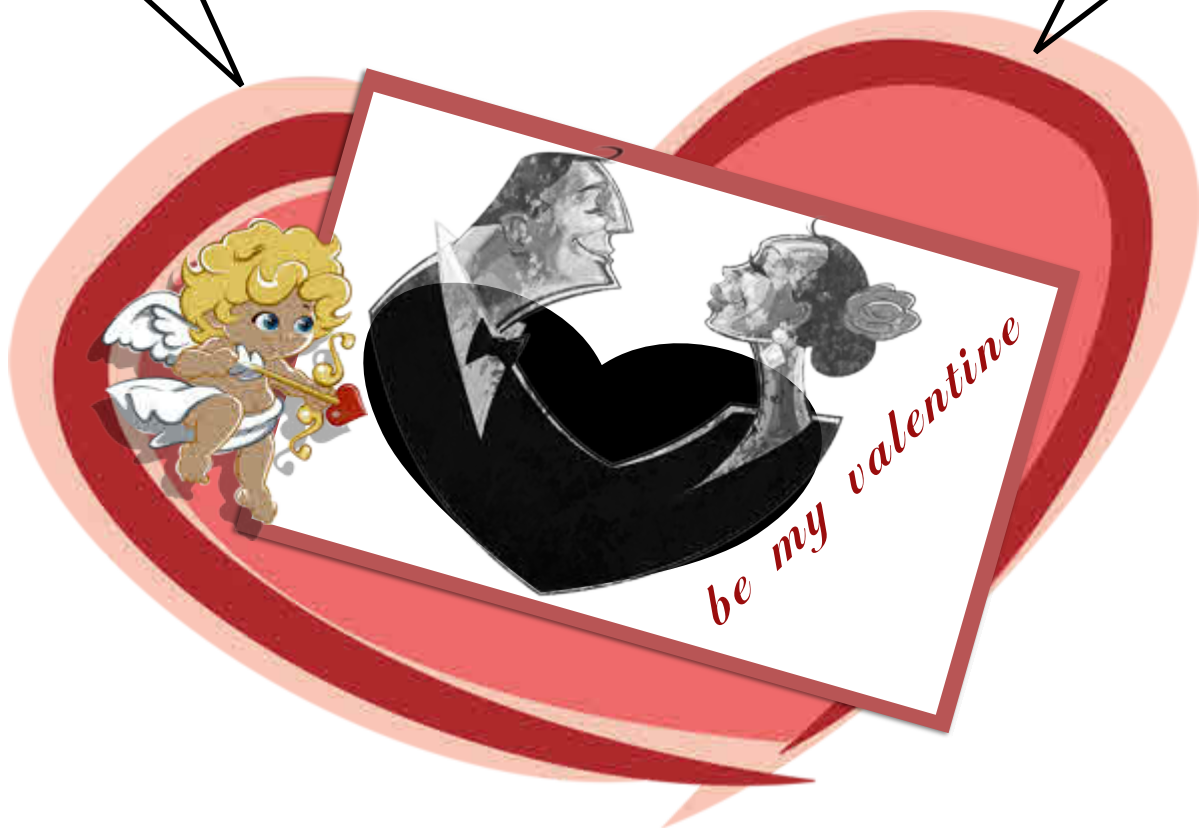
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Love
- a wildly
misunderstood although
highly desirable malfunction
of the heart which weakens
the brain, causes eyes to
sparkle, cheeks to glow,
blood pressure to rise and
the lips to pucker.

~Anon

Loving is not just
looking at each other, it's
looking in the same direction.

*Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Wind,
Sand, and Stars, 1939*



*I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day.
When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind
is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.*

Anon

FREE to each Household

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EDITORIAL

Hello Kilkhampton - so glad that we finally found you after a six month unsuccessful search in the Bude area for a home in which to enjoy our retirement, which included viewing more than forty properties. None ticked all our boxes and we had almost given up when we met Adam at Church Lodge. We knew immediately that it was the right place for us and within just over three weeks from seeing it, we had bought it and moved in, acquiring Reggie, a twenty month old English bull terrier, during the first week. Talking of acquisitions, taking over editing the Parish News was not exactly a condition of Adam agreeing to us purchasing Church Lodge, but we could hardly refuse a request from Adam, who found himself in a position of having to find someone else to take it on. We are more than happy to make this our contribution to village life.

We think the Kilkhampton Parish News is a great magazine of which you can be rightly proud. Regularly each month it has come through your letter boxes and it could become all too easy to take for granted the time, effort and expense expended by those responsible for its production and distribution and we look forward to meeting the rest of the team. It is wonderful to see so many local advertisers consistently supporting the magazine.

We welcome suitable news items and contributions pertinent to Kilkhampton, such as the lovely story written by Angel Browning about her ancestors on page 18, as well as up to date news, poetry, amusing articles/anecdotes and 'Overheards', which we will of course publish.....space permitting.

We have been made to feel very welcome in the village and already have had fun participating in the Panto, helping with Front of House and Makeup each night.

On a final note we would like to say a huge thank you, on everyone's behalf, to Adam Spry. It has become obvious to us in this short time alone that he has made a massive contribution to the Village over the past five years, not only as Editor of the Parish News, but also the many other services he provided in his 'spare' time and at his own expense, which will doubtless have to be undertaken by several other people! There is an interesting article submitted by Chris Bullett about Adam's Uncle who was the Butcher in Kilkhampton.

Glenda & Patrick Lavender

CONTRIBUTORS INFORMATION

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Many thanks to Mike Morrell for taking on the compiling of the magazine floodlighting page, see Announcements page for details.

Many thanks to Adam Spry for his compiling of the page over the last five years.

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Church Services
at
St. James the Great
Kilkhampton
FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday 5th February 3rd Sunday before Lent.

11am. Service of the Word

Welcomers: Joyce Davis and Jenny Read. Readings- Isaiah 40 verses 21 to end Roger Blackwell.
With Rev. Richard Ward-Smith

Sunday 12th February 2nd Sunday before Lent.

