

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

February 2023



SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON

From 1st January 2022

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Journey times vary Kington to Hereford approx 65minutes

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

	461	461	461	461	461	461	462	461	461	461	463
Mon-Fri	0645	0720	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1540	1710
Saturday	-	0720	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1540	1710

Returns Railway Station, HEREFORD

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Saturday	-	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	-	1700	1815

LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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M-F Coll Days	0600	0750	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1610	1735	1810
M-F Coll Hols	-	0750	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1610	1735	1810
Sat	-	0750	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1610	1735	1810

Returns from Railway Station, LLANDRINDOD WELLS

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M-F Coll Days	0638	0900	1108	1208	1308	1408	1600	1708	1808	1850
Sat& Coll Hols	-	0900	1108	1208	1308	1408	1605	1708	1808	1850

KNIGHTON Route 41

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

M-F	0610	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730
Sat	-	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730

Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON

M-F	0642	0911	1111	1307	1617	1805
Sat	-	0911	1111	1307	1617	1805

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Letter from the Dean of Hereford Cathedral

One of the most moving services I have ever attended took place on Ash Wednesday 2009, in Westminster Abbey. I was an ordinand, in training for ministry, and was on placement at the Abbey. As the choir sang the achingly beautiful setting of Psalm 51 “Miserere mei, Deus” (Have mercy on me, God) by Allegri, complete with perfectly piercing top C from the chorister given the solo that year, we all went forward.



The Dean said the solemn words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return,” as he marked my forehead with the sign of the cross, using ashes from the previous year’s palm crosses.

It was a new experience to me, as the imposition of ashes hadn’t been part of the tradition I’d known up to then. I confess I was overwhelmed - by the depth of my human sinfulness, the depth of God’s mercy, and the depth of the love of Christ in going to the cross for the sin of the world, including mine.

Far from being frightening, or leading me to despair, those words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust, you will return,” seemed in that moment to be strangely comforting. They reminded me of words from Psalm 39, where the Psalmist says to God, “Show me, Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is.” We, humans, are frail and fragile creatures of the creator – a truth we don’t always recognise or accept. To dwell on that truth during Lent, holding it together with the equal and opposite truth that we are, as the title of a book says, “Beloved Dust” seems to me a good spiritual discipline for these 40 days.

For by the grace of God in Christ, we are both fragile and strong, mortal and immortal. We are dust, and to dust, we will return, yes. But that’s not the end of the story, for from dust we shall rise, clothed with life and immortality, to live with God eternally.

As we move through Lent together, I invite you to take time to meditate on these paradoxical truths: that we are creatures, limited, finite, and weak, and that we are held in the hands of an unlimited, infinite, and strong God; that our time in this life is brief, and that our time with God in the world to come is eternal; that we are as humans deeply flawed, and we are deeply loved – and that in the cross with which we are marked in baptism, and may be marked on Ash Wednesday, all of that comes together.

The Very Revd Sarah Brown,



View from the Vicarage

IS THIS A DESERT TIME?

Dear Friends,

As January yields to February, the Church's focus also shifts. Ever since the beginning of December we've been focussing our attention preparing for and celebrating the birth of Christ not just during the twelve days of the Christmas festival but also during the season of Epiphany which lasts all the way from January 6th through until the Presentation of Christ in the Temple otherwise known as Candlemas Day on February 2nd.

Following Candlemas, the final Christmas trappings are cleared away and our minds turn towards the long journey through Lent to the triumphant celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday and with it the start of our Lenten pilgrimage is 22nd February, so this year, the majority of this month this year is the buffer between Christmas and Lent. During the month we have the Sundays with those wonderful Latin names Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. It seems to me that these lovely ancient names remind us of the vital importance of preparing ourselves for Lent if we're to keep Lent properly.

For Jean and I this time really is a time of transition, as I explained in last month's edition. During February we'll be preparing to pack up this house and engaging in the dubious pleasure of arranging with removal firms and planning how what has fitted into the Vicarage here will fit or not into our new home in Harlech. While all of this is happening, we're also saying fond goodbyes and God speed to so many people here.

This transition for us, of course, also means change for the Churches and communities of the Kington Parishes. The process of appointing my successor is not one that happens overnight and neither should it be.

In the same way that Lent encourages us to examine carefully the state of our relationships both with God and each other, a vacancy is a time when the local church is encouraged to explore carefully where the Holy Spirit has been guiding it and where he may be leading and guiding it in the future.

The general perception is that a Vacancy is a time of inactivity in the life of the Church, a desert time. However, I have known many Vacancies in the past both as a layman, the incumbent of neighbouring parishes and also as a Rural Dean in which vacancies have been times of considerable growth, as parishes have looked carefully at themselves to see what makes the life of the Church in that Community distinctive what is its Golden Candlestick as the Book of Revelation describes it. As this Benefice enters another Vacancy I'm confident that the good will and support for the Church in these communities demonstrated so movingly for me personally in the number of people who've expressed disappointment at my imminent departure can ensure that the forthcoming Vacancy can and will be a fruitful period in the lives of the Kington Churches and the communities that they exist to serve.

Please remember that just as surely as God chose me to be Vicar here in 2015 and Vicar and Ministry Area Leader of Bro Ardudwy now, he has someone in mind to be the next Vicar here. Please, therefore, pray both for God's blessing on this benefice and Bro Ardudwy but also that he will swiftly bring forward the person that he has chosen to lead and guide the Churches of the Kington parishes in the exciting rollercoaster journey known as life.

With my sincerest good wishes and prayers as always

Ben.

THANK YOU

Although it may seem some time ago, it's important to express our sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that our Christmas celebrations truly were celebrations. All of our churches looked magnificent in their Christmas finery, a tribute to the dedicated and talented groups of flower arrangers we are blessed to have across the Benefice. The carol and crib services were truly uplifting and how wonderful it was against a backdrop of such national and international gloom and despondency to be reminded of the unchanging and unchangeable nature of God's love. Huge thanks are due to our organists and choir for their incredible dedication. We must also express our appreciation to Eileen Thomas who masterminded the Travelling crib on its pilgrimage around Kington. Who could forget Kington Primary School's wonderful KS2 Christmas Presentation or the Kinnerton Crib Service? The Crib Service even made it into the local press!!

