

ST JAMES THE GREAT KILKHAMPTON

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2009



PARISH NEWS



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WORSHIP

AT ST JAMES THE GREAT TRINITY - 2009

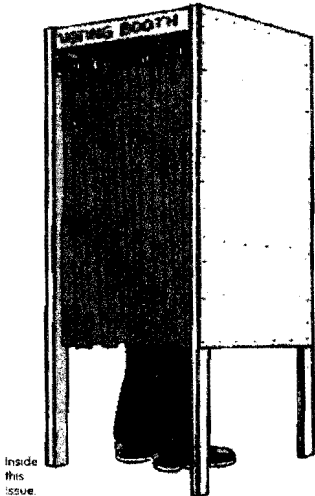
DATE	TIME	SERVICE	READING	SIDESMEN	FLOWERS /BRASS BRASS
7th June Trinity Sunday	11am	All Age Morning Service	Year B TBN	Val Shepherd and Celia Bell	See rota at back of church
14th June Trinity 1 Proper 6	11am	Parish Eucharist	Year B Ezek 17: 22-24 Ray Shaddick	Jeanette Norman And Margaret Collins	See rota at back of church
21st June Trinity 2 Proper 7	11am	Parish Eucharist	Year B Job 38: 1-11 Tony Davis	Trevor Tamblin and Mike Cook	See rota at back of church
28th June Trinity 7 Proper 8	PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME 930am	Parish Eucharist	Year B Wis. 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 Winnie Fanson	Joyce Davis and Mary Revill	See rota at back of church
5th July Trinity 8 Proper 9	11am	Parish Eucharist	Year B Ezek. 2: 1-5 Rowly Pillman	Ann Short and Anne Wells	See rota at back of church
12th July Trinity 9 Proper 10	11am	All Age Morning Service	Year B TBN	Rowly Pillman and Carolyn Porter	See rota at back of church

EUCARIST IN GRENVILLE CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10am except the 8th and 15th July





.....intolerably odious!



inside this issue

Although we cannot compare the problems of the Long Parliament and Oliver Cromwell with the present government and system you might be interested in this!

Oliver Cromwell's Speech on the Dissolution of the Long Parliament
 Given to the House of Commons 20 April 1653

"It is high time for me to put an end to your sitting in this place, which you have dishonoured by your contempt of all virtue, and defiled by your practice of every vice; ye are a factious crew, and enemies to all good government; ye are a pack of mercenary wretches, and would like Esau sell your country for a mess of pottage, and like Judas betray your God for a few pieces of money. Is there a single virtue now remaining amongst you? Is there one vice you do not possess? Ye have no more religion than my horse; gold is your God; which of you have not barter'd your conscience for bribes? Is there a man amongst you that has the least care for the good of the Commonwealth? Ye sordid prostitutes have you not defil'd this sacred place, and turn'd the Lord's temple into a den of thieves, by your immoral principles and wicked practices? Ye are grown intolerably odious to the whole nation; you were deputed here by the people to get grievances redress'd, are yourselves become the greatest grievance! Your country therefore calls upon me to cleanse the Augean stable, by putting a final period to you iniquitous proceedings in this house; and which by God's help, and the strength he has given me, I am now come to do; I command ye therefore, upon peril of your lives, to depart immediately out of this place; go, get you out! Make haste ye venal slaves be gone! So! Take away that shiring bauble there, and lock up the doors. In the name of God, go!"

Church and Chapel Rotas .

Floodlighting Memorials

Garden Club news....

