

# Parish News

*Kington, Huntington & Titley*

October 2022



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

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS

### Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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

### Returns from Railway Station, LLANDRINDOD WELLS

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

## KNIGHTON Route 41

### Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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

### Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON

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

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## *Letter from the Cathedral*

Harvest—in our rural Diocese harvest is and can be a very important time for our communities. When I was in rural Mid Devon Harvest activities began in the middle of August and ran all the way through to the end of October. It was often a real village celebration with Harvest suppers, church services and sporting challenges. I will never forget the Bishop of Exeter taking part in the sack race!

Different crops are ready at different times and for the farming community it can be a busy but also stressful time as everything is safely gathered in. As our climate changes the weather can make an enormous difference and the extremely hot dry periods of this summer will inevitably have reduced yields and caused many crops to fail. Whilst some will have rejoiced in the hot dry weather for the farming community drought is something to be feared because it destroys crops and creates problems for the coming season. If nothing else harvest is a time not just to give thanks but to pray for those who work on the land and help provide food for our tables. This year there is much uncertainty because the hot dry summer and war in Ukraine have both impacted our communities creating a perfect storm for those living and working on the land. The bible has a great deal to say about harvest and it is worth reflecting on how we view this celebration.

*“Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In ploughing time and in harvest you shall rest. You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.”* Exodus 34:21-22

For the Old testament writers harvest was associated with the rhythm of life and even at harvest time days of rest were not to be ignored. More importantly God's law required the people to give thanks and to celebrate by bringing the first crops harvested into the temple and given to God in celebration. Whilst we cannot imagine the church year without these celebrations it has only been part of the church calendar since Victorian times. The present tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the eccentric priest Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

The idea quickly spread and many of the well-known harvest hymns we sing today came from the Victorian hymn writers who saw the opportunity that harvest offered to share the good news of Jesus. Jesus himself often used farming themes in his parables and made the link to the mission of God in the world to create new disciples.

Later the Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go. He gave them this charge: *“What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands.”* Luke 10:1-2

Whilst we celebrate the physical harvest and enjoy the fruits of our labours, we should not forget that we are called to work to make disciples and join with God in building the Kingdom. The church is not a passive bystander but an active participant in sharing the good news of Jesus and the Harvest God calls us to join in is the one that leads to eternal life. By all means we should celebrate with our communities but never lose sight of God's purpose for the church.

*“Even now the harvest workers are receiving their reward by gathering a harvest that brings eternal life. Then everyone who planted the seed and everyone who harvests the crop will celebrate together.”* John 4:36

## View from the Vicarage

### THE QUEEN IS DEAD: LONG LIVE THE KING

*Dear Friends,*

As I write this, on the day following the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Country, the Commonwealth and indeed the whole world are coming to terms with the reality that the New Elizabethan Age heralded with such optimism and enthusiasm in the dark post war year of 1952 has finally and definitely reached its inevitable conclusion.



Whatever one thinks about the continuance of the monarchy as part of the constitutional framework of these islands, the death of someone who defined an epoch is a significant moment indeed.

I think that future historians will be kind to Elizabeth II. True, her reign did not witness the triumphs of her namesake or Queen Victoria but she shares with the latter in that her reign defined a period of unprecedented change both nationally and globally and by the time of her death, she was the most famous woman and probably, the most famous person on the planet. That simple fact is, in itself, a remarkable achievement. It seems to me that it is entirely right, proper and fitting that in the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth we've celebrated her considerable achievements and mourned her death. The Christian Gospel, alongside the Constitution reminds us that death follows life follows death, for at the moment our late sovereign died, the crown passed immediately to her eldest child and all of us are having to accustom ourselves to the changes that having a King and Queen Consort inevitably entail. King Charles needs all our prayers, as he steps into the shoes of a living legend.

The late Queen alongside all of the departed also needs our prayers that she and they may rest in peace and rise in glory. Death as we know, even of someone as well known as Queen Elizabeth II is not the end of life, rather it is the moment when life is transformed when the mortal and perishable is discarded in favour of the diaphanous beauty of the immortal and imperishable.

The other day I was castigated by someone who believed that the national response to Queen Elizabeth's death was disproportionate to say the least! I strongly suspect that if professional football had been played on the Saturday after her death, his annoyance would have been significantly diminished. His complaint was that no one had made such a fuss when his loved ones had died. I'm convinced that he was entirely correct but I'm sure they had all been mourned by those whose lives they had touched. The mourning for them was I'm sure no less real or sincere than it was for our late Queen, the only difference was that their lives had touched fewer other peoples lives than hers did. According to official estimates more than 250 000 people filed passed the late Queen's coffin. That is surely more than a mark of respect to a deceased monarch it is a testament to the genuine warmth, love and humanity that she had demonstrated during a reign that had lasted for longer than many of us have been alive.

None of us will or have been called to the vocation that she was but all of us have the same vocation to exhibit the same qualities that she both displayed in her life grounded and rooted in the same faith that she was so happy to speak of.

If Elizabeth II is a good role model for our new King, she is also one for the rest of us as well. Surely that would be the finest tribute to her memory if every person in this country and across the Commonwealth endeavoured to emulate her example of kindness, generosity, concern for the weak, the vulnerable and the marginalised and respect for others, or to put it more concisely, live out the Gospel!

With my love and prayers as always

*Ben.*

## “Well Wrapped Up”

Sitting on one of my bookshelves is a volume called “The Cottage Life Book” it was originally published in 1974 and my copy dates from the year of the last long hot summer, 1976. Among various interesting articles is one called “Well Wrapped Up” by Stephen Ryan. The essay describes the clothing worn by an old Ulster countrywoman as follows: “furst iv all she has her flannenette shimee, then she hess hur stockin’s, then she hess hurr cambinations, then she hess hurr red flannen drawers, then she hess hurr corsets, lined wi’ flannen, then she hes hurr nightgown on the top iv that, then she hess the blouse I got made foe hurr that’s too tight in the armholes, then she hess hurr pattycoat, then she hess the black kerdigan I bought hurr, then she hess the new grey kerdigan our Willie bought hurr, then she hess two wee shawls an’ a skirt roun’ her showlders an’ anything else she can gather up.” *The Cottage Life Book: Arrow, London 1976 @The Countryman 1974*

While I’m not suggesting or anticipating that anyone will be quite so fully clad during the winter months ahead but I do hope and want to encourage most fervently anybody who is attending any of our churches this winter to emulate her example by wrapping up more warmly than we’ve been accustomed to doing. I’m confident that many of us can remember the warm clothes and layers of clothes that we used to wear during the winters of the past. Let’s resurrect the habit. We do not, as yet, know what our heating costs will be this winter, but we are I think correct to assume that they will be substantially higher than we’ve been accustomed to. For Kington Church alone, the figure of £15 000 has been suggested!

