

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

April 2022



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Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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Letter from the Bishop of Herford

Hello Everyone,

I feel little choice but to write about the situation in Ukraine. I'm hesitant because writing this piece several weeks in advance means that it is likely to be out of date. As I write, the news is emerging of an airstrike on a children's hospital in Mariopol. Each day outdoes itself in reports of wickedness and villainy. I'm not sure this graphic demonstration of evil fits with modern psychological theories of human wrongdoing. What is happening in Ukraine is simply sinful and evil. It demonstrates what Christians and our Jewish forbears have said for centuries. There is something deeply wrong with human beings. We are created in the image of God and capable of great goodness, but sinful, rebellious against God and therefore capable of great evil at the same time.

Putin is motivated by distorted views of history, misplaced pride and preparedness to get his own way through the projection of power. I see this sort of motivation played out all the time, even in familiar contexts; even in Herefordshire and South Shropshire! The difference is that our petty delusions don't have access to one of the world's largest armies to do so much damage.

I pray that Putin won't get his way through violence. It is certainly proving counter-productive in gaining political submission. Power like this never achieves its ends. In the temptation story, Jesus rejected the use of power, even to bring about good outcomes. Real change both in the world and in our hearts only happens through love. Jesus seeks to build a kingdom not through coercion but by invitation. As we approach Easter his crucifixion reminds us he was prepared to pay the price in himself for justice to be done. What flows from this is the possibility of forgiveness, something we all need, not just Mr Putin.

Yours in Christ

+Richard

Kington Community Lunch



**12.30pm
Wednesday
20th April**

If you would like a hot meal and company
please join us at the Parish House.

Contact 230683

Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall

Thursday 7th April: The Courier (cert 12A)

Benedict Cumberbatch is back with another formidable performance in this Cold War espionage drama. He plays a real-life character Greville Wynne, an unassuming British businessman with a weakness for booze, recruited as a messenger by MI5 in the 1960s. On trips to Moscow, Wynne develops an unlikely friendship with a contact in the Russian military intelligence service, Oleg Penkovsky. Will their dangerous partnership succeed in relaying important intelligence to prevent nuclear intervention during the Cuban Missile Crisis? This well-paced thriller keeps you guessing throughout.



Tickets for all films are £5. Advance booking only - please book and pay for your tickets online at pay-brilley.co.uk Don't forget to bring your own refreshments. Doors open at 7pm.

View from the Vicarage

Walking in the Way of the Cross

Dear Friends,

A few days ago, I was doing something which is a regular feature of my Lenten observance each year. I was leading a meditation known as The Way of the Cross around St. Mary's Church Kington. If you've visited the church at any time during Lent, you may have glimpsed some images hanging around the church. These images are the Stations or the Way of the Cross. I'm delighted that this year, we're joined by some of our friends at St. Bede's Church but also joining with them on alternate Fridays during Lent. The Stations are a permanent feature of St. Bede's as they are of all Roman Catholic and some Anglican churches. The two sets in Kington are different. St. Bede's have the traditional 14 stations whereas at St. Mary's, you'll see what are known as the Bethel stations. Both sets are 14 snapshots of events during Christ's journey either from Gethsemane or Pilate's Judgement Hall to the tomb depending on which set you're following.

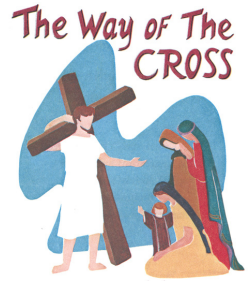
The Stations of the Cross were devised during the Middle Ages as a way of enabling people who were unable to travel to Jerusalem to walk in Christ's actual footsteps on that fatal journey to accompany him without leaving home. I like to describe them as Medieval Virtual Reality!

As I was leading this meditation around St. Mary's Kington the other day, it struck me extremely powerfully how resonant and contemporary these ancient words actually seemed. As I read and walked my mind drifted back not to that cataclysmic Spring Day in Jerusalem so long ago but rather to the images that have been so dominating our television screens for over a month by the time that you read this. Scenes of devastated and annihilated Ukrainian cities, of desperate men, women and children escaping the obliteration of their legitimate hopes, dreams and aspirations in the face of unprovoked aggression and violence wrought upon them by a country which should be a neighbour and friend.

As I read about Judas' betrayal of Christ, I kept being reminded of that same sense of betrayal and abandonment experienced by many Ukrainians in the face of Russian aggression and Western inaction. As I read Christ's words to the women of Jerusalem my mind filled with images of cities such as Mariupol and Kharkiv razed to the ground. As we heard Simon of Cyrene being compelled to help Christ shoulder the cross, my mind filled with images of those heroic young men from Ukraine and well beyond its borders who have been prepared to face unimaginable horrors to defend their country. As we read again Christ's words from the cross to his mother, his friend and the penitent thief, I seemed to hear instead the words of President Volodymyr Zelensky inspiring, encouraging, pleading with his nation and the world, irrespective of the very real threats to his own personal security.

While remembering all of this, we must not allow ourselves to believe that the war in Ukraine, as barbaric and hideous as it is, remains the sole conflict disfiguring the face of humanity today. While the world's attention is focussed upon the aggression inflicted upon Ukraine we should not ignore the plight of other countries and regions which are likewise being decimated through the scourge of war and violence.

The resonances between the passion of Christ then and the suffering of too many innocent people across the world now facing those they once regarded as friends and



neighbours now transformed into aggressors and destroyers; help us to remember that Easter is far more than just the recollection of events from ancient history.

Christ's passion, death and resurrection brought salvation and redemption for all people at all times and in all places. By embracing and participating in the suffering then, Christ becomes one with those who are suffering now. Through his conquest of death he opens the prospect of new and abundant life for all innocent victims of violence, exploitation and aggression yesterday, today and for all of our tomorrows.

As you follow your own way of the Cross this Holy Week please do hold in the forefront of your minds all who are sharing in Christ's suffering now that they and we may have all of our hopes and aspirations for them triumphantly vindicated in the joy of Easter. As you do this may we all be abundantly blessed.

With my love and prayers for a blessed and happy Easter

Ben.

Some Holy Week and Easter Highlights

Friday, 8th April: Tenebrae Service: St. Mary's Kington at 8.00pm

This ancient and moving service meaning Into the Shadows is a combination of the services of Evensong on Maundy Thursday and Mattins of Good Friday. Through music, scripture and the gradual extinguishing of candles we travel with Christ into the shadow world of betrayal, passion and death.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: The Eucharist of the Last Supper

Unfortunately we won't be celebrating the institution of the Eucharist with a shared meal as part of the Eucharist this year but please do join us as we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples and the betrayal in the garden of Gethsemane which followed it. Jesus' words to his disciples then were: "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" I hope and pray that our answer is: yes!