11am Holy Communion

Welcomers: Rowly Pillman and Margaret Collins. Reading: Proverbs 8 verses 1 and 22 – 31
Reader Henry Trewin

With Rev. Richard Ward-Smith .

Sunday 19th February Sunday next before Lent.

11am Service of the Word

Welcomers: Trevor Tamblin and Mike Cook. Reading :2 Kings 2 verses 1 – 12 Gwen Knox
With Gloria Street

Wednesday 22nd. February Ash Wednesday

11am Holy Communion with ash for repentance and forgiveness for a new start and
growth in our spiritual lives Reading Joel 2 verses 1 – 2 and 12 – 17 TBA

With Rev. Richard Ward-Smith

Sunday 26th February First Sunday of Lent

11am Holy Communion

Welcomers: Val Shepherd and Celia Bell Reading: Genesis 9 verses 8 – 17 Ed Shepherd.
With Reverend Richard Ward-Smith

Regular Communion Services (Quiet Mass) at 10am on Wednesdays. A short said service in the Grenville Chapel. All welcome as always.

From the Rectory ..

Recently I have been thinking about our Church of St James, almost in the centre of our village. For hundreds of years it has stood as a sacred place where folk have gathered, Sunday by Sunday to worship God. Even more are drawn to come to those great festivals of the year, Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Easter and Harvest Festival. Many return for those rites of passage; for example the baptism of a new born baby, a couple wishing to be married, a family wanting to say farewell to a loved one. Yes, our Church is certainly an important place in the hearts of everyone who passes by. And I haven't even mentioned those rituals of flower arranging, bell ringing, musical performances and nativity plays to name just but a few. To simply walk through the church yard can be an experience which would be highly missed were some giant hand from the sky to come down and pluck the church away to someplace else. From time immemorial the Church has stood, while "around surges a miracle of unceasing birth and glory and death and resurrection."

One of the ceremonies which almost died out, but has recently been resurrected in this country is the ceremony of 'yclipping', (the ancient

name) or 'clypping.' This entailed embracing or hugging the Church; where the congregation and the parishioners form a ring around their parish Church and embrace it. If there are not enough people then a rope or ribbon will suffice. People either stand still or walk round the building while they sing. It is a sort of way of saying, "We just love this place."

Does it all sound a bit strange? Not at all! What better way could our local Community express how they feel about where they have their homes and families. Where they were brought up, went to school, met and married, and lived and cared for one another among the generations. The Church of St James is there at the very heart of the village, like a steady, constantly burning light, a gentle flame continually warming; a force, silently at work amongst us, moulding us together. I sincerely believe that it is a place where we men, women and children of today, like those of old, can find values which add meaning and deeper layers to our experience of where we come from, where we are, and where we are going.

Rev Richard January 2012

PANCAKES

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On Shrove Tuesday

February 21st

**12 noon to 2pm
In the Chapel Room**

**£2.50 to include first pancake
and Tea or Coffee**

Proceeds for St. James Church



Church Floodlighting Sponsors February 2012

In loving memory of **TREVOR**, February 5th, always in our thoughts.
Celia, Ann, Kevin, Emma and Lucy.

In memory of my dear husband **ARTHUR HARRIGAN** on our Wedding Anniversary,
5th February.
Love you always, Edith, Marie, David, Andrew and Mark.

Remembering with love **ANDREW JOHN CANN** on his birthday, 21st February.
Love, Mum and all the family XXXX

In loving memory of **GARFIELD**, dear husband, Dad and Grandad, on his birthday,
9th February. From Marina and all the family.

Alan Cottle, Jean and Les Horrell and families in memory of
father, **WILLIAM (BILL) COTTLE**, who passed away on 16th February 1990.

Birthday remembrance of **RONALD EDWIN TAMBLIN**, dearly beloved husband
of Jean. Always in my thoughts and greatly missed.

Remembering **EDWARD TURNER MATHEWS**, who passed away in February 1992.
Always in our thoughts. Mary, Pat, Louise and families.

Remembering **MARION WIDDICOMBE** on her birthday, 13th February,
and her passing away on 1st May 2002.
From Trevor, Robert, Maureen, Barry and grandchildren.

CLEAVE

In loving memory of **Lawrence Cleave**,
who passed away 19th February 2002. Treasured Dad and Grampy.
Although 10 years have gone by, still loved and missed by us all.
Ingrid, Trevor, Nigel, Fiona, Richard, Laura, Toby, Anna and Lois.

Remembering on his birthday, February 4th, my dear husband
TED DAVIES
Love and miss you always, Audrey

Thinking of dear **GWEN FANSON** on her birthday 12th February
Love from John , Myra & family.

RUTH BABB

As always Mum, thinking of you on your passing 10.1.2001.
And on your birthday 20th January.
We remember you by talking of you daily, and miss you.
Ann ,Brian and all your family, and John and Beryl xxx

Announcements

GILBERT & VANSTONE on the 27th anniversary of the formation of their business on the 16th February 1985.
Always happy to support the floodlighting fund.

Annie Galling

Congratulations to our dear grandson **Toby** who, after a lot of hard work, is now employed as a Commis Chef to Michael Caines at Gidleigh Park Hotel on Dartmoor.
We are really proud of you.
Commis Chef today, in four years time, your own Restaurant !
Love Granny and Bry. Xxx.

Happy Birthday
Jeanette and family wish Dad (**Claude Bailey**)
A Happy 90th birthday on 26th February 2012

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

**Please send to:- Mike Morrell, Cygnus, Penstowe Road,
Kilkhampton. EX23 9QT (01288 321384)
Or
Email: mike.morrell1@btinternet.com**

Kilkhampton's Nature

From R M Heard

As it seemed drier I took a walk down Barn Woods on Monday 9th January. Soon I experienced the tinkling sound of a goldcrest, then a coal tit, blue tits and two grey squirrels. Barn Farm keeps a couple of bird feeders protected from squirrels. There I saw more tits including a great tit, a pair of dunnocks and more amazing a yellow hammer. I was pleased to see our regular buzzards overhead; no woodpeckers this time but unmistakable squawks of a pair of jays.

Snowdrops are out at the top of Barn Woods footpath.