Please, if you’re coming to church this winter, wrap up warmly. We’ll keep our church buildings as warm as we can but for environmental as much as economic reasons lets all get ourselves used to wrapping up in warm clothes. Our welcome will be as warm and as genuine as ever but our churches may be less warm than usual.

As I understand it at the conclusion of filming movies or television serials the phrase used is “That’s a wrap,” let’s do the same!!

*Ben.*



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Plastic is one of the most brilliant and also the worst thing we have ever invented. Sadly it is EVERYWHERE! Food and drink are packaged in it. Online deliveries often arrive in it. Plastic is delivered in plastic.....and then it is chucked.

So, do you drink out of a water bottle? What sort? Make sure that each person in your family has your own reusable water bottle and make a pact together, right now. You will never....ever....buy a single-use plastic water bottle again.

Go round your home, try every room including the bathroom and kitchen. Give your self ONE POINT for every room with NO PLASTIC in it. How many points do you get?

## 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, 2nd October: Trinity 16/Harvest**

*Habakkuk1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2Timothy1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10*

**HARVEST READINGS**

*Deuteronomy26:1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians4:4-9, Revelation14:14-18, John6 :25-35 8.30am:*

Holy Eucharist: Titley

11.00am: Harvest Thanksgiving Kington

11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton

6:00pm Harvest Festival Old Radnor

### **Sunday, 9th October: Trinity 17**

*2Kings5;1-3,7-15c, Psalm111, 2Timothy2: 8-15, Luke 17:11-19*

**HARVEST READINGS**

*Deuteronomy26:1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians4:4-9, Revelation14:14-18, John6 :25-35 8.30am:*

8.30am: Holy Eucharist (BCP): Huntington

10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Kington

11.30am: Holy Eucharist Old Radnor

6:00pm Harvest Festival Kinnerton

### **Sunday, 16th October: Trinity 18**

*Genesis32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2Timothy3: 14-4:5, Luke 18: 1-8*

**HARVEST READINGS**

*Deuteronomy26:1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians4:4-9, Revelation14:14-18, John6 :25-35 8.30am:*

10.00am: Morning Praise and Holy Baptism: Kington

10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Titley

6.00pm: Harvest Festival Huntington (TBC)

6:00pm: Evening Prayer Old Radnor

### **Sunday, 23rd October: Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday**

*Jeremiah14:7-10, 19-end, Psalm 84: 1-7, 2Timothy4: 6-8, 16-18, Luke 18: 9-14*

8: 30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton

10:00am Holy Eucharist Kington

6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Huntington

### **Friday 28th October: 6:00pm Harvest Festival Titley**

### **Sunday 30th October : All Saints**

*Daniel7: 1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians1: 11-end, Luke 6: 20-31*

10:00 Group Eucharist at Kinnerton

All services at Kington are live streamed.



## Praying the alphabet

This month we are praying the letter Q

With sadness and deep gratitude we give thanks for our dear departed Queen and pray for the Royal Family.

We pray for those who queued to say goodbye, for blessing to come from their conversations and stories shared during the hours of waiting and walking.

We pray for our new King that you would give him all the qualities of a servant hearted leader.

We pray for ourselves and our quest for servant hearted living.

If you would like anyone to pray for you or with you contact Rev Ben 01544 230525 or Trish 01544 231848

**MESSY CHURCH**

Come and  
join us for:

Activities Songs Food  
Messy Church Crafts Games Stories

**Messy Church**  
at  
**St Mary's Church, Kington**  
**Wednesday 12th October**  
**3.30pm - 5.30pm**  
**Activities, Stories**  
**Songs, Music, Games**  
**and a Meal together**  
**All are Welcome**



## St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

### The Loss of our Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II

I am writing this early on the morning of our Queen's funeral, a day which promises to be a day to remember for ever.

So much has happened since the last Parish News went to print. Simply expressed we have lost our Queen, someone loved and revered by so many as has been shown over the days since her death and by those gathering for her funeral today.

We have been privileged at St. Mary's to have been asked to care for one of the official books for condolences over the last ten days. We are grateful to those who agreed to keep vigil over it for those days and of course to those who wrote in it. If you were one who kept watch over it I hope, that like me, you felt that it was a privilege to be on such a mission. The Vaughan Chapel excelled as a place for quiet reflection, recording special thoughts and memories and for many for lighting a flame which remained burning until its last natural flutter.

On Sunday evening, The Rev. Ben led an inspiring service in which we remembered, honoured and gave thanks for a long, selfless life lived to the full. What qualities her life revealed, a legacy which could be adopted across the world. The words we sang "*I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above, entire and whole and perfect the service of my love*" the words of that hymn alone spoke of the life of our Queen. How fortunate we are to have lived through a time when her qualities for a life well lived have been there for us to follow.

We welcome a new Monarch, a new era. As we prayed at our service on Sunday evening we ask that God will bless King Charles and all who are in authority under him; may they order all things in wisdom and equity and righteousness and peace. Indeed we ask that he will give us cause to sing with heart and voice "*God save the King*".

### Harvest Festival Time in Kington.

Yes, the celebrations we enjoy at harvest time will soon be upon us. At St. Mary's it will be on Sunday, October 2nd with a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 11.00am. followed by lunch at 12,30pm.

Our different plan for lunch last year seemed to be enjoyed so again we invite you to a plated, covered, Ploughman's Lunch together with drinks, following the service. To help with the catering please will you book your lunch by September 25th. This can be done by signing the list which will be in Church on Sundays the 11th, 18th and 25th of September, by telephone 01544 230271, or by emailing the Parish Office [office@kingtonparishes.org.uk](mailto:office@kingtonparishes.org.uk). An adult lunch will be £7.00, a child's £2.00. If you have any special dietary needs it will be helpful if you can tell us please

Our Harvest Charity this year will be Tear Fund and as always we shall welcome harvest gifts for sale on the Harvest Gift Table, proceeds from that going to Tear Fund.