W. I. News

Parish Events

Gardening Club

Parish Council News

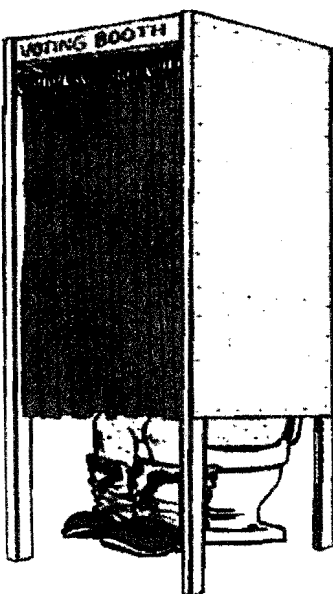
In the light of recent revelations many would agree with Cromwell, but would we really like to live in a puritanical theocracy! The parliamentary system has been pretty resilient over the centuries and will continue to be so if everybody plays their part. All elected politicians and councillors are servants of the people the "demos". They have a duty to govern for the "common good" and in 2009 to receive adequate remuneration for so doing and not to rely on a vague expenses system to make things up. Lets be honest, such a system is open to abuse by anybody!

Christianity is being marginalised by press media and the BBC, schools in the main have kicked it into touch and everything a Christian says or does is scorned, derided and ignored. Perhaps we do need a little bit of a Cromwell just to remind us that there are other dimensions in life.

Hugel once wrote that "Christianity has taught us to care. Caring is the greatest thing, caring matters most". Caring should be at the heart of parliamentary activity especially at a time of an almost unprecedented economical crisis combined with political uncertainty. If you are a Christian and a politician then you know what should be at the heart of your life and political activities. If you are a Christian and a voter don't throw the latter away in the coming elections either by not voting or putting your X against someone you know who is not going to care but rather feather his or her own nest and that of his or her political party. If you have time to vote use you X to care and remember it represents your integrity as well as the integrity of the person voted for. Let us all pray carefully for the future of our nation and its parliamentary system. I leave you with a verse from Harry Graham, the English writer of light verse :

Aunt Jane observed, the second time
 She stumbled off a bus,
 'The step is short from the Sublime
 To the Ridiculous.

God bless you all and Happy Voting. Peter.



St James the Great Parish News Kilkhampton

Here comes the sun

Last year one in ten parents ignored 'safe sun' messages and put their children at risk of burns and skin cancer. They admitted never using sun-screen on their children despite the dangers to young skin, a recent survey found.

Children are especially vulnerable to the sun's ultraviolet rays – they have sensitive skin, and spend large amounts of time outside. One episode of sunburn may be enough to trigger changes that result in the potentially deadly melanoma skin cancer. It can take up to 15 years before the first signs of cancer appear.

Cancer Research UK's SunSmart campaign urges adults and children alike to use factor 15 or above. About 75,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in Britain.

A new creature

Once I felt I was melting under the heat of anguish.

Once all hope of happiness had left me.

Now I melt under the heat of your warm joy,

And my present bliss excludes even the memory of past misery.

I am a new creature, Lord, reborn in you.

Your grace rises up and rushes through my veins.

You re-fashion my heart, as a sculptor fashions a statue,

Shaping it in the perfect image of love.

Jacopone da Todi (c 1230 – 1306)

was a Franciscan monk, imprisoned briefly by the Pope for his opposition to the papal corruption of the time.

Bath-time

Sir Winston Churchill used to rehearse his speeches at every opportunity. One morning, when Sir Winston was in his tub, his valet heard his voice speaking sternly above the splashing. Opening the door, he asked; "Were you speaking to me, sir?"

"No, of course not," replied Churchill, annoyed at the interruption. "Couldn't you tell? I was addressing the House of Commons."

Wedding report in local newspaper

The bridal veil was fragile net,
the bridal gown was lace.

The bride wore slippers on her feet,
a smile upon her face.

The bride wore gloves of softest silk,
bright garlands graced her hair,
her large bouquet was softest pink...

PS: The groom was also there.

Some quotes to end with

Like a bee, the flatterer has honey in his mouth and a sting in his tail. – Anon

Gossip is what no one claims to like but what everybody enjoys. – Joseph Conrad

The reason some people don't recognise opportunity is that it usually comes disguised as hard work.

Enthusiasm without intelligence is disaster.

A yawn may be considered bad manners, but is can also be considered an honest opinion.

Most people can't save because their neighbours are always doing something they can't afford.

In the old days, it was two chickens in every pot; now it's two government employees for every taxpayer.