To everyone who contributed in whatever way you did: THANK YOU!

Ben.

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

Messy Church

This will take place on Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday. This is the day after Shrove Tuesday so Messy Church will include Pancake making in its activities. It promises to be great fun, and all are welcome. See the poster on page 10 for details.



Lego Club

The next Lego Club takes place in St Mary's on Wednesday 8th February from 3.30 - 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fundraising

As I write this on 18th February, the Kington Community Shop, in aid of St Mary's General Fund, will be a hive of activity on the first day of trading. This is not only our first day, but is also the first day since the Christmas break that the shop has been open, so I am sure there will be lots of people eager to buy. When the Friends of St Mary's ran the shop recently, over £1700 was raised for repairs to the fabric of the church, and it is hoped that we can raise a similar amount this week. Details of the total amount raised will be given in the March Parish News.

See also pages 22 and 23 of this magazine where Philip explains the need for repairs and restoration of the church organ, and describes the ways that some of the cost will be raised.

Morning Praise

We had another very enjoyable and well attended service of Morning Praise on Sunday 15th January. This always takes place on the third Sunday of the month, and is organised and led by a small team of lay worship leaders. This time it was led by Rob MacCurrach with Alison and Freda providing the two homilies. If you're reading this and have not been to one of these services, why not come along to the next one on 19th February? You will be warmly welcomed.

Ann Edwards

Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCho108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA9OA>

Sunday, January 29th: CANDLEMAS

Malachi 3:1-5, Psalm 24:7-end, Hebrews2:14-end, Luke2: 22-40
10am: Group Eucharist: Kington
4.00pm: Songs of Praise: Titley

Sunday, 5th February: 3rd Sunday before Lent

Isaiah58: 1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1Corinthians21: 1-12, Matthew5:13-20.
8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Titley
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington
11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton
6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Old Radnor

Sunday, 12th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis1:1-2.3, Psalm 136, Romans8:18-25, Matthew 6: 25-end
8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Huntington
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington
11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Old Radnor
6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Kinnerton

Sunday, 19th February: Sunday next before Lent

Exodus24: 12-end, Psalm2, 2Peter1:16-end, Matthew17: 1-9.
10.00am: Morning Praise: Kington
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Titley
6.00pm: Junior Praise: Old Radnor

Wednesday, 22nd February: Ash Wednesday

Joel2: 1,2,12-17, Psalm51:1-18, 2Corinthians5: 20b-6.10, John8:1-11
7.00pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, Kington

Sunday, 26th February: 1st Sunday of Lent. (Ben's Final Sunday)

Genesis2: 15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm32, Romans5:12-19, Matthew4:1-11
10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington
10:00am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton *
6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Huntington *

*Please note this may change

All services at Kington are live streamed.

More Motoring Memories 1955-1959

I swapped the Corgi for a 1936 Francis Barnett, powered by a 150cc Villiers 2-stroke engine. This model had a hand gear change system fitted on the right-hand side of the petrol tank. Changing gear called for a rapid simultaneous closing of the throttle, disengaging the clutch, selecting the gear, a quick hand change releasing the clutch and opening the throttle. Dexterity was needed. I rigged up a foot change mechanism that relied on keeping your foot under the pedal to keep the bike in gear. After suffering foot ache on our travels, I reverted to the hand change system.

My next purchase was a pre-war diamond frame Cotton, boasting a twin-port overhead valve 500cc JAP engine. I tried to repair the twin-port exhaust system using flexible exhausts secured by Jubilee clips. I had just one trial ride from Chipping Sodbury to home, a distance of some 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. I had challenged my brother to a race against his modern 350cc Douglas. I passed him easily on a straight stretch of road with the speedo registering 90mph (no speed limits on the open road in those days). As I turned down the lane to home the home-made pipes blew off under the pressure. The journey had cost £12, this included the purchase price, tax, and insurance! Back to the bicycle!

In the early summer of 1957, having reached the age of 17, I gratefully applied for and received by provisional driving licence, marking the start of my next chapter of motoring. My first car was a 1934 Morris Minor 2 seater tourer with the side valve engine. I purchased it from a local garage by a system called on the book, a form of hire purchase. I paid £10 deposit, and paid the remainder in regular instalments.

It was ready for the road, and this coincided with the Suez Crisis when learner drivers were allowed on the road without having a qualified driver on board.

The Morris suffered from fuel starvation that I learned later was caused by a small pin hole in the fuel pipeline. Once started all was well, and I only used the car on local journeys. However, on one occasion the car would not start, so I enlisted the aid of my brother in trying to bump start. After about half a mile of pushing we decided on a different course of action. My brother went home and came back on his motor bike, riding on ahead and then coming back on foot. It was then my turn to push. Some two miles later (we never gave up in those days) the engine started, and we were able to turn round in a farmyard. As we approached his motor bike, we slid along the bench seat, and I took over the controls. Then without thinking, he said, "I think I



will leave you now”, as he slid off the back of the car. In the rear-view mirror, I saw my brother running at speed, with his legs whirling like a Styx cartoon. He collapsed in a heap, fortunately without harm or injury.

At the end of the Suez Crisis, when things had returned to normal, I swapped the Morris for a New Hudson Auto-cycle. My next adventure involved a 1934 BSA V-twin three-wheeler. However, I found the following tribute to Mirabelle, the red Austin Ruby, in the Bernard Gilpin Society Durham in the end of year magazine for 1964.

“Dear Mirabelle, now at rest was an Austin Ruby. For the uninitiated, the pre-war Austin Seven were the finest cars on the roads. Five stout-hearted Gilps formed a syndicate and ran her successfully for two terms, Robin Martin kindly painted the Society crest on her two doors. This attracted a great deal of attention from the arm of the law.