We hope that we can look forward to sharing this time together, all are welcome. If you have any queries please ring me and ask.

Ann Edwatds



## Friday, September 30th

Lady Hawkins' School Foundress Day Service will take place in the morning, and this will be followed by an interesting talk about the history of the School given by local historian Alan Lloyd at 7pm. in St. Mary's Church.. The event is being organised by The Friends of St. Mary's. Entrance is £7.50 but LHS current pupils may enter free. The ticket includes wine, fruit juice and nibbles and can be bought on the night. Pupils and former pupils will be especially welcome

## Friday October 7th in St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm

A Concert of New Music for Wind and Piano given by Herefordshire Composers' Workshop. Admission £10 on the door, £5 under 26s. Artists are Catherine Handley (flute) , Ruth Watson (Oboe) Julia Holmes (clarinet) , Olly Galletta (Bassoon) Jeremy Fisher (piano) We hope that we can look forward to welcoming you .

*Ann Edwards*

## Kington Community Forum

I help to run Kington Community Forum where people / groups / causes are welcome to meet and discuss issues in Kington and how we can help to serve the community. We would like to spread the word that our next meeting is 5th October 5:30pm at the Lion Cafe in Kington.

If you require any further information please let me know.

*Rebecca Ellsmore, Member Pioneer for Kington Coop.*

### Kington Community Lunch



**12.30pm  
Wednesday  
19th October**

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

Contact 230683

### **The message of the miracles**

**The miracles of Jesus  
in the Gospel of John**

**with tea and biscuits  
on Friday afternoons  
at 4 pm**

**Informal and relaxed**

**Kington Baptist  
Church**

**Bridge Street**



## More Motoring Memories 1971 - 1978

In November 1970 we were offered a second curacy at North Stoneham with Bassett, a large urban parish on the outskirts of Southampton. We were due to take up the post in 1971. We decided to sell Mirabelle and purchased a 1967 Morris Minor Traveller in Almond Green paintwork for £150. Could you buy one for that price today?



Mirabelle's new owners seemed well-suited with that car, and promised to look after her well! Strange how we develop an affection for vehicles of yesteryear, it is part of their charm!

We travelled down to our new parish on February 21st 1971, D Day in more ways than one. Marking our departure from Baldock, it was also the day we switched to decimal currency. The Morris Minor behaved itself and was very reliable. Shades of an Austin Seven in modern guise, although lacking the latter's charm!

The family remember one special trip from our house in Swaythling to Calshot. We were well loaded, with Sonia, Mother-in-law, Sonia's Aunt Nancy, our children Tim and Sarah, and Blacky our dog. I wanted to show the family where I had served in the Royal Air Force from 1956 to late in 1957. It all looked rather different, with more houses opposite the RAF station, and there was a newly built bus shelter. We usually set out and then stopped for a picnic on our travels in the nearby New Forest. We usually had packed sandwiches, a camping stove and requirements for a good brew of tea.

We pulled into the bus stop and I set up the camping stove in the bus shelter, ready to make a cup of tea. I had reassured the family by saying that in my day buses only turned up on the hour, before returning to Southampton. There was plenty of time for a brew. I had just put the kettle on when a double decker bus turned up! Much laughter from the family, embarrassment from yours truly.

The bus driver and conductor saw my discomfort at being caught in the act. I offered them a mug of tea each. They declined but invited me on board to drink my tea in comfort after seeing to the needs of the family. A lot had changed in fourteen years. We returned home safely.

As a countryman, I found life a little difficult surrounded by row upon row of houses. So when the chance came up we took over seven acres of derelict glebe land opposite the Church of St Nicholas, North Stoneham. After clearing the site and repairing the fences we purchased three donkeys.

I can't remember why we sold the Traveller and purchased a split-screen Morris Minor Saloon, complete with tow bar. We were given a 6' x 3' lightweight trailer, essential for transporting bales of hay. In 1972 the Winter of discontent was upon us with strikes, a three day working week and limitations on the use of electricity.

A bale of hay had risen to £1.50. Help! It would cost a fortune in hay for our donkeys. Fortunately an old school friend from Old Sodbury came to our rescue selling us bales at 50p. We would hitch up the trailer, travel to Old Sodbury, buy a load of bales, visit Mum and Dad and return home. On journeys when the sun was shining shadows cast on the road made the loaded trailer look bigger than the Morris Minor. The car never let us down.

*Tony Jardine*

## ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

### History of Huntington:

The visit to Huntington by the Painscastle Local Interest Group was well attended by members of the group, and together with numerous Huntington residents, made a group of around 35. We met in the village hall where Allan Lloyd introduced himself and gave a brief history of Huntington and its place in the Welsh Marshes. Huntington is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, where it is referred to as Hantinetune, "Homestead of the Huntsmen". The pre-Norman, wooden Turret Castle in Hell Wood had been destroyed and by 1092 a replacement motte and bailey castle was planned in the village. From 1170 the wooden palisade was being replaced by local limestone walls. Huntington grew in importance and became the administrative centre of the area. In 1256, Henry III gave the town a warrant for a weekly market, as well as a four-day horse fair in July.



By 1270 two separate manors, under the jurisdiction of Huntington Castle, were created. The Welsh manor of Huntington included Brilley and Hengoed, and the English manor consisted of the rest of Huntington, including Kington. The Walrhey Toll Gate separated the two, and was situated just past Lower House Farmhouse. In 1299, the Inquisition of Lands and Tenements of Huntington, witnessed by Richard de Baskerville and John de Huntington, listed 47 free tenants in the manor. In a survey of 1521, Huntington was described as being mainly destroyed. From this time onwards, Kington took over as being the more important settlement as Huntington went into decline.

The tour around the village first visited the remains of Huntington Castle, where Allan gave us a very informative history and explained the typical motte and bailey layout of the castle. Nearby was the Salt Box, salt being essential for the preservation of meat. This building still stands and is now a home.

