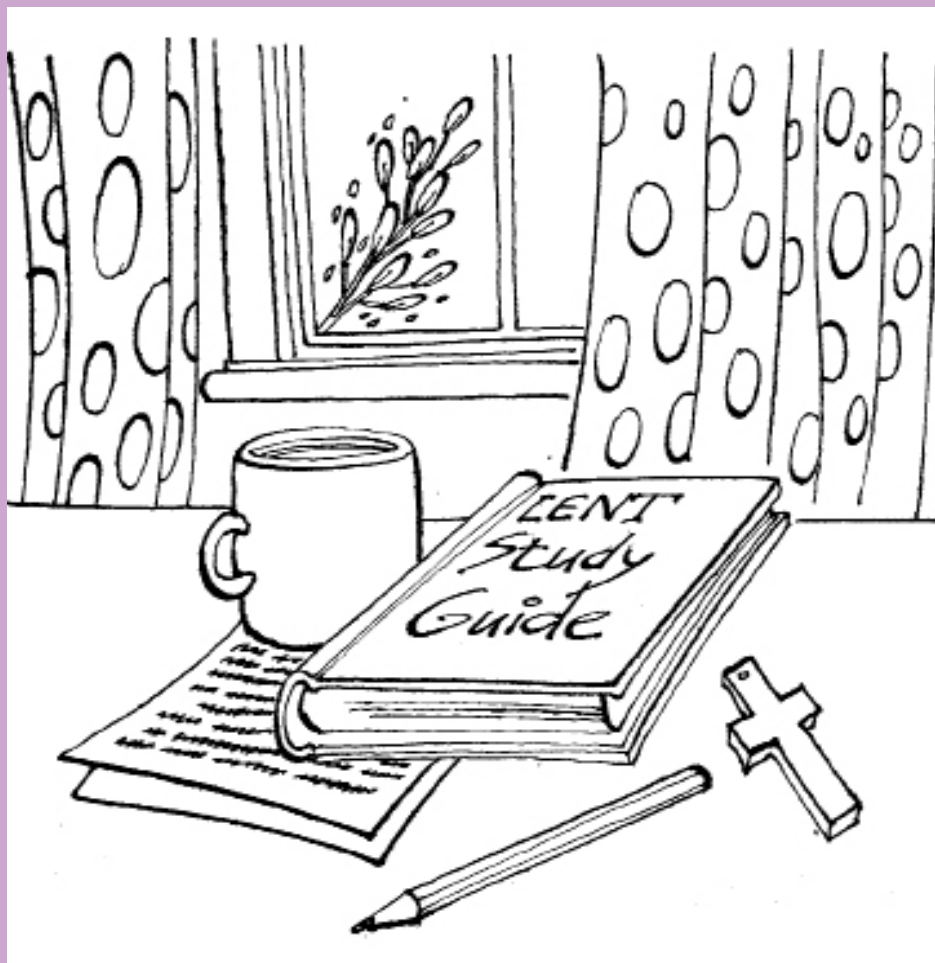


Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

March 2023



Teach me my God and King, in all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything, to do it as for thee.

SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON

From 1st January 2022

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Mill Street, Kington
Herefordshire
HR5 3AL

HEREFORD 461 via Lyonshall 462 via Eardisley

Journey times vary Kington to Hereford approx 65minutes

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KNIGHTON Route 41

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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<i>Sat</i>	-	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730

Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON

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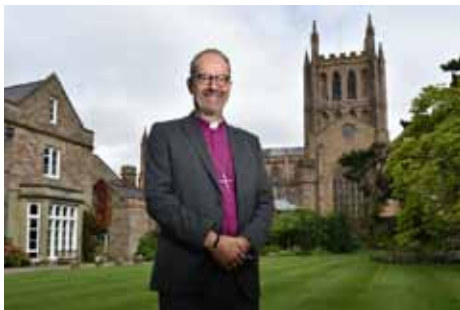
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Letter from the Bisop of Hereford

Dear friends

I have been delighted to see how many people have already engaged with events in our year of prayer. Not only, that but parishes across the diocese are organising their own programmes. It has felt a welcome going back to basics of why the church is here. We are too often overwhelmed by our obvious challenges and forget that prayer connects us with the one who holds the future in his hands.



Prayer is confusing! If God is all powerful and all knowing, why do we need to ask him anything? Wouldn't he unfold his purposes in spite us? What about those prayers that must be in his will, but seem to remain unanswered? But Jesus clearly taught us to ask for things. What are the requests in the Lord's prayer for God's will to be done on earth as in heaven and for daily bread, if not prayers for God's intervention to sustain us and even change our circumstances? Paul advised the Philippian Church 'in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, to present our requests to God'.

Perhaps our quandary is because we mistake correlation with causation. If we could really twist God's arm, then it would be about formulas and patterns, with God sitting inactive until the right prayers were offered. Correlation is rather more mysterious. As Archbishop William Temple said, when challenged whether prayer had a point, "When I pray coincidences happen; when I don't, they don't!" In the Lord's prayer, your will be done follows hallowed be your name. Worship re-orientates the mind to think God's thoughts after him. A mind so formed is more likely to ask for the things that are on God's heart. More importantly, such a heart may find itself the answer to its own prayers. A prayer for justice might lead to actions to bring justice. A prayer for more people to come to know Jesus may raise the courage to tell people about him.

I hope the Year of Prayer may lead to a lasting change in our own praying and an increase in the spiritual temperature and our missional fruitfulness. If you haven't done so already, do join in.

You can find resources to help your church and a list of all our key events on the Year of Prayer web page.

Bishop Richard



Views in a Vacancy

Two men looked through prison bars, One saw mud, the other, stars,

Dear Readers,

It's the same thought that George Herbert expressed in his poem *The Elixir*, "*A man that looks on glass, On it may stay his eye; Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heaven espy.*"

I used to demonstrate that to children using a framed pane of glass which I had decorated with cobwebs, dead flies and so on, with a lovely picture behind it. And I think it's very relevant for us today, when we are constantly battered by bad news. Good news, it seems, is no news. It's not exciting, doesn't get the adrenaline going, doesn't generate such meaty gossip. We are, as it were, programmed to see through the bars of our prison, the mud, rather than the stars, to look at the mess on the window rather than to see the view through it.

