

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

June 2023



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Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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

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Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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

On stripping the chameleon

I like the idea of chameleons –clever lizardy things that allegedly blush camouflage green when they are tongue-lassoing bugs in a bush, or come over all dusty beige when they are skulking in a sandpit (look out toddlers!) or exude an apeeling (sorry) oranginess when they are snoozing in a basket of satsumas. (I cannot help but wonder what a chameleon would make of my granny’s rose print patchwork quilt - but that is an experiment for another day when I can catch one.) My point is that they adapt to the environment in which they find themselves and survive because of it. Unless you are hoping to be rescued by mountain rescue being an orange lizard, (or even a pink skink) in the snow is a high-risk strategy. Blending in is much safer.



We do it too. Not literally but socially. Most of us adapt our behaviour, language and the image that we present to the world so that we fit in with those around us or with their perceptions of us. Sometimes it is about what we look like and what we own, sometimes it is about how we talk, sometimes it is about keeping our real opinions quiet to avoid the disapproval of others. The Church has been blending in to not upset the world for decades and is at risk of blurring into the social wallpaper as a result and look at all the “shy Conservatives” in elections over the last ten or 15 years or the lifelong Christians who don’t even tell their best friends that they love Jesus. Sometimes we join in with things we don’t enjoy in order to blend in. And mostly we know when we are doing it and remain essentially ourselves.

But what if the normally khaki chameleon is made to live its whole life in a purple box and forced against its nature to be forever aubergine? For some people the pressure to be a certain way is like that. It is true captivity, even oppression, when people live their whole lives to fulfil other people’s expectations and it can result in serious health and social problems.

If you are someone who lives as a captive chameleon in thrall to someone else or to society, history or a set of circumstances have a go at asking God for courage to be yourself. Read Psalm 139 and see how well God knows the real you and how he wants you to live your life in all the fullness he created you for. There is only one opinion that matters. His. And for all you brilliantly well-adjusted geckos out there the real question is how we deal with the different, the difficult and the desperate. The answer, of course, is with love.

Dean Sarah



HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Hereford Cathedral Comes to Kington

We are delighted to announce that The Very Revd Sarah Brown, our new Dean of Hereford Cathedral, will be coming to Kington to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday 16th July. It will be a service celebrating the family ties between our Cathedral and the parishes of the Diocese, especially Kington.

PLEASE NOTE This service will begin at the later time of 10.30 am.

The service will be followed by Drinks and Lunch at Hergest Croft, for which tickets will be available soon. Tickets will include freedom of the gardens after lunch. The intention is to raise funds to be divided equally between the Cathedral Perpetual Trust and St Mary's Parish Church, Kington.

Watch out for more details and ticket availability soon!

*Mike Kneen,
Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley*

MESSY CHURCH

Come and
join us for:



Messy Church
St Mary's Church, Kington
3.30 - 5.30pm

Theme: Spreading the Message

Activities, Stories
Songs, Music, Games
and a Meal together

All are welcome

St Mary's LEGO CLUB

Wednesday

21st June

at

St Mary's Church
Kington

3.30 - 5pm

Thousands of bricks
Lots of mini figures
Having fun creating
together!

Refreshments

Children to be
accompanied by an
adult please.

Views in a Vacancy

A Specifically Christian Motif for the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Dear Reader,
(Please accept that when I say King Charles here I wish to include Queen Camilla.)

There has been some on-going controversy concerning the inclusion, on the invitation cards for the Coronation, of what we call a Green Man. If you've seen one of those beautifully designed cards (perhaps on the internet) you may have noticed him at the bottom, right in the middle; he's the source of the floral border in the design. And some folk have wondered what the significance of his inclusion might be. For since

Lady Raglan, in a journal called *Folklore*, (1939) named him A Green Man, he's been largely adopted as a secular pagan symbol. If this understanding is correct, one wonders why he's to be found in so many mediaeval Christian cathedrals and large churches – including, in our own church at Old Radnor.

Well, a recent letter in the *Church Times* states that this understanding is wrong. For, according to Stephen Miller, author of *The Green Man in Mediaeval England*, he most probably derives in the Christian/Judaic tradition, from an ancient myth about Seth, the son of Adam.

More of that in a moment. First I want to say what a shame it is that in current understanding a myth is often taken to be an untrue story, and a story-teller one who tells lies. In fact, both story and myth are very often helpful vehicles of truths. Consider, for example, the stories in the first chapters of the Bible, where this is profoundly so.

So perhaps we should not just dismiss the strange mediaeval story referred to by Stephen Miller, called *The Quest of Seth*. Apparently, this tells how Seth, when his father Adam died, planted three seeds or kernels under the dead man's tongue. These had been provided by an Angel of Mercy, who was guarding the gates of Eden. These germinated and grew out of his mouth, surely signifying some mitigation of God's cursing of Adam and promising the possibility of redemption and new life to humanity. In the Old Radnor one you can see the foliage issuing from his mouth and encircling his face. And it's apparently this *Quest of Seth* which is the probable source of this Green Man motif which, Miller says is, in fact, a specifically Christian motif for the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Yes, for our new King, God bless him, might cheekily be described as a Green Man. His concern for nature, creation and the planet has always been an important aspect of his Christian faith, a concern for which we should be extremely thankful, for it provides an example to the Church of which he is now the Supreme Governor. Tearfund has tried



to promote this green agenda with its Climate Emergency Toolkit for churches and other religious organisations, but this with only limited success, for it's something the Church in general has not taken seriously enough, especially in this time of climate change. The King's example, symbolised by the Green Man motif, should remind us of this. It is an important part of our Christian calling that we should set an example and take seriously the message of the Green Man. Yet one wonders how many of us have ever included on our agenda a consideration of our carbon footprint?