We then went on to the garden of Toll Gate Cottage (built in 1756), where we had a good view over the adjoining field to the location of the lake and fish pond at the top end of the lake, supplying the castle. The land opposite was the deer park for the Manor House. 1521 records show there were 100 deer in the park. In the 1870s, the Romilly family were living in Huntington Park, the country house built on the site of the hunting lodge. Sir Samuel Henry Romilly married Arabella Charlotte in 1878. Their eldest son, Bertram, married Nellie, the sister of Clementine Ogilvy Spencer Churchill. Sir Winston Churchill and his wife regularly came to stay with the family.

Then on to Lowerhouse Farm, originally known as the Manor House. The oldest part of the house (west end) dates from the 16th century. Originally, a single storey building, the upper storey was added in the 18th century. Within a traditional open shed opposite is an old wagon (dated 1886).

Fiona Shone gave us a brief history of Huntington Court and then we walked through the grounds to the Church of St Thomas à Becket, where Allan explained the history of the church. The building dates from the early 13th century, and bell turret dates from the 17th century (bells are from 1671 and 1703). The churchyard could be a Celtic site, where there are the graves of seven members of the Romilly family. The church has strong links with the Romilly family and Arabella Charlotte Romilly (d.1907) was responsible for restoring it in 1892. The stained glass in the windows, the work of Henry and Edward Payne, are particularly

important and depicts both St Thomas à Becket and St Francis of Assisi. The font is from the 14th century and has an octagonal bowl. The pews on one side date from the 16th century.

Finally walking back to the Village Hall we passed through the farmyard belonging to Upper House, the site of Manor Farm and the centre of medieval Huntington. Stopping outside the Old Post Office, which was originally a pub called The Wych, after an ancient wych elm by the site. Later becoming the post office and shop. Passing The Swan Inn, now the local village pub, which is shown as the blacksmiths shop on the 1844 tithe map.

*Note: These notes were summarised from the LIG Notes on the Painscastle & Rhosgoch Community – Local Interest Group website. More detailed information can be downloaded through - [www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk/lig-notes.html](http://www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk/lig-notes.html)*

*Susan Maiden*

### **Village Hall Events - Dates for your Diary:**

- Film Night - Thursday 20th October – 7:30pm – The Road Dance - £5.00 per person
- Quiz Night - Saturday 29th October – 7:30pm
- Film Night - Thursday 17th November – 7.30pm – Benediction - £5.00 per person
- Curry Night - Saturday 19th November – 7:30pm - £10.00 per person
- Christmas Lunch - Sunday 11th December - £15.00 per person

(Note: Christmas Lunch will be bookable in advance only - details next month)

For further details on these events please phone Pippa Lloyd – 01544 370692

*Gigi Luscombe*



## Huntington Chase

**Saturday 1st October 2022 at 12 noon.**

Ride, bike, run or walk-11 km. course. Start Lower House Farm, Huntington, on to Gipsy Lane, Hergest Ridge, Gladestry, Stone House Bank and back.

Numbers will be strictly limited. email with name, contact number and mode to [peterbkelly642@hotmail.com](mailto:peterbkelly642@hotmail.com) to reserve your place.

£15 entry to include soup and sandwich.  
£5 for under 16's but to be accompanied.

Swan Inn will be open.

Prizes and fancy dress encouraged

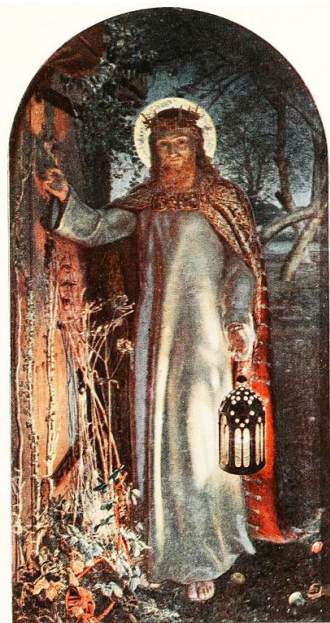
**Do not turn up on the day if you have'nt booked.**

Riders and cyclists to wear protective head gear. Riders must carry own PL insurance.  
All to take own personal accident insurance if desired and to declare they are in good health and not suffering any medical condition or physical handicap which would affect their ability to take part safely in this event.

## Reader Writes

Holman Hunt's famous painting, *The Light of the World*, hangs in Keble College; you can see another version in St Paul's. It's much loved by Christians for its allegory, and it may be a good moment to remind ourselves of its message. As the days shorten and darkness increases we head into a winter of anticipated discontent and concern. I was listening to farmers being interviewed about the massively increased costs they are facing whilst failing to obtain the prices they need. Even large efficient and diverse enterprises could be facing crippling losses. The prices of fertilisers, feed, and fuel are all hugely up. Non-agricultural enterprises may save the farm, and on small family farms there are often bread-winners who take second jobs to make ends meet. The missing part of the equation in the interview was the consumer. Are we able and prepared to pay the necessary market price for our food? Buy a chicken and get one free has never felt appropriate; the environmental costs of cheap food are becoming manifestly unacceptable.

Back to Holman Hunt; his painting depicts the encouraging verse Revelation 3:20 "*Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me.*" This is Jesus promising to come into our lives if we would only open the door and let him do so; in my bible the word "will" has been underlined. His promises are profound and absolutely dependable. In the painting Hunt illustrates this promise with lots of detail. Jesus stands at the door, so to speak, of our life. The door is somewhat overgrown, having never been opened before. Tellingly, the door has no handle on the outside, but only on the inside. God won't burst in on us without our agreement; you and I have the handle, and we only need the will to use it and open the door. Another detail; Jesus appears poised to continue his journey, as if to say that if we fail to respond to the knock on the door, he won't stay there knocking for ever.



I wouldn't predict that gathering gloom makes us more ready to seek God's light. Maybe hardship or personal strife are too distracting. Those struggling with heating and grocery bills and rent and mortgages will have little energy to add eternity to their burdens. Well of course they would be mistaken! But it's understandable. The baby-boomer generation has the contrasting challenge of complacency. We've had it easy compared to our children's generation. And tragically we are complicit in so many of the challenges piling up for the future.