GOOD FRIDAY

We begin the day with Morning Prayer and the Litany at Huntington and Titley. At 10am we gather with fellow Christians for the Walk of Witness through Kington. At 2.00pm at St. Mary's Kington and 6.00pm at St. Stephen's Old Radnor we follow Christ to the cross and the grave.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

TITLEY GOOD FRIDAY 4.00pm

KINGTON: EASTER EVE: 11.30am

It's good to be able to welcome everyone back this year for our ever popular Easter Egg Hunts. Having hunted for easter eggs in the churchyard and shared a brief service together we get properly messy as we create the Easter Gardens which will be at the centre of both churches Easter Decorations. Do come and join us and invite the young and the young at heart to join us, just don't forget your basket!!
EASTER EVE: 9.00pm: VIGIL & FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER:

This year we're gathering at St. Mary's Kington for the most moving and important service of the whole Christian year.



As we prepare to welcome the risen Christ, we gather for the service of light during which the darkness is pierced by the light of the new fire and the symbol of Christ the Easter or Paschal Candle following its light into a church lit only by our candles to hear a lone voice singing the great Easter song of praise. Readings from the Bible remind us of God's saving love for all people, followed by the joyful beginning of our Easter celebration. How could you miss it?

EASTER DAY

All of our churches look forward to welcoming friends old and new to our celebrations of the greatest day of the year.

Saturday, April 23rd: 3.30pm: KINGTON GIVES THANKS

After so many false hopes we're finally able to join together to remember those who've died during the course of the Coronavirus pandemic and also to unveil and dedicate the magnificent bench which Kington Town Council have commissioned to stand by the Garden of Remembrance. ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH:

10.00AM: GROUP EUCHARIST AT HUNTINGTON

4.00PM: LAMBING SERVICE AT OLD RADNOR

Having gathered in the spring beauty of Huntington Church for a Eucharist in the morning we travel up to Old Radnor for our now traditional service to celebrate the conclusion of what we hope and pray will have been a successful lambing time for our farming community. We look forward to welcoming EWE!!

LOOKING FORWARD

Plans are developing across the Benefice for our contributions to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. Keep an eye out for details. St. Mary's Church Kington will be hosting a flower festival with a difference because alongside some spectacular floral displays we're hoping to have artefacts on display showing how dramatically life has changed during the 70 years of HM the Queen's reign, if you've got anything at home you can lend us for this display we'd be extremely grateful. Please do let Ben know if you can help.

Message from the editor

Owing to holiday arrangements immediately after Easter, I will be unable to print the copies of the May Parish News in time for them to be in the churches by the 4th Sunday - ie 24th April. I will do most of the work immediately after the cut-off date of 15th April and will print the copies on Wednesday 27th April so that they will be available for distribution by Thursday 28th April and will definitely be in the churches by Sunday 1st May. Please send in your news as early as possible so that I can do most of the layout before Easter. Thank you.

Freda



Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

*Dependant on Government announcements,
please see our website for up to date information.*

All services in Kington marked * below will be available via livestream at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh0108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA90A>

Friday, April 1st Service of Compline, 8pm Huntington

Sunday, 3rd April: 5th Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3: 4b-14, John 12:1-8

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Mattins:	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

Friday, 8th April: 8pm, Tenebrae Service at St Mary's Kington.

Sunday, 10th April: Palm Sunday

Luke 19. 28-40, Psalm 31 9-16, Isaiah 50. 4-9a , Philippians 2. 5-11, Luke 23.1-49.

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton

Maundy Thursday, 14th April: 7pm Eucharist at St Mary's, Kington

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116: 1,10-end, Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, 15th April:

8:30am	Morning Prayer and Litany,	Huntington
8:30am	Morning Prayer and Litany,	Titley
10:00am	Churches Together walk of Witness,	Kington. (Starts at St Mary's)
2:00pm	Last Hour at the Cross,	Kington
4:00pm	Making of Easter Garden & Easter Egg Hunt,	Titley
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Old Radnor

Saturday, 16th April: Easter Eve

11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt & Messy Church	Kington
9:00pm	The Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter	Kington.

Sunday, 17th April EASTER DAY

Isaiah 65: 17-end, Psalm 118: 14-24, Acts 10. 34-43, John 20:1-18.

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist and Baptism:	Titley
6.00pm:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor

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St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

FUNDRAISING

St. Mary's Stall at Hergest Croft Spring Fair.

I expect that you will have read in the March edition of the Parish News that St. Mary's is going to run a book and bric a brac stall at the Spring Fair on Monday, May 2nd.

In order to stock the stall we make a further plea for good, clean, "not wanted anymore" items to sell but, please, not clothes or electrical goods.

We need to receive items for sale in advance, so the Parish House will be a collection point on Thursday, April 21st from 10am. until 3pm. This will give us opportunity to sort prior to the day.

We hope that we can look forward to seeing you on that Thursday, even if you have only a couple of items to spare they will be gratefully received. Any queries please ring 01544 230271.

We are pleased to have reinstated the fellowship coffee time following the Sunday] morning service and hope very much that it can stay in place.

As Easter draws closer, so we look forward to extra opportunities for worship and thank Ben for the services planned.

Holy Saturday promises to be a fun time for children and will include an Easter Egg hunt and, in church, the making of an Easter Garden.

Families will be most welcome.

Our late eighteenth century lych gate will again be the background for our Easter celebrations. Please visit and enjoy St. Mary's Easter Garden adjacent to the lych gate.

As I write, Rodney is now recovering at home. He sends his thanks for cards and messages received, We hope very much that it will not be too long before he is back among us. We send Easter greetings to him and to Margaret.

I know that Rodney would wish to join with me in sending greetings to you all for a happy, blessed Easter.

Ann Edwards.

Coffe Rota

At the moment the fellowship time following the Sunday service in Kington is up and running but we have lost some of our volunteers who are willing to make and serve the refreshments. Our thanks to those who have resumed making and serving the coffee. Here is a suggested rota for the next few weeks but please contact me on 01544 230271 if the dates given are a problem. Many thanks.

27th Mar	Christine Robinson & Julia Reid
10th Apr	Marion Gilling & Beryl Thompson.
17th Apr	Elaine Roche & Stephen Lacey
24th Apr	No coffee. Group Eucharist, Huntington
1st May	Jan Price & Margaret Cooke



If anyone is willing to join this rota please contact Ann. Phone number above

Ann Edwards.