The Christian nature of the King's role as servant was demonstrated magnificently in the Coronation Service, and specifically we noticed that, at the heart of it, five of the wonderful insignia with which the king was invested are surmounted by a cross, signifying that he serves under Christ, and this was very much stressed by the Archbishop in his excellent short address. The virtue of humility is so vitally important and one that, sadly, is very rarely exhibited by the leaders of the nations. Pride is the arch enemy of Christianity. The very word says it all, for in spelling it P-R-I-D-E, we put I in the centre. For pride attempts to usurp the place of God. It was the sin of Eve and Adam, tempted by the serpent, that they should be as gods. Remember, too, the myth of the Tower of Babel. And I do wonder whether the current obsession with Artificial Intelligence is not today's equivalent. As Voltaire (I believe it was) said, God made man in his image, and now man is returning the favour."

So it's important that the king was anointed with holy oil by the archbishop, a sign that, unlike the Pharaohs of old and the Emperors of history and so many heads of governments today, he governs not as a god, but under God, that is, in humility.

Humility is a beautiful virtue. The word is related to human and humus, reminding us that we are formed from mud (glorified mud, my friend Brother Nathanael used to call us.) Which, in a way, brings us back to the Green Man motif, and the balance between ourselves (including the King and Queen) and God's creation which nurtures us and of which we are a part.

The school's competition, connected with the Coronation, involved writing some Haiku, and 20 of the best are printed on pages 20 and 21 in this June Parish News. Here's one of mine related to the above:

Charles One, beheaded,
Charles Two, a merry monarch,
Charles Three, a Green Man.

Denis.

Kington Bowling Club

The 2023 Bowling Season is well under way with matches being played in the Hereford Mens League, Tarmac League and Club Competitions. Club Night is always on a Monday and we would like to welcome anyone who is thinking of joining us to come along and have a 'taster session, all equipment needed will be provided, please wear flat shoes. For further information please contact our Chairman, Mr Dick Allford on 01544 231052 or check out our Website and Facebook page.



St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

When I wrote for the May Parish News I did not know what musical treats our Choir had in store for us at Easter-Tide, but now I can say how we all appreciated very much their contribution to our worship.



May has been a busy month to date, Messy Church, Lego Club, and a visit to Kington Court when three members of the Morning Praise Team, led a service for a group of Residents at the Court and enjoyed a fellowship time with them after the service. It is hoped that this will be a regular monthly event.

No tenants have yet taken over the Vicarage so it grows more hopeful that we may be able to hold our annual Fete in the garden. The date is June 24th and hopefully by June 1st we shall be able to confirm that. Please look out for posters and yes, we shall be putting out lists for help with the teas etc.!! The garden is looking in good shape so that is a good start!

Sadly we pulled out of running a bric a brac stall at Hergest Croft Plant Fair because of the state of the ground at 8am, but the day improved and we understand that they had a good attendance. Thank you to all who brought items for sale. I still have those items and if anyone would like to take on running that stall at the Fete please get in touch with me as soon as possible. (01544 230271) Likewise if anyone else has ideas about running a stall or competition, I shall be delighted to hear from you.

KADOS has kindly offered to give a concert in St. Mary's on Saturday, July 1st to raise money for the organ Restoration Fund.

Finally, please remember the important meeting on Saturday, June 10th in Titley Village Hall from 9.30am. to 12.30pm. It is entitled "A Community Consultation " and is a consultation about the appointment of new Vicar for the Benefice This is an open meeting for anyone interested in the appointment of a new Vicar to come together to discuss the qualities we should like to see in a new incumbent and the information we need to express in a Statement of Needs. We hope that it will lead to helpful, relevant discussions as we look to the future in our search for a new incumbent. We look forward to seeing you there..

Ann and Rodney.

Easter lilies

Once again we would like to thank all who kindly sponsored an Easter lily in memory of their loved one. This enabled the flower team to produce their usual lovely displays which are always much appreciated. It has been a tradition of purchasing a lily, started many years ago by the late Lorna Hughes, and has always proved most successful.

Gill & Lesley





St Mary's Organ Fund Update

We heard that two of the bids to funding bodies have now been considered. I am very pleased to tell you that we have been awarded £2000 by the Laslett's Trust and an amazing £10,000 by Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust. This was more than we had hoped for, which is very pleasing and encouraging. We await the results of the other bids made in the first round.

Several more people have recently offered to sponsor an organ pipe in the new 16ft trombone set. Thank you to them and to all who have been so generous in their support of the project so far.

My estimate of the total raised, or promised to date, is an amazing £46,000!

You may recall that the total project requires, £89,500 plus VAT. Once we have reached 50% of that amount, we will be eligible to apply to another set of possible sponsors.