And that's a great pity. A favourite prayer of mine is this one written by Percy Dearmer: *O God, who set before us the great hope that your Kingdom shall come on earth and taught us to pray for its coming: give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning and to work for the perfect day when the whole world shall reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord..*

And, you know, one doesn't have to look so far afield to discern some of those signs. For example, have you ever thought what Kington would be like if there were no volunteers? Surely everything would grind to a halt. What a horrible, dead place it would be! Everywhere I turn I find volunteers doing good things that make life worth living, from regular services to the community like.....(I was going to mention some, but where to begin?) to helping out in emergencies, such as the amazingly successful Covid Vaccination Saturdays. We don't always have to wallow in the mud; better sometimes to look at the stars, to discern the many signs of goodness and be grateful for them.

But I can't refrain from mentioning how good it is to see the rebirth of youth clubs taking place. When we moved here at the turn of the century the well-appointed premises at the school was still used. I think the youth groups I had in my parishes, junior and senior, are what I missed most on retirement. And today's youngsters need all the encouragement and help we can provide during these difficult times.

So far as Churches Together are concerned, the provision of our food bank has been a godsend for some people, and all who have gone on running and supporting it throughout the pandemic are certainly one of Percy Dearmer's signs to be discerned; for along with all these volunteers, whether or not they realise it, they are "*working for the perfect day when the whole world shall see God's glory.*" For it must surely be the cultural ethos

of faith which inspires us, (what else?) calling us to serve others, whether freely or in response to a vocation, that is, a choice of career or occupation, including menial work. I think of one person locally who lovingly and with pride kept our streets clean and tidy, gaining such satisfaction and appreciation by so doing.

As I write, our local group of five parishes centred on St Mary's Kington are just entering another spell of interregnum which will make considerable demands on, not only our church wardens and P.C.C. but on many other volunteers who give freely of their time, talents and other resources. Our gratitude to them is enormous. May God bless them and all volunteers and, as we look through our prison bars, let's just thank our lucky stars!

Denis Parry.

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

As I settle to write something for the March Parish News I realise that we have only one more week to enjoy Ben's presence in our midst. The weeks since he revealed that he and Jean were moving to pastures new have passed so quickly.

Ben has achieved so much since he came to Kington seven and a half years ago, but he leaves much which I feel sure he would like us to build on, a legacy to be part of our future. I think of his contact with the schools, with residential homes, his enthusiasm to encourage the start of a Lego Club here and Messy Church.

A stickler for correctness and accuracy we shall do well to remember and act upon the example he has set.

Perhaps one thing above many for which we should thank him, is the way he guided us through the covid pandemic. He was strict, some felt too strict, but his resistance to return to doing things as they had previously been done too quickly paid off. Thank you Ben.

However much we shall miss them both we should also rejoice that Ben is taking his ministry to somewhere he is so pleased to be going. He is going back to the place of his ancestors and to somewhere he has, apparently, always hoped he might go.

We did not think we would lose them both after a comparatively short ministry here but we say a big thank you to you both and may, your wish fulfilled, bring you peace and contentment.

Ann Edwards



Community Shop

Many thanks to everyone who supported in any way the St Mary's fundraising week last month. Thanks to the generous contributions from the donors and buyers - to say nothing of the volunteers who manned the shop - the wonderful total of nearly £1500 was raised for general church funds. We are very grateful to all of you, and particularly to the Community Shop organisation who gave us this opportunity.



Future services

We are about to enter the season of Lent leading to Mothering Sunday, March 19th, Palm Sunday April 2nd and the glorious Festival of Easter. We are confident that, under the direction of the Rural Dean, we shall be able to celebrate all these services and details of April services will be in the April Parish News.

The next Messy Church Activity Day will be on Saturday, April 8th and will, we expect include the annual egg hunt.

We shall do our best to help you during the interregnum and ask that you will support us.

Best wishes to you all.

Ann Edwards & Rodney Bowdler, Churchwardens,

Easter Lilies

It's that time of year again when we have to think about ordering the lilies for Easter.

If you wish to purchase a lily, at a cost of £4, could you please contact Gill Pennell or Lesley Walters by the 26th March so that the order can be placed with the supplier.

Thank you.

Lesley Walters



St Mary's Church Organ Appeal

Last month's Parish Magazine launched the fundraising campaign for the refurbishment and improvement of the organ at St Mary's. We are trying to raise a total of £106,000, including VAT, for the whole project.

We were delighted to have such strong support from the Mid Wales Journal, who featured the appeal on the front page recently. This has given a boost to the interest, and hopefully the giving to the project. There is also display about the appeal in the church. Please try to read it when you visit.

It has been so encouraging that already we have received sponsorship for nine of the 30 new trombone pipes that will be added, and other donations towards the overall costs of the work. A total of £8600 in just a few weeks, which brings the total to date to just over £30,000! Many, many thanks to those who have been so generous already.

We are about to submit the first round of funding applications to various organisations and charities. Further news in future editions.

Philip Sell, Director of Music at St Mary's



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 5th March: Lent 2

Genesis 12: 1-4s, Psalm 121, Romans4: 1-1, 13-17, John 3:1-17

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

Sunday 12th March: Lent 3

Exodus17:1-17, Psalm 95, Romans5: 1-11, John4: 5-42

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

Sunday, 19th March: Lent 4/ Mothering Sunday

Samuel 1:20-28, Psalm 34. 11-20, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Luke 2:33-35

10.00am:	Morning Praise:	Kington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

Sunday, 26th March: Lent 5/Passion Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans8:6-11, John11:1-45

10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerto
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Huntington



All services at Kington are live streamed.

Kington Tourist Group
AGM
7.30pm Thursday 9th March
at the Burton Hotel
All welcome

“So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehn, Good bye.”