In Holman Hunt's painting, Jesus holds a lantern. When he comes into our lives he brings the light of life. That won't stop the bills coming in but it allows us to see our lives in eternity. We are rich, in the real sense, when we walk with the light of the world. And a detail I have always cherished in the verse is the promise that Jesus would not only enter my life but will "*sup*" with me. In other words he will stay in our lives and be involved, something our late Queen knew and cherished all her long reign of service.

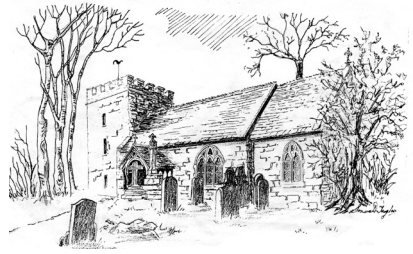
*Robert MacCurrach*

## ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS



### **Titely Remembers.**

Following the sad death of our Queen the flag which flies in the church yard was immediately lowered to half mast. Our thanks to Malcolm for his prompt attention to detail and the way he dealt with the proclamation as well. May the late Queen now rest in peace and rise in glory.



### **Condolences.**

We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Edward George who died recently. At one time we would see Edward riding around the village on his horse but in later years he would be walking around the village.

### **Congratulations.**

On a happier note we all send our warmest congratulations to Rebecca and Harry who were married in Titely church recently. The weather was fine and dry and there was a lovely family atmosphere to the whole ceremony. We all wish them well in their new life together.

### **Harvest Festival.**

Our Harvest Festival will take place in the church at 6pm on Friday 28th October followed by a Harvest Supper in the village hall. It would be lovely to see the church full. For catering purposes please let Win know if you can come on 01544 267342

### **Community Shop.**

Many thanks to everyone who has donated items for the shop which runs from 5th to 11th October. If you still have anything for the shop and want them collected please give Dick a call on 231052.

*Dick*

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### **Calling mothers and grandmothers!**

Hello! We are Tinka and PK, and we need a hand. We've got four young children, and we are looking for someone who can help us look after our youngest child, so that we can start getting back to work.

We moved from near Ewyas Harold to the Titely area last year. We bought an old cottage in the hills, which we are enjoying doing up ourselves. We are very outdoorsy, we do a lot of walking and our children love to get wet and muddy.

We are looking for someone who can help with our fourth and youngest (a babe in arms) in the mornings. We can be flexible with timings, we are happy to work around schoolruns etc. We hope to find someone who has experience with young children: being a mum or grandmum is a great qualification!

Are you able to help us or do you know someone who might? Give us a call or drop us an email, we're looking forward to hearing from you!

*Tinka: 07495 519470 / t.m.veldhuis@gmail.com*

## Not a Proper Gardener (Part 23)

The reason why the number of our delightful sparrows has, over a week or so, declined from twenty plus to fewer than half a dozen, became clear to me recently. As I was washing up after breakfast in the kitchen I happened



to see, on the path outside, a sparrow-hawk squatting and busily plucking a sparrow it had caught and then flying off with it. This beautiful bird of prey was, it seems, finding Emma's bird feeding station a productive hunting ground. Apparently sparrow-hawks keep a larder close to their nest and this very beautiful bird was doing for itself only much the same as we are doing in busily gathering and storing our garden produce. Except, of course, that we were not intentionally doing nature red in tooth and claw. For that you have to join Giles and myself at Sunday lunch where we eagerly devour pigeon breasts, hoping that by so doing we are satisfyingly reducing the number of those destructive pests. Pity the sparrow-hawk doesn't go for them!

Every season, though, brings its special treats, and early autumn has plenty to offer. Straight from garden to plate (washed and prepared of course) these are so much more flavoursome than much that comes from supermarket shelves. Much to my surprise we harvested a fair crop of yummy Victoria plums and the fig tree has come up trumps, fresh figs at teatime every day. The mini-cucumbers likewise, and tomatoes (Shirley and Golden Sunrise) with so much flavour; and for lunch (with the pigeon) Emma pulled the first of our Autumn King carrots, which turned out to be four carrots on one stem. And guess what, they tasted of carrot and were not just lumps of red plastic!

And at the time of writing we are just getting to grips with the apple and pear harvest. Concorde pears, simmered until they blush without anything added are sweet and delicious and bottle well, and the anonymous cooking apples we inherited, likewise. Emma has put the barrow outside the gate every so often for people to help themselves, first checking that those two or three naughty boys are in school and so not able to amuse themselves by using apples as projectiles. The eating apples are plentiful too, but mostly not ready until well into October – Adam's Pearmain and Pitmaston Pineapple, high on the list, are heritage varieties which I had from Herefordshire Council when we moved here. They keep exceptionally well (provided Giles doesn't eat them all by taking a pocketful on every walk! and sometimes supplementing it if we pass along the footpath by the Community Orchard)

On our most recent visit to Hergest Kitchen Garden, which is awash with apples at present, I was impressed by a long hedge of step-over apple trees, that is, trees properly pruned to be less than a yard high and forming, in this instance, a continuous row, making a boundary for one of the wild-flower meadows, which has recently received its winter haircut. I planted one such tree long ago, but failed dismally to prune it, so it's now quite large. Pruning, I'm afraid, is a skill I've never bothered to master, apart from cutting out the odd dead branch. But then I've never professed to be a proper gardener. That's why the top of our so-called Patio pear tree is now out of reach. The many apple trees in that kitchen garden are all beautifully pruned and labelled, all neatly spaced out alongside the two long herbaceous borders. Fortunately, when we visit, Giles has a pocketful of our own with him. One of theirs, I notice, is a Beauty of Bath, the first named eating apple I encountered, at the age of eight when, in the war, we moved into a house with four of them in the garden, a garden of heavy London clay near Whitstable in Kent, where doodlebugs plump, plump, plumped overhead all night on their way to destroy the City, and didn't always get that far.

*Denis Parry.*





## Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall

**Thursday 6th October: Elvis** (cert 12A), 7.30 pm, Tickets £5

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann's musical drama about the life and music of Elvis Presley, seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker. From Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, the film is set against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America.