More Journeys in Jane Mark III

1966 was a momentous year. Having passed my General Ordination exams, I had a little more free time to prepare Jane for an important date on the 2nd July 1966- providing transport for our Wedding Day!!



I wrote in the log "At last time to attend to Jane's bodywork". Jane's backside was attended too, this

was in a very poor state particularly below the spare wheel. The rear bulbs were replaced a full service carried out and the whole car cleaned and polished.

July 2nd 1966: Sonia and I were married at St Andrew's church, Oving. A wonderful day- warm and sunny with a clear blue sky. We were taken to the reception in an Austin Princess, and there in the car park stood a resplendent Jane, complete with white ribbons waiting for the next stage of our journey. After a splendid reception we were ready to travel to Sonia's home , before journeying on to the Isle of Wight

When we came to depart, Jane would not start and I discovered that someone had removed the rotor arm! Not surprising, knowing the sense of humour and mischief practiced in the past by some of my friends who were guests on the day. Eventually the rotor arm was returned, and we set off on our journey through life, now as husband and wife.

For the next three terms from October through to June 1967 Jane transported me from Tangmere to Birmingham without further mishaps or breakdowns.

The final entry in the log reads 'August 1967. Economic factors , sole reason for selling Jane.' She served me well for 20 months, completing 24 journeys to Birmingham, many week-end runs from Old Sodbury to Tangmere and one memorable trip to Leiston in Suffolk. Sonia's E type (Morris 8 series, not a jaguar!) plus costs of setting up a new home and a new life ahead closes this chapter of this log.

Tony Jardine

KINGTON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

We shall open again for the 2022 season on Saturday. April 2nd and will be open every day except Sunday from 10am. until 4pm.

We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors alike

If you are organising an event do let us have posters or flyers so that we can help publicise it for you.

We look forward to the Spring Walking Festival which runs from the 22nd of April until April 24th and hope that it will see many visitors here and be blessed with good weather.

We shall be open all day on Sunday , April 24th for the Festival.

Ann Edwards.



A walk through the wood

**Bring and Buy Cakes/Preserves
and stay for coffee**

**Saturday 14th May
10.30 to 12.30**

Email:

Marilyn.kelly266@gmail.com

Donations for Ukraine

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Easter Services:

Sunday 10th April – 08:30am – Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist

Friday 15th April – 08:30am – Food Friday – Morning Prayer & Litany

Sunday 17th April – 08:30am – Easter Day – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 24th April – 10:00am – Group Holy Eucharist



Werner Guttmann:

Natasha would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and messages of condolence, following the death of Werner on the 21st February. So many of us remember Werner with great fondness. Werner's funeral is being held on Friday 18th March in London. However, Natasha is hoping to arrange a Memorial/Thanksgiving Service in Huntington as soon as she is able. I will write more on Werner's life next month, together with details of the service in Huntington.

Taizé Prayers:

Several events will be held in local churches throughout the diocese, where we can learn about and make use of different traditions of praying. The first gathering was held in church on Sunday 13th March, with the theme "Longing for peace for our Neighbours". Around 30 people attended, many being visitors from various local churches.

Tessa Wilkinson gave a brief introduction on how the ecumenical Community of Reconciliation at Taizé in Burgundy, France was first established in 1940 by Brother Roger, and how it has continued to grow. It is now an important site of Christian pilgrimage, and everyone is welcome regardless of faith. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make this pilgrimage each year.

Tessa explained how repetitive singing of simple harmonized songs, in various languages, is used as a form of prayer and we all experienced this throughout the service. Singing was interspersed with readings, prayers and a period of silence for our own meditation, reflection and prayer. Individuals could light a candle and offer a silent prayer for the Ukrainian people, who were very much in our thoughts. There was a real sense of peace and tranquillity within the church.

Susan Maiden

KINGTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Next meeting
7.30pm Thursday 21st April

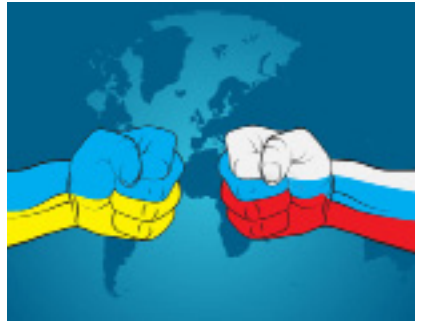
'A productive year in a small greenhouse'
with Nick Morgan
Venue: Masonic Hall, Headbrook
All welcome



Summer holiday booked in Yorkshire in June
Details from D W Phillips 230683

Reader Writes

Every Russian knows the doom-laden report “4am, Kyiv is bombed”; thus it was in 1941 that Russians and Ukrainians were invaded by Hitler, leading to the great patriotic war. Now it is 2022 and Kyiv is being bombed again, but this time by Russia itself. All thinking people, especially Slavophiles, will be profoundly saddened and worried by Putin’s angry and dangerous decision to invade his European and democratic neighbour Ukraine. His rambling Kremlin speech on the historical claim of Russia



on Ukraine seemed to make invasion inevitable. We are deeply sorry for our Ukrainian friends. *“Havoc! and let slip the dogs of war”* as Shakespeare has it in Julius Caesar.

Should Christians ever take up arms to fight in a war? I believe they should. Just-war theory may be ambiguous, and we have had some conflicts in the last few decades that have been both unjust and unsuccessful. Some take a principled pacifist line, but the majority of us accept that war can sometimes be ethically unavoidable. Ukraine is not a member of Nato, and it was hard to see how they could have been admitted without triggering the war that has now destroyed a democratic free Ukraine.

So where did we fail? To begin with, at the time of the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 it looks disastrous to have left Russia to be laid waste by the oligarchs as it moved to a market economy. On top of this the west hastily expanded Nato eastwards without giving concession to Russia’s own need for security. We openly cast Putin as villain and disregarded diplomatic opportunities to win over Russia and its dangerous president. But this is far from all; western hypocrisy has made Putin despise us. As a well-known expatriate Russian fund manager put it *“the city of London levitates on dirty money”*; his Moscow lawyer was beaten to death in an FSB cell. And Russian money is even buying favour in our present government.