Dear Friends,

The story is told of a Rector who announced one Sunday during Morning Service that he would be leaving the parish for pastures new, rather like I did myself at the end of November. Following the service, he noticed a parishioner at the back of the church in floods of tears. Going up to him, the kindly Rector said soothingly, “Don’t worry, I’m sure that the next Rector will be better.” Trying to hold back his tears, the man said through his sobs, “They told us that the last time, and it wasn’t true then either.”



All I can say to that is my fervent hope that in the case of the Kington Parishes and now, that will prove to be true and that the good folk of Bro Ardudwy won’t concur with the parishioner of that doubtless apocryphal tale.

As I prepare to take my leave of the Kington Parishes, I am and always will be deeply grateful for the support, encouragement and friendship which Jean and I have received both from the Church Families across the benefice, but also from those who for whatever reason find themselves outside it. Archbishop William Temple famously observed that; *“the Church is the only society which exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.”* The remarkable privilege of the Church of England as the Established Church in this land is that it has a ministry and responsibility for everyone who lives within its boundaries. This strange but integral arrangement is seen during Royal Funerals and, of course, at the Coronation later this year. This and Bishops in the House of Lords is the element that the public see and the media reports. What the commentators and opinion formers entirely overlook is what that status means in the parishes up and down the land, which takes us straight back to Archbishop Temple. The Church exists for everyone whether they come regularly, rarely occasionally, under duress or never at all. Something that has moved me beyond measure and well beyond words over the past months has been the reaction of so many people who fit into the latter categories to my impending departure.

That reaction tells all of us something of paramount importance that whatever you do or do not think of me, the Church here in these parishes has been living up to its calling to proclaim and live the love of God in the communities it exists to serve. That is and always will be far more important than any debates about doctrine, worship or even sexuality.

The Church is called to proclaim and live the Love of the God who is love. That’s the solemn and great vocation all of us are called to share. I’m entirely confident that with the grace of God you will continue to live up to that high calling both during this Vacancy and with the help and support of my successor whoever he or she may be.

In the meantime please pray for me, as the Lord leads me into the next exciting stage of the great adventure called life. Please also pray for the person God is calling to be my successor here, that he or she may emerge soon. You never know, with her or him what the Rector said in that story may well prove to be true.

With my love and prayers always

Ben.

More Motoring Memories 1960 - 1961

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 the costs were 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 afront 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. Eventually a friend in Chipping Sodbury reconditioned the dynamo.

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 motor cycling 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 motorcycle (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

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 Art & Craft Market

Time is flying by and before we know where we are the Art and Craft market will be re-opening for 2023. Here is a list of dates for this year..

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

Aug 19th

Sep 16th

Oct 21st

Nov 18th

Nov 25th

Dec 9th

Dec 16th

More info next month.

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

KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

next meeting

THURS 16th March

7.30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by

Aulden from conception to chaos
with Gill and Alan Whitehead

at the Masonic Hall Headbrook

All Welcome



A New Kington Youth Club

We are pleased to be opening a new Youth Club in Kington starting with regular Wednesday after school sessions from 3:30 – 7pm. We are being careful to get all our ducks safely in a row before we open the doors in earnest. We have set-up as Kington Youth Hub CiC and have worked hard to establish our policies and procedures which are now on our website.

Visit: www.kingtonyouthhub.org



Membership is free!

The Youth Club will provide a safe space for 10-16 year olds, in school years 6 - 11. There is table tennis; pool, table football, sofas, art & craft materials, drinks & snacks, as well as trips and workshops for a variety of activities planned.

At first the Club will need to be run by volunteers who we will DBS checked and offered training. We need to grow to the point where the young people feel like some kind of group who can begin to make it their own. We anticipate that the children will then be deciding what they would like to do and see there and take ownership of the youth club and provide the organisers with guidance on what happens there. Then, with sufficient funds, a Youth Worker job (or three) can be advertised locally with the young people involved in their selection.

We still need more Volunteers to help run the first club sessions for which training and support will be provided.

Email: admin@kingtonyouthhub.org

Or: members@kingtonyouthclub.org

KINGTON YOUTH CLUB
OPEN WEDNESDAYS
3:30_{pm} - 5:30_{pm} ALL WELCOME
5:30_{pm} - 7:00_{pm} Yrs 9 - 11 ONLY

@ The Old School Room
Bridge Street Baptist Church

Through this gate & upstairs on the left :)

kingtonyouthhub.org

Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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Time for a Spring Cut?

Do you have an area of meadow or long grass within your churchyard and perhaps your garden too? If so, March may be an excellent month to give it a cut and vigorous rake. Wildflowers and fine grasses can become swamped by coarse tougher grasses, the bruisers of the meadow world, and a spring cut can make all the difference. Cutting in spring really knocks back these coarser grasses such as Yorkshire Fog and False Oat Grass, giving other meadow grasses and flowers a chance to take up the space and receive life-giving sunlight onto their leaves. The vigorous raking will expose soil and break up mats of dead plant matter, all of which allows seeds to germinate in soil and seedlings to reach the sunshine. But, I hear you say, what about the invertebrates which need coarse grass tussocks and hollow stems to over-winter? This is where management planning is so important; can you designate an area of coarse grass, perhaps adjacent to a wall or hedge, where you can leave it uncut for a year or two? In this way you can maintain areas for over-wintering and also manage the wildflower meadow well.

That's all very well but I have spring bulbs. Ahh, in that case you don't want to do a spring cut, but don't leave areas with bulbs uncut for too long. It's a good idea to cut a meadow after 3 or 4 months growth, never more or it starts to get overrun with coarse grasses and other plants such as hogweed. If you can't do a spring cut because of bulbs then plan for one in early summer - early July or even late June. This area can fill with lovely flowers in May and June and is a spring meadow.

A meadow which is cut in March or April can then be left until late July or August and fills with summer flowers such as knapweed or scabious. This is a summer meadow.

If you have a bit of both then you'll have flowers all spring and summer long, but it can get a little complicated and it may be best to keep things simple! Have a look at our Action Pack sheet A2 Caring for Grassland (<https://tinyurl.com/22af3rpv>) to remind yourself of the timings.

Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cpga.org.uk

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Betty Croose (March 1922 - January 2023):

Betty (Beatrice Eleanor) was born in March 1922 at Redborough Farm in Newchurch, the second of six children. She had an older sister and four younger brothers. At the age of 7, Betty went to Huntington School, walking the 5 miles each day with her sister and brothers. She left school aged 14 to help her mum at home, care for her younger brothers, doing housework and hard physical farm work. Betty later went into service as nanny for the Goodwin family of Great House, Dorstone. When Betty announced she was getting married, they kindly arranged for their dressmaker in Birmingham to make her wedding dress and her bridesmaid Mary's dress.



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Betty and Jim moved to Grove Farm to begin their married life. There was no electricity or running water. Water butts collected rain off the roofs and Betty carried drinking water from a tap at Hill Farm, where her sister-in-law Bessie lived. Electricity wasn't connected until 1960. Betty worked with Jim on the farm, but also had her own flock of laying hens. Betty had five boys (Graham, Terry, Colin, Geoff and Brian). She was quite regimented in making sure all chores were done and the boys were fed, dressed and out of the house in time for school and Sunday school. The boys were all given chores to do, but had lots of fun with their cousins from Hill Farm and Baynham Hall.

Betty joined the Gladestry WI whilst living at Grove Farm, but joined Huntington WI when she moved to Mayfield, often winning prizes for her sponge cakes. Betty loved music and had a good voice, joining the Vale of Arrow Choir and later the Painscastle Ladies' Choir. Betty also loved gardening, growing most of the vegetables the family required, as well as flowers and shrubs, which she used for flower arrangements in chapel. After moving to Mayfield in 1988, Jim and Betty created a new garden which she opened in July 1995, to help raise money for the new Huntington Village Hall. She continued gardening well into her 90's.

Betty did not travel far, summer holidays in Aberystwyth with the family. However, in 1991, for their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, the boys arranged a coach tour of Scotland, which they greatly enjoyed.

Until Covid restrictions in 2020, Betty went to Kington every Thursday to do the weekly shop. She regularly attended both Newchurch and Huntington Chapels.

Betty was a gentle lady who was happy with her lot and never complained. She saw many changes during her long life, but took everything in her stride. When Jim became ill with Myeloma, she nursed him at home for many months, until he died in January 2007. Betty loved visits from family and friends, especially her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In March 2022, Betty celebrated her 100th birthday and was so proud to receive

a card from Her Majesty the Queen. It took pride of place at her party, where she ensured everyone had a good time. Betty was a very special lady, who had a long life, well lived.
(Extracts taken from Dr. Philip Cleland's Eulogy notes)

Ben's Leaving Gift:



Following the Evening Service at the end of January, we said our fond farewell and thank you to Ben for the past seven years, wishing him well for the future. We all enjoyed a glass of sherry and an assortment of canapes. Peter thanked Ben for everything he had done for the church and parishioners and presented Ben with a farewell gift. The main gift was a beautiful stole Fiona had expertly made. Fiona had a copy of the stained-glass window of St Francis of Assisi printed onto fabric, which she then stitched onto the stole fabric, neatly hand stitching along all the leadwork of the window. The green stole

was stunning, bringing out all the colours of the window and Ben was thrilled. Ben wore his new stole for the first time when he took the Holy Eucharist service last Sunday morning and it looked splendid.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by PCC Meeting:

The above meetings will be held in church on Wednesday 26th April 2023, commencing at 7:00pm.

Susan Maiden

Kington WI

On Wednesday 8th February the W I held a meeting in the Markwick Hall. After a short business meeting to tie up any loose ends in our programme for next year we were entertained by the lovely Elly!

Elly does Groove!! A full body workout to music! Everyone joined in most enthusiastically - especially Joan and Bronwen! It was so enjoyable that you hardly noticed the amount of work you were doing! Elly is inspirational and non - judgmental. We soon lost our inhibitions and had a thoroughly good time.

Margaret and Madeleine served lovely refreshments and the meeting closed at 4:15pm. Our next meeting will be the AGM - see you next month!

Janet Forrest

P & Q's Lent KBC

Throughout the period of Lent, 22 February to 6 April, we will continue our Friday 4pm group at Kington Baptist Church. We start with a cup of tea and a chat and then spend our time in the Book of Psalms – sharing thoughts and questions. All are welcome. R. Ross

**Peace, hope,
and joy!**

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Bridge Street**



**"P & Q's"
Psalms
&
Questions**

Friday at 4 pm

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CROOSE Beatrice Eleanor (Betty) passed away peacefully on 13th January 2023.

Her family extend their heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbours for their kindness and messages of sympathy. Also for attendance and support at the Service of Thanksgiving in Ebenezer Chapel, Newchurch on 2nd February and for donations received in favour of Newchurch Chapel and the RNLI.

Rev. Gordon Bingham led the service; Dr Philip Cleland read the eulogy which summed up in a few words Betty's remarkable life of 100 years and pianist Mrs Felicity Robinson accompanied some great singing that Betty would have thoroughly enjoyed; thank you all.

Many stories of Betty's life were exchanged whilst mourners enjoyed tea and refreshments expertly prepared by Gaynor's Catering before the journey to Hereford Crematorium for a short service of committal.

Thanks also to Oak Tree Funeral Services for their help with arrangements. Betty will be remembered with great fondness by family and friends.

May she rest in peace, reunited with her husband, Jim.



ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Readers for March.

5th March Dick
19th March Elizabeth



Titley's farewell to Ben.

Where do I start with to say thank you to everyone who made this special Songs of Praise service such an outstanding success. It was sad we were saying goodbye to Ben and Jean but everyone there enjoyed the community spirit of the occasion. The church was full, proving how popular Ben is. Philp had produced a super order of service and Robert played the organ beautifully. The service had a welsh theme and the hymns and fantastic duets and solos from Malcolm, Lucy and Gemma just added to the occasion.

After the service we all adjourned to the village hall where our ladies had laid on a feast fit for a king. The evening ended with a presentation of gifts to Ben and Jean and they left with all the good wishes from Titley. As it was said it will be Titleys loss and Harlechs gain.