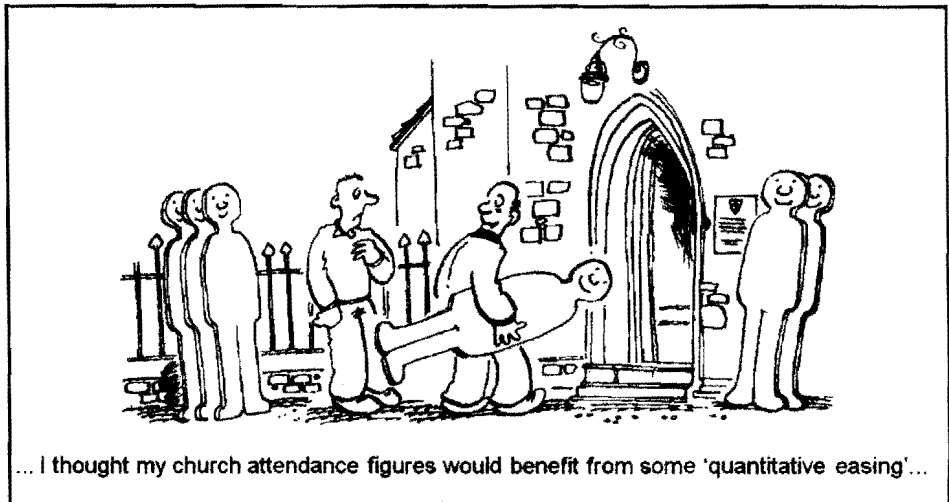
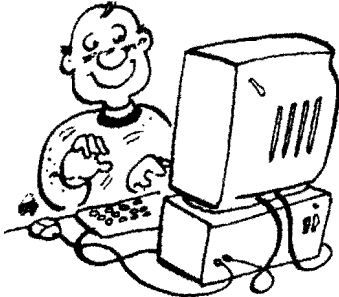
A College English department could be considered the local chamber of commas.

Is a lame duck a politician whose goose has been cooked?

In Brief

EXTRAS Thoughts... Opinions...

FROM THE PARISH



JUNE

28th June note change of service time to 0930am for this Sunday Morwenstow Patronal Festival Week

JULY

**18th Village Fete
25th July St James's Day and Gift Day
26th Bishop Tim comes to Kilkhampton. Village Patronal Festival Service of Welcome.**

AUGUST

**20th - 23rd August Flower Festival
"Sing it with Colour"**

SEPTEMBER

6th Sept North Cornwall RAFA Battle of Britain Commem. Service

4th June the Feast of St Petroc

If you find Padstow a bit too crowded for your liking! He would have sympathised.

This 6th century abbot is Cornwall's most famous saint. Petroc set sail from South Wales, landed at Haylemouth, and founded a monastery as Lanwethinoc - now called Padstow, after him (Petroc's Stow).

Padstow must have been popular even in those days, because about 30 years later Petroc, in search of some peace and quiet, moved on to build another monastery at Little Petherick (Nanceventon). Here he must have decided to try some 6th century equivalent of 'Fresh Expressions', because he engaged with his local community by building a mill and a chapel.

In time, Petroc began feeling crowded again. So he tramped off to the remote wilds of Bodmin Moor, where he lived as a hermit - until some 12 monks turned up to join him. Firmly Petroc kept them all housed in a monastery on a hilltop, while he enjoyed his private space in a cell by the river.

But even here Petroc was not alone. One day a terrified stag came rushing through the woods, pursued by the hunt. Petroc flung open the door of his cell, and the panting animal took refuge. When the huntsmen arrived on the scene, they

did not dare to argue with the famous holy man, and went their way. The stag's gratitude made him tame, and Petroc would come to be portrayed with a stag as his special emblem.

Petroc was buried in the monastery in Padstow, but in c.1000 his shrine and relics, including his staff and bell, were translated to Bodmin. Here they have stayed ever since, except for a short, unplanned trip to Brittany in 1177, when they were stolen and carted off by a naughty canon. Henry II intervened, and everything but a rib of Petroc was eventually returned.