To help us get to this amount and beyond, there is still an opportunity to either sponsor a pipe, or to make a general donation towards the cost. Please contact Philip to discuss or collect a form from the notice board in the church.

We heard that KADOS have offered to put on a concert in aid of the organ fund. This is planned for Saturday July 1st. We are most grateful to them for this kind offer. Other recitals and concerts are in the pipe line!

Philip Sell (Director of Music)



St Mary's Church, Kington

ANNUAL FETE

Note new venue:

St Mary's church & churchyard

Saturday 24th June

from 2.30pm

Teas, Stalls, Competitions
and a Chinese Auction
Free entrance & parking

All are Welcome

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,	June 4th:	Trinity Sunday
<i>Isaiah40:12-17, 27-end, Psalm 8, 2Corinthians13:11-end. Matthew28:16-end</i>		
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Junior Praise:	Old Radnor

Wednesday	June 7th
3.30- 5.30pm	Messy church at St Mary's church. Kington

Thursday,	June 8th	Corpus Christi
7:00pm	Deanery Synod Meeting and Eucharist at Kington	

Sunday,	June 11th:	Trinity 1
<i>Job29:11-16, Psalm 112, Acts11: 19-end, John15: 12-17</i>		
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton

Sunday,	June 18th:	Trinity 2
<i>Exodus19:2-8a, Psalm100, Romans5:1-8, Matthew9:35-10:8</i>		
10.00am:	Morning Praise:	Kington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

Sunday.	June 25th:	Trinity 3
<i>Jeremiah20:7-13, Psalm69:14-20, Romans6:1b-11, Matthew10:24-39</i>		
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Huntington

All services at Kington are live streamed.

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Dear Friends,

My previous contributions to this periodical were always titled "A View from the Vicarage." Over the past few months, that view has changed quite dramatically, even more so than when the Copper Beech on the front lawn at Kington was felled. The view as I sit here is across Tremadoc Bay towards the Llyn Peninsula with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as the backdrop. Here we are back in the Land of my Fathers but not, as you know my mothers.

It seems utterly incredible quite how long has already elapsed since those utterly incredible and unbelievably touching and gracious good byes from the Kington Parishes.

I'd like to begin by expressing my profound gratitude for all of the cards, messages, good wishes and astoundingly generous gifts which we received from so many dear friends in the Kington Parishes. The house here has many mementoes of the seven and a bit years that we spent living and working among you. Please accept my profound and sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed in whatever way they did.

I recall reading a quotation from King George V towards the end of his Silver Jubilee year in 1935 that he was beginning to think that people might even like him for himself. I'm beginning to understand how he felt.

As much as I'm hugely enjoying living and ministering here between the mountains and the sea in North Wales where my heart has always felt at its best. I retain and always will, a deep affection for and very fond memories of the seven astounding years we spent among you in the wonderful surroundings of the Marches. You have now and always will a special place in my affections and prayers.

If you're ever visiting God's own part of God's own country, you'll always be welcome to pay us a visit as the View from the Vicarage here really is spectacular.

With my sincerest gratitude, love, prayers and good wishes as always

Ben.

**Kington
Community
Lunch**



**12.30pm
Wednesday
21st June**
For details
Contact 230683

Rogation Day Service

On 14th May the service at St Mary's started with the Rural Dean inviting the congregation to go outside to take part in a blessing of the local farms, crops, livestock and people engaged in the shops and industries in the Kington area.

The photograph shows the Rural Dean vigorously swinging the thurible in which the incense is burnt, and the congregation gathered at one of the points around St Mary's where the prayers were offered.



Rogation

During the reign of King Henry VIII, Rogation processions were used as a way to assist crop yields, with a notable number of the celebrations taking place in 1543 when there were prolonged rains.

During the reign of King Edward VI, the Crown having taken much of the Church's holdings within the country, liturgical ceremonies were not officially condoned or recognized as an official part of worship. However, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the celebrations were explicitly mentioned in the royal reformation, allowing them to resume as public processions.

Rogation processions continued in the post-Reformation Church of England much as they had before, and Anglican priests were encouraged to bring their congregations together for inter-parish processions. At specific intervals, clerics were to remind their congregations to be thankful for their harvests. Psalms 103 and 104 were sung, and people were reminded of the curses the Bible ascribed to those who violated agricultural boundaries. The processions were not mandatory, but were at the discretion of the local minister, and were also ascribed more importance when a public right of way needed to be protected from agricultural or other expansion.

Wikipedia

Reader Writes

The old King was often afflicted with early awakenings; his legs would twitch and his shoulder feel cramped while his wife breathed deeply and rhythmically in a distant universe. But there were compensations when the nights were short. The black redstart was always the first to start its sweet cascading song from the top of a roof at the hint of dawn; but he was lucky if he ever saw it as it hid behind a chimney or spied out over the ridge of the palace roof. Meanwhile, nightingales were still singing in the forest below.

So he was up early brewing strong Turkish coffee for himself ready to sit in the first rays of the rising sun. Maybe he would go down and find Father Thaddeus in his apothecary and present one of those conundrums that go round and round in his head with the redstart's whistling song. What do we expect when we pray? The Reformers in Geneva had made us all understand that God doesn't love us for our merits; no, he cares for us because he loves us despite ourselves. So prayer is not a reward for our efforts, but more to do withhow

we relate to him perhaps.

