

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

October 2023



SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON

From 1st January 2022

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Herefordshire
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HEREFORD 461 via Lyonshall 462 via Eardisley

Journey times vary Kington to Hereford approx 65minutes

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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

Returns Railway Station, HEREFORD

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Mon-Fri	0748	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1615	1700	1815
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

ON BEING STUCK BEHIND A TRACTOR!

Hoorah!! It is harvest time again!! There you are, hurtling through the lanes in your car on some mission of huge national importance, muttering venomously at cyclists in helmets shaped like wasps' bottoms, inconsiderate enough to want a bit of your road, rounding a bend and coming up behind the ponderous majesty of a tractor and trailer. On closer inspection over the next ten minutes you conclude that it is actually a convoy of three tractors and two trailers and the glory of the aforementioned ponderous majesty begins to wear a bit thin! Hoorah.

It is harvest time again. And I would wager a considerable sum that most of you do not at this point start singing songs of everlasting thanks and praise to our great God for his generous provision, or blessing the farmers for the work they do to put food on our plates!

So here is your challenge for harvest and beyond. I've learned to do it and if I can manage it anyone can. If you get stuck on your travels behind a tractor or a combine or a plough or any other mysteriously shaped implement of the sod, (by which I mean, of course, the soil!) take it as an opportunity for reflection, for thanksgiving and for praise.

Why should you bother? Firstly, because praising God for what he gives us should become a matter of habit in all of us and secondly because as a nation we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the farmers who are taken totally for granted by most of us who have become emotionally and practically detached from the source of our food.

We cannot and must not take national food security as a given. Climate change and population growth mean that it is more difficult to produce enough grain for the world's needs. The situation in Ukraine is calamitous for the food security of millions in vulnerable nations. Global markets will sell to the highest bidder regardless of need. Political mismanagement and the power of global enterprise in the inherently local business of food production are putting countless family farms out of business.

So when you get stuck behind that tractor take a deep breath, smile and wave at the farmer, even if he does stare back at you with blank amazement and ask for God's blessing on his family and work. Reflect on our corporate relationship to food and the land as the God given source of all our well-being and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

And if the vicar rushes in late to take your service on a Sunday morning you will understand why!

Happy harvest to you all. I hope to see some of you at your harvest service.

Dean Sarah



Views in a Vacancy

Dear Reader,

A visitor who recently spent a day with us had one of those smart phones which, although supposedly kept in his pocket, was constantly out in his hand or on the table so that every topic we discussed was immediately referred to the darned thing, and knowledge poured forth from it. I was reminded of a prophesy at the close of the vision of Daniel in the Old Testament, that in the end days knowledge would increase. Well, end days or not, that's certainly happening; such an amazing growth in the ready availability of knowledge, that now, with the advent and development of artificial intelligence, one wonders where it's all leading to.

The trouble is that every new invention, every new bit of knowledge, from the wheel to the drone, the internet and social media is potentially either a blessing, a curse or both. It can be used for good or for evil. Knowledge needs to be tempered by wisdom, to be used wisely and to do good. But, "Where, where, can wisdom be found?" That's what we used to sing in a lovely anthem by Boyce (find it on the Internet). "And where, where is the place of understanding?" Well, the answer is that it derives from "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil, that is understanding." Psalm 111 agrees: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter..." This surely gives our churches a vitally important agenda item for our ministry.

But what do we mean by good understanding? I think it means using knowledge wisely. I once tried to express that in a short poem which I called ("O Wisdom")

"O Sapientia":

O Wisdom, Consort, Friend of God Most High,
who span the universe most mightily,
make me a wise mind and a seeing eye,
an understanding heart for humbleness,
lest, joyous Spirit, wise beyond all telling
I fail to see yourself in all things dwelling,
and all my knowledge prove but foolishness.

For, not content with knowing of this tree
the function of each part, bark, leaf and root,
branches, life-giving sap, bud, flower and fruit,
I would be subject have it, look at me.

So might I greet all things in awe and wonder
as Thou, in understanding, standing under.

Yes, knowledge, which is of the mind, needs to be applied with wisdom, which is of the heart, or it will prove but foolishness. As we pray towards the end of matins and evensong: *"O God, make clean our hearts within us: and renew a right spirit within us."*

Denis.

Message from the Editor

This month I have had to use a lot of “fillers” in the Parish News in order to keep the number of pages to 44. Part of the problem is that people don’t send me in new material, and also they don’t report what happened at an event that has taken place. For instance there were several Macmillan coffee mornings in September, but I cannot report on any of them.