**Thursday 3rd November: Belfast** (cert 12A)

Belfast is straight from Kenneth Branagh's own experience. A nine-year-old boy must chart a path towards adulthood through a world that has suddenly turned upside down. His stable and loving community and everything he thought he understood about life is changed forever but joy, laughter, music and the formative magic of the movies remain.

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

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### KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

next meeting

**THURS 20th October @7.30pm**

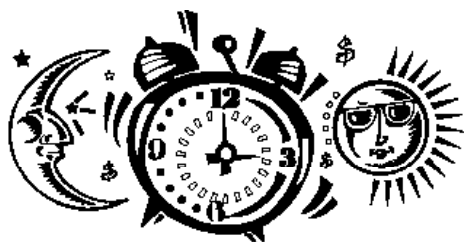
**'Tulips'**

with Sabina Ruber

**AUTUMN COLOURS COACH TRIP Sat 15th Oct 2022**

To Llangollen for canal cruise in the Dee valley and over the Aqueduct

Coach and boat £33 D W Phillips 230683



Remember to put your clocks back one hour on the night of Saturday 29th October for the start of Greenwich Mean Time. This means that you get an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning, 30th October, but the evenings will now be darker, and Christmas is less than two months away.

### Royal British Legion

The Kington branch of the Royal British Legion has amalgamated with Eardisley and District branch. Monthly meetings are held in the New Strand/post office in Eardisley on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. You do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member of the RBL. Why not come along and see what we do to support this worthwhile cause.

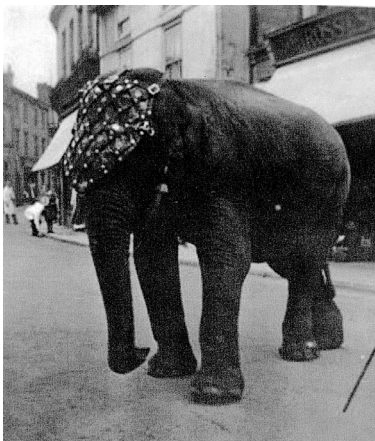
*Janet Forrest*

## News from the Museum – The Kington Elephant

I am sure you all know the story of our Kington elephant Daisy, who walked with three others from Leominster to Kington, pulling Chapman's circus in 1932. Unfortunately, Daisy fell ill, and after a bottle of brandy was administered by the vet she died. She was buried in the field opposite the Tavern. After three days of digging, the hole was deep enough for Daisy to rest in. In the 1980's, when building houses, Daisy was found again. Surprisingly, it took Deacon's another three days to excavate the bones by hand.

This story has generated memories from visitors of the other three elephants from Chapman's circus, which was auctioned off in Birmingham at the onset of War. Miss Chapman walked two elephants and other animals to her farm at Edwyn Ralf, Bromyard. These elephants regularly walked into Bromyard, housed in the yard at Elephant House, until it was time for the return journey home. One elephant died there and is buried in the yard.

On the farm the elephants did some work on the farm and were well looked after by a young lad and his father. Their house is now holiday accommodation. The remains of Daisy can still be seen at Kington Museum.



*Wendy Jones Secretary*

### **Saturday 8th October 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor.**

#### **Ensemble Hesperis 'Full of the Highland Humours'.**

Dynamic and innovative London-based early music ensemble and rising stars in the early music world, who have appeared on Radio 3 many times over the past year. This concert will explore the success of Scots Baroque music in 18th century London, capturing the charm and spirit of this fusion between Folk and Baroque music. Box office numbers (for this concert only) is 01544 350268.

New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW.  
Pre-booking preferred. Tickets £15 / £3 from 01544 350268 or 01544 231732  
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start.



Advance Notice

## **The Kington Festive Food from the Borders**

**SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER**

100 exhibitors...plus more.

More information nearer the date

A Kington Chamber of Trade event.

## FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Like Ben I have long been a fan of Dad's Army, and Emma and I have, like him, also taken into everyday use a couple of slogans: *We're all doomed, doomed, doomed and yes, Don't panic, don't panic, don't panic!* Most commonly we resort to these when we unwisely withdraw our ostrich heads from the sand, where they have been comfortably buried, only to have them punched and pummelled by item after item of bad news on radio or T.V. We're all doomed, doomed, doomed! we exclaim. But then, hopefully, *Don't panic, don't panic. don't panic!*

In fact, when we planted the four oaks in the school field in March I began my little speech to those present by quoting those slogans. I briefly explained that, In spite of all the doom and gloom, we were planting these trees as a threefold sign of Faith, Hope and Love: Otherwise, why bother to plant them at all? Faith that, in spite of Climate Change, there shall be a future for them and for us; Hope that they might thrive and grow into great trees, like the three noble examples, 300 years old, along the footpath alongside us; and Love, our love of Creation, the wonder and beauty of it, which longs for our nourishment and care. What we are saying is that although Climate Change is a terrible threat, *Don't panic, don't panic, don't panic!* No, just have faith, hope and love, and do something about it!

Since Covid regulations have been somewhat relaxed, there has been an almost overwhelming resurgence of festivals and events both national and international from the Bringing of Football Home by our female footballers, to the splendid Jubilee weekend, the Commonwealth Games, the European Championships, the Edinburgh Festival and so on, many of which included impossible displays of athletics and diving and other feats of endurance. And there was another great international event, the Lambeth Conference, which you may have missed because, being less spectacular, it had little media coverage; apart, that is, from the splendid opening service which you may have seen on YouTube. It was attended in Canterbury and its Cathedral by 650 Anglican bishops and their spouses and ecumenical guests from 125 countries. (The official group photograph shows well over a thousand robed guests.)

I mention this here because of what happened on the Wednesday. That day was set aside for reflection and discussion on Creation and Climate Change. For this all were invited to Lambeth Palace. On arrival they were greeted by some 20 activists from Christian Climate Action with whom they were able to talk and pray. The focus was on the launching of the Anglican Communion Forest, marked by the ceremonial planting of a tree in the palace garden to encourage every Diocese worldwide to turn talk of environmental regeneration into action. As my USPG prayer leaflet reminds me, from 1st September to 4th October we are in what has been designated the Season of Creation, now widely observed in churches ecumenically, when we are urged to listen to the voices of those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and Climate Change, and in prayer and action, to centre the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

The effects of Climate Change are too obvious now to need spelling out. And that Cry of the Earth is becoming ever more poignant. In a powerful sonnet called *Our Burning World* the poet Malcolm Guite hears that Cry as Earth's desperate wake-up call to us. In

one way the poem is an expression of *Doom, doom, doom*; but the last couplet expresses the very grounds of our faith, hope, and love:

*But God hangs with us, on the hallowed tree  
That we might both be rescued, both be free.*

(That is, both the Earth and Humankind)

All this chimes in well with what Ben was writing in both his August and September letters in *Parish News*, and it reminds me too of a wonderful book *Enough is Enough* by Bishop John Taylor of which I bought my copy, now falling to pieces, in 1982. If anyone would like to borrow it, please let me know.