Indeed, Father Thaddeus was to be found in his herbarium bundling up leaves and flowers to dry; he was far too old and wise not to recognize the King's question as one he had almost certainly had himself. Prayer was certainly not a catalogue of needs presented in intercession with "the gods", but far more the expression of a relationship with our sovereign Heavenly Father to whom we belong and with whom we shall spend eternity. Father Thaddeus found his worn old bible amongst the books and bottles and turned to Joshua Ch1, apparently a favourite of his. God's instruction to Joshua, on the eve of the conquest of Canaan, was to be "strong and courageous", repeated 3 times.

One supposes that God could answer prayer with magic and turn every sickness, for example, back to instant good health. Of course he could. But it is very clear in Joshua that he is telling them they must use their God-given gifts and strengths and experience; at the same time it takes courage to carry on trusting him. The Israelites succeeded when they obeyed God; in other words when they trusted him. So the King and Father Thaddeus, in between drinking more coffee and discussing birds, agreed that prayer was about our walk with God, how we relate to him. That usually means work, obedience, our gifts, trusting God whether its keeping the wild boar out of the oats or the Turks out of their Kingdom.

The old King trudged up the many steps to his palace. Courage, strength, trust, thanks, yes courage, trust, thanks he muttered as he went. No redstarts or nightingales now, but the swifts were screaming around the walls, black scimitar wings against the endless summer sky. No need for lists, he thought; thank goodness for that. He could pray as he walked, or indeed twitched in bed in the early morning. It was all about trusting God, and obeying him. Our faith is not a religion, he thought, but it's a relationship. And that means obedience and trust as we walk with him. And courage; thank you Lord for courage.

Robert MacCurrach

KINGTON MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Although I am no longer Chair of the PPG (Patient Participation Group), I remain committed to supporting them, and felt that I simply had to write to publicly congratulate and thank the PPG for raising the magnificent sum of £ 1,600 at the Community Shop during the first week of May. The team's hard work was very ably coordinated by Suzanne Hughes. My sincere thanks to the whole team. Thank you too to all those who kindly donated money and/or items for sale. Special thanks to Arrow Plant Hire who very generously reimbursed the PPG the hire fee for the shop.

All monies donated to the PPG Patient Fund are used for:

- The direct benefit of patients e.g. portable oxygen concentrators, which proved to be literally life saving in the early days of the covid pandemic, were purchased by the Practice.
- Money has been used to support social prescribing initiatives, such as the singing for health group
- The funds are also used for the purchase of specialist equipment requested by clinicians and agreed by the PPG e.g. Purchase of equipment which is helpful in the diagnosis and treatment of asthma, has recently been agreed.

We, the patients of Kington Medical Practice, are extremely fortunate in having such a hard working PPG who give so generously of their time to support us all.

THANK YOU

Kay Birchley.

More Motoring Memories from the 1960's

From July 1959 – June 1960 I was posted to the Persian Gulf while serving with the Royal Air Force. All motoring came to a halt, though I remember seeing one of the first Minis produced on sale in a primitive showroom in Dubai. I was tempted to purchase the car, but costs proved prohibitive, particularly shipping the car back to the UK.

Arriving back in England, I returned to my old unit at RAF Melksham. For a while it was back to the bicycle again, until I purchased a splendid 500cc Velocette. Sadly, I had not re-acclimatised to the wet, cold English summer, and I felt the cold rather badly every time I went out on the Velocette. It was a pity, as it was the best motorcycle I ever owned I returned it to the shop and settled the HP account.

I purchased my next vehicle by following up an advertisement in the Exchange and Mart. With a friend, we set out to view a BSA V-twin three-wheeler. The advertisement stated, "Please do not call until 6pm". Undeterred, we set off on the ten mile trip to view the vehicle, arriving at 5.30pm. The lady of the house explained that her husband was dealing with the sale and would not be home until 6pm. We said we would wait. The lady mentioned that another couple had come to view the car, but had gone off to the pub, promising to return later. Our patience was rewarded, and I purchased the car for £17-10s-0d. Having paid cash for the machine we towed it back to camp.



The BSA was powered by an air cooled 1000cc V-twin engine. Air cooling was through the false radiator grill and side vents in the bonnet. It was prone to seizing up if the wind was blowing in the wrong direction on a warm day. It had a front wheel drive, with a split front axle. An inadequate front brake operated on the shaft in front of the gearbox. The rear wheel was mounted on a torsion bar suspension. The three-wheeler was light and very fast!

The first problem we discovered was a poorly functioning dynamo. Travelling 22 miles to home, I ran the car on battery power only. This restricted travelling to daylight hours. I had one battery in the car, one at a garage some eight miles from home and a third at home. This system worked well for a while, but long journeys were out of the question.

My brother had agreed to collect the car, and to pick me up from RAF Melksham on a Saturday afternoon in time for me to play rugby at Chipping Sodbury. There was no sign of my brother or the car, so I changed into my motorcycling gear, plus crash helmet. I was driving out of the camp gates on a borrowed scooter when my brother plus a friend drove up. There was no mistaking the loud blast of the BSA exhaust. I returned the scooter to the garage before taking over to drive home in the BSA.