A shot in the wrong direction and a right rib off!..... Editor

Prayer: a beginner's guide

The good thing about prayer is that there's only one way to go wrong, and that's not to do it. The best way to do it is to just get on and do it. If prayer at its simplest level is listening to God and talking to him, you don't need long books to tell you how to do it, you just need a conviction that prayer is a good thing to do, that you're someone God wants to hear from and that he's worth talking to.

Is prayer a good thing to do? Never mind for the moment about whether prayer 'works' or not! asking prayers' are not the 'be all and end all' of prayer : Jesus prayed and he encouraged his disciples to pray too, so if we're following him, we need to be praying. Full stop.

Are you someone God wants to hear from? The message of the Bible is that however unworthy, sinful and useless we may feel as human beings, God can't wait to hear from us and is sitting on the edge of his seat like a lovestruck teenager, hand

poised ready to pick up the phone the second it rings.

Is he worth talking to? He's the one person who knows us inside out, the one person with infinite power at his fingertips, the one who has the true perspective on an entire world's story. Not a slot machine to pay into in the hope of one day getting 'an answer to prayer', but a person. Who likes us.

How might you begin to pray? What sort of a person are you? Do you like a good gossip? Then gossip to God. Are you the strong silent type? Then be silent in his presence. Say hello... say the Lord's Prayer ... say 'Oh God' and mean it... deliberately be silent and still for one minute ... read a story from a Gospel and imagine what you would say to Jesus if you were there... tell him about what is worrying you or thrilling you ... copy the great pray-ers of the Bible and of the Church... write a letter to him ... listen and look for a few moments in a place you consider holy... You can't go wrong. Prayer is good. God longs to hear from you. He's worth it.

What the drain will cost churches, charities and clubs

The 'rain tax' is expected to cost the Church of England over £15 million a year, plus a further £10 million as churches employ professional services to appeal the initial bills. This is equivalent to the Church of England being permanently drained of the resources to employ 375 clergy (a loss of 10 clergy in every diocese), or being unable to support 3,000 community groups, or 7,500 pensioner lunch clubs, or the loss of 357 Church School teachers. Larger churches will see their bills rise from £140 to £8,000 and Cathedrals will between £5,000 and £71,000 a year.

Very fortunately it doesn't involve us at St James

Church Floodlighting Sponsors June 2009

In loving memory of **MARY TAMBLIN**.
Passed away 6th June 2006.
From Trevor and family.

Ian and Zeina Trewin, in happy and loving memory of
WILLIAM (Bill) TREWIN and ANN ELLEN TREWIN

In loving memory of my mother **Mrs. VERA LABDON** who passed
away 26th March 2001, and for her birthday 21st June.
Also my father **Mr. DONALD LABDON**, who passed
away 26th January 1986, and for his birthday 26th June.
From Peter J. Labdon.

Remembering with love, Dad and Grandad **CLARENCE MOORE**
On his birthday June 14th.
Val and family.

Fondest memories of our Dad & Grandad **REG CORNISH**.
On his birthday 15th June, who passed away on Fathers Day
June 17th 1990 aged 65 years.
Sadly missed,
love Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the family.
xxxxx

In loving memory of my dear husband **ARTHUR HAWORTH**
From Joan

NANCEKIVELL
Remembering Dave with love on June 10th.
Missed so much everyday by all of us.
Eileen, Richard, Nikki, Roland, Ruth, Edward & Helen and families.

*Grateful thanks to all that sponsor the cost of Floodlighting
our beautiful church. The cost is £5.00 per entry.*

All enquires to Adam Spry, Church Lodge, West Street, Kilkhampton EX23 9QW

May 2009

Dear Friends,

Oh my goodness doesn't time fly? We have had a very busy half term. Much of it has been spent preparing for SATs testing, testing itself in the mornings and having lots of fun in the afternoons. We get the balance of serious and fun right.