Notable journeys included trips from Durham to York, the Lake District, and homeward journeys to Chipping Sodbury, calling at Sutton Coldfield and Alcester en-route. I used Mirabelle extensively during the vacations, travelling regularly to Tangmere in Sussex.

Poor dear, her lights are dim, the hand brake retired gracefully, and she was always jumping out of first gear. This coupled with a nasty habit of boiling over at regular intervals, caused the syndicate to pass into voluntary liquidation, both for our own safety and that of the general public. May she rest in pieces”.

This article brought back many fond memories.

Tony Jardine

KINGTON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Needs your help



Can you spare a morning or afternoon to welcome visitors to Kington?

Initially other volunteers will guide you around the office.

The TIC opens 6 days a week 10am to 4pm, March to October.

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Pengelly either by

Email: alpini@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01544 327207.

KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

next meeting

THURS 16th February

7.30pm

Chinese Gardens & the Chinese Landscape

with Liz O'Rourke

at the Masonic Hall Headbrook

All Welcome



MESSY CHURCH

Come and
join us for:



Messy Church

at

St Mary's Church, Kington

Wednesday 22nd February

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Activity Day ...with Pancakes!

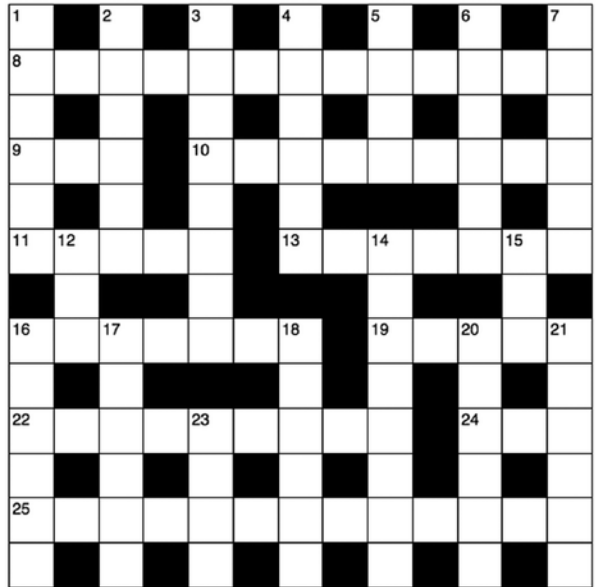
Songs, Music, Games and a Meal together

All are Welcome

February Crossword

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25
 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)



Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4) 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3) 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was rescued when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

January Crossword Solution ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG. DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Huntington URC Carol Service:

Unfortunately, due to extremely icy roads it was felt safer to cancel the joint Carol Service.

Christmas Carol Singers:

Just prior to Christmas the Huntington Carol Singers visited around ten homes, mainly in Huntington, bringing Christmas cheer to many. Not only did the carol singers have a great deal of fun, but in addition, an amazing sum of £172 was raised. This money has been sent to a British charity, Logistics Aid, which provides transport for goods going to Ukraine.



Christmas Day Service:

The church was well attended on Christmas morning, with the Kelly family (13 in all – children, mums and dads and grandparents) filling an entire section of the church. The children were very excited and Ben included them in the service whenever possible. It was lovely to see other families together for Christmas.

Thanks:

The New Year is always a good time to thank everyone involved with the Church for their support over the past year. Thanks also go to those who give so generously to the Parish Giving Scheme, even though some do not attend Church, but value the Church's importance to the village. Such generosity means the Church's bank balance remains in the "black" and has thankfully edged away from going into the "red". Special thanks go to our Churchwardens – Fiona Shone and Peter Kelly. In addition to their dedication in preparing for Sunday services, Peter constantly ensures the fabric of the building is maintained and Fiona ensures the churchyard and loo are well maintained. Fiona and Will Shone open and close the church daily, and work tirelessly to raise much needed funds. Will being Treasurer, deals with all financial matters and ensures the books are efficiently maintained. A small group of dedicated ladies continue to keep the Church clean and who quietly accomplish all the other necessary jobs throughout the year. Of course, thanks also go to Rev. Ben who has supported us throughout the year and in fact over the past seven years. We will certainly miss his presence and enthusiasm when he moves to his new Parish in North Wales in February. We wish Ben and Jean well and every happiness in their new parish.

Susan Maiden

Mahollam School (Part 2)

These are the recollections of John Albert Townsend, his sister Doris (my grandmother), together with the Marshall cousins (Charles and Bessie).

There were two cottages in the school yard. The Jones family occupied one - daughter Violet always wore little black boots - and the Nichols the other. Their daughter had twins. Dolly White was a very pretty young child who lived at the mill, and Ivor and Llewelyn Williams were sons of the farmer at Mahollam farm. Ivor eventually inherited the farm. Across the field from the school was Park House (Huntington Park House). It was owned by the

Romilly family. Clementine Hozier, better known when she became Mrs Winston Churchill, was the Romillys' goddaughter. Her sister Nellie was married to Bertram Romilly, son of Samuel. Both father and son were dead by early 1940. Clemmie visited with Winston and their daughter Mary.



Nature ramble

Mr Arthur Giddings was their expert gardener and a great friend to us children and later to the troops. He grew amazing fruit and vegetables in the walled garden and glasshouse. We were to taste the delights of exotic sea kale and peaches despite it being wartime. Mrs Romilly sold the contents of the big house and went to live in the Park Cottage after her husband died, but spent a lot of time in London, even during the Blitz.

Aunt Dolly and Uncle Jack Morris at Hergest Court Farm were great friends of the children and sent butter and eggs for them to take into town. The house was incredibly exciting as Vaughan's ghost, a black dog, was said to appear in one of the bedrooms. Two tiles were missing from the roof at the top of the house which meant that a dark room appeared to have two empty eyes... and Dolly, ever nervous and given to telling the youngsters terrifying ghost stories, always knocked the door three times before entering! There was also an infamous stone in the middle of the pool there, the story being that it never got wet. Talk of a tunnel from the farm to the church or to Huntington were also the stuff of legend and fuelled their young imaginations!