If you are reading this message and think to yourself that you could send me an account of interest such as life in Kington many years ago, then I’ll be very pleased to include it.

Freda

Kington Baptist Church

Four Charity Concerts

November 18th

Knighton Silver Band

December 15th Christmas Concert

Builth Ladies Choir

March 15th

Ludlow Concert Band

April date TBA

Builth Male Voice Choir

**The Baptist Church
Bridge Street
Kington**

Cryptography

Each letter of the alphabet in the message below has been replaced by another. Can you decipher the code to reveal the quotation which is taken from Jonah 1:17?



UIH LEM AIXY EKY
RXMRKXMY K VXMKL GFQE
LI QHKAAIH BR DIUKE.
KUY DIUKE HKQ FU LEM WMAAC
IG LEM GFQE LEXMM YKQC
KUY LEXMM UFVELQ.

The answer is in your bible.

The family of the late John Williams would like to thank all of his friends for their attendance at his funeral on 30th August, and for the generous donations to St Michaels Hospice and St Mary's Church.

Special thanks to the bellringers for their peal of bells in tribute, to the choir for the anthem, and to members of Kington Golf Club for their guard of honour. Also thanks to AW Hughes & Son for their expert guidance throughout the proceedings, and to Rev Anna Branston for conducting the service.

Tim George



St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

When you read this edition of the Parish News, Harvest Festival celebrations will be nearly upon us. As well as harvest fellowship times being celebrated on October 8th, we look forward to welcoming Kington Primary School as they come for their harvest thanksgiving on October 3rd.



Towards the end of November the Friends of St Mary's will be running the Community Shop. We shall be appealing for goods of all kinds for sale. We hope to have a Christmas theme running through some of the shelves so contributions related to Christmas will be appreciated. More details in November

Best wishes

Ann and Rodney

St Mary's LEGO CLUB

Wednesday
25th October
at
St Mary's Church
Kington

3.30 - 5pm

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

Refreshments

Children to be
accompanied by an
adult please.

Are you up for the
next challenge??

MESSY CHURCH

Come and
join us for:



Messy Church
St Mary's Church, Kington
Wednesday 1st November
3.45- 5.30pm

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

All are welcome

Wordsearch for October

October brings us Harvest, and Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly:

“You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn,
for so you have ordained it...

You crown the year with your bounty,

and your carts overflow with abundance...

the hills are clothed with gladness,

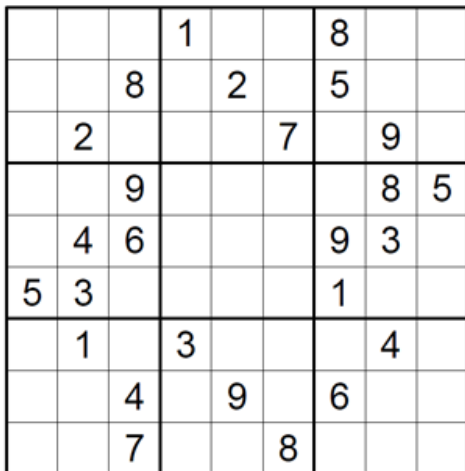
the meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing.”

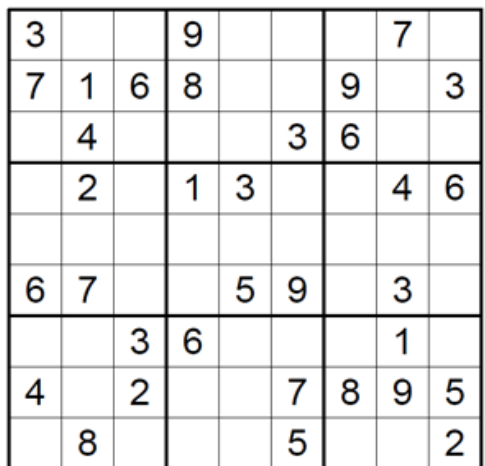
Corn	Praise
Rain	Care
Mud	Blessing
Wheat	Meadows
Abundance	flocks
Goodness	
Riches	
Pumpkins	
Marrows	
Water	
Thankful	
Food	
Crops	
Soften	
Carts	
Overflow	



Easy Sudoku



Intermediate Sudoku



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, 1st October: Trinity 18

Ezekiel18:1-4, 25-end, Psalm25:1-8, Phillippians2:1-13, Matthew21:23-32

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.00am	* Harvest Festival:	Huntington URC
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
6:00pm	* Harvest Festival	Old Radnor