Failure of diplomacy and hypocrisy have now left us with no option but to be steely determined that Nato stands firm and united in the face of further Putin ambitions. Archbishop Justin Welby gave an encouraging thought for the day on the morning of the invasion. Peace and justice are sides of the same coin; compromising justice will not buy us peace. Our East European and Baltic state allies must be resolutely supported, and especially so should, God forbid, a future American administration pull out. Uncertainty creates fear which leads to poor decisions. I’d love to be a pacifist who is proved right, but I’m sobered by the shadows of history.

Jesus told his disciples that we must face trouble in the world. *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*(Jn16.33) We seek wisdom and courage and of course integrity to cope with the trouble in the world. And we won’t cope at all without prayer. We pray for Ukraine and we pray for the church with its many traditions in both Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the victims of this war and for the wisdom of Ukraine’s leaders; and we pray for all Russians bravely opposing Putin’s wickedness.

Robert MacCurrach

ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Condolences.

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Mike Coe who recently died suddenly. Mike was a character in the village and we will miss him going up and down the road on his Mule.



Lent Lunch.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the lent lunch and to everyone who came and supported it. There was a lovely atmosphere and friendly chatter. The great sum of £255 was raised which has been sent to St Michael's Hospice to help with the fantastic work they do.

Easter Services.

Morning Prayer will be said at Titley at 9am on Good Friday 15th April.

At 4pm the same day (Good Friday) the famous Titley Easter Egg Hunt and the building of the Easter Garden will take place. The local children love this. Hopefully we will be able to have refreshments this year. Please pass the word around and see you all there at 4pm.

Our Easter Day service takes place at 10am on Easter Sunday. This year it will be an extra special service as we also have a baptism where we will welcome Angus into our church family.

Community Shop.

We have managed to secure a booking for the Community shop. This is not until October but I would like to give you advanced notice so you can start to look for any items which you may be able to donate for sale. If anyone wants any help with transporting anything or wants to make space now please phone Dick on 231052 and we will arrange to collect and store anything. Alternatively you can put any items for sale at the back of the church.



Magazine Payment.

If you have not paid for your magazine please do so by either giving the £6 to Dick or dropping in to Pam at the shop.

Storm Damage.

Following the recent very windy weather a couple of trees blew down across the road from the churchyard. Western Power came out and sorted everything quickly as sadly some residents were without power. I would like to extend a huge thankyou to Tristan, David

and the gang of men from Titley Court who took the remaining trees down and cleared up making it safe again. This was a tremendous community response which saved the church a lot of money. Thank you.

Church Lighting.

It has been decided that it would be lovely as part of the Jubilee Celebrations to permanently light up the church at night. Now the trees are not there the church will look even better. This of course costs money. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this please get in touch with Dick or David. Donations can of course be kept private if you so wish.

Anniversary Congratulations.

We send our warmest congratulations to John and Quita Sankey who in April will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They both do so much for the village. We also send John our best wishes as he prepares to have a knee operation and hope he is up and running again very quickly.

Dick

Rogue Traders

Police have received information about rogue traders in the Herefordshire area and are concerned that residents across our Policing area may be targeted.

Rogue traders are individuals who will turn up unannounced and offer to carry out works such as roofing or gardening, often citing that they have spotted a problem and offering to fix it for you. They will then charge extortionate sums of money for minor or poor quality work.


We would advise that you do not accept work from cold callers, instead choose a trusted contractor. Do not be fooled by cold callers who look professional with business cards and sign-written vehicles. Get recommendations from friends or family and get at least 2 quotes for any work you intend to get done. The Citizens Advice Bureau website contains good advice as how to find a trusted tradesperson: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/find-a-trader-and-check-you-can-trust-them/>

Do not be pressured into accepting work. If a tradesperson becomes intimidating or oppressive then politely decline any work, close and lock your doors and if necessary report the matter to the Police.

Elderly residents are most at risk from this type of activity so please ensure you make your neighbours aware of this issue.


PCSO Felix Rawlinson

Kington & Weobley Safer Neighbourhood Team



Urgently Required
Secretary
for Kington Horticultural Society

If you would be willing to fill this vacancy
please contact Dennis Phillips on 01544 230683



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 17)

Waste not, want not; Make do and mend; Is your journey really necessary? Put that light out! Dig for victory!



Things drummed into us when we are young and impressionable tend to stick. That's why those of us who lived through the war at a certain age may tend to have slogans like these engrained in our psyche. And that's perhaps partly why I've always concentrated on fruit and vegetables rather than on flowers and leisure gardening. Those few slogans I've listed above still influence my behaviour. After all, digging for victory was important. We lived in Brighton, and large bits of the South Downs were ploughed up and cultivated for the first time, and with no weed killers the result was that charlock grew everywhere. My father started bee-keeping with three stocks of bees and he took off just about 300 lbs of honey in his first season. And gardens and allotments too needed to do their bit to help feed the nation.

We might even dare to say that was something good that came about in the war. After all, the word economics comes from a Greek word roughly meaning housekeeping, which I think means producing what you can for yourself, selling excess and buying in only what you cannot produce. And that's why I can't understand why the shops are full of imported eating apples most of the year, when in this country we can grow the best in the world. If I can have my home grown eaters for nine months of the year without any special provision for keeping them, then surely we should be able to have British apples in our shops all the year round?

Well, now I've got that off my chest, grumpy old man that I am, let me explain that it's in response to Monty Don's exploration of gardens in Croatia that I've written it. He was apparently disappointed that all the emphasis in that country seemed to be on growing crops for food rather than on leisure. Well!

But I confess to loving flowers and flowering trees, especially those that produce fruit, but also those that feed the spirit, like the spring flowers and lilac, and the camellias coming into bloom. We've one rose-pink ancient one which always makes a show. It's shaded from the sun early in the day when there may be frost; and the other's a lovely red. I purchased it about 25 years ago as a small colourful plant to go into an Easter Garden in church, and it's moved house with us a couple of times. And the spring flowers are extra special this year, not least in Hergest Gardens, where Giles and I enjoy taking our coffee sometimes for a change, using our season tickets and sharing a biscuit with a friendly robin.

Now, in early March, I'm getting itchy fingers and sorting out seeds. The cosmos from the propagator are now in a sunny windowsill, and tomato seeds are taking their place: Shirley, Golden Sunrise and Tumbling Tom, and outside, the broad beans are coming up, also in pots in the shed, and potatoes are planted in bags on hard surfaces again to save space. We are cropping kale, lovely purple sprouts, baby leeks, parsnips and the very last of the red cabbage, Red Flare, which I shall certainly grow again. We still have a few frozen beans, some fresh salads, and the Duncan spring cabbage in the greenhouse are just turning in and ready as greens to be eaten before we need the space for the tomato plants. Before the end of the month I shall have put down my seed tapes, sown mangetout peas (for the sparrows?) beans, brassicas, chard etc and probably mown the grass a couple of times.