On behalf of all of us at Titley, we wish Ben and Jean all the very best as they start their new ministry in North Wales.

Dick

Mothering
SUNDAY

George Hare Leonard

It is the day of all the year,
Of all the year the one day,
When I shall see my Mother dear
And bring her cheer,
A-Mothering on Sunday.

And now to fetch my wheaten cake,
To fetch it from the baker,
He promised me, for Mother's sake,
The best he's bake
For me to fetch and take her.

Well have I known, as I went by
One hollow lane, that none day
I'd fail to find - for all they're shy -
Where violets lie,
As I went home on Sunday.

My sister Jane is waiting-maid
Along with Squire's lady;
And year by year her part she's played,
And home she stayed
To get the dinner ready.

For Mother'll come to Church, you'll see -
Of all the year it's the day -
'The one,' she'll say, 'that's made for me.'
And so it be:
It's every Mother's free day.

The boys will all come home from town,
Not one will miss that one day;
And every maid will bustle down
To show her gown,
A-Mothering Sunday.

It is the day of all the year,
Of all the year the one day;
And here come I, my Mother dear,
And bring you cheer,
A-Mothering on Sunday.

Not a Proper Gardener (Part 28)

February Fill-dyke? At the time of writing it doesn't look like it. Indeed it's so far been on the dry side, and we've just had a few nights of hard frost followed by days of blue skies and sunshine which, personally, we've much enjoyed, as also have our solar panels whose contribution of free electricity has been much appreciated as energy bills soar.



Giles and I have had lovely walks on these warm sunny days, and once, after visiting the estate office to renew our season tickets (So much pleasure we get from that £30) we found ourselves in the Hergest Kitchen Garden where we had a brief chat with the gardeners. Presently they have been digging over the empty beds while it's dry, an activity I've also engaged in at home, forking the top soil over and digging out the more pernicious weeds. But I wanted to count the apple trees while up there. The 'hedge' of step-over-trees, all named varieties, numbered forty, and the trees in the herbaceous borders, about twenty-five. Add to these a couple of dozen or so assorted trees in the orchard (the adjoining field where cars can park and where there's a handy seat for coffee time) and we're not far short of a hundred trees, all producing mainly eating apples. I wanted to ask the gardeners what protection from pests they provided for these trees. None, was the reply.

I was so glad to hear that, because the apples we harvested last autumn from our eleven trees were less affected by codling moths than usual. Could that be because I didn't get round to hanging up traps? These are sticky things are baited with pheromones to attract and catch the males. Perhaps they are counter-productive, I'm wondering. Neither did we apply any grease bands or other recommended preventative products. Well done, Hergest! And this year for the first time visitors could pick a bag of apples for £2, very good value compared with what you would pay in the super market for apples, most of which are imported from the other side of the world and certainly not organic.

Did you know that, in this country, in 2019 (as reported by the British Growers Association) only 16% of the fruit we bought and 54% of the vegetables were home grown. Yet, on the farming programme the other day a grower in Kent was interviewed. He had regretfully cancelled an order for thousands of trees with which he had hoped to plant up 20 hectares of land, variety Gala. It was unprofitable to go ahead, he explained, because importing the same type of apples from Australia or New Zealand was cheaper. Though Kent, like Herefordshire, is famed for its apples, yet many orchards are being got rid of.

Now, we have a community orchard at Crooked Well, and there is an attempt to provide another above the footpath leading from the school steps which, though a difficult site, produces some good fruit; and in Kinnerton a community planting is being made by the pool. And then we have the allotments, a great asset, as was the one I had in Salisbury, also on fertile soil by the river. But there's a dearth of fruit trees in our gardens, a pity, because most houses in our town have at least a small patch where a tree could profitably grow. Once planted and watered until it's settled in, it can simply be left to itself, producing beautiful blossom and health giving fruit. It doesn't have to be big. My dwarf James Grieve

produced 30 apples in its second year and has produced more fruit annually. No trouble, our eleven apple and 3 pear trees just get a handful of potash, about now, in February (free when we still had bonfires) and they suffer the most rudimentary pruning, because I'm not a proper gardener. We just cut out anything that's in the way. One of our Concord trees produced about a hundred pounds of super pears in October, many bottled, many given away.

Until the soil warms up a bit, I'm not sowing much, left for a few weeks things soon catch up, and I shall be ready when the time comes. We've some good greens coming on and the parsnips are huge and delicious. Also the broad beans and salad herbs in the greenhouse are surviving the frost and growing well. This year, as a sop to my advancing senility, I'm using seed tapes for the more fiddly little marvels: parsnips, carrots, beetroot, spinach, lettuce and spring onion. This should mean less thinning out (or none at all if the seeds don't germinate!). Another job waiting for warmer soil is the use of nematodes to deal with the slugs.

Since having few if any bonfires, we've been shredding a pile of spent soft fruit canes, twigs and so on for the compost heaps which desperately need turning. Other jobs include re-staking a standard gooseberry, checking and where necessary retying loganberries, boysenberries, raspberries and other climbers and strimming round the bases of hedges and other bits of unkempt places. And soon we shall be getting the mower out.

Happy Gardening.

Denis Parry.

Making Music with Handbells

Those of you who were at the Turkey and Syria Relief concert at the Baptist Church will have heard the FANDANGO Handbell Ringers playing a selection of music ranging from folk to classical. It is amazing what can be played on 12 bells with only 6 ringers. People have been interested and so I thought that I would tell you a little bit about handbell ringing.



Lets start right from the beginning. There are basically two types of handbells in common use and a third that makes an occasional appearance. The common bells are English bells from foundries such as Taylors and Whitechapel, and American bells from Malmark. The other type of bells that occasionally appear are Dutch. The Dutch bells are tuned like tower bells and are unsuited to ringing tunes.

Handbells come in diatonic sets (just the white notes on a piano keyboard) or chromatic sets (both white and black notes on a piano keyboard) and range in size from 1 ½ octaves (12 white notes) to 5 or even 6 octaves (73 white and black notes). FANDANGO ring American bells and usually 1 ½ octaves, although we do actually have 4 octaves of bells.