Dr Edwards lived at Huntington Court. Doris was with them the day war broke out and they all listened in silence to Neville Chamberlain's announcement on the radio. (Dr William Logan Jack and his family moved from Kington to Huntington in the mid-1950s. Bill, originally from Australia, became a pillar of the community. He developed an interest in horticulture and the beautiful gardens at the Court were enjoyed every July at the village fete.)



Padding in the brook

Wartime saw a huge influx of evacuees from Bootle, accompanied by Mr Gill. A vital series of nature study lessons instructed the newcomers which berries were edible and which poisonous. Many children had never seen a cow, sheep or pig and introductions were soon made to incredulous youngsters. Any that witnessed the ritual killing of a pig at the farm were probably scarred for life! Mahollam took 'Dig for Victory'

to heart and developed an impressive vegetable garden where supplies were grown for the war effort. They were also additional swimming lessons in the River Arrow. While the school had no official uniform, Flo kept clothes aside for the poorest pupils to help them feel more part of the school. She made all the costumes for plays and smart appearances at Hereford Music Festivals by begging and borrowing from family and the community.

Holidays were much more relaxing even during wartime. The countryside remained a place of freedom for visiting Marshall cousins, Bessie and Charles from Bradford. They buried a small bird near the spring and John continued to lay wild flowers on it for years afterwards. Flo was a great animal lover and there were always had cats and dogs to play with. In the spring of 1940, land was requisitioned for Kington camp; originally Finger Post Field, together with Big and Small Broadmere, part of Hergest Court Farm, which was owned by Mr Banks and farmed by Mr Morris. The camp grew to stretch from Hergest Bridge via Mahollam to Huntington Park, much of which we had considered our playground.

Troops were under canvas in the fields and Landlord's Wood. Bren machine guns were sited in the field next to the Mahollam cottages and Finger Post field used to park aircraft. Survivors of Dunkirk came by train to Leominster. The children, however, had little idea of what was going on in the camp. There must have been some contact, because one soldier made John a rough wooden plane; Doris thinks it was fashioned on a Lysander but John disagreed! The Polish troops were the first arrivals.

By 1941 there were few troops left in Kington but talk of de-requisitioning halted when the Americans came into the war. Hergest Bridge, a beautiful and ancient stone construction that had been strengthened to accommodate motor vehicles, was an early casualty. In contrast, the area benefited when many roads were resurfaced. Lieutenant Colonel Srokowski was a regular visitor to the schoolhouse. He became Camp Commandant in late 1946 and remained in office through 1947.

Flo remained in the school house at Mahollam until it closed. She then became Senior Mistress at Lady Hawkins Grammar School, and moved to a flat above Madam West ladies' outfitters on the High Street, before relocating to The Mount on retirement.

There is a memorial bench to her in Kington churchyard.

Susan Taylor

A Message of Thanks

Rita and family send a message of thanks to all at Kington Surgery, Ben our vicar, and Lee and family of Offa's Orchard for all the kindness and guidance given to them.

We thank you for all your messages of sympathy and for your support shown to Rita, and for coming to the service of dear Ron on 22nd November 2022.

Thank you to the good neighbours of Walnut Gardens, Peter, Pauline and friends.

Ron will be greatly missed by us all.

Your donations of over £750 have been sent to Midland Air Ambulance and St Michael's Hospice at Home.



ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Readers.

Sunday 5th Feb David.

Sunday 19th Judith.



Firstly we send all our thoughts and prayers to Phyllis who is unwell at this time.

Carol Service.

It was too late to report on the Carol Service in last month's magazine. It was a lovely service and the church was full. A huge thank you to Gemma for playing the piano at such short notice and also to Lucy and Gemma for the beautiful songs they sang. I don't think there was a dry eye in the church after Lucy had sung the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City". What better way to finish off such a lovely service than to have warm mulled wine and mince pies, which were much appreciated.

All lit up.

I have received many very favourable comments on how lovely the church has looked over Christmas after some temporary outdoor lighting was installed. It is hoped that we will be able to put a couple of sockets in the porch so that we will from time to time be able to light the church up again.

Lent Lunch.

We are holding a lent lunch in the village hall on Saturday 25th February from 12 noon to 2pm to which everyone from any parish is most welcome to attend. All proceeds from the lunch will be given to the marvellous work of St Michael's Hospice.

Your Hall needs You!!!

The village hall is looking for a new treasurer. If anyone has the skills to perform this task please call our chairman John Sankey on 230886. He is awaiting your call!!

Dick

Some Valentine Jokes

What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

I find you very attractive.

Why did the husband get his wife a kitten for Valentine's Day?

He thought it was the purrfect present.

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

I'm stuck on you!

Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?

His heart wasn't in it.



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 27)

I think we see fewer worms in our soil than we used to years ago. Maybe it's because we do less digging. After all, years ago, deep double digging was all the rage, a form of trenching whereby the top soil became subsoil and the subsoil topsoil. (See *The A.B.C. of Gardening* by Shewell Cooper, which used to be the gardener's bible. Oh dear!) You removed one spit (a single row) to the far end of the plot and then the second, deeper spit likewise, separately. Then you progressed along, reversing spits, top to bottom, bottom to top and filling the last two trenches with the two spits you had removed to the end. Jolly backbreaking work, and not recommended as it used to be. Indeed, nowadays we are encouraged not to dig at all so far as possible, so as to avoid destroying the structure of the soil. And double digging inevitably dug up more worms for the waiting birds, or cut them in half!