*Denis Parry*

### **Our Burning World**

Our burning world is turning in despair,  
I hear her seething, sighing in the air:  
“Oh rouse yourself, this is your wake-up call  
For your pollution forms my funeral pall.  
My last ice lapses, slips into the sea,  
Will you unfreeze your tears and weep with me?  
Or are you sleeping still, taking your rest?  
The hour has come that puts you to the test,  
Wake up to change at last, and change for good.  
Repent, return, re-plant the sacred wood.  
You are my children, I too am God’s child,  
And we have both together been defiled,  
But God hangs with us on the hallowed tree  
That we might both be rescued, both be free.” (*Malcolm Guite*)

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Since I wrote this article our beloved Queen has died. What a wonderful lady! I shall never forget her taking tea (and marmalade sandwiches) with Paddington!

*Denis Parry*



**Kington & District Operatic Society  
proudly presents Gilbert & Sullivan's  
H.M.S. PINAFORE**



**7:30pm ~ Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
& Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2022**

**Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre**

**Adults £9 ~ Under 18 £5**

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

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# **PUBLIC JUICE PRESSING**

## **Bring Out Your Apples!**

**Saturday 29th October**  
**Kington Market Hall**  
*10am to 3pm in Place De Marines*

Bring washed apples & clean containers  
Take away your own delicious juice  
Help others & taste the difference!  
For small amounts - up to a couple sacks  
If you've a lot of fruit - borrow the kit  
For use at home or community events



Kington Local Environment & Energy Network (KLEEN) - [www.kingtonkleen.org.uk](http://www.kingtonkleen.org.uk)  
Contact: Jon Cooke 01544 231977 or 07776 236823 email: [kingtonkleen@gmail.com](mailto:kingtonkleen@gmail.com)

### **Pumpkin Jokes**

- Q: When asked how he was feeling, what did the pumpkin say?  
A: I'm vine, thanks for asking.
- Q: What are gourds afraid of?  
A: Things that go Pumpkin the night.
- Q: Why do pumpkins sit on people's porches?  
A: They have no hands to knock on the door.
- Q: Why was Cinderella not very good at netball?  
A: Because her coach was a pumpkin.
- Q: How do you fix a gourd?  
A: With a pumpkin patch..
- Q: When is an orange not an orange?  
A: When it's a pumpkin.
- Q: What is the pumpkin's favorite sport?  
A: Squash.
- Q: How are pumpkins like cats?  
A: They're often waiting on the doorstep for you when you get home.
- Q: What do you call a pretty pumpkin?  
A: Gourdgeous.
- Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by it's diameter?  
A: Pumpkin pi..



## October Crossword

### Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

### Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7) 7 Fourth king
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5) 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5) 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

**Answers to September Crossword** ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt. DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.



# Kington Arts and Craft Market

## Saturday 15th October 9:30am – 3.30pm

### Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines

Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market is open again on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 9:30 - 3:30pm at Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines. Once again, we are excited to present a wide range of beautiful, hand-made cards, gifts and crafts to suit all tastes, ages and budgets. All stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, which at the time of going to print includes:

**Cards for all occasions   Pottery   Handcrafted ironware**  
**Alpaca wool products   Wood Turning   Knitted, woven & crocheted garments**  
**Art   Papercrafts   Basketry   Wax melts   Sewn products**  
**Wide range of different crafts**

With the long hot summer turning to Autumn, and the evenings drawing in, why not treat yourself to something new and beautiful for your home? You're sure to find lots of ideas, plenty of inspiration and a genuinely individual selection of original items at Kington Craft Market. We are pleased to support local artists and craftspeople, and have something for everyone: the perfect hunting ground for all your gift and home decor needs . . . or even for making an early start on the Christmas shopping!

We will also be taking part in The Big Draw with opportunities for people to take part in different activities.

### and . . . Christmas is Coming!

Dates for the Craft Market from now until Christmas are:

Saturday 19th and 26th November (Christmas Markets)  
 Saturday 10th and 17th December (Christmas Market)

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

#### Easy Sudoku

			1			8		
		8		2		5		
	2				7		9	
		9					8	5
	4	6				9	3	
5	3					1		
	1		3				4	
		4		9		6		
		7			8			

#### Intermediate Sudoku

3			9				7	
7	1	6	8			9		3
	4				3	6		
	2		1	3			4	6
6	7			5	9		3	
		3	6				1	
4		2			7	8	9	5
	8				5			2

## News from Theodora Home, but not entirely.

7/12/2008

Many of you will know by now that Margaret and I are temporarily resident at Sproxton (Did you remember that the village where we lived for 37 years rhymes with boatswain?). What may be slightly less well known is that poor old Theodora is abandoned just below the locks at Watford, not half a mile from Watford Gap Service Station. It is a surprisingly pretty place only marred by the twenty four hour racket of tyres on the M1. I spoke to a couple of locals and they both said that you get so used to the noise that you no longer notice it. That is, I am sure, true until you want to listen to something quiet like birdsong

or music, then the tyre noise will drown out all the relatively quiet bits.

I arrived with Theodora on Wednesday the 19th November. I had been warned that the locks were shut. Had I known that three weeks before I could have chosen a completely different route home via the Trent and Mersey, Trent and Soar. It seems that there was



some sort of glitch on the Waterscape web site and the Leicester Branch of the Grand Union, where Theodora is now, was listed as having no work done on it. As of yesterday the locks are open but our diary has filled up and we will not be able to move Theodora until next week. Perhaps.