There are basically two differences between English and American bells. With English bells, the clapper only rings from front to back and protrudes out from the bottom of the bell meaning that English bells must be laid down on their side when not being rung to

avoid straining the clapper. With American bells the clapper is shorter and remains inside the bell so that the bell can be stood up on end the clappers also swivel to different positions to enable the volume of the bell to be more easily controlled.

Our bells have white or black handles to make it easy to see if you are holding a white or black note on a piano keyboard. eg C bell has a white handle and C# has a black one.

OK, so now you know a bit more about the types of handbells available. Now I will consider the ringing of handbells. A handbell is one of the easiest instruments to play. You strike the clapper against the side of the bell and it sounds. You damp the bell (touch it against yourself or the foam on the table) the sound stops. But it is also a very unusual instrument to play. Imagine if you had six keyboards, wind, brass, or stringed instruments and allocated them just two notes each, then requesting them to play a simple tune like "This Old Man" just how difficult most instrumentalist who are used to playing all the notes in the tune would find it to play in this way. Yet handbell players have to learn to do precisely this, so that you get six people who are all playing at the same speed, fitting their notes into the tune, without a conductor – no wonder that handbell ringers develop a very good sense of rhythm.

Do you need to be able to read music to play handbells? – No! Handbell music can be written as conventional music – that is what we ring from, and all our ringers have learnt to read music if they could not already do so when they joined the team. However, handbell music can also be written in numbers on a grid of squares, or written in Telegraph pole notation, which is basically a line running up and down the page, where each ringer has their own part and the bell held in the right hand appears on the right hand side of the line, whilst the bell in the left hand appears on the left hand side of the line.

It is possible to ring two bells in each hand as you would have noticed me doing at the concert, and at least four of our ringers can do this if required, but is much easier if you only have two bells to ring.

I hope that I have given you some idea of handbell ringing, and if you would like to try for yourself, then please contact me by email: alison@sparkiesofkington.com and we will see what we can arrange.

Alison



Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night 25th March, ready for the start of British Summer Time.

Kington Community Lunch

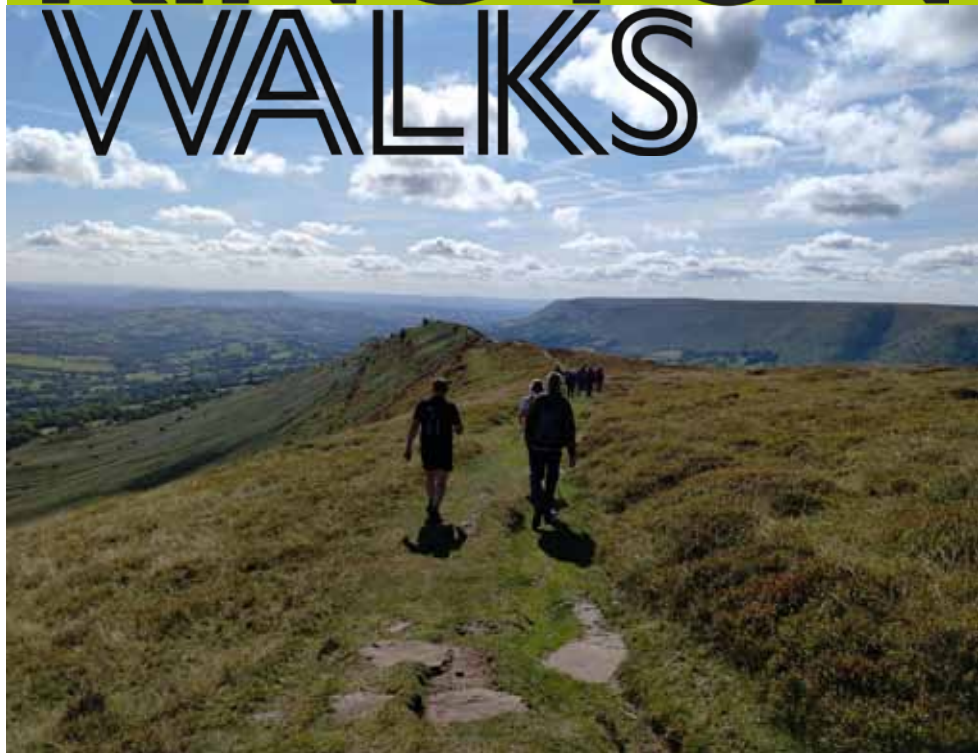


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Wednesday
15th March**

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

Contact 230683

KINGTON WALKS



KINGTON SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL 21st - 23rd APRIL 2023

Kington Walks will be holding our Spring Walking Festival once again in April. The first and smaller of our two annual festivals.

Over the weekend we will be offering a varied selection of led walks in and around our beautiful little town of Kington. We have walks for bird lovers, gardeners, artists and historians, as well as strenuous hill walks offering spectacular views and a good work out. We also have some great pubs, plenty of beer and food and lovely independent shops to explore when you fancy a rest.

On Saturday evening join us in The Oxford Arms for a pub quiz.

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Reader Writes

Well the Rev Ben -the “singular Griffith” as I don’t think he minded us calling him- is moving on after over seven years of very busy ministry amongst us. He is moving, incidentally, to a strip of ancestral west Wales lying between the Irish sea and the mountains, which includes Harlech with its castle and Barmouth with its beautiful long bridge over the Mawddach estuary where oystercatchers sing on the mermaid sands. He’ll be hugely missed by very many; so we wish Ben and Jean a special welcoming home and new community.

Needless to say it is quite a shock to find that your vicar is departing; a full time busy job is suddenly vacant. No Ben rushing between our churches to lead services or visit parishioners or trek in to Hereford hospital, or alas the crematorium; no ebike winging its way up and down the hill, and even finding its way in all weathers to the farther fringes of our benefice. But at the same time a vacancy suddenly has an urgency as we begin to imagine how to attract another vicar who will look after our flock and love our community, both town and rural parishes. To be blunt, we have to use it as an opportunity.