THANK YOU



Phil & Lisa Wickett would like to say a big

Thank You

to family, friends and the offers of help and support since the fire at their house in November.

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you to All

Kilkhampton

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This time of year can be depressing – Christmas and New Year gone, so nothing to look forward to, and after those events we swing back into the same old! Same old job, same old relationship, same old struggles, and with the news telling us that there are more people on antidepressants than ever before, more people getting divorced or breaking up than ever before makes a lot of people think maybe I ought to be taking some too! But wait, stop a minute and look! The days are getting longer, that means if you look, snowdrops and daffodils are coming up. Spring is on the way. New life, new hope!

I know life may not be perfect but look at what you have and not what you don't. As far as God is concerned there is great potential in you, your marriage, your job, and part of experiencing life's best is reaching that potential, no matter what it takes. It starts with what you want! Do you want to be the best at your job, no matter what it takes? Do you want to have the best marriage, no matter what it takes? How you answer those questions will determine what you will get. Give it some thought!

I read this the other day so wanted to pass it on to you.

In the art of marriage, the little things are big things:

- ~ *It's never being too old to hold hands.*
- ~ *It's remembering to say "I love you" at least once each day.*
- ~ *It's never going to sleep angry.*
- ~ *It's having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.*
- ~ *It's standing together, facing the world.*
- ~ *It's forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.*
- ~ *It's speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.*
- ~ *It's having the capacity to forgive and forget.*
- ~ *It's giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.*
- ~ *It's a common search for the good and the beautiful.*
- ~ *It's not only marrying the right partner, but also being the right partner.*

Have a blessed month.

Albert Sloman, Pastor

Tel 01288 321073

7 Rosecott Park.

Meeting Times

Sunday at 6 pm Worship and teaching

Tuesday at 7pm Prayer

1st and 3rd Tuesday the prayer meeting is at the Methodist Sunday School room.

Every Tuesday morning at 10.30 there is a Ladies Coffee and Chat at our home.

We would love to see you at any of these.

KILKHAMPTON FETE

Saturday 21 July 2012

ARTS & CRAFTS STALL HOLDERS

Cakes, cards, bric-a-brac, books, toys, jams, homemade goods etc.....

To book a Stall please call Lesley: 321655

Places are limited inside the marquee and Outside Pitches are available.

A small fee for non-charitable stalls tbc.

The Methodist Church

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
5 th Feb	Mrs. Muriel Hodges	Muriel	Pam Metherell & Joan
12 th Feb	Rev. Phil Greetham	Mr. Justin Heard	Sillifant Roger & Brenda
19 th Feb	Mrs. Gloria Riviere	Salt Shirley	Dunstan Pam & David Sillifant
26 th Feb	Street	Rowe Vera Vickery	Cleave Fiona

Dear Friends,

A Young woman was working in New York City. It was a summer job; before she went back to college for her final year. She felt very grown up; a real 'woman of the world', as she commuted daily from her parent's home in New Jersey.

One night, as she made her way home, the bus on which she was travelling ground to a halt in a traffic jam in the Lincoln Tunnel. The bus driver announced that they wouldn't be going anywhere for a good while, because the entire region was going through a power failure, and was in total 'blackout'.

Eventually, the traffic started to move again, and the bus slowly inched its way forward. Slowly but surely they reached the end of the tunnel, and made its way to the young woman's neighbourhood.

But the whole area was still in darkness, and with no street lights, and no lights on in either homes or shops, she was frightened, and wondered how she would ever find her way.

She stepped off the bus, and suddenly she was a frightened child rather than a young woman of the world. As she moved forward into the darkness, she saw a flickering light, and out of the darkness stepped her father. She burst into tears.

"Dad, how did you know when I would get here?"

"I would have waited all night." Came the reply.

And with that, he took her hand, and with the help of the torch light, they made their way home.

And so it is with God.

He knows our need; our fears and our vulnerability, and he goes out of his way to meet us, and to help us.

We are at the beginning of a new year, and, in a very real sense, we are stepping out into the unknown. None of us knows what this new year of 2012 will hold, but I do believe, with all my heart, that God holds us all in the hollow of his hand, and he will lead us on.

Change is very much part of God's plan for us. If we don't change, we stagnate. God knows when we are getting too comfortable, and when we need a new challenge. But there is a danger. The danger of not looking beyond where we are, and resisting any challenges that come along. And so God thrusts change upon us, and once we get used to it, we actually begin to enjoy it.

None of like stepping out into the darkness, but God is there, holding the torch, and waiting to guide us to the place he has waiting for us. And it will be fine, because if we have committed the future to God in prayer, that prayer is already being answered in a wonderful way.

I wish you all a very happy new year, and pray that as we walk through 2012 together, we may grow closer to each other and to the God who loves us more than we can ever imagine.

With all good wishes, *Joy Wilson*

OVERHEARD

(At the Post Office) OOOPS - Sorry I jumped the Queue, but I thought you were a Rep.

THE
BIG

BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 3rd March 2012

9am – 12 Noon

IN THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

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

Tickets £6.00

From Reg 321340, Joyce 353862 and Marlene 321231

Proceeds for Grenville Rooms

**Bude Music Society
Viola and Piano Recital.**

The distinguished viola player, Sarah-Jane Bradley, and pianist Anthony Hewitt will be playing for Bude Music Society at Minstrels Music centre, Canworthy Water, on Sunday 12th February at 3pm, with a programme that includes sonatas by Mendelssohn and Delius, and pieces from Romeo and Juliet by Prokofiev. Regularly heard in British concert halls, Sarah-Jane has also made numerous recordings of both contemporary and traditional chamber music and of concerti with leading orchestras.

Tickets £12 at the door, students free.

KILKHAMPTON VILLAGE FETE

JULY 21ST 2012

The time has come again to choose (by Lot) this year's Fete Queen. Entry is open to ALL children in the Parish aged 11 years and under, no matter which school they attend.