But most earthworms, if you cut off their heads (or tails), simply grow another one. Yes, it's earthworms I'm concerned with here. There are many, many other types including those lovely little reddish ones working so hard in the compost heap, but I'm thinking of the few common species we find in our gardens. An earthworm is among the simplest of creatures. It consists of a sort of tubular muscle with a head at one end and an anus at the other, connected by a gut; no lungs – it breathes through its skin which needs always to be damp, so it has to go deep in dry weather. It has a very basic nervous system, the merest suggestion of a brain near its mouth, a saddle when mature, and some photosensitive cells along its back to warn it if it's in danger of drying out or whatever. It's a hermaphrodite, so can mate with any other adult and produce young. I wonder if it's happy?

And we are probably more indebted to earthworms than to any other living creature for the fertility of the soil. It's been calculated that there are commonly in a garden as many as 500 worms per square metre (I find that hard to believe, and I haven't yet found time to experiment for myself) all working away, aerating, composting leaves and other decaying matter, fungus and even small dead creatures, all adding to the fertility of the soil. Some species throw up casts, worm casts, which may not improve the appearance of your lawn, but nevertheless signify a healthy population of working worms underground, which please do not kill with pesticides (as recommended by Shewell Cooper! Oh dear!) more than enough of these wonderful creatures are exterminated incidentally in arable farming by the heavy use of such poisons. (That naughty man also constantly recommends the use of peat!)

Some of these facts I've gleaned from the book I recommended last month, *The Garden Jungle*, by Dave Goulson; but what I've regurgitated here is only a taster. To enjoy all the fascinating if gruesome details, you need your own copy. Get someone to buy it for your birthday or even for next Christmas!

Unfortunately, our garden lies mainly to the north of the house, so it gets little sunshine during the winter months. Because of this I tend not to start sowing vegetable seeds as early as I otherwise might. However, I find they usually more or less catch up. The greenhouse gets some sunshine though, and I always, once the tomato plants are out of the way and

we've disinfected with a bit of Jeyes, plant some things to overwinter. Emma puts in salads on one side and I generally sow broad beans on the other. These are growing well and we shall harvest some before we need to plant tomatoes again. We pick these beans when they are about 6" long to cook and eat them in their pods.

Otherwise, apart from preparing some seed beds and sowing some parsnips (which take so long to germinate) I'm a great user of sunny windowsills. I've mentioned previously how I make little newspaper pots out of the Church Times (helping to justify purchasing a paper with which I have a love/hate relationship), pots in which I sow various seeds. Last year's cosmos were in flower from March until the December frosty spell. Also there's my electric propagator in which to start off the tomatoes, mini-cucumbers, courgettes and so on. Incidentally, the windowsills are also invaluable for ripening off toms in the autumn. We had some lovely large plum tomatoes, Eden Project seeds, growing in the porch, the last few of which were just ready in the new year; and pounds of hanging basket minis were ripened on trays like that.

But February's a busy time if frost free, a bit of pruning to tidy up the fruit trees, and a handful of potash all round, looking to the hedgehogs and dicky- birds, tidying up after what we hope has been the worst of the winter, and stocking up with seeds etc. Happy gardening!

Denis Parry.

Wordsearch for February

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. 'Love' as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!

naming
Christ
Candlemas
Simeon
Anna
temple
love
Valentine
romance
Matthias
Fairtrade
Fortnight
coffee
bananas
chocolate
justice
poverty
nest box
marriage

wedding
Holocaust
leprosy
education
sunday



Kington & District Operatic Society
presents a new Wild West pantomime...

APACHE STORY



7:30pm Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th & Saturday 25th
Saturday matinée 2:30pm
February 2023

Adults £8 ~ Under 18 £5

Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre

Tickets ~ Tom Bounds Electrical , 32 High St, Kington, 01544 231303

kingtonoperatic.co.uk ~ facebook.com/kingtonoperatic

APACHE STORY *(see poster opposite)*

In our latest original pantomime we take you to the thrilling world of the Wild West. Saloon owner Miss Kitty and showgirls Dolores and Maeve reveal their many talents and introduce us to the quiet frontier settlement of Bodge City. Things start to liven up with the news that the orphan circus is coming to town. Ringmaster Billy finds a friend in Rex the dog whom he recruits for his new circus act.

But trouble is brewing. Inspector Twanky and the pantomime police make the first of many unwanted appearances to check that proper panto guidelines are being followed. Meanwhile, greedy magnate Baron de Railment is planning to extend his railroad to Bodge City through the ancient, sacred forest. Apache princess and self-proclaimed mistress of the forest, Poca Haha, is outraged and she defies the Baron.

Billy meets Poca Haha and they almost immediately fall in love. She persuades Billy to help her stop the Baron destroying the forest. Billy agrees and heads back to Bodge City to lead his spectacular circus show.

At the Apache village, we meet the Big Chief and the medicine woman Hocus Pocus. She warns that Poca Haha cannot be the girlfriend of someone who isn't an Apache so Poca Haha and the Big Chief quickly organise a made-up ceremony to make Billy a warrior.

Back in the forest Tex, Billy's horse and Rex argue over who is Billy's best friend. Poca Haha arrives to see Billy and their cosy chat is interrupted by the Baron. He claims ownership of the forest and orders his men to tie the lovers to a tree but Rex saves the day.

Our heroes decide to confront the Baron at his newly built railroad station and there is a dramatic shoot-out. The Baron escapes so Hocus Pocus is called upon to use her supernatural powers to seduce him and tame his selfish ways. Does she succeed? Is the sacred forest saved? Do the pantomime police stop the show? Join us at Lady Hawkins' in February to find out!

Jim Smith

Kington Community Lunch



12.30pm
Wednesday
15th February

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

Contact 230683

Some More Valentine Jokes

I once fell in love with someone who only knew 4 vowels. They didn't know I existed.

What did the calculator say to the pencil?
You can count on me.

How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend? He gave her a ring!"

What did one oar tell the other oar? This is so row-mantic!

What did the light bulb say to the other light bulb? You light up my world.

How can you get arrested on Valentine's Day? For stealing someone's heart.