Storm Franklin was a naughty boy. We were spared the worst, as I trust were you. But the trees down in the arboretum and Park Wood, and even several by the river in the Rec tell the story. Emma and I have repaired a broken trellis, and there were twigs pruned by Franklin from the old apple trees. Otherwise we were lucky, and just hope climate change isn't going to cause too much trouble this year. Happy Gardening.

Denis Parry

Kington Art and Craft Market.

Saturday 16th April 9:30 a.m. – 3.30p.m.
Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines.

Yes. We are back! The first Kington Art and Craft Market of 2022 will be on Sat 16th April. 9.30am – 3.30pm in the Market Hall.

We have a range of stalls offering different types of Art and Crafts many of your favourite stall will be there along with some new ones. Kington Art and Craft Market prides itself on the fact all items are Handcrafted locally by Artist or Crafters.

The markets will continue to take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month until December with an extra market on 26th November and 10th December We look forward to seeing you.

Anna King - AK Crafts anna@akcrafts.co.uk 07977 978676

“All shall be well, all manner of thing shall be well.” (Julian of Norwich)

Here we were then, an assortment of children from Lady Hawkins and the Primary School with an assortment of civic dignitaries, an assortment of ordinary folk and a handful of workers from the Hergest Estate, all gathered in the School Field alongside the footpath (which some suspect was once part of a pilgrim route to Twt Castle, joining another going to St David's). And we were here to carry out a project originally mooted in January '21 but then put on hold on account of Covid...Until, that is, thanks to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and the indefatigable help and support of Mrs Elizabeth Banks, the whole thing was gradually pulled together.



So here we were, on the afternoon of 10th March, the calm dry day cleverly chosen, planting four sapling oaks, roughly in line with the three wonderful ancient ones already remaining there, which have survived several centuries, constantly breathing in huge quantities of harmful carbon dioxide and breathing out similar quantities of life-giving oxygen, as well as supporting a huge variety of wildlife.

Here was a wonderful sign of hope in a world beset by climate change, pandemic, warfare etc. We might well sympathise with Private Frazer in “Dads' Army,” whose constant mantra was “We're all doomed, doomed, doomed.” But here is a sign of hope like the one the Prophet Jeremiah displayed. Though his city was being besieged, like cities in Ukraine at present, his homeland being stolen like theirs and his people exiled, he went out and, in faith and hope, bought a field, sealing up the documents in a strong clay jar to be retrieved whenever.

In just that way, our little saplings are planted as an act of faith and hope, or there would be no point at all in planting them; and they are also a sign of our love of creation, the wonder and beauty of trees, of the countryside where we live, and of our determination to combat the evils of climate change. God bless her Majesty, who, even in her extreme old age, still cares for the planet, for her people, and especially for those schoolboys and girls who have their whole lives before them.

Denis Parry

Message of Thanks

Kington Trefoil Guild would like to thank Diane Bradley & Tom Bounds for the use of one of their shop windows, enabling us to put a display promoting the Trefoil Guilds in Herefordshire. We have been delighted to show what we get up to, the pictures on display speak for themselves, showing the fun we all share.

If you are interested to know more please contact me Nancy Wheatland 01544 230691 and come along to see for yourself. We meet once a month you do not have to have been a Brownie or Girl Guide to join. We meet in the Kington Bowling club and anyone is welcome. We hope you all saw on Kington chat that "Aggie" joined in the fun too.

Many thanks again to all who have helped & supported us over the years. Be sure to look out what we are up to next soon.

Nancy Wheatland, Chair Kington Trefoil Guild



TREFOIL GUILD

Jam Jars

I have several dozen clean 340gm jam jars with lids to give away. Will deliver in Kington.

Eileen Kite, 230231.

A Word from St Hugh's

As you read this, we will be in the midst of seeking to hand over responsibility and stewardship / ownership of Myndlasses Wood. We have had to come to terms with our physical limitations and also recognise it is time for a fresh vision for the Wood. These words follow on from our thoughts of last October.

Letting go isn't straight forward, especially emotionally. Yet on reflection we have so many incredible memories which will sustain us for the rest of our lives. Tucked in the folds of a valley away from the busyness of daily living, this simple island of woodland that we purchased 20+ years ago has contributed to restoring our health. We have been blessed through our close encountered working partnership with the natural world, some of which we have shared in the Parish Magazine, and we have witnessed the results when you give the natural world a helping hand.

One of our guiding Statutes alongside our Vow of Stability is 'To address and apply an environmentally sustainable Way of Life which engages with our current environmental crisis'.

We have experienced at St Hugh's that it is the most simple things we do that can have a positive impact on living sustainably and nurturing and restoring our environment. Tenderness, Love and Passion have been the tools which have given us the rewards of seeing our very first Silver Washed Fritillary gliding and feeding on blackberry flowers, and of course the Pied Flycatchers now regular visitors from Africa.

However, Esther De Waal in her book 'The White Stone' sums it up beautifully; 'Letting go or self-emptying is clearly the way of Jesus: his own life, death and resurrection show us how to gain by losing.'

Please feel free to contact us for specific prayers.

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The Crowning of Christ

..But first we have Mothering Sunday (27th March) for we're hardly half way through Lent. The fourth Sunday's proper designation is Refreshment Sunday when, in earlier days, girls in service were allowed to make a Simnel cake and have a day off to visit their mother. Why Simnel?

It is said that a couple named Nelly and Simon who had set up in business as baker and pieman, once mixed up a cake which, when Nelly would boil it, her spouse cried, "No, bake it or else you will spoil it." So each cooked one half by the method selected and with layers of marchpane the two parts connected, which kept them apart and yet stuck all together, whether heavy as lead or as light as a feather.



An alternative tale, and which sounds more historic concerns an imposter, a fake Earl of Warwick defeated by Henry the Seventh and taken to cook in the kitchen the king's eggs and bacon. It was he, Lambert Simnel, or so goes the story, who invented the cake that redounds to his glory.

Now, should you find these derivations too fiction'ry, at least they're more fun than the one in my diction'ry: "Old French siminel from the Latin simila," which means finest flour of wheat from the miller.