If you made a list of all the things that you seek, you quickly realize that the only suitable candidate is the Angel Gabriel. And if you also say that he or she needs to be as human as the rest of us, that rules out angels and leaves your list in tatters. Nevertheless, most would say indisputably that at the top of the list we need a person of clear Christian faith, able both to teach and encourage present congregations, and to reach out to our community with the Good News of Christ. Here is the irony, often said before; the Church is a unique institution that exists entirely for those who are not yet members of it. Those of us, the few, who are members already should be actively sharing that Good News and inviting our neighbours to join us.

The title Vicar is interesting. It is entirely an ecclesiastical term rather than a biblical one. A vicar is the Bishop’s vice who depends on a church’s patron and the diocese for a stipend. The title encourages the impression that clergy have authority and jurisdiction that may be out of step with orthodox teaching on church leadership. The Apostle Paul, writing to Timothy, advises a checklist for a leader, including “the husband of but one wife”; simply, he/she is of exemplary character and a pastor, teacher and evangelist.

Foolish, you may say, to raise the Reformation at this point. But in the enduring tension between tradition and teaching that exists in our Church of England, a “priest” is not there to facilitate or enable our access to God like an ecclesiastical gate keeper; nor is this dependent on the administration of the bread and the wine at the Eucharist. The Apostle Peter spells it out when he refers to the Church as a “priesthood of believers” 1Pe2:9. All believers are accepted through the sacrifice Christ made once for all on the cross. The Vicar’s tough job is both to care for that flock of believers and encourage it to grow.

Robert MacCurrach

Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall



Thursday 2nd March: The Banshees of Inisherin, 7.30 pm, tickets £5

Nominated for 7 Oscars including Best Film, *The Banshees of Inisherin* is a melancholic, frequently hilarious and richly moving black comedy. On a remote island off the coast of Ireland, Padraic is devastated when his friend Colm suddenly puts an end to their lifelong friendship. With help from his sister and a troubled young islander, Padraic sets out to repair the damage by any means necessary. But Colm's resolve only strengthens, and he soon delivers an ultimatum that leads to shocking consequences.

Saturday 11th March: Live performance "Cabaret with Claws", 7.30 pm, tickets £12, age range 14+

Mixing wicked humour and eclectic jazz and cabaret, interspersed with jaw-dropping circus, *Cabaret with Claws* presents twisted takes on familiar themes.

'Witty, wanton, wonderful - Charlie Bicknell's new show is cabaret with claws. She's a heady, edgy high octane mix of English rose, vamp and Cruella, shamelessly sexy, murderously funny. You have been warned. Roses have thorns.' Sue Arnold in *The Observer*

Saturday 18th March: Decision to Leave, 3.30pm screening as part of Borderlines Film Festival, tickets £5.50

From a mountain top in South Korea, a man plummets to his death. Did he jump, or was he pushed? When detective Hae-joon arrives on the scene, he begins by investigating the dead man's relationship with his wife, Seo-rae. But as he digs deeper, he finds himself caught in a web of deception and desire. Elegantly designed and superbly performed, this stylish, rather Hitchcockian thriller is full of intrigue and intelligent, possibly unanswerable questions about the workings of the human heart. Korean language with English sub-titles.

Saturday 18th March: Moonage Daydream, 7.30pm screening as part of Borderlines Film Festival, tickets £5.50

The spectacular *Moonage Daydream* illuminates the life and genius of David Bowie, one of the most prolific and influential artists of our time. Told through sublime, kaleidoscopic, never-before-seen footage, performances and music, this experiential cinematic odyssey explores Bowie's chameleonic creative, musical and spiritual journey. Guided by Bowie's own narration and the first film sanctioned by his estate, it's a triumphant, supremely moving film exploring the once-in-a-generation talent of this most beloved and idiosyncratic of artists.

Doors open at 7pm. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments for film screenings, bar will be open for the live performance. Anyone booking for both films on 18th March is welcome to bring a picnic meal to eat between performances.

Advance booking only - please book and pay for your tickets online at 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!

March Crossword

Across

1 The earth is one (6)

4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)

7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)

8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)

9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)

13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)

16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)

17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)

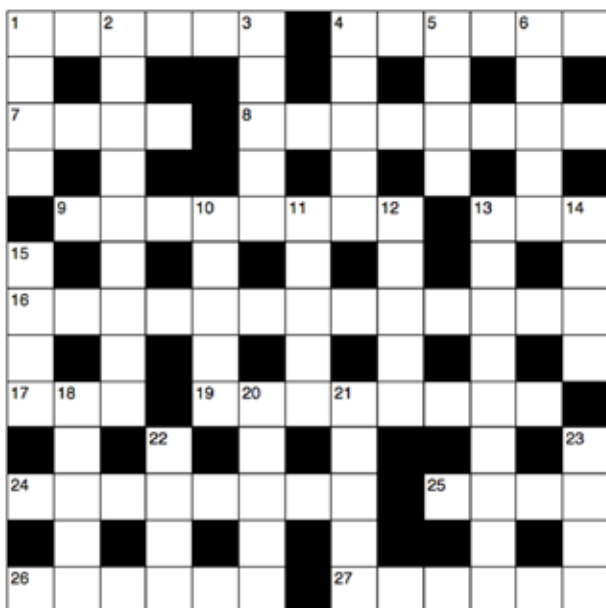
19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)

24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)

25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)

26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)

27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)



Down

1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)

2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)

3 Gospel leaflet (5)

4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)

5 Tugs (anag.) (4) 6 To put forth (5)

10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)

11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)

12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)

13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)

14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)

15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)

18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)

20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)

21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)

22 Does (anag.) (4)

23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Answers to last month's crossword ACROSS: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord. DOWN: 1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

Earthquake Disaster Concert on 18th February

At very short notice - just three days - a concert was arranged to raise money to support the Disasters and Emergency Committee Appeal following the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The concert took place at Kington Baptist Church, was very well attended, and included an auction and raffle of goods generously donated by local shops.



The inspiration for the concert came from God. As God said to Moses "What is in your hand?", so some of us had instruments, some crafts and others money. 'Time', 'Treasure' and 'Talent' came to mind because some people have time on their hands, some have more money than they need and others have creative gifts (but not necessarily very much financial return for their efforts!). We all have something to give and the concert was a wonderful reminder of what can be done when a community pulls together to help those in desperate need in another part of the world.