Sunday, 8th October: Trinity 14

Isaiah5:1-7, Psalm80:9-17, Phillippians3:4b-14, Matthew21:33-end

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
11.00am:	* Harvest Eucharist	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	* Harvest Festival:	Kinnerton

Wednesday 11th October

3.45 - 5.30pm Messy Church Kinton

Sunday, October 15th: Trinity 19

Isaiah5:1-9, Psalm23, Phillippians4:1-9, Matthew22:1-14

10.00am:	Morning Praise:	Kington
11.00am:	*Harvest Festival:	Titley
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

Sunday, October 22nd: Trinity 16

Isaiah45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9, 1Thessalonians1:1-10, Matthew22:15-22

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

Sunday, October 29th: Last Sunday of Trinity

Leviticus19:1-2,15-18, Psalm1, 1Thessalonians2:1-8 Matthew22:34-end.

10am. Group Service at Kinnerton with the former Dean of Hereford

*Readings for Harvest Services this year:

Deuteronomy8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2Corinthians9:6-end, Luke12:16-30

All services at Kington are live streamed.

St Mary's Organ Appeal Update

The Director of Clevedon Organ company visited in July to discuss several issues raised by the Diocese. As a result, we have now agreed that one set of the current pedal pipes will be repositioned at ground level in a new wind chest. This created a space at the top of the organ in which the new trombone stop will be positioned. The back of the organ will then be clad in oak veneered panels and oiled to match the screen behind the Cragie Altar. There are a few other revisions to the specification. All these now satisfy the DAC and they are happy to progress with the project.

The company have subsequently revised their quotation to reflect the additional work and rising cost of materials. Consequently, the grand total has increased slightly.

One exciting development is that the organ builder will now include, free of charge, a 32' Acoustic Bass stop which will make this into a really splendid instrument!

We have had a good number of new sponsors coming forward these past few months. In addition, the very successful Community Shop week in July raised over £3,200, as a large element was matched funded by a generous sponsor. The result is that we now have funds, sponsorship and promises amounting to around £55,000. That is marvellous, but still some way off where we need to be.

We have already received £12,000 in grants. Most recently a grant of £4,200 was made by Benefact Trust. Sadly, an application for £8,000 has been declined by Churchcare.

There are some pipes still without sponsorship. Please get in touch if you are interested or know of an organisation which may be interested in helping.

We need to have scaffolding erected at the rear of the organ. This could be costly! Is there anyone who might be able to provide this, or who knows someone who might be able to help provide such a service??

Finally, we are hoping to sign contracts soon, and to fix a start time towards the end of October. Once the work starts, we will have around 4 months until the organ is working again. The organ builder has kindly offered to loan us a digital organ to help us out during the period of work. This is very welcome.



Philip Sell (St Mary's Director of Music)

**KINGTON
&
DISTRICT
Community
Shop**

Community Shop Dates

27 September - 3 October	Whitney Church
4 October - 10 October	Titley Village Hall
11 October - 17 October	Eardisley Primary School
18 October - 24 October	Lucton Nursery Sensory Gdns
25 October - 31 October	Kington Choral Society

Kington & District Operatic Society

proudly presents



Gilbert & Sullivan's
RUDDIGORE



or



The Witch's Curse

Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre

7:30pm ~ Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd &

Saturday 4th of November 2023

Adults £9 ~ Under 18 £5

Tickets (unreserved seating) available from...

Tom Bounds Electrical, 32 High St, Kington

The Burton Hotel, 1 Mill St, Kington

and online at ticketsource.co.uk/kados



kingtonoperatic.co.uk ~ www.facebook.com/kingtonoperatic

Reader Writes

There's a Greek fable that on his way to the cross Jesus stopped beside a woman selling cups of milk; "decaocto" she demanded (18 drachma), but the Lord had only 17 drachma and she refused to let him have a drop. So, alas for all of us really, he turned her into a collared dove condemned to sing its monotonous cry "deca-oct, deca-oct" for ever and ever. So when we hear the collared dove we can let it remind us of the almost universal tragedy that mankind has managed to turn everything into a price; money rules us. We'd like to think that it is only how we use it that matters, but tragically we are in the grip of an aggressive market system that we know consumes lives, communities and the earth itself.

I suppose the obvious thing to admit is that we are so far into the belly of the beast that we are incapable of seeing the danger; we submit ruinously to the appetite and destruction of the liberal market economic system. Water has been in the news a lot this summer; I'm risking being simplistic but I think it is fair to say that privatised water companies with all their finance and technical resources have none the less been guilty of egregious pollution of our rivers and beaches in order to pay executives and share-holders very handsomely and as a priority. That's capitalism and liberal market economics; what can you do?!