However, following the refreshment of Mothering Sunday we are heading for Passiontide and Easter, and you can't avoid the former if you are truly to celebrate the latter. And one of the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary is called The Crowning of Christ. One of the churches I served was very special, a bit like ours at Huntington. It was at Monkhaven, site, one time, of a monastery by the sea, where pilgrims used to land on their way up to St David's. Interestingly, Iris, a parishioner, digging round the well in her garden, once found a silver pyx (a little hinged container in which a pilgrim would have carried a consecrated wafer.) How he must have bewailed his loss!

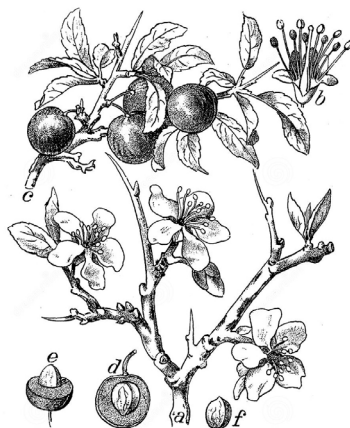
Anyway, one Easter Sunday, when I was to celebrate the Eucharist in that little church of St Ishmael, a friend from a neighbouring parish arranged something a bit special with me. One of our favourite Easter stories was the one about the two disciples walking the seven miles home to Emmaus and talking about what had happened in Jerusalem. They were joined, you may recall, by the risen Christ, unrecognised until, at supper with them, he broke bread. Now, my friend David said he would like to do an Emmaus walk from his church to mine, about seven miles, arriving during the service with an Easter message which he prayed God might have given him on the way. Well, it all went according to plan; he arrived just as we were sharing the peace, holding in his hand a sprig of blackthorn clothed in white blossom. "Look," he said, "On Good Friday this was just cruel black thorns. Now look at it!"

The Crowning of Christ

Last Friday, when I passed along this way,
the hedgerow blackthorn showed no sign of life;
yet, needle-sharp, the thorns upon each spray
tore at my hands and tangled with the knife.
Careful I cut, to avoid each deadly spine,
and set to work to weave this coronet,
coaxing the brittle twigs to intertwine
into a band of sharpest thorns thickset.

Then, with gloved hands, I placed and pressed it down
hard on his head, till there began to sprout
red beads of blood, like buds upon his crown,
which quickened all the hedgerow round about;

Whereby the blackthorn that before looked dead
with blossom now so white like snow is spread.



Punus Spinosa

MAY YOUR EASTER BE TRULY BLESSED.

Denis Parry

Community Shop Dates

30 March - 5 April

06 April -10 April

13 April - 19 April

20 April - 26 April

27 April -3 May

04 May - 10 May

Kington Walking Festival

New Radnor Hub

Garth Social Care Mini-Bus Fund

Kington WI

Kington First Responders

Kington Horticultural Society



Marches Makers Festival, Kington

May day holiday weekend - 30th April, 1st and 2nd May 2022

Enjoy beautifully curated exhibitions in intimate settings with a programme of demonstrations, open studios, participation and performance.

Exhibitions of a range of art works, including paintings, prints, photography, textiles, sculpture, ceramics, jewellery, glass and much more.

Information, demonstrations, activities, displays and some of the About Face Company's theatre performances can be found in the Market Hall.

New events are being added and opening hours vary, so find the most up-to-date information at www.marchesmakers.co.uk

IN TOUCH – NEWS FROM KINGTON MEDICAL PRACTICE Issue No 5 April 2022

THE PRACTICE AND THE PANDEMIC – a personal view

Prior to the first lockdown in March 2020 both clinicians and administrative staff had spent many hours planning and implementing the changes necessary to minimise the risk of cross infection at the surgery. In common with other medical practices, patients were given appointments at the surgery only when this was absolutely necessary, were asked not to arrive early and if possible to remain in their cars until called.

Dr. McCaffrey personally ensured the Practice had adequate supplies of PPE for the staff, thereby enhancing patient as well as staff safety.

Patients will no doubt recall that an “amber hub” was created where infection prevention measures were extremely stringent – patients who were possibly infectious were seen in a specific area of the surgery, which had a separate entrance, and consulting rooms were thoroughly cleaned after each use. Patients from across the North West Herefordshire Primary Care Group were treated in the Amber Hub, confident in the knowledge that they were as safe as it was possible to be.

Then there were masks, hand washing and social distancing, which haven’t entirely gone!! I find it very gratifying that, given the small size of our shops in Kington, so many still adhere to these sensible precautions.

We are very grateful to Dr McCaffery for the monthly updates she has produced informing us of the progression of the pandemic, and the evolving Vaccination Programs. With the exception of one of the flu clinics, which for various reasons, not least the appalling weather, did not go according to plan, the vaccination clinics have been exemplary -well organised ,efficient and friendly. The success of the vaccination clinics is I feel, due in no small measure to the work of the volunteers involved – a big thank you to them all!

Given this context, I was delighted when the Practice won the “GP Practice of the Year Award” organised by the Hereford Times in November 2021.

In November to December 2021, in the midst of the national vaccination drive and having been told to drop routine medical treatments etc the Practice was subjected to a routine CQC(Care Quality Commission) inspection. They are to be congratulated on being rated GOOD overall!

Kay Birchley



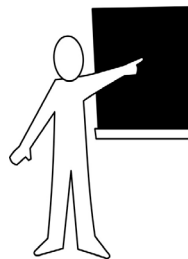
Coffee Morning

On behalf of all patients, the Patient Participation Group warmly invite you to a coffee morning to present the practice staff and volunteers with a picnic table and benches to thank them for their care and commitment during the past two extremely challenging years. We hope to see you in the surgery garden at:

11.00am on Saturday 23rd April

Tales from the Chalk Face... A Roman in Corby!

After I left Oxford, I returned home to Cornwall for time to regroup and reflect on what to do next. After a well needed break, during which time we considered various options, I decided to set myself up as an Educational Consultant. I put together an updated CV and posted it online late one Thursday evening in early September. The next morning, I had a call from a Management Recruitment Centre, saying they had read my CV and had a client who was very interested in me. I certainly hadn't expected such a rapid response! They went on to explain it was a school in Corby (Northants) that was in Special Measures. They explained that the school had been through some very difficult times. Three head teachers had tried working with the school over the year, and it was still stuck and failing. They went on to tell me it was a Roman Catholic school. I told them I didn't think I would be allowed to work there anyway, as I was very Church of England, but they said their client had seen from my CV that I had vast experience of working in church schools and in improving schools, so they would be prepared to compromise, but I would have to convince the Diocese that I was a safe pair of hands and that I would be sympathetic to their practices!