- ❖ The Queen will be chosen from school year 5 or 6.
 - ❖ The two Attendants from school years 2, 3 & 4.
 - ❖ The Coachman from school year 5 or 6.
 - ❖ The Footmen from school years 3 & 4
 - ❖ The Flower Presenter from year 1 or reception.
 - ❖ The Cushion Bearer from Play School.
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- ❖ The dress allowance this year: The Queen £80. Attendants £55 each.
 - ❖ Please do not forget to fill in your child's date of birth on the entry form.
 - ❖ A box for entries will be found at Kilkhampton J & I School and Gilbert & Vanstone.
 - ❖ The Draw will be undertaken by the Fete committee who will then advise the parents of the successful children.

PLEASE RETURN ALL ENTRIES BY THE 31ST MARCH

ENTRY FORM

Name..... DOB.....

School Year..... Telephone Number.....

I would like to be please tick ONE

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Queen () | 4. Footman () |
| 2. Attendant () | 5. Flower Presenter () |
| 3. Coachman () | 6. Cushion Bearer () |

THE 'TREE' BOOK GROUP

November and December Book Review Reports

The book for review at the November meeting was:

The Lollipop Shoes by Joanne Harris

The book is a sequel to 'Chocolat', which many will know from the film of the same name. Frequently, a sequel doesn't live up to expectations but Lollipop Shoes is an exception.

The author re-acquaints the reader with Vianne, Anouke and Roux, all well-loved characters. Brand new and major characters are Rosette, Vianne's second daughter and Zozie, the mysterious lady who appears to be a guardian angel to the family.

The story is full of mystery and magic, interwoven with the story of Vianne and her family's struggle to make a living from their chocolate shop, and Vianne's relationship with new man Thierry and old beau Roux.

The story turns quite dark and atmospheric towards the end, whilst still seeming realistic.

The occult undertones in Chocolat are more obvious in this book.

There were mixed reviews from the Group with some loving the book and others finding it a little dark and menacing.

In conclusion, the book is a fairy tale for grown ups with a mouth-watering centre wrapped in dark, dark chocolate. If you liked Chocolat don't expect simply more of the same, but a good story nonetheless.

The book for review at the next meeting is: *The Reader by Bernhard Schlink*

The book for review at the December meeting was:

The Reader by Bernhard Schlink

The Reader is the fictional memoir of Michael Berg, written in unemotional, highly readable language. The novel is structured in three parts:-

The book opens with the love story between the narrator, then aged fifteen, and a thirty six year old female tram conductor, Hannah Schmitz.

Michael attends Hanna's trial on war crime charges in Part II and the final part explores the aftermath of the trial for both Michael and Hanna.

The novel explores issues concerning the Holocaust, in particular, Hanna's culpability for war crimes and the attitude of the post-Nazi generations of Germans towards Germans, collectively and individually, that were adults during the Nazi era.

It is Michael's depth of feeling for Hannah throughout all three parts of the novel which makes it compulsive reading. Hanna morphs from a teenage obsession to an object of love lost and on to an aged woman – he never loses his addiction to her.

One criticism of the novel would be that Hanna is never given a voice to explain her actions, either in relation to her wartime activity or her relationship with Michael.

The Reader may not fully meet all the hype which it created but would recommend it as an entertaining and thought provoking book.

'TREE' BOOK CLUB RECENT BOOK SALE

Our recent book sale held at the Parkhouse raised £529.75 for the Stratton Hospital Appeal. We would like to thank everyone for their support, both those who donated books and those who attended the sale itself.

We were completely overwhelmed by the volume of books donated. However, some of the books didn't reach the sale on the day as the tables were full to capacity.

Because of the above, we are arranging another sale on Saturday 18 February 2012, again at the Parkhouse and supporting the Stratton Hospital Appeal. This is an extremely important cause and close to all our hearts so please come along and help to improve on the amount we can raise.

Any books you wish to donate can be brought in on the day of the sale or by prior arrangement after ringing 01288 321962.

NEXT MEETING

The book for review at the January meeting was:
A Long Long Way by Sebastian Barry - report next month

The next two meetings are
Wednesday 15 February, 11am
Wednesday 21 March 11am
at the Tree Inn in Stratton.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

07928 208635 OR 01288 321962 (Dorothy Flaxman)

A Happy New Year to all!!

K.A.T.S.

Kilkhampton Amateur Theatrical Society.

Following the success of their annual pantomime Knight Fever, members met at the New Inn on January 20. to present cheques to this year's chosen charities. Each year KATS members are invited to nominate a local or national charity to benefit from the proceeds of the pantomime.

This year a cheque for £1,000 was presented to Jo Hulin, who had come up from Plymouth to receive the cheque on behalf of the Alzheimers Society. Jo addressed the members and outlined the essential work of the Society, which would benefit from the significant donation for which the Society were most grateful.

A further cheque for £1,000 was presented to Raymond Hockin, who received the money on behalf of The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital. He spoke of the gratitude of the "Friends" for this further donation.



L-R Reg Hamley, Jo Hulin, Raymond Hockin and Tony Davis

I OPENED A BOOK

I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my house, my road,
My town and my world behind
me.

I'm wearing the cloak,
I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon,
Dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some
friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road
With its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I
came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just
the same
But I have a book inside me.

By Julia Donaldson
(from her anthology, @Crazy
Mayonnaisy Mum).

Sent in by Christine Burdekin

BOOK SALE

18TH FEBRUARY, 2012

AT THE PARKHOUSE CENTRE BUDE,
From 10.30am.-4pm.

IN AID OF THE STRATTON HOSPITAL APPEAL.

GOOD SELECTION OF FICTION/ NON FICTION

BOOKS FROM 50P

ALL CHILDRENS BOOKS 10P

Refreshments

Raffle

We welcome your donations of books, particularly good quality modern fiction, but would appreciate it if these could be brought along on the day of the sale (from 8.30am) or by prior arrangement after ringing:-

01288 321962 or. 07928 208635

THE TREE BOOK GROUP



Charity No 261031

Route 39

Engage • Respect • Aspire

Massive local endorsement from parents of Route 39's proposal for a new secondary school between Welcombe and Bucks Cross.