All went well until approaching a sharp right hand bend. I stupidly changed gear. The car flipped over, throwing my brother's friend onto the grass verge. Meanwhile my brother somehow escaped, and heaved the car up enough for me to crawl out. We righted the car and drove home after removing the shattered windscreen. I grabbed my rugby kit and journeyed to Chipping Sodbury on my motor cycle (reserve transport, a 97cc James two-stroke).

On my return home Mum and Dad issued an ultimatum: the BSA must be disposed of with immediate effect, "You are not to drive that thing again!" Thanks to my Guardian angel we had survived a nasty accident.

Tony Jardine

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS



Practicalities of the vacancy:

Readers will know that there is a vacancy within the benefice, but a little information might be helpful as to what it entails. Firstly, with the help of the Rural Dean and churchwardens, it is hoped to be business as usual for services, weddings, funerals etc. But it is also a time to take stock and reflect on what are the needs of each parish. We want to allow everyone in the parish to be able to make a contribution and details are being worked out how to achieve this. Our statement is then merged with the other parishes'. The post is advertised, a short list drawn up (the size of the response permitting), and dates agreed for interview and visits by the candidates. The interview panel is made up from lay and clergy representatives. If an acceptable candidate is found, and the post accepted, then formalities are completed and an announcement made. Current wisdom favours the process to be carried out with reasonable expediency and it is hoped to be in a position to hold interviews during the Autumn. Do get in touch with Fiona or I with any views you may have and wish to discuss.

Peter Kelly - Church Warden

Village Hall – Yoga:

Yoga classes are continuing at Huntington Village Hall each month. The next dates are: Sunday 28th May; Sunday 25th June; Sunday 23rd July. Classes start at 10am. If you have one, please bring your own mat. Cost is £6 per session. If you are new to Yoga and would like to give it a try, or have some previous experience, do come along and join us – everyone is welcome.

Gigi Luscombe

Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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What's flowering at Hergest Croft this month

Look out for our stunning selection of Rhododendrons, and the famous "Hankerchief Tree" *Davidia involucrata*. In addition you will be able to enjoy the Deutzias, Philadelphus, Cornus, Roses and Lillies to name but a few!

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Austyn Hallworth



Hergest Croft Gardens named in the short list of six UK Gardens

The Historic Houses Association Garden of the Year Award 2023 has officially been launched with six beautiful gardens competing to be named the Garden of the Year in a national public vote. The award, in conjunction with Christie's auction house, has gone from strength to strength with tens of thousands of votes cast in recent years.

"We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to be shortlisted with some of the finest gardens in the country." said Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR for Hergest Croft Gardens.

"The hard work now begins as we need to generate in excess of 4,000 votes to win before the closing date at the end of August. So, we are appealing to the lovely people of Kington to spend just a minute or two of their time to go on line and vote for their local garden. It is so important to us and if we win, it will bring significant footfall to the gardens and the surrounding area" he said.

The public can vote here by clicking on this website:

<https://www.historichouses.org/vote-for-garden-of-the-year-2023/>

Ursula Cholmeley, Chair of the Historic Houses Gardens Committee: *'The Garden of the Year Award is a great opportunity to recognise and reward the beauty and quality of independent historic gardens. The hard work that is put in to maintaining and evolving these gardens is undisputed, and it's so important that not only the owners are celebrated but also the gardeners and volunteer teams who give up their time and effort day in, day out to preserving independently owned heritage. These gardens are amongst the finest in the country and we hope that you will get great pleasure from visiting some of them and voting for your favourite.'*



June Crossword

Across

1 See 23 Across

3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)

8 Invalid (4)

9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)

11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)

14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)

15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)

17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)

20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)

21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)

22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)

23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)

2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)

4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)

5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)

6 St Columba's burial place (4)

7 Swirling current of water (4)

10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)

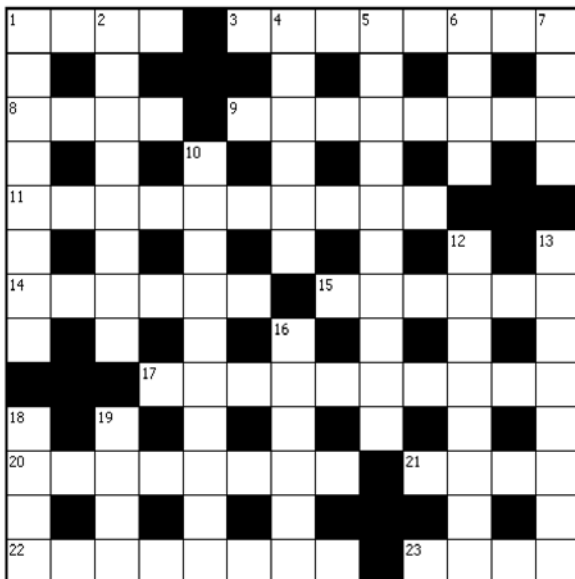
12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)

13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)

16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)

18 David Livingstone was one (4)

19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



Answers to May Crossword

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ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Readers 4th June
18th June

David
Judith

Flowers

Elizabeth.



Group Service.

The recent group service held at Titley was very well attended. There was a lovely atmosphere and the coffee and Welsh Cakes served afterwards were very well received.

Titley Village Fete.