Another source of inspiration was the story of The Good Samaritan, which Jesus told in response to the question "Who is my neighbour?". We have been loving our neighbours in Syria and Turkey.

The music ranged from handbells to hurdy-gurdy, and folksong to four-part anthems, not forgetting the poetry. The auction was wonderfully supported by Border Bean, Bopsoms, Nisa (Ashby's), The Walking Hub, No. 25 Delicatessen, Collaborative Crafts, Hairport, Bee's Knees Cook Shop and Kington Farm Supplies. The willingness of high street shops to promote the concert and the generosity of so many individuals to give of their time, treasure and talent resulted in a fantastic donation to the Disasters and Emergency Committee DEC appeal of £1100, and the money is still coming in!

It was a fabulous evening and thanks to the Baptist Church for their kind support and hospitality. Praise be to God and all the glory goes to Him: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Lucy Mann

Community Shop Dates

1-Mar - 7 Mar	Kington Local Environment & Energy Network (KLEEN)
8 Mar - 4 Mar	Kington Bowling Club
15 Mar - 21 Mar	Lyonsshall Village Hall
22 Mar - 28 Mar	Evancoyd Church
29 Mar - 4 Apr	Kington Walking Festival

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News From the Museum

As many of you have noticed the light burning in the museum this last month things have been happening. All the display areas have been decorated by Richard Colley, with volunteers moving and dismantling displays. A mammoth task. We have now cleaned all artefacts and cabinets, with information upon the walls. Maybe it is not where it was, so it is a case of spot the difference! Thank you to all our volunteers. The time and effort you have put in has made our local museum a place to be proud of. The downside of this, as is prominently seen, is our canopy was knocked into by a lorry. Thank you, David Ray and his team of builders who were on the spot, clearing up and making safe the damage.

Kington Camp

In November 1939 a Mr. A E Matthews sent a letter to Kington Urban District Council with a proposal that a Military Camp should be built at Kington, as a way to increase business in the town. I quote: *"In view of the tendency towards other centres, both in agriculture and general marketing some endeavour should be made to increase the business of the town".*

This proposal had to be made through the Home Office or other departments. Land was requisitioned and so began the tented Kington Military Camp. After Dunkirk it was used by

some of the following battalions to regroup: The Gloucester's, Worcester Regiment, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Warwickshire, The Buffs, Essex, Borders, and the Royal Engineers Regiments, not all at the same time. I am sure that family or girlfriends would have visited, especially as rail links were good at that time. What an influx to the population of Kington. In July 1943 so began the construction of the US Military Hospital under the Lend-Lease scheme terms, the largest American hospital in Britain. There were two hospitals on site housing between three and four thousand Americans in the capacity as patients, nurses, Doctors and Admin staff plus 50 local people. The building materials arriving by train to Kington for Wimpy Builders. By July 1946 between one and two thousand Polish Resettlement Corp occupied the camp. They arrived from Italy where they had spent one year after the war, many in German prisoner of War Camps. These were Poles who choose not to return to the Communist dominated Poland who were vetted, before wives and dependent relatives were allowed to come to Britain. The PRC became a Corp in the British Army for the period of their demobilisation. Miss Abbot taught English to the Polish Officers during evening classes. Some families were rehoused on the Foxley Estate.



The Camp was unoccupied, but there was an acute housing shortage countrywide, so began the next chapter in the history of the camp. Ex-servicemen moved in on an unofficial basis and the families followed. The council decided something had to be done to make families more comfortable, so began the conversion of each ward into three small homes. The walls were very thin and did not retain the heat. It was not unusual for people to wake up to find ice on their blankets. The disused Polish Church was converted into a Baptist Chapel, which was continually used until 1957. The school at Malhollam was too small to take the camp children and so a ward was used as a classroom, with many local people educated there. By 1960 some new houses had been built on the site.

A research visitor to the museum, enquiring where the camp the was located and its history. This Yorkshire lady was born in the camp, father worked on the Forestry Team. Her Mother could recall some local names, which she could remember. I was able to fill in a few details of their work in the community, plus name quite a few other locals. Luckily Mother had mentioned them, giving more names to jog memories and create an interesting family history.

What has happened to the camp now? One of the water towers has now converted into a dwelling at Kingswood. It is an industrial estate with many of the original fields returned to their owners to farm.

Wendy Jones, Secretary

March Wordsearch

Lent lasts for 40 days. Sundays in Lent are 'oases'; as Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians have used Lent as their '40 days in the wilderness', when they set aside the indulgences of life and instead look inward, seeking spiritual renewal and growth. Lent looks towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb, with the assurance of redemption and new life in Christ. The daffodils in our gardens are golden trumpets to proclaim the wonderful message of Easter! The English word for Lent is not at all religious; it is an abbreviation of the Old English word 'lencten', or 'lengthen'. At last winter is over, and the days are getting longer...

Lent	
Forty	Inward
Days	Spiritual
Sundays	Renewal
Fasting	Growth
Weekly	Cross
Celebration	Empty
Resurrection	Tomb
Jesus	Redemption
Wilderness	Daffodils
Indulgences	Lencten





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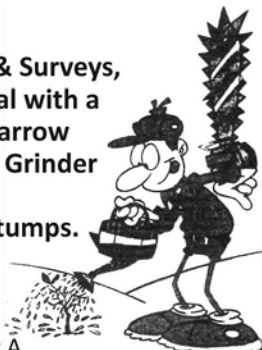
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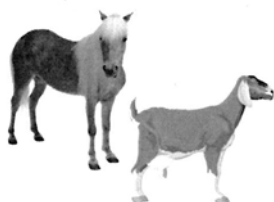
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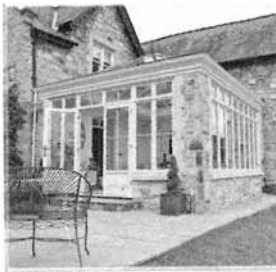
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