Route 39's event at the Milky Way last Saturday 14th was a huge success. Over 1,200 parents and children came to the event keen support and find out more about the proposal for a new secondary school in North Devon. Members and supporters of the Route 39 gave out information and discussed the plans with parents.

The two presentations by Route 39 were packed with every seat in the Arena full. With around 120 parents attending each one, positively engaging in the project, and asking questions.

Route 39 would like to thank The Milky Way for their support in enabling this event to take place, and for the smooth-running of the day.

The event showed that there was massive local endorsement for the proposal: by the end of the day parents had put down the proposed new school as the first choice for over 530 children - that is equal to 9 out of every 10 children attending.

Route 39 is encouraging parents to sign their on-line support petition if they haven't already done so, as there is only a few weeks left before the petition goes to the Department for Education. www.route39.org.uk Currently over 300 local families and 600 children have stated they would choose the proposed school.

There will be a series of coffee mornings in local parishes for those who haven't yet had a chance to find out about the project - details will be on the website. www.route39.org.uk

RUMOUR NOT DENIED!

That next year's Kilkhampton Pantomime will be based on The Quest by our local PC (no - not Prince Charming!) to locate the person (not a Cinderella—more likely a Sillyfella) whose foot fitted the indentation made in the fresh concrete at St James Church (since repaired).

A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR NORTH DEVON WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

This is the last chance to sign our online petition and get our community proposal to the next stage with the Department for Education. Over 300 local families have signed up their support for the school – please join them and make this proposal a reality.

- **A state school for all**
- **Choice for your child**
- **A multi-million pound investment for this area**

www.route39.org.uk

Those Christmas Presents

We're going to have a baby. That's my Christmas present to you.
- All I wanted was a tie

Woody Allen



I gave my wife a brand new watch at Christmas—waterproof, shockproof, unbreakable and anti-magnetic. Absolutely nothing could happen to it. She lost it.

Milton Berle



In my Christmas Stocking there was an odour-eater.

Rodney Dangerfield

Sprys: The Butchers' Shop by Chris Bullett

I can't neglect a mention of French and Sprys: The Butchers' Shop. Never was there a busier establishment, especially early in the day. Arthur Spry and Bruce French were always ready to advise on the best cuts and there were many others in the background such as Mervyn with their knives flashing away and cleavers chopping with such accuracy and violence. The chunky wooden tables on which the meat was cut up just fascinated me, for they were scrubbed to within an inch of their lives at the close of each day. Standing almost white, like the holystoned decks on a naval battleship on inspection day.

They took great pride in their work. As they did in their deliveries, to us it was on a Friday, a red letter day for our Collies. Long before Mervyn's van appeared, our cattle dog, Tag and later Brock would run round and round the perimeter of the house, barking wildly in expectation of the odd marrowbone treat. At each Friday delivery, Mervyn would elicit the meat order for the following week. It seemed a foolproof system until it backfired on us quiet badly in July 1976. The weather that month was probably the hottest in that century, but don't get ahead of me as what happened was altogether our fault and not in any way Spry's.

We had ordered a small pork joint the previous Friday, but a week later had gone out for a few hours at midday, thus missing Mervyn's visit. On our return there was no sign of the meat but after five days a strong aroma led us to the meat package. The ever diligent Merv

had arrived, only to discover we were out. Since there was nobody home and nowhere safe to leave the joint, out of our dogs' reach, he had sensibly and neatly tied it up to the light fitting above our front door.

Even if it was too late for us to eat, it was matured and hung to perfection for our dogs. One man's meat, as they say. . . . The first day that Merv had called on our farm was a great surprise to us. So my wife asked him if he operated an account system, to save her having to pay for the meat on the spot.

'Certainly, Madam'. Came the helpful reply.

So she chose something to suit our financial position, such as mince or shin. Then asked if the account would have to be settled on a monthly basis, similar to our feed merchants.

'No, Madam, weekly', replied Merv. So she thought she would be able to have meat on any day of the week, simply settling up at the end of each week. As he was leaving she asked him how often he called, on which particular days. Quick as a flash he replied, with a twinkle in his eye.

'Weekly Madam, on Fridays'.

For sure he had played this game before.

Arthur Spry was very tall, with a most solicitous and dignified nature. In fact he was more like the family lawyer. A most earnest gentleman, he always took endless pains with any transaction in his shop. One Wednesday I had sold a calf at Holsworthy, only to

discover to my benefit that calves had shot up in price. On my way out of the livestock market I had collected the cheque for £20, dropped it in at the bank and cashed my own cheque for £5. Quite a considerable sum in those days.

On my way home I had decided to splash out on a nice rump steak to impress Jay, my wife. So it was with a glad heart that I sailed into Sprys telling Arthur with my usual lack of guile about my market day windfall. Immediately that huge thick door on the cold store opened and in he disappeared. The size of the steak he was holding up on his reappearance would have impressed even Desperate Dan. It was a good thing that neither my nerve nor his resources had run out at this point. He mentioned quietly to me that prime steak was about £5 per kilo. (I hasten to add that this was many years ago). The steak had barely touched the scales, before he murmured 'exactly £5 Sir', wrapping it up with great panache. May I say that perhaps most of us are born with a latent tendency towards extravagance?

Just out of interest and because it looked so huge I plonked it on the scales at home, only to find it was considerably over a kilo, enough for a family of six. But with an egg or two and a few hot chips we were all well up to the task, come supper time. On later contemplation I felt that Arthur served us like royalty that day, proud to produce such a gem beyond price. Or even under price.

What a man, what a shop and what a steak!

Mum's the Word!

Kilkhampton School PTA invite you to spoil your Mum rotten this March at our heavenly Pamper Day. On March 10th the School Hall will be filled with beautiful gifts, delicious treats and blissful treatments, everything you need to make your Mum feel special. Only a week before Mother's Day, it's the perfect opportunity to find a lovely present & show her how much she means. So remember March 10th, 10.30am - 3.30pm, Kilkhampton School Hall - Mum's the word! If you are interested in booking a space for the Pamper Day please contact us at kilkpta@gmail.com



The children grow the food themselves to feed the pupils for school lunch. Only £10 is used for administration.