Just to let everyone know the Village Fete will go ahead this year on the 2nd Saturday in August which just happens to be the "Glorious Twelfth".

If you have any brilliant ideas for any stalls or attractions please come forward and let Dick know. Please put the date down in your diary as much help as possible is needed to make the day a huge success.

Church Meeting.

You may have already read in this magazine about the open meeting for all our parishes in Titley Village Hall at 10am on Saturday 10th June. This is an important meeting to discuss our requirements for appointment for the next vicar. Please do try and come along and have your say.

Dick

KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting

7.30pm 15th June

Nick Morgan

'Managing Garden Pests, now and in the future'

Competition

- A single Rose bloom
- 3 Rose blooms - named if known
- Vase of mixed flowers from your garden

at the Masonic Hall Headbrook

All Welcome

In August there will be a trip to Trentham Gardens
Details from D W Phillips 230683



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 31)

I've always been uneasy about those psalms which ask God to do all sorts of horrible things to my enemies. Apart from anything else, I can't think that I have any personal enemies (apart from pigeons, and we eat them.) Then the other day it suddenly



occurred to me that I do have a couple of others, ground elder and ivy. Fortunately we are not plagued by bindweed (pretty granny bonnets do not trouble us.) And although in general I shun the use of weed-killers, I am sorely tempted to resort to them in an attempt to deal with those two that are such persistently invasive enemies in our garden.

Otherwise we're told not to be too hard on weeds, and I am inclined, at least to some extent, to live and let live; for a weed is simply a plant growing in the wrong place. Dandelions, for instance, in country hedgerows, seldom receive the same appreciation as daffodils or bluebells, yet they are just as beautiful, provide lots of nectar for pollinators and make a fine country wine. But we don't want them seeding all over the garden do we? so Giles is our Dandelion Boy, collecting the flowers before that happens. As for nettles, we reserve a corner where they can thrive as hosts for butterfly caterpillars. And of course, when picked (with gloves on) and cooked, they make a tasty and nutritious vegetable.

A confession:- As a student teacher I had a regular holiday job as a sort of sous chef in Tregarthen's Hotel on the Scilly Islands. And one day, heaven help us! slicing the runner beans ready for lunch I absent-mindedly chucked them into the swill and saved the strings. In the emergency that ensued all I could suggest to Chef King was that we could cook and serve stinging nettles to the guests at lunch. There were plenty outside. To my surprise he agreed to give it a try and, to his greater surprise, the comments received were full of appreciation for the tasty vegetable: what was it? Well I didn't get the sack anyway!

As for ground elder, Emma's just looked it up on the internet where it says the best way of getting rid of that is to eat it. It seems the Romans brought it here (thank you very much I don't think!) But I don't fancy eating it, and in any case, if you leave it until it's in flower it can do nasty things to you.

Anyway, in the garden the blossom has been superb. The contrast between the masses of pink apple and white pear at the bottom of the garden is so beautiful, as are the pretty flowers on the quince tree. And already the harvest of gooseberries from our three little standard trees is pending. We still have a few bottles of last year's to use - gooseberry froule is my favourite.

But alas, now, the 1st week in May, I am suddenly incapacitated by what I think might be called Housemaid's Knee! which the nurse says may take two or three weeks to clear up. So Emma's doing all the work, presently planting out some French beans for me as well as supplying me with hourly attacks of ice. All I can do is light duties, like sowing runner bean seeds in pots. I'm a bit late doing this because I can't forget how one year, when I planted out seedlings on June 6th, a late frost wiped them all out the same night. Fortunately "Plantlife", with a scheme started up in 2019 is again promoting "No Mow May" so that's one less task for a bit. Apparently many insects greatly benefit from letting the grass grow this month, especially if some friendly weeds are allowed to flourish! And that can't be a bad thing if, what I observe this year to be a dearth of pollinators, is in fact correct.

Denis Parry.

CORONATION HAIKU

from pupils of Lady Hawkins School.

For a summer term competition (early, before exams were to take over) pupils were invited each to write a dozen haiku connected with the Coronation. The response was terrific, and Allan Lloyd has spent hours and hours sorting

out the best 20 from about 75 dozen, from which I am selecting just 20 single ones from the top six for the Parish News. Thank you Allan, and, of course, Miss Moss and the staff at the school for their keen cooperation, and the pupils for so readily responding.

But first, what is a Haiku? It's a type of verse originating in Japan. It consists of 17 syllables in three lines, 5,7,5 like this:

A haiku must have
just seventeen syllables:
a sort of précis.

So here goes, 20 haiku:

Andrew Williamson:

A new era begins.
Now a sovereign is crowned.
By God's will he rules.

Death of a monarch
paves the way for a new one
to rule as she did.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit,
all rejoice at his coming,
for it is their will.

Head of our nation,
A symbol of the people,
Ruler of us all.

Rod, sceptre, ring, orb
and a crown upon his head,
Proof of his power.

Woody Tittley:

Charles Three our King,
Wise and just his rule will be,
peace and prosperity.



The Queen's son, the King
with a heart that's true and kind,
Love and hope he'll bring.

Crown jewels topped with cross,
Christ ruling by Charles III's side
Serving the nation.

Maisie-Lou Gore:

King Charles takes the throne.
How splendid the trumpets sound!
A new era dawns.