We have now completed our swimming programme for the year, thanks to Penstowe pool, and we are pleased with the children's progress. The standard of swimming has been maintained despite both Splash and Penstowe being closed for refurbishment over the winter period. The biggest impact of those closures was on the youngest children who are first learning to swim. Bit of a delay there but all will be well by Gala day.

As ever it is the children who swim their first lengths that I get excited about. The older the child, the tougher it is to do, so I really admire the effort and courage it takes. Every child will take part in the Gala, competing to earn points for their house. I'm always amazed that the roof stays on, given the levels of noise and general excitements from parents, staff and children alike.

We are out in the garden at last following a lovely Saturday when children, parents, the Youth Club and the National Trust came along to help us prune trees, pull weeds and dig over the winter hardened soil in the flower and vegetable beds. A twig and branch hide was built from the tree prunings and this is now being used very creatively by the children and break and lunch times.

Class 2 have been out with the National Trust to study the beach, do a litter pick and create beach debris picture frames. More trips out are planned with the other classes next half term.



We had a lovely evening before Easter when "The Secret Six" village detectives came and told stories based on our village. The children in Class 1 had been researching our village history, making models of buildings, collecting artefacts and interviewing notable locals. They had a great time and loved hosting the incredibly well attended evening's entertainment. I was so proud to see our school so full of all ages. A display in the foyer held some of the old school records. That caused some hilarity as the punishment book featured a few of those attending the evening. If you came or were involved in any way with the project, thank you so much. It was the best learning experience for the children and it was a privilege to see you all.

Other activities we have enjoyed this term so far include a language festival for Year 4 children at Budehaven, Key Stage 2 multi skills, tournaments in football, netball and rugby (all of which we made the top three in), a beach ranger visit to talk about ecology, tennis and cricket coaching, sailing lessons and a visit from our Ugandan link teacher. As I said at the beginning, a busy half term.

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us in the summer term as we have lots of plans for sports and creative activities out of doors.

Thank you for your interest and support for our school, a "good school with outstanding features" in Ofsted speak.

See you around the village.

Jane Adams,
Headteacher

KILKHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB NEWS SUMMER 2009

Thank you to Nick Crossley who volunteered at the Youth Club from July 2008 - March 2009 as Club Treasurer and Youth Worker on a Friday evening. Nick has stepped down but we are grateful for his time, enthusiasm and commitment.

Thanks must also go to Alex who volunteers at the Club virtually every week. Alex recently provided all prizes for a raffle to raise money for the Club. Alex raised £62.00 to go towards some new equipment; probably a new football game table. If you see Alex please don't forget to say thanks - he gave up more of his spare time to organise the raffle.

There were several prizes up for grabs but Nicole Lomax was the luckiest member at the Club when the winning numbers were drawn - she managed to win an MP3 docking station and a Play Station 2 with games! EXCELLENT!

The film night was a hit, with members watching a Disney film called 'Holes' with Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight, Henry Winkler (heeeeyyy!!) (one for the adults!) and Shia LaBeouf. We hope to have some more cinema nights in September when the evenings start drawing in again.

Any friends or relatives interested in becoming a volunteer please come up to the *Grenville Rooms on any Friday* from 7.00. Go on give it a try!?!)

Our **AGM** is on **27th July 2009** at the Chapel Rooms 7.30.

Info if required from Lisa - text/call 07810200480 or Rachel 01288321502

SESSION DATES:

JUNE 5th ~ GENERAL ACTIVITIES ~ all usual equipment and materials available. If the weather is good we could venture up to Lamb Park for footy, rounders or skatin.

12th ~ FELTING ~ finishing our hangings + all usual equipment and materials available.

19th ~ GENERAL ACTIVITIES ~ all usual equipment and materials available. If the weather is good we could venture up to Lamb Park for footy, rounders or skatin.

26th ~ FELTING ~ new project for anyone who didn't get to make one previously ~ all usual equipment and materials available. If the weather is good we could venture up to Lamb Park for footy, rounders or skatin.