I had been collected from Watford by Andrew who had Wednesday afternoon off. I had moored up a mile or so down the cut so that Andrew would have a bit of boating as recompense for his driving me home. I walked up to meet him and we chugged up the canal to moor up in exactly the same spot where Theodora had rested while waiting for the locks to open two years ago when we had just bought her. I grabbed the small amount of stuff that I had packed. It was a very small amount of stuff because a vet's car is full of all sorts of veterinary stuff. His kind and thoughtful wife suggested that I stay the night at their house because Bank House had not been occupied for a month. Andrew drove me there in the morning.

And that is all for the moment. Sending this will have to wait until I can get on line again. I will not describe the moving in process except to say that Margaret arrived home on the following Saturday and very pleased to see her I was, and that friends in the village have been kind and helpful and in many ways it is lovely to be back.

More about Theodora when we move her back.

Traa for now.

**On our way again, just for a bit.**

**18/12/8**

It is certainly good to be back afloat again, if only for a short time. We drove down to Watford on Wednesday and left the car at the Thai Garden Restaurant. I had phoned them on Tuesday to make sure that it would be all right to leave it with them for a few days.



We trudged up and down the towpath a few times taking a few necessities from the car the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the boat, had lunch and then set off up the locks at two o'clock. The weather was rather lovely on occasions and we made good progress.

Apart from that there is little to say about the first day. No boats moving, just us and the canal. Lovely.

We moored overnight at Crack's Hill winding hole and set off for Foxton the next day. Foxton was as it should be and we had a quiet night. The treat of the Friday was that Steve Manship, Andrew's father-in-law, joined us. He brought a friend along and we whizzed down the two staircases at Foxton in double quick time. It took just under an hour for the ten locks which I thought was pretty good going especially as they were all set against us. That was the last of the narrow locks for the whole trip. All the rest to Thurmaston are broad which are rather slower and rather harder work. We were aiming to get to Kilby Bridge on Saturday. Why Kilby Bridge? Because Kilby Bridge is the last safe mooring before Leicester and we could not get Theodora all the way to Thurmaston before Christmas. That is a treat for the New Year.

In the event having four of us on the boat made a real difference and we arrived in Kilby Bridge just as it got dark on Friday evening. Dinner was served and I was given a lift to the Thai Garden Restaurant to get the car. The car was duly got and our guests left. WE stayed overnight there and loaded the car in the morning with the greater part of what we had had with us for nine months.

We turned off the gas and the battery master switches, padlocked Theodora to the pilings lest she wander off over Christmas and then went home. And that is where we are now, preparing for Christmas and having a thoroughly nice time.

This, I would imagine, will be the penultimate instalment. I will give a brief account of the run through Leicester to Thurmaston and that will be that.

Bye for now.

*Nick*



## Kington WI

Our meeting this month was overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth . She was our patron and also a member of Sandringham WI, it was therefore fitting that we started the proceedings with a minute silence.

Business was quickly dealt with and we settled back to hear a very informative talk on Herefordshire Vennture by Stephen Scully. Vennture is a charity that looks after those who are, or who become, vulnerable in the Night time economy. They provide shelter and help to those who are unsafe during the night time hours.

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The competition "a favourite brooch" was won by Lyn with Janet second and Wendy third.

The next meeting will be at 2:30 in The Markwick Hall on Wednesday 12th October when Edna Hughes will demonstrate flower arrangements.

*Janet Forrest*

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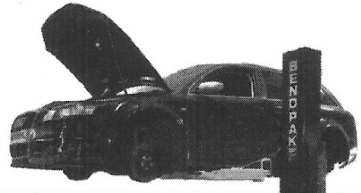
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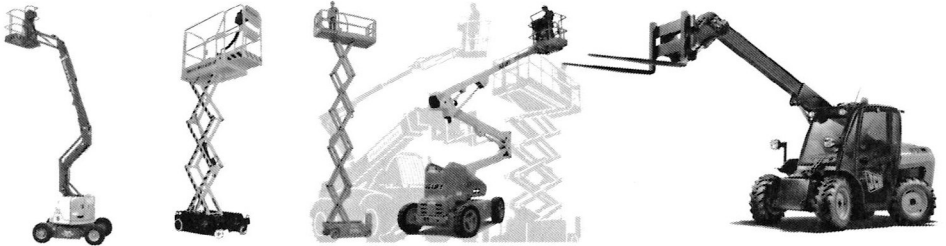
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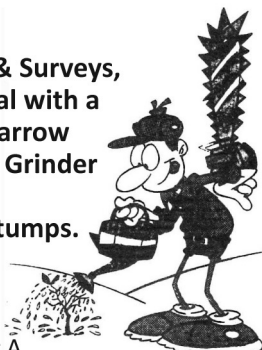
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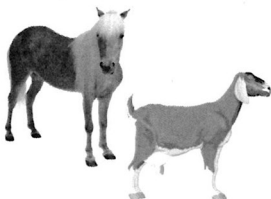
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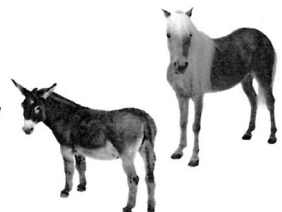
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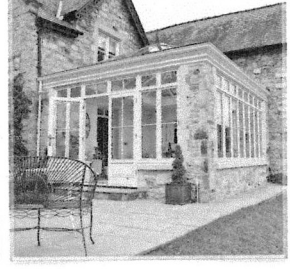
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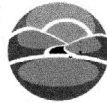


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Sat 15 Oct	9.30 - 3.30pm	Cut-off date for November Parish News Art & Craft Market at Kington Market Hall
Wed 19 Oct	12.30pm	Community Lunch at the Parish House
Thu 20 Oct	7.30pm 7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley Village Hall Kington Horticultural Society meeting at the Masonic Hall
Thu 27 Oct	7.30pm	HMS Pinafore at Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre
Fri 28 Oct	6pm 7.30pm	Titley Harvest Festival & Supper HMS Pinafore at Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre
Sat 29 Oct	10.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Apple Pressing at Place de Marines HMS Pinafore at Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre Quiz Night at Huntington Village Hall Clocks go back 1 hour

### **MATERIAL FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 PARISH NEWS**

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**Note: The cut-off date is always the 15th of the previous month**