With every step taken,
He starts writing his own tale.
A new chapter begins.

Oliver Gore:

The streets are alive
with sounds of celebration,
nation united.

The coronation,
a momentous occasion,
History is made.

The crown is heavy,
but the new king wears it well.
A true leader born.

The bells ring loudly,
for a new king has been crowned.
All celebration!

Marshall Morris:

On this day they rule,
Charles and Camilla as one,
King and Queen unite.

Serving the nation,
honouring his mother
in the gold carriage.

Called to God's service,
he has always put us first,
living on prayer.

Zach Miles:

Known across the globe,
Leader of the Commonwealth,
Symbol of the free.

Fifty-six nations,
a family of nations,
now with a hew king.

He has committed
to serve and protect us all.
He will care for us.

Denis:

That must be enough!
Twenty out of eight hundred.
The best I can do.

Denis

Community Shop Dates

31 May - 6 June	Walton Village Hall
7 June - 13 June	Bryngwyn RDA
14 June - 20 June	Kinnerton
21 June - 27 June	Kington Community Choir
28 June - 4 July	Gladestry Village Hall

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Kington WI

What a lovely time we had at Mortimer's Cross celebrating the Coronation with a sumptuous afternoon tea. England was at its glorious springtime best on our drive to The Grange. The gift shop was enticing and the food Hall full of fresh produce! Everyone chatted over freshly made sandwiches and cakes in true WI fashion!

God save King Charles!

Our next meeting will be in the Markwick Hall on Wednesday 14th June at 2:30pm when we shall hear a talk on the Blood Bikes! New members always welcome.

Janet Forrest

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Church Services at Kington Court

When Ben was the vicar of Kington, he held regular weekly services of Holy Communion at Kington Court, which were much enjoyed by the residents.

Encouraged by the Rural Dean, Mike Kneen, the small group of recently licensed Local Worship Leaders are now supplying a monthly non-eucharistic service, and the first one took place on 16th May. The photograph shows a section of the lounge at Kington Court where the service took place. The second service will be take place on Tuesday 20th June, and will be led by Rob, Trish and Elaine.



Freda, Alison and Ann (Local Worship Leaders)



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Reflections: Mission

The theme for this month's reflection is "mission" which for a lot of people conjures up images of well meaning men and women travelling to far flung parts of the world to do good works, often involving converting "the heathens" to Christianity. Elaine has recently carried out valuable work in an eye hospital in Nepal, and that indeed is a good example of mission abroad. But the word "mission" is at the root of many other words, and I would like to share my reflections on them with you, and, in particular, I want to consider four examples – **commission, omission, remission and submission**.

At the end of May, we celebrated the period of time sandwiched between Ascension Day and Pentecost, when the twelve disciples waited anxiously to receive the Holy Spirit so that they could be sent out – commissioned – to do the work of God. So here we have **commission** – a sending out into the world with a particular job to do.

When I was confirmed in 1982, the final hymn was:

Forth in thy name O Lord I go,
My daily labour to pursue.
Thee only Thee resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

Can I honestly say that I have lived up to this promise? Of course not – like all of us I have been guilty of not putting God at the centre of my life. And when that happens, things go wrong. As the Book of Common Prayer confession during the Evensong service puts it: "*We have done those things which we ought not to have done*", and as a result, we commit sins such as thoughtlessness, intolerance, impatience and anger.

And conversely, we confess that "*We have left undone those things which we ought to have done*". We are guilty of **omission**. Examples could be failing to say we are sorry to someone we have hurt, or not giving time to someone in need.

So what are the most important things that we haven't done? According to the Prayer of Confession: "*We have not loved you – God – with our whole heart*" and "*we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.*" And that is just what Jesus told us to do – to love one another. Failing to love one another is the greatest example of omission, and is at the root of a great many troubles in the world.

Another type of mission is **remission** – a going back to have another go when things have gone wrong. This can be experienced following a successful treatment for a illness such as cancer, where the disease is said to be in remission – not necessarily a cure – but a return to former good health which may be temporary, but the hope is that it will be permanent.

And for a Christian, we all have the experience of the remission of our sins through the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. If we confess our sins, and are genuinely determined to turn over a new leaf – to repent – we are given the chance to go back and try again.

And finally, we have **submission** where we no longer put ourselves at the centre of things. We need to stop trying to be all things to all men, to be the great "I am", but agree to submit to a greater power than we are. For a believer that greater authority is God, and for a Christian we submit to him through Jesus Christ, and trust in his loving kindness.

So there we have the four missions – **commission, omission, remission and submission** – all of which are intertwined throughout our Christian journey. We need to be alert to the opportunities that arise for us to spread the Christian message to those we meet, and to realise that in doing so we, like the twelve disciples, will be carrying out the mission that Jesus has set us.