JULY 3rd ~ GENERAL ACTIVITIES ~ all usual equipment and materials available. If the weather is good we could venture up to Lamb Park for footy, rounders or skatin.

10th ~ GENERAL ACTIVITIES - as above

17th ~ GENERAL ACTIVITIES - as above

24th ~ PARTY TIME! ~ BBQ and games inc. rounders tournament ~ members - v - volunteers!

Taster session for Year 6 leavers moving on to secondary school

27th ~ AGM ~ if we do not get enough support the club will not re-open in September

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SESSION OR ACTIVITY

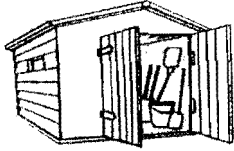
PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO THE COMMUNITY WHEN LEAVING THE YOUTH CLUB ~ THANKYOU
KILKHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB endorses a ZERO TOLERANCE policy to disruptive behaviour

YOUTH CLUB MOBILE ~ 07910 029 099

Please tear off and return to the Club with your ideas or comments

NAME.....

IDEAS or COMMENTS.....



KILKHAMPTON & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB

Our May meeting brought well-known Naturalist David Chaffe to talk to us about "Nature Face to Face" which concerned creatures rather than plants.

His lecture mainly featured Barn Owls and to illustrate this he brought along not slides and a projector but a real live (and well-behaved) Barn Owl !

He told us that this predator, along with other birds plus Otters and Foxes had been threatened, several decades ago, by the introduction of pesticides such as Aldrin and Dieldrin which had found their way up the food chain with deadly effect. Since then, withdrawal of these chemicals from agricultural use, Nature has gradually recovered.

As a top predator, the Barn Owl, with phenomenal low-light vision, asymmetric hearing (which enables it to pinpoint a sound-source), silent flight due to feathers developed differently to other birds and an overhead silhouette designed to strike terror into the minds of its prey together with gripping talons has made this bird into a perfect killing machine. His patient owl was persuaded to show off these features, with the exception of actual flight !

Our June Programme is a full one:

Wednesday June 3rd.. Will bring John Carter to talk about "My favourite plants"

Saturday June 20th is our Social Evening, hosted by Joan and Terry Sillifant

Tuesday June 23rd. Will see the lucky 25 visit the Prince of Wales' garden at
Highgrove House, near Tetbury

Saturday June 27th. will bring the Garden Trail, when 12 gardens in Kilkhampton
Are open to the Public, with Cream Teas in the Methodist
Hall, with all profits going to the Lamb Park Pavillion Fund

A busy month which we hope members and non-members alike will enjoy.

As usual, guests and visitors are welcome to our meetings, held in The Grenville Rooms

On the 1st. Wednesday of the month, at 7.30. pm. For more details of Club activities ring Pat Mitchell (01288 321499) or Eric Latter (01288 321002)

WI NEWS

Well, we did win the Cup again at the Grenville Group Meeting in Morwenstow thanks to Sylvia Hambley, Shirley Rowe and Eileen Nancekivell. Well done ladies.

A big thank you to all those who supported our Starters & Sweets day in April. Our members made some delicious starters and sweets and we hope you enjoyed them, as well as taking the opportunity to have a chat with friends over lunch.

Some of us will be off to Lifton Farm Shop for a little retail therapy and a cream team next week and members were also reminded of the County Chairman's Coffee Morning on 29th May at the Parkhouse Centre in Bude. We usually complain that such events are always held at the other end of the County, so this time we have no excuses - hopefully some of us will be able to support this event.

The speaker for our May meeting was not as advertised so we were grateful that James Marshall was able to come along instead. Fortunately he did not have far to travel as he has lived in Kilkhampton for the last four years. A thatcher of 20 years standing he started his thatching career as an apprentice to Chris Robinson with whom he worked for about eight years. James had brought along all the tools of the trade plus 'bundles' (is that the word?) of straw and reeds. He said he would be making a mess as he chopped away at the straw and reeds, showing us what the implements were used for - and make a mess he did! But he also helped to clear up at the end of his talk! Apparently straw is about three times more expensive than reed but only lasts about half the time, depending of course where the property is - in a damp valley or in an open space. Some of you may have heard James answering questions on a Radio 2 quiz programme - he was up a ladder in Spicers Lane, Stratton at the time! He is currently working on the Hoops Inn, so give him a wave as you're passing and if you see any other thatch with a duck on the ridge - James's trademark - you will know he has been there!