Jane planted lots of trees and received gifts of watermelon and tokens of respect. A 96,000 litre water tank has been

On 13 December the President Mrs Sylvia Hambley welcomed members and one guest.

Jerusalem was sung. It was then time to introduce the Speaker— Mrs Jane Adams, Head teacher at Kilkhampton Junior and Infant School. Using slides and her memories, Jane gave a fascinating and humbling insight into Rugot School in Uganda. Funded partly by a British Council Grant she had been able to visit the school.

The project *Food for Thought* is funded to the tune of £600 per annum by Kilkhampton children and other people in the community who raise the money for tools, seeds and equipment.

installed meaning the children do not have to walk miles to collect water.

Jane left African artefacts and her diary for members to look at, as well as a loaf of bread made from maize, the staple diet. A thoughtful Vote of Thanks was given by Eve Latter.

Following WI business, members enjoyed delving into Santa's sack and playing a *Guess Who?* Game. A magnificent *Bring & Share Supper* concluded an interesting thought provoking and sharing meeting.

KILKHAMPTON BINGO

The Bingo Committee are pleased to announce that a profit of £420 was raised at the Christmas Bingo.

Many Thanks to everyone who supported us and gave generous donations and lovely raffle prizes.

To date, the sum of £27,900 has been raised for the Children's Hospice South West.

Bingo is held every Monday evening at the Grenville Rooms.

Doors open 7pm
Eyes Down 8pm

KILKHAMPTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Barbara, Marian and the Club members would like to *Thank* the New Inn for the lovely Christmas Tea Party and *Thanks* to Tony, Jaime and all the school pupils for providing our entertainment. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

Anyone interested in joining our Club - we meet at the Methodist Hall, Tuesday afternoons once a fortnight at 2pm. Next Meeting 31 Jan.

ADVANCE NOTICE KILKHAMPTON WI

WHAT?
Soup and Sweet

WHEN?
Saturday 21 April

12noon—1.30pm
£3.50 per person
£2.50 11years old and younger

WHERE?
Methodist Sunday School Rooms
You know the food will be fabulous!

Tickets available from WI members
or call 01288 321340
ALL Welcome

ADVANCE NOTICES KILKHAMPTON WI

Coffee and Cake
Plus Cake Stall
Saturday 14 July
10.30am—12 noon
The Methodist Sunday
School Rooms

Saturday 22 September
WI Jumble Sale
Cake Stall and Raffle
10 am to 12 noon
At The Grenville Rooms
All welcome
See you there!

Kilkhampton & District Gardeners' Club

Children's Competitions, 2012

Under 10 years of age: **Create a miniature garden.**

The miniature garden should be in a standard plastic seed tray (14 inches x 9 inches approx) which should be filled with soil or growing compost. Some of the contents must be live plants which can either be grown directly in the tray or can be transplanted or placed in it at the time of the final display. In addition to living plants, there may also be other objects of wood, stone, plastic, glass etc. to represent other things found in a garden. The completed miniature garden must be the work of the entrant alone and should be delivered to The Gardeners' Club stand on the day of the Village Fete (July 21.) **by 4 pm.**

The entry must be clearly marked with the name and age of the entrant

The judging will take place at 4.30pm.. and prizes will be: **1st. £5, 2nd. £3, 3rd. £2.**

All entrants will receive a packet of sweets when they collect their gardens **after 5 o'clock..**

Decide on your design now and start creating it whenever you wish to produce the best results by July 21

10 years of age and over: **Growing a potato.**

The aim is to grow the heaviest crop from 1 plant, grown **only** from a seed potato obtained from Joan Sillifant, "Brabourne Lodge", Penstowe Road (01288 321697), **from March 1st**. The plant should be grown in a 12 inch pot (also obtained from Joan Sillifant, if required) using either soil or any potting compost. Once planted you may use whatever methods of feeding the plant you wish, and the aim is to produce the heaviest crop from this potato by July 21st. The pot should be taken to the Gardeners' Club stand on the day of the Village Fete **,by 4.pm..** It must have the name of the grower clearly marked on it and must be complete with all its foliage. It will then be sieved and the crop of potatoes weighed: the three prize winners will be those with the heaviest crop of potatoes. Judging will take place at 4.30 pm. and entrants may collect their crop, if they wish, **from 5 pm onwards**

Prizes will be **1st. £5. 2nd. £3. 3rd. £2** and entrants can enjoy eating their potatoes afterwards!

Both competitions are open to all children living in the village. Good luck with your growing

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER PERSON

(We suggest you keep this page to remind you of the conditions)

ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of Saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").



1909 Valentine Card

The Legends

The Early Medieval Acts of the Saints of Saint Valentine were expounded briefly in Legenda Aurea. According to that version, St Valentine was persecuted as a Christian and interrogated by Roman Emperor Claudius II in person. Claudius was impressed by Valentine and had a discussion with him, attempting to get him to convert to Roman paganism in order to save his life. Valentine refused and tried to convert Claudius to Christianity instead. Because of this, he was executed. Before

The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

his execution, he is reported to have performed a miracle by healing the blind daughter of his jailer.

Since Legenda Aurea still provided no connections whatsoever with sentimental love, appropriate lore has been embroidered in modern times to portray Valentine as a priest who refused an unattested law attributed to Roman Emperor Claudius II, allegedly ordering that young men remain single. The Emperor supposedly did this to grow his army, believing that married men did not make for good soldiers. The priest Valentine, however, secretly performed marriage ceremonies for young men. When Claudius found out about this, he had Valentine arrested and thrown in jail.

There is an additional modern embellishment to The Golden Legend despite having no historical basis whatsoever. On the evening before Valentine was to be executed, he would have written the first "valentine" card himself, addressed to a young girl variously identified as his beloved, the jailer's daughter whom he had befriended and healed. It was a note that read "From your Valentine."

(Reproduced from Wikipedia)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION
15 FEBRUARY 2012

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

Wanted:

Curate for country parish,
slow left-arm bowler
preferred

*(Old advert in
The Times Newspaper)*

FAMOUS QUOTES

*I shall be happy in heaven
provided the angels
are beautifully attired
and wear their halos at a tilt.*

Yves Saint Laurent

QUESTION

If you leave home to walk the dog without a poop bag in your possession, could you be charged with premeditated dog fouling?