Reader Writes

I was cycling steadily up a steep lane in the welcome bright sun just around the winter solstice when a great spotted woodpecker drummed loudly on a rotten branch in the hedgerow beside me. I stopped in delight; it's one of those events to surprise you in the bleak mid-winter. Almost immediately other woodpeckers replied with their own territorial tattoo of drumming from across the fields. This species seems to respond to sunlight; others may wait for the temperature to improve. The woo-woosing of the secretive stock dove for example, which I've also already heard this season, sings away discretely from giant old trees in the park. By early February we will be enjoying the sweetest of almost all songs cascading from deep within rain-soaked hedges, the dunnock.



The seasonal choreography of plants teases and delights as well. As foul weather gives us a break here and there, letting the sun come in, the wreckage of winter is overtaken by early bulbs, adventurous flowering shrubs, the long awaited delights of favourites like hellebores. I shall certainly be off hunting in January for the glorious scented Hamamelis and then the sweet Daphne; and everywhere, as mild spells allow, there will be the promise of spring bulbs pushing up out of old dead leaves, catkins lengthening, pollen bursting in yellow clouds, buds swelling, shoots glowing with colour.

This is just to say that nature gives us every year a beautiful sermon in hope. We never tire of it because we know we always need it. Hope in a biblical sense is intimately connected to faith. Old Abraham and Sarah were promised a child despite their age and circumstances. We read that Abraham "in hope believed against hope" that he would become the father of many nations as he had been promised. In our dealings with God, hope is inseparable from faith. Hope isn't a reward for something we've managed to get right, but the certainty of what God has promised despite it all. Hope is there for us to grasp firmly and joyfully.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews is very insistent on hope; he is determined to make his readers understand that God's promises are certain and dependable. Hope is not like a kite in the wind, twisting and trimming at the mercy of changing fortunes, flying high but in constant danger of crashing; no, it's "a steadfast anchor of the soul" that enters into the inner place, unmoving, though circumstances may conspire to defeat and discourage us. Like that sound anchor, hope is sure and dependable.

There are plenty of discouraging things to dwell on in a new year with its seasons still ahead of us. Whether it's the overwhelming seriousness of wars and climate breakdown or our familiar domestic tribulations, we need to hold on to that secure anchor of Christ's promise, and the sure hope that he will hold on to us and give us a secure future in eternity. Let's give ourselves daily sermons, or just straight forward encouragement, from God's wonderful creation all around us. As new life emerges confidently and certainly out of the darkness and decay of the old season, we can stride or cycle upwards rejoicing that God has the believer's future in his hands. Hope is knowing and trusting and rejoicing.

Robert MacCurrach

Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall



Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm: Mrs Harris goes to Paris (PG)

Lesley Manville stars as a hardworking cleaning lady in 1950s London embarking on an unlikely adventure in Ol Parker's delightful adaptation of Paul Gallico's 1958 novel *Flowers for Mrs Harris*.

Mrs Harris doggedly goes from house to house, quietly tidying up after lives far more exciting and glamorous than hers. But when she sees an exquisite Dior dress in one of her regular client's bedrooms, she sets her heart on travelling to Paris to get one herself, and after working, starving and gambling to raise the money, she sets off on a trip which will change not only her outlook on life, but the very future of the House of Dior.

Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm: The Banshees of Inisherin

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, the film follows lifelong friends Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Padraic, aided by his sister Siobhan (Kerry Condon) and troubled young islander Dominic (Barry Keoghan), endeavours to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Padraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences.

Tickets (£5) per film in advance only via www.pay-brilley.co.uk

Please note that if you do not get an almost immediate email confirmation, then your payment has not gone through and you will need to try again!

Brilley Village Hall doors open 7pm. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments!

Saturday 11th March at 7.30 pm: Arts Alive show "Cabaret with Claws"

Charlie Bicknell's new show mixes wicked humour and eclectic jazz and cabaret, interspersed with jaw-dropping circus in solo performances and ensemble creations, Charlie's shows receive critical acclaim and, just as importantly, foot-stamping encores. In 'Cabaret with Claws' Charlie and her cohort Louise Innes present twisted takes on familiar themes.

Tickets £12, age range 14+

Booking in advance only from www.pay-brilley.co.uk



Let the Merry Organ Play!!

A BRIEF HISTORY

The organ in Kington Parish Church is widely recognised as a fine instrument. It has provided decades of service to St Mary's. The current organ, built by J.W. Walker and Sons, originates from 1883. The main parts of that organ remain, including much of the original pipework. Some changes and additions were made in 1959 and the early 1970's. The last significant programme of repair was carried out 45 years ago, by the well-known firm Nicholson's, who are still keeping historic organs going today. So, a complete overhaul of our instrument is now well overdue.'

WHAT S THE PROBLEM?

As well as the consequences of old age, there have been times where the roof above the organ leaked, letting water into the instrument. This has caused leathers to perish and metal work to rust. The roof is now sound, but, as the timber dries out debris has fallen into some of the pipes, which in turn has stopped them playing. Many of the metal tuning springs have corroded and some of the wooden pipes have splits. This causes cyphers (unwanted notes playing continuously) and some pipes and pedals to stop working. The organ has become unreliable.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

The whole instrument needs to be completely dismantled. All pipes will be cleaned and repaired. The interior structure of the organ will be thoroughly cleaned, including the framework, soundboards and case work. Tuning springs will be checked and replaced. The keys and pedals will be re-felted and leather work replaced as required.

The case will be polished and the front pipes resprayed at the organ builder's workshop. Also, some large structural parts (wind chests and sound boards) will be taken to their workshop for repair. The bellows will be removed for re-leathering

The 'action' of the organ will be improved to make it less heavy to play and for both the keyboards to require the same amount of push to make the notes play.

To prevent dust and debris falling into the organ, mesh screens with oak frame work will be fixed above the pipe work.

Finally, at the recommendation of the organ builder, an additional sonorous 16ft trombone stop will be added to the pedals to underpin the better tones of the restored organ, and provide a much more robust and uplifting sound overall.