I was somewhat surprised when they said they wanted someone to start as soon as possible and asked me to come for an interview that afternoon!! I explained that we were just about to set off to North Wales for a weekend break and a visit to friends. It was agreed that we could divert after that, and I would attend an interview at County Hall in Northampton on Monday.

When I arrived for the interview, I was told that there was a large panel of Governors, local authority staff and Diocesan representatives. It was a very searching and probing interview during which I managed to convince them that I knew what I was doing and had a plan to help them. At the end of the interviews, I was offered the job. The LA Officer told me that I was their last chance. I would be the fourth Headteacher to work in the school in the past 12 months. If the school was still in Special Measures at the end of the school year, just 10 months away, they would begin closure processes!!

I set off home and prepared to join the school as their Executive Headteacher the following Monday. Unfortunately, in the intervening time, one of the children at the school died suddenly. So, the day I arrived it was the first day the school had been open since that sad, tragic event. The day started with Mass in the church next to the school. and I was introduced and invited to speak to the assembled parents, children, staff and governors, Diocesan and Local Authority representatives. It was such a difficult time for them all. But from the very first moment, they welcomed me.

The school was an interesting set up. The main building had, literally, been built by parents during the post war year, using bricks recovered from war damaged buildings in London. It was a double storey block with 8 classrooms and a huge hall on the top floor. Corby had grown rapidly at that time as the local steel works expanded rapidly to meet the demand for steel during the war. Many families originated from Scotland and some from Northern Ireland. As numbers grew over succeeding years, the original building reached its capacity. So, in the 1980's that building became a Junior School and they built a new Infant School on the site, with a separate head and governing body. The huge site also housed a large canteen and kitchen block, the Catholic Social Club and the Parish Church of Our Lady of Walsingham- after which the school was named. That church looked a bit like a power station, but the inside was beautiful- in the art deco style with the largest stature of Our Lady of Walsingham I had seen! It was one of three Catholic parishes in the town, each with its own school.

Because of the school's recent history and Special Measures, numbers had dropped from a total capacity of around 450 to 168. Consequently, the whole school had moved into the Infant School building, the school was re-designated as a Primary School and the large original building stood practically empty, as was another huge building on site- the former kitchen and canteen.

There were some great challenges ahead. From that first day, I knew we could rapidly improve the school and get things back on track, build up the local community's view of the school and get out of Special Measures. But I had to get a move on, as I only had a one year contract and time was short!!

More to follow.....

Philip Sell



Kington Choral Society has come through the pandemic in good shape and has presented a well received concert of Christmas music. We are now in full rehearsal mode and will be performing Stainer's "Crucifixion" at 3.00pm on Good Friday. The venue for this will be St. Michael's Church, Tenbury. Do come and join us.

We have plenty of space for new singers to come and join us: no audition needed, just a love of music.

Visit kingtonchoral.org.uk for further information.

Wordsearch Copy April

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and his blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

Jesus	Blood
Ate	Gethsemane
Last	Cup
Passover	Removed
Meal	Will
Disciples	Easter
Warned	Approach
Betrayed	
Bread	
Blessed	
Wine	
Thanks	
Drink	
Covenant	
Law	
Old	
New	
Body	



April Crossword

Across

1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)

9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)

10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)

11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)

12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)

14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)

17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)

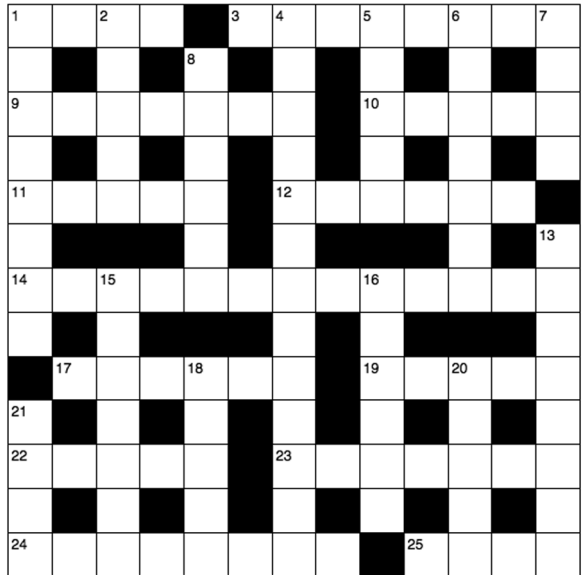
19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)

22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)

23 For nine (anag.) (7)

24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)

25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)



Down

1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)

2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)

4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)

5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)

6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4) 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)

8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)

13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)

15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)

16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)

18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)

20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)

21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

ANSWERS to March Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation.

17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's.

13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

News from Theodora No 14 - Onwards and upwards to Sheffield

Those of you who have really been paying attention will remember that I left you in Sprotborough on the River Don some days after July 10th 2008. Don't be too picky about the dates, though. They can be rather inexact. I continue from there.

The following day found us continuing up the Don, negotiating locks which were generally unmanned. When they are unmanned the locks are operated from control panels which allow you to signal the control gear which works the hydraulic system to open and shut paddles and gates. It has to be safe so it works soooooooooo slooooooooooooooowly and sometimes not very well. We sometimes spent half an hour in the lock before the lock decided that the water levels were right and the gates would open. On one occasion it decided that the water level was correct before it really was. That stalled the motors and the whole cycle had to restart. In the end we decided that a more peaceful and economical time would be had if we turned off the engine for the locking experience.

Everything changed at Rotherham. Didn't I tell you that we were headed for Sheffield and that Rotherham is on the way? Sorry. Anyway, the Rotherham lock is the first of the old locks on the way up and it was a real pleasure to see old stones and wild flowers growing out of the crevices between them. One of the remarkable things about the locks from Rotherham to Sheffield is the lack of lubrication. The paddle gear is dry and the bearing surfaces coated with a thin layer of red rust. The gear squealed in protest when we insisted that we operated the paddles. We continued to insist but it got its own back by making us very tired. I soon learned to carry a can of oil with me. A tub of grease would have been better but risked getting me messy. After this it was much more cooperative. A good example of enlightened self interest, I feel.

The Tinsley flight of eleven locks was hard work, though. Some of the gates are rather close to bridges so they have short balance beams. Twice I had to rig a three or four fold purchase using a mooring rope, or we would not have been able to carry on. I am thinking that it would not be a bad idea to carry a couple of two sheave pulley blocks and some extra rope so that I can rig up a proper tackle (Please pronounce that "taykle" you land lubbers. Aaarh, Jim Lad!). As it was I had to use the hand rails and the lock side bollards as sheaves and they are not very efficient. One of the very real pleasures of this canalling business is overcoming problems.