Phantom

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year from everyone here at school. We had a wonderful lead in to Christmas thanks to a superb turnout for our Christmas production, every child on stage trying to control their butterflies and giving of their best, a special visit from Santa on party day with an excellent choice of books for each child and a lovely assembly on the last day to say 'Cheerio' to Mrs Woodward after eight great years with us as Head's relief. She was presented with a Villeroy and Boch crystal cake stand along with a cake slice and knife. The gift from parents, staff and children was a reminder of all the lovely baking she has done with the children and of how much we have all enjoyed her cakes in the staffroom on treat days. Mrs Woodward will be missed but time moves on and sometimes we all have to make changes we don't necessarily want to make. She has promised to come back with treats so we will all look forward to that.

We have a new teacher now working with Mrs Adams in Class 1. Mrs Nicola Taylor was appointed unanimously by the Governors following a tough selection and interview process. She is an 'outstanding' teacher in Ofsted terms and we are very lucky to find her just as we were losing Mrs Woodward. So, welcome to Mrs Taylor, hopefully you will hear more about her over time and may see her around the village.

Also at the end of term I gave a talk to the ladies at the WI about our school link with a Ugandan school. Many thanks to the ladies for being so interested, for their kind donation to the Rugot School fund and for the lovely supper tray they insisted I took for Roger (hubby). He was delighted!!

As ever, we received some lovely staffroom treats from our families. So many we will need to ration them over the next term to avoid over-indulgence! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in these treats; we feel very spoiled and appreciated.

The children tumbled back through the doors on the first day back in the new year bursting with all their news from Christmas. We have such happy children on the whole. Best presents ranged from seeing Granny to new felt pens to X- boxes (whatever they are!). They had only been gone two weeks and so many seemed to have grown upwards or lost teeth...so much change in such a short time.

It's been a busy start to the new term as ever. New displays are going up, new books are being enjoyed, homework is being enjoyed or suffered depending on whether the children and / or parents enjoy what it is and clubs and teams are in full swing. We have had a good start to 2012.

Hope your year has started well. We look forward to seeing you around the village and thank you for your continued support.

All the Best, Jane Adams

Cornwall Council
Headteacher Mrs Jane Adams



My daughter Angel Browning age 10 wrote this story about her ancestors for her homework who came from Kilkhampton, I was very pleased with her enthusiasm and interest in the subject. I just thought you might like to have a read and enjoy it as much as I have. (Helen Browning)

The Adventures of Alice Gist

This is the true story about my 5th great Aunt. She was the daughter of my 5th Great Grandparent's James and Alice Gist. My Auntie Alice was born in 1827 and she was christened at St James Church in Kilkhampton in Cornwall on the 20th of July 1827 and was named after her mother, she was the 7th child of James and Alice Gist. They were very poor and had to work hard to feed all of their children. James worked on the farms and would do any jobs he could and Alice his wife worked very hard at home looking after their children and trying to make the best of what they had. Alice their daughter grew up to be helpful and kind.

Her older brothers and sisters sometimes had to go out to work with their dad to get more money for food. Alice had to help her mum and look after her two younger sisters.

When Auntie Alice was 20 years old she wanted to get married and have a family of her own. She had been working on a farm near her home when she met a strong, fit young man and they fell in love. He was called James Grills. Auntie Alice married James Grills on the 9th November 1848 in their village church. The church was full of all their families. They had a wonderful wedding breakfast with all their family watching them dance.

Auntie Alice and Uncle James worked hard BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS HUNGRY. Times were bad, the winter weather was very cold and the harvest was very poor. Lots of children and older people in the village were ill because they were cold

and hungry. Even though Auntie Alice was working on the farm milking the cows, making butter and learning how to cook and clean their little rented house she had a baby a year after they got married. They called their first daughter Elizabeth. Just after she was born they had to move to the next village to find work on another farm. They had to walk and carry everything they needed, it was about five miles away.

In 1851 they had another daughter called Emma but Emma was often sick and only lived until she was 11 years old. Poor Auntie Alice had to bury her 11 year old daughter in the grave yard of the church where they had married.

Two years later Auntie Alice had a baby boy called John and he was a strong boy like his dad and loved to work on the farm.

Altogether they had eight children, six girls and two boys. It was a very big struggle trying to keep all the children healthy and warm and fed and clothed. Uncle James looked hard for work but in 1871 he found that there was no work. They were very worried and went to the church to pray for help. When they were there the vicar came up to them and told them that the church had some money that could pay for them to start a new life in a new country called America.

They had never heard of such a place. Uncle James did not think that auntie Alice and the children were strong enough to travel all the way to America so he decided to go alone to see what it was like in the new wilderness.

Auntie Alice and the children were very upset and they did not think they would see him again. He said good bye and started his very long and dangerous journey. He set sail on a timber ship at Bideford Quay with other poor people who were all going to Toronto Canada. Many people died while they were crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Uncle James made it! He had a little money left and he managed to get on a wagon train of settlers who were going to find good farm land in America.

He finally settled in Eaton Township in Ohio. He asked a friend to write a letter and he managed to get it taken back to Cornwall.

Auntie Alice could not read or write either so she took the letter to the Vicar who read it to her. She was amazed that he was still alive! He wanted her to join him.

She went home thinking if she could do it on her own taking her six youngest children over the Atlantic Ocean. WOULD SHE HAVE TO BURY ANOTHER CHILD ON THE JOURNEY? It had already been so hard on her own and now she had to go back to the church to ask for more help. She also had to leave behind how older children and her family.

She decided she must try. She told the children. Half of them were excited and half of them were worried and didn't want to go because they thought they were going to die.