We hope for a return of sunny weather for our meeting in June as we will be picnicking at Hele Bridge. So ladies, please bring food for a shared picnic and something to sit on. Cold drinks will be provided.

For more details about our WI please ring Pat on 321499 or Doreen on 321569.

THE GRENVILLE ROOMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THANKS EVERYONE who came to the BIG BREAKFAST in MAY

Because of rising costs, we did increase the price to £6 this time - the first time since we started in April 04, and you still supported us. Thank you. We raised the magnificent sum of £758.00 towards keeping the Grenville Rooms looking good!

Thank you to all those who donated goods and raffle prizes, we couldn't do it without your support too.

Again we must thank the wives and husband of committee members (Marlene, Pam, and Noel) and our other volunteers (Ann, Jan and Sandra) and Joan who came in after her Breakfast to do some washing up!... and the Brownies (and their Leaders) - weren't they great! Everyone worked so hard.

The next one? **Saturday 26th September 2009**. See you there.

The Methodist Church

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
7 th June	Mr. Barry Bryne	Joan Sillifant	Sandra Holmes & Sylvia Hambley
14 th June	Mrs. Janet Turner		David & Beryl Harper
21 st June	Rev. Joy Wilson	Ruth Nancekivell	Debbie Dawber & Hartley Gilbert
28 th June	Mr. John Ward	Joyce Cleave	Pam Metherell & Joan Sillifant

Dear Friends,

Some of you will probably know that I am not a gardener. I like my garden to look nice, but it is not a hobby I particularly enjoy. Maybe I would find it more rewarding, if I had more time to spend on it; I would then 'get into it'. Perhaps!

I am not a successful sweet pea grower, but a while ago, I came across two articles about them. One on TV, and one in my devotional reading. Both informed me that the more frequently sweet peas are picked, the more flowers you get. As long as you keep picking them, the more they bloom. Apparently, if you don't pick them, they go to seed, and stop flowering.

The one aim of a plant is to reproduce, and so as long as the flowers are picked, and therefore no seed produced, then it keeps producing flowers as it strives to produce its seed. It seems a bit cruel, really.

I wouldn't like to suggest that we are like sweet peas, except that we are created by God to blossom, and then to produce seed.

As God touches our lives, and we open up to allow him to play a major role in the way we live, so it shows, more and more, in the kind of people we become. We blossom. As we allow God to shine through, and to work in our lives, so, we produce seed. The seed is the love and care we show towards other people, and the more we give out, the more we receive back.

There is a saying that goes something like this:

*That love in your heart wasn't put there to stay,
for love isn't love, till you give it away."*

A basic fact of the Christian life, is that you cannot outgive God. So, although I don't want to take the sweet pea analogy too far, I would say, that it is good to remember the basic principle, that the more you give out, the more you get back.

With all good wishes,

Joy Wilson

COFFEE MORNING
IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH U.K
SATURDAY 11th JULY
10.30 - 12.30
AT
INNISFREE, KILKHAMPTON
(PHIL & MERILYN FRNCH)
Cake Stall Bring & Buy
Books Draw etc.

KILKHAMPTON GARDEN TRAIL



Saturday 27th June

2.00 - 6.00 p.m.

12 Gardens Open

Tickets £4

Start by collecting your map
(with a brief description of each garden)
at the Methodist Church Hall.
Cream teas will be on sale in the Hall.
Look out for the Red Poppies!