HOW LONG WILL THIS WORK TAKE?

The project will take around three months to complete. This includes a week to erect scaffolding and to dismantle the organ, many weeks of onsite cleaning and repairing and re-felting/re-leathering. There will be several weeks where elements of the organ will be 'on holiday' at the organ hospital. Then a week when the team reassemble the whole instrument and several days of tuning and tweaking.

HOW MUCH WILL ALL THIS COST?

The main work of the organ repair and overhaul will cost £84,000 inc. VAT. In addition, a further £18,000, inc. VAT is required to install the new pedal stop (new wind chest and 30 full length metal pipes)

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT??

We have been steadily raising funds towards the cost of this significant and long overdue project. We have already amassed around £25,000. To help, we have engaged a professional fundraiser who is spear-heading a number of applications to relevant grant giving trusts and foundations. Sadly, we are unlikely to amass the sums required through grant aid alone, so we are appealing to all of our members, users, visitors and friends to help us, especially in raising the £18,000 for the spectacular additional pedal trombone.

We hope that many may wish to consider sponsoring the purchase of a pipe, or to make a contribution towards a pipe - perhaps in memory of a loved one, or as a gift to the church, or to commemorate a special family event.

A register of pipe purchasers, and the dedication made, will be produced and displayed underneath the new pipes for all to see for years to come and a certificate sent to all sponsors.

COULD YOU BE AN ORGAN DONOR???

If you are interested, we are 'selling pipes' at a variety of prices, ranging from £1000 for the largest (16ft long pipe) to the smallest set (around 24) at £150 a pipe.

To select your pipe, or to find out what is still in the *pipe-line* for sponsorship and how much it will cost, please contact The Director of Music through the Parish Office, or by calling 01544 239357 to ask for a sponsorship form.

Alternatively, you may simply wish to make a donation towards the cost of the bigger repair bill. Any donation, however small, will be greatly appreciated. Again, please use one of the sponsor forms to make your donation to enable us to claim Gift Aid, gaining 25% though that process. The forms are available in church, online or from the Parish Office. (office@kingtonparishes.org.uk). If you have any questions or suggestions, please 'pipe up'! We would love to hear from you.



WHEN IS THIS WORK PLANNED and who will do it?

We have provisionally booked for Cleveland Organs (Ltd) Company, based in Malvern to carry out the work in the late Summer/ Autumn 2023. This depends on the finances being in place.

PUT THE HEART BACK IN OUR ORGAN

This is an enormous project for us, and important for the life of our church and community. Our organ was a wonderful legacy, given to us by the people of Kington over 140 years ago. It is our duty to keep this gift in good working order, to be enjoyed by congregation and community alike, for many decades to come. Please help us to raise funds and ...

LET THE MERRY ORGAN PLAY!!

Philip Sell (Director of Music, St Mary's Church Kington)



“My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.”

Recently Giles and I, on our morning walk, have enjoyed our coffee while resting on one of those lovely new rainbow seats which have been placed in the Churchyard and in the Recreation Ground to commemorate the wonderful work carried out by the NHS during the pandemic. What an excellent choice of symbol, and how good it was to see so many displayed in house windows!

“My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky,” Yes, so wrote William Wordsworth, the first line of what I consider an otherwise rather odd little verse. But so far as that line's concerned I know just what he means. There's something very special about the appearance of so lovely a spectacle up above, arching from end to end in sevenfold beauty. No wonder it was anciently adopted as a sign of God's gracious promise. I love the way it's described in the Apocrypha (Sirach 43.12)

“Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the Most High have bended it.” (King James Translation.) Also I like what John Bunyon wrote in his book called Prayer, that the rainbow round God's throne (described in Revelation 4) is the grace of Christ through which he looks upon us. I borrowed these ideas when I wrote this poem:

Christ is God's bow, hung in the sky,
on clouds of glory heaven and earth connecting,
bent by the hands of the Most High,
from his just wrath mankind in love protecting,
that we, who dare not look upon God's face,
may yet draw near unto the throne of grace.
Christ is the prism, who refracts
God's holy light in sevenfold perfection,
the spectrum of whose mighty acts
of righteousness, from birth to resurrection,
a spangling robe presents, that in God's sight,
guiltless we may appear, all dressed in white.



Now for a story. (I may have told it before, but never mind!) It's about my imaginary friends, Claude and Sophie, about how, when they started a family they wanted to move into a bigger house, and if possible to own rather than rent it. The little flat they presently lived in was simply not big enough to take the mountain of equipment one apparently needed when catering for a baby, and it would be good to have a bit of garden.

Now, Sophie's father was rather well off. In fact he had pots and pots of money, stocks and shares, investments – much more than he and his wife would ever spend, even should they live to be a hundred. So when Claude and Sophie announced that they were soon going to make him a grandpa, he was so delighted that he said he would buy them a house. All they had to do was to find one they liked within a given price range. At first Claude was reluctant to accept. He didn't want to be beholden to anyone. But Sophie at last persuaded

him. It was only his pride getting in the way, she said, and he should accept her father's generous offer. So he did, if rather ungraciously, she thought.

Soon they found a house they liked, the solicitors did whatever it was that solicitors do and, after what seemed an age, contracts were ready to be exchanged. Now, in the case of a contract both parties are legally bound. If Sophie's dad didn't pay up, then they wouldn't get the house, and if the owner wouldn't surrender the deeds, he wouldn't get the money. The solicitors' job is to see that neither party cheats.

Now sometimes we think that that is how we stand with God; but no. The rainbow is the sign of a covenant. God gives us the house freely, out of his great love for us. Of course, like Sophie's dad, he hopes and trusts that we will respond by loving him in return and by looking after his gift to us; but if we don't, if we just turn our backs on him and neglect or spoil the house he doesn't take it back, it's a gift with no strings attached. He just goes on yearning for us to return to him, prodigal sons and daughters that we are.