But they went. They made their way to Liverpool where they sailed on a ship called 'Italy'. They had a terrible storm while

*The Adventures of Alice Gist
cont'd.....*

they were at sea. They were sea sick and it was over crowded the bread had maggots in it and the water was running out but on the 9th of December 1872 they saw the coast of America and they all were over the moon with them self's. **THEY HAD MADE IT!**

In 1880 the census of Ohio reads – James Grills white married Farmer aged 56 from England living with his wife Alice aged 53 and Mary his daughter aged 19, daughter Ellen aged 14 going to school.

They had a new life, they were all together, and they were happy and had a good farm and plenty to eat. Their son John lived nearby. Their eldest daughter Elizabeth and her husband also immigrated to America later on. Their son William had a small farm in Ohio. Their daughter Ann married and lived in Ohio as did Mary Jane, Emma and Ellen.

Uncle James died in Lorain County Ohio on 14th January 1891 aged 62 and was buried Butternut Ridge Cemetery Eaton Township and Auntie Alice died on the 9th of April 1907 aged 79 also in Lorain County and is buried with her two sons John and William and her husband James.

Auntie Alice was a very brave woman and she had a real life adventure!

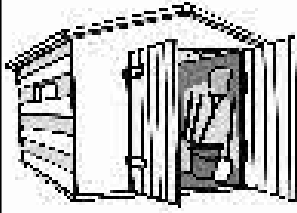
Maybe one day I will travel to America and find my ancestors and that will be another adventure.....

By Angel Browning
October 2011

What a moving story Angel, we enjoyed reading it and are sure the readers will too.

Glenda

KILKHAMPTON & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB



Early in December, 45 members and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the New Inn. Then Christmas itself came and went and is on the way to being forgotten already, probably just as are many New Year resolutions!

By the time you read this, January will have come and gone! How time flies.

However on January 4th the Club held the first meeting of 2012 when Howard and Sally Wills came to talk to us about "A trek in the Himalayas". Flying direct to Kathmandu from the UK, they first told us about this bustling place with East and West well mixed up as was shown by many photographs.

From there, they were taken by coach as far as the road would allow and from then on The Trek Proper started. Their destination was a plateau at the foot of Annapurna and to reach this it was a walk along paths surfaced with slabs of stone, ascending and descending with rock faces on one side and precipices on the other! The trip would take five days going up and three days coming back and whilst they themselves carried only day-to-day necessities, their luggage and all equipment was carried by Nepalese porters. They, although short in stature, cheerfully managed very heavy loads carried on their backs and supported by the traditional strap around the forehead. Their strength and endurance was incredible.

Along the way, Howard and Sally were able to take many photographs of both the wild and spectacular scenery and the many plants growing along the wayside. Some of these were familiar, some were definitely not native species and some were totally unidentifiable! Although late in the year some were still in flower which made them more readily identified. Wildlife was scarce and they saw a Mynah bird, 2 Langur monkeys (at a distance) and a long tailed lizard!

Accommodation and food was provided at the end of each day in "tea houses", basic but acceptable with food ranging from traditional Nepalese dishes to egg and chips! On reaching the plateau they were rewarded with superb views of Annapurna and a neighbouring peak called, locally, "fish tail". One morning they rose very early and travelled in the dark to a viewing point to watch the sunrise illuminate the mountain peaks before spreading daylight everywhere. A memorable trip made very real to us by their interesting descriptions and brilliant pictures.

Our next meeting on February 1st will be, as we advised in last month's Parish News, our Annual General Meeting where the formal business is kept to a minimum and members then have their memories tested with a gardening-based Quiz accompanied with Wine & Cheese and "nibbles" Visitors and guests are always welcome at our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. at the Grenville Rooms, Penstowe Road Details of what the Club provides for members can be obtained from Joan Sillifant (01288 321697) or Eric Latter

UNCLE ERIC'S PAGE

Snowfall

It comes from high in wintry sky when temperatures fall low,
Its crystals form in lofty clouds, it reaches us as snow.
It covers ground, it muffles sound, it cloaks both shrubs and trees,
It gently lies in shallow drifts when wafted by the breeze.
It silent falls, it clings to walls, it whitens paths and roads,
It drifts, it floats, all things it coats, some plants it overloads.
It comes in many shapes and forms from pellets through to flakes,
Some sharp and bright, some feather-light, a myriad shapes it makes.
Though fragile and so delicate, some have a different feel,
When clumped together, frozen too, they can be hard as steel.
But when the wind blows very strong it loses all its charm,
Banked high, it hides the shape of things, in garden, street and farm.
By day the view is dazzling white, a fairytale come true;
When darkness falls the silver moon paints quite a softer hue.
To some it comes to please the eye, for children it's great fun,
For others who have jobs to do, enjoyment is there none.
On wintry roads it turns to ice to make the traffic slide
Whilst mountains steep, (where snows lay deep), see many skiers glide.
Sometimes it lays for days and days, and respite can't be won.
At other times it quickly goes, soon melted by the sun.
Affecting all, both large and small, in one way or another,
Great fun to some, but many more see it as lots of bother.
Whether its fall can cause alarm, or fill you with delight,
When first it comes, to all of us it is a magic sight !

Eric Latter

What am I?

A place in Cornwall

My first is in foam and also in fame
The next is in pastime but not found in game
The 3rd is in seaside and sport and in surf
Whilst the 4th's not in landscape but is found in turf.
This one is in board and in a brave and in free
Number six is in waves and also in sea.
The 7th's a letter that's alphabet's 12
Number 8 is in beaches but never in shelfe.
The 9th is in rescue and lifeboat as well
And the next is in tales that the lifeguard can tell!
This one is in coast and in capsizes, not hide
My last's in achievement, never in pride
And my whole is a place where the surfers can ride!

Answer next month

Can you solve these anagrams ?

They're all illnesses or ailments
() = number of words in answer

1. Fun in zeal (1)
2. Eel mass(1)
3. Pick hen cox (1)
4. Ah third pie (1)
5. Oh hug coop wing (2)
6. Cleavers fret (2)
7. The false toot (2)
8. A lure gain (1)

Anagram Answers

1. Influenza, 2. Measles, 3. Chickenpox
4. Diphtheria, 5. Whooping Cough, 6. Scarlet Fever
7. Athletes Foot, 8. Neuralgia