Freda (Local Worship Leader)

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News From the Museum

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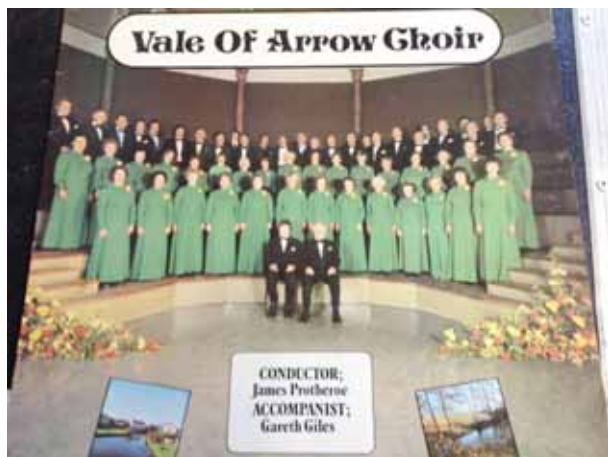
Kington Eisteddfod

Kington Eisteddfod was founded in 1904. The joint secretaries were a C J Beavan and C Stephens. There was a break during world war I, restarting again in 1933. From the early days it was a competition of celebration and choral song with well-known adjudicators. Overtime the programmes also included recitation and competitions for children. The museum holds a programme dated 1937, the Honorary Secretary is noted as Reverend Garnett Powell and Walter Jones.

In 1937 the under 10's recitation was a poem entitled "What every Wise Child Should do" and is quite complex. There were set songs to be sung and although there were changes over the years, they were almost all classical songs and many from a standard repertoire.

The Eisteddfod again ceased during WWII and recommenced in 1947 under the Vale of Arrow Choir conductor, Jim Protheroe. Mr Protheroe (a local farmer) led the Eisteddfod for the next 30 years, continuing until at least 1992, when the 45th Eisteddfod was held. This was 45 years from the re-founding of the competition, and it appears that the committee had forgotten or were unaware that there had been a competition before the first World War and between the wars. The Eisteddfod was clearly on the radar of the Welsh singers from 1979-1991 all the winners of the FH Sunderland cup were from all over Wales except one from Lancashire!

By 1982 this included a separate youth Eisteddfod, which included classes in recitation, choral speaking, instrument solos as well as choral and solo songs. The recitation for 7-9-year-olds was rather simpler than in 1937, called "Counting" starting "Down in the farmyard our old mother hen has tiny new chickens, I have counted them – 10". In 1992 the youth and adult Eisteddfod ran at the same time with the winners of specific classes taking part in a concert on the following Sunday evening.



To raise funds other choirs were invited to give concerts. In 1959 the Treorchy male voice choir gave a concert ending with a rendition of "Land of Our Fathers" in Welsh of course, in the Eisteddfod marque.

Terry James remembers singing in the Eisteddfod as a child, and as an adult recalls several well-known musicians who acted as adjudicators, including Dame Isabelle Bailey (1895-1983), a renowned Scottish Soprano and the Scottish composer of "All in an April Evening" Hugh S Robertson (1874-1952).

Memories of local people are of large marquees on the cattle market, which at that time was grass and another on the now Mill Street car park. There were venues across Kington, including the Baptist chapel, Methodist Church, and St. Marys. Later The Welsh choirs would be in the many pubs singing songs, but not necessarily the ones entered in their class for the competitions. when the Eisteddfod ceased, perhaps this was the beginning of Kington carnival and festival week.

I would love to hear people's memories of this very famous festival as we have very little information of it, or maybe if you have programmes tucked away in attics.

Thanks to Christine Robinson and Terry James for their help and memories.

Wendy Jones, Secretary

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From a Kington Kitchen - Recipe for June - Old Testament Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of 1st book of Kings, Chap 4, verse 22
- 1 cup of Book of Jeremiah, Chap 6, verse 20
- 1 cup Nahum Chap 3, verse 12
- 1 cup Samuel Chap 30, verse 32
- 1 cup Judges Chap 5, verse 25
- ¾ cup Judges Chap 4, verse 19
- ¾ Old tablespoon Numbers Chap 17 verse 8
- 1 teaspoon Amos Chap 4, verse 5
- 1 pinch Genesis Chap 19, verse 26
- 3 Jeremiah Chap 17, verse 11
- Season to taste – 2nd Chronicles Chap 9, verse 9



Directions – Proverbs Chap 23, verse 4

Place in a medium sized, very-well greased tin, lined with greaseproof paper. Bake in a moderate oven until knife comes out clean (approx 1.5 hours)

Have fun working out the ingredients, if you want to check them (or cheat!) See Page 28.

Ingredients for Old Testament Cake

- 2tsp Well
- 2tsp Eggs
- 2tsp Baking Powder
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- 1lb Raisins
- 2lb Currents
- 2lb Sugar
- 1lb Fine flour

Old Testament Cake

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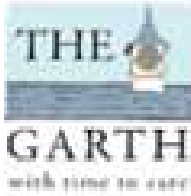
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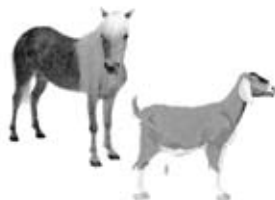
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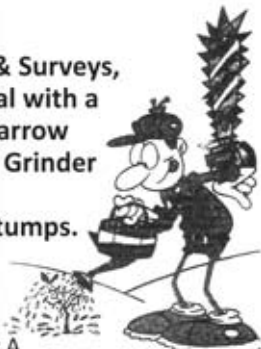
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- Sat 17 Jun 9.30 - 3.30 Art & Craft Market at Kington Market Hall
- Sun 18 Jun 2 - 5.30pm Open Garden & Teas at Eardisley
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