The Tinsley flight became prettier as we limbed up towards Sheffield until, we could call the top locks nothing less than delightful. Still hard work though.

From the top lock to Sheffield is about two and a half miles. It was good to see that many of the old works are still being used for steel stockholding. None of it is being transported by water, though. You can see steel bar in all sizes and sections from cylindrical bars a foot across to small T sections and everything in between. Many of the old buildings are being restored but some are falling into decay which is rather sad.

The arrival at Sheffield Basin, Victoria Quay was a complete surprise. What a place! It must be Sheffield's best kept secret. You chug along under a rather dark railway bridge, and then under an equally dark concrete road bridge. There are half a dozen boats moored along each side of the canal and there is a swing bridge ahead. You notice that the



towpaths are nicely surfaced and that the walls are well pointed and that there is an air something of holiday about the place. Some of the beautiful people of Sheffield have found Victoria Quay but not many, so it is not crowded. There are some modern offices in converted warehouses and new buildings which reflect the style of warehouses. There is the Straddle, a warehouse which stands across the basin allowing five entrances into the basin behind. This would allow five boats to be unloaded at the same time straight into the warehouse. There are the Arches above which the Hilton looms in all its expensive and superficial glory. In front of the Arches there is a wide space paved with York stone and then the quayside. I was pleased to see a dozen or so long term moorings with the usual scatter of liveaboards. I like to see liveaboards in a marina because they create a community in what can be a very sterile environment.

Margaret opened the swing bridge using the cunningly concealed winding square, with the usual Sheffield Canal scream of rusty bearings. We slowly motored across the basin towards the Straddle, noting that the time limit for visiting boats is nine days. There were two or three good moorings on the side opposite the Arches and we moored up on a fine Sunday evening.

Margaret noted that the evening was fine. A fine evening means a chance to paint. Theodora's roof now has no blue undercoat visible. The main painting is now complete. Sign writing will follow and then we will no longer chug around the canals incognito. I polished the brightwork, accompanied by the occasional scream from the swing bridge. I fear that rain means that the brightwork soon becomes spottywork. I have just started the third tin of Brasso for the trip. In Bath we found tins of Brasso a litre in volume so we invested in one of those and now decant it into a more sensibly sized tin. (If you are reading this online you will be able to see in the photo of the Straddle Warehouse, the paintwork in all its glorious colour. Greys and white for readers of the printed version.)

The following day was a day for doing some tourist things. Margaret needed a garden fix. She has been limited to two boxes on the roof for the past four months. So we went to see the Botanical Gardens, and very nice and newly restored to their original Victorian splendour they are too. A bus ride got us there in short order, and a cup of coffee revived the spirits (Did they needed reviving? I don't recall.) at the café at the top of the garden. Once we had had a good look around we caught the bus



back to the bus station in the centre of town. Now here is a remarkable thing: the bus station was called an "interchange centre" or something equally unmemorable. The same title was given to the bus station in Rotherham. Is this a Yorkshire thing?

A visit to the Winter Gardens and further refreshment before a good long session at the museum learning more than I knew before about John Ruskin completed our adventures. Back to the boat, we prepared for William's (No. 2 son) and friends' visit. They duly arrived not at all late and we had a meal on the boat and a mile and a half's jaunt up the canal. I took the opportunity to use the oil can on the swing bridge so for the next couple of weeks the bridge will open without complaint.

We phoned the lock keeper only eighteen of the prescribed twenty four hours before we wanted to depart on Tuesday morning. There was some indrawing of breath and he

explained that he had a wide boat going up and two narrow boats going down so I was prepared for a refusal. "Be at Tinsley Top Lock by half past eight and I will have it set for you," he said. So we were and it was and he helped us to lock down and it was a great deal easier than going up.

So it was back up the motorway like canals and the Aire through Ferrybridge and up to Leeds which is where we are now, moored up in the very posh Clarence Basin opposite the Royal Armouries which we visited this afternoon.

It is now 18th July and quite a sunny evening! Traa

Nick



At Tinsley top lock I chatted to a man and his ten year old daughter. It was rather chastening when he guessed that I was a teacher and his daughter guessed that I was a Science teacher. Does it really show that much?

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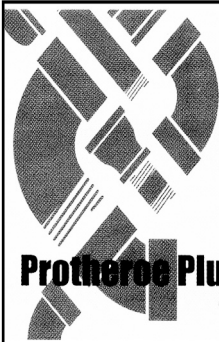
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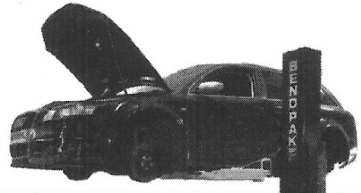
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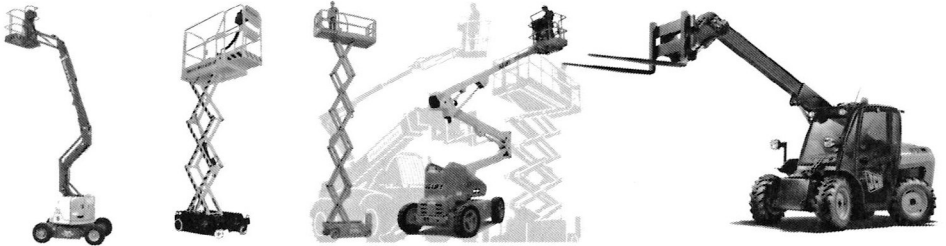
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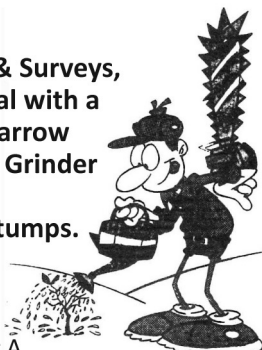
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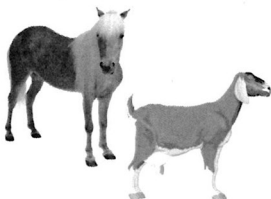
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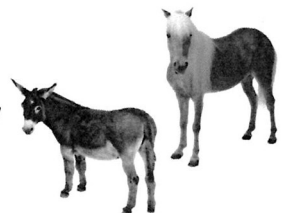
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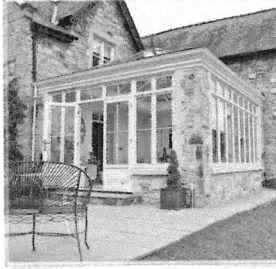
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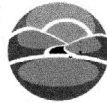


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