When the *"hands of the Most High bended"* the rainbow in the time of Noah, and set it in the sky that's what it meant. And it arched right across the years to land a pot of gold in Bethlehem; for as St John stated, *"The Law was given through Moses, Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ."* (John 1.17)

Grace says, "I come to you as gift:
unwrap me, and you'll find
that I include
a right response of heart and mind implicit."

Grace says, "The word I am and send
accomplishes what I intend
as when the sunshine and the showers
likewise
from these brave flowers
the joyful growth and gratitude
that gracious gift implies
elicit"

Grace says, "The gift I am and give is free:
Response, its underwritten guarantee."

Denis Parry

Community Shop Dates

25 Jan - 31 Jan	Radnor Arms Refurbishment Fund - Community Benefit Society
1-Feb - 7 Feb	Friends Of Gladestry School - FROGS
8-Feb - 14 Feb	Llangunllo WI
15-Feb - 21 Feb	St Bede's RC Church, Kington
22-Feb - 28 Feb	Kington, Vale of Arrow & Old Radnor Races
1-Mar - 7 Mar	Kington Local Environment & Energy Network -KLEEN

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News From the Museum

At present we are having the public areas of the museum decorated. It involves a great upheaval of removing artefacts and the display cabinets, but it has also given us the opportunity to clean and alter displays.

Date for your diary: 27th April 2023. Talk at the Burton Hotel by Tim Hoverd on the Herefordshire Hoard – Modern Day Pillage.

MONDAYS – WASHDAY or A WOMAN’S WORK IS NEVER DONE!

How did the women cope doing the washing, as it was a mammoth task. First the clothing, sheets etc were placed in the “copper” along with soda (later Sunlight or Puritan soap) to soak, usually overnight. We have a bar of black soap, probably made from ash and fat, which does quite a good job of cleaning the clothes. Some houses had a wash house especially for this task. There were also communal ones for terrace houses and in some towns a bath house, where women would spend their day washing. It was not always their own washing, as women would take in washing to earn money to support their family, especially if they were widows.

To return to the copper, a large deep bowl built into a fire oven which was lit to boil the contents up. The steam made it a hot back breaking job. When deemed clean, the clothing was removed for swilling in cold water. Some families had a small tin bath and a wooden dolly, which had legs placed in the water and turned from side to side. It was a very efficient tool, no need to attend the gym, as it gave a good work out. The twin tub washing machine works on the same principal today. The next aid was the wash board. This proved to be useful too. I can remember the wash board becoming a musical instrument, by wearing thimbles and running them over the grooves .

Does anyone remember the skiffle groups mostly using homemade instruments, made from items found around the house? Rinsing the clothes was heavy work, the final rinse had the blue bag in to help keep the clothing white. To be the owner of a mangle, probably made by Meredith’s Foundry of Kington was bliss. One point to watch was wet feet, as the clothing was fed through the rollers. Who turned the handle? Mostly the children if they were about,

but they also liked to feed the clothing through and there is many a child around who had squashed fingers. The mangle rollers could be adjusted to accommodate the thickness of the item to be rolled. The mangle was as efficient as a spin dryer at removing the water.

Once dried, there was a variety of irons available, from flat irons heated up on the range to hot charcoal and even paraffin, before electricity was commonplace. I was informed some far east countries still use these irons today in places where they have no electricity.

All the laundry had to be ready to wear by the week’s end as the working man usually changed his clothing once a week, especially if he had a dirty job.

Wendy Jones Secretary



Kington Medical Practice News

In December the practice said goodbye to Dr Silvana Mccaffrey. Dr Mccaffrey was a knowledgeable and highly valued member of Kington Medical Practice for many years. She was instrumental in setting up and running the Covid vaccination clinics for the North and West primary care network which was a great success! She will be missed by both staff and patients and we wish her the very best in her new post.

After nearly 2 years the final 3 covid clinics took place at the surgery in October 2022. All patients aged 50 and over and those clinically indicated for a booster were invited to attend one of 3 clinics. Patients were also offered flu vaccinations at the same time. The grand total of 2,754 covid vaccinations were given over the 3 days. A huge achievement and a very big thank you to all staff and volunteers involved.

For the second year running Kington Medical Practice has received the award for Herefordshire GP practice of the year award! Congratulations!

Gill Kantolinna

Saturday 11th February, 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor.

Adam Khan and Clarissa Payne 'flute and guitar recital'.

Welsh guitarist Adam and flautist Clarissa are both internationally known recording artists with individual interests in a wide range of musical styles. As a duo, Adam and Clarissa explore repertoire from Bach to Shubert, Ravi Shankar and Stephen Goss. Tonight's concert will feature works by Libby Larson, Gloria Villanueva, Claudia Montero, Villa-Lobos, Katherine Hoover and Chiquinha Gonzaga amongst others.

New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW.
Pre-booking preferred. Tickets £15 / £3 from 01544 350268
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start.



Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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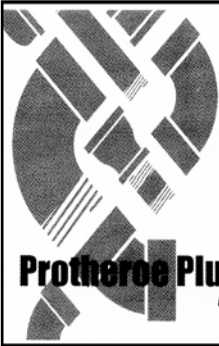
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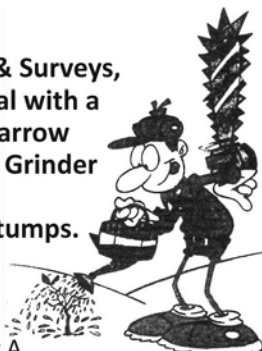
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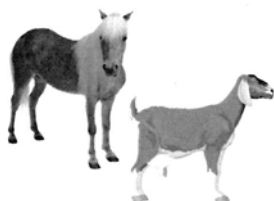
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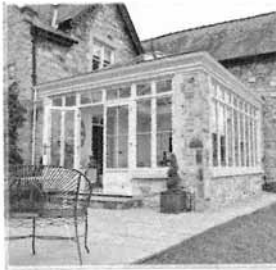
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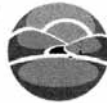


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