Gardens Open

The School

Barbara & Malcolm Cull - 1 Rosecott Park

Val & Eddie Shepherd - 3 Rosecott Park

Yvonne Chidley & Robert Walkey - Sunways, The Square

Sue and Dennis Vanstone - Rock Haze, West Street

Ally & Les Inwood - Primrose Cottage, West Street

Eunice & David Stevens - Underhill Cottage, West Street

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Parish Council Meeting

The monthly meeting was held on Monday 11th May. Clive Vanstone accepted the chair for the meeting in the unavoidable absence of Rollo McGrath, and there were 7 other members present. There were also 3 members of the public present.

This meeting was the Annual General Parish Council Meeting and the election of the Chairman, the Officers and committees was the first item on the agenda. Rollo McGrath was re elected as Chairman and Heather Jordan as Vice Chairman. The only changes to the various committees was the changing of their members. Other matters discussed were; the severance of Ivyleaf Hill, the closure of the footpath and bridle-path at that location and a request to Cornwall Council for the date of the promised review; the roofing of The Grenville Rooms; Lamb Park buildings and the Play Park Safety Report; the forthcoming elections on 4th June; and the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 18th May where our guest speaker is coming from Camborne to talk about "Renewable Energy at a Domestic Level". It is proposed to hold a Village Clean- Up on Thursday 28th May.

Reports were taken about the Parish Walks, the J & I School, The Grenville Rooms, Car Boot Sales in the park on Saturdays, and the Parish Plan Review where Noel Mitchell is formulating questions for the review of our Parish Plan. It was also noted that there are problems at Duckpool toilets which meant that they have to be closed at present. The hydram water system has a mechanical fault and the responsibility for repairs has transferred from NCDC to Cornwall Council. Efforts are being made to ensure that repairs will be conducted as soon as practicable.

Planning Applications were discussed for; Messrs Spence of Bryder Farm Caravan Site for landscaping work and levelling; K Johns of Elmsworthy Farm for the demolition of a silo and the rebuilding of another; and R Drew of Lower Halls farm for the re siting of an approved farm building.

Planning Approvals were received for Mr & Mrs Pearce of The New Inn for the conversion of a residential area, and an extension to provide letting rooms.

There were 6 items of correspondence discussed which included; the Digital Changeover, a meeting entitled 'Save the Planet', the Shoreline Management Review, and minutes of various meetings held by Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1st June 2009 at 7.30pm at The Grenville Rooms.

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If you haven't already, make a choice to focus today on what you have and not what you don't have, to look for the good and not the bad, to be grateful for what you can do and not what you can't.

Everyone of us will die but not all of us will live life to it's max and that's often because of the choices we make, not the situations we are in. So make a choice now about your day because it will change your week and hey, why not have a great month thrown into the bargain.

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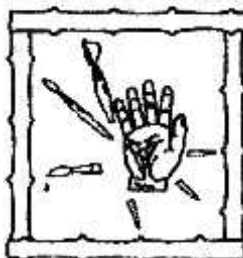
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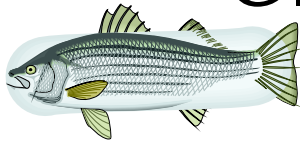
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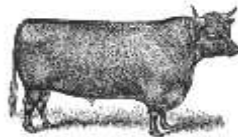
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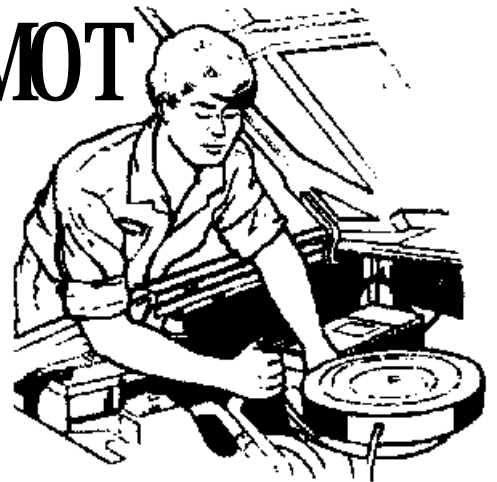
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