To cap the litany of destruction and danger is oil and gas extraction. The big oil companies wring their hands saying that we desperately need secure and affordable energy, otherwise how can we afford to develop the low-carbon future we know we need. So their shareholders' demands trump even climate breakdown; and politics follows business. The present government is tearing up its carbon commitments because it will win votes.

But it's wonderful to know that that is not how mankind and human society naturally behaves and wishes to live. Take our own community of Kington; up and down the High Street and within almost countless voluntary organisations, people give of their time and goodwill freely and happily. They are endlessly helpful and generous. Open Arms Kington is a new community-owned not-for-profit project that has acquired our much loved Oxford Arms and is developing it into a pub, a venue, a hub, a community home! Let's support it! We need lots of funding to get it into good sustainable shape, but this has nothing to do with profit; only vision and inspiration and open arms.

A church community is just the same; repair and maintenance of a Grade 1 listed building is part of our responsibility; our reaching out to the community and the welcome we offer is the same. But especially important for the practising Christian is that there is nothing transactional about our spiritual lives; God provides us with his love and assurances entirely freely. It is by grace. And we offer ourselves also entirely freely.

In total contrast to the heartless submission to prices and profit, Jesus promised us in John's Gospel that *"I have come that you may have life, and have it in all its fullness."* Jn10:10. That *'fullness'* is something for us to take hold of and live out in God's love.

Robert MacCurrach

Events at The Open Arms Kington during September

DATE	TIME	TITLE	EVENT DETAILS
Tuesday 3rd	?	Japanese tea ceremony	
Friday 6th	6 – 10pm	Bar	
Saturday 7th	2 – 4pm	Big Draw Creative Cafe	Free facilitated workshop "Nooks and Crannies" with Annie Gamble
–			Café open
	6 – 10pm	Bar	
Friday 13th	5 – 10pm	Bar	
Saturday 14th	6 – 10pm	Bar	
Friday 20th	5 – 10pm	Bar	
Saturday 21st	1 – 4pm	Big Draw Creative Cafe	Free facilitated workshop "Monoprinting with Clay" with Nancy Frost and 'A brush with Nature' with Rebecca Finney
–			Café open
	6 – 10pm	Bar	
Friday 27th	5 – 10pm	Bar	
Saturday 28th	1 – 4pm	Big Draw Creative Cafe	Free facilitated workshop 'The Oxford Orchestra' with Sarah Rickett
–			Café open
	6 – 10pm	Bar	
Sunday 29th	11 - 2pm	Herefordshire Food Alliance BIG FEAST	



The Weekly Shop

Trolleys groaning
 Children moaning
 As we push through crowded aisles
 Loud pronouncements
 'Staff announcements'
 Give us little cause for smiles

'Three for two' here
 'Two for three' there
 Offers easy to be found!
 Bargains seeking
 But critiquing
 Makes your head go round and round!

Undeafed
 Shop completed
 We must find a place to pay
 Now your smile's gone
 Queues are miles long
 We'll be waiting here all day!

Try self-service?
 But we're nervous
 Of that most unpleasant choice.
 It's no quicker
 It's no slicker
 And that disembodied voice!

With a deep groan
 We return home
 It has been a busy day!
 No time for drinks
 As our heart sinks -
 We must put it all away!

Nigel Beeton

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

History of Huntington Fete:

Hereford Cathedral Lay Clerks sing at Huntington:

In a packed out church, the audience was treated to a rare musical evening. Six of the Lay Clerks gave a performance of talented singing. Introducing his colleagues, altos, Sam Bayliss and Andrew Semple, tenor Simon Harper and bass Peter Challenger and Robert Pritchard, tenor, Stephen Challenger said that for over 150 years the Lay Clerks have provided the alto, tenor, and bass voices of Hereford Cathedral Choir. In more recent times, they have performed in the



Low Countries, South Africa, and the USA. In June 2018 they visited Rome, giving a concert in the Sistine Chapel and taking part in the Papal Mass on St. Peter's Day. They were privileged to sing at the Royal British Legion ceremonies in Bayeux on 6th June 2019, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, broadcast

live across the world. Currently, members sing at 8 services a week and all are semi-professional with other full time jobs.

The first half of the performance featured sacred music through the centuries of William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons among others. After a glass of wine and eats during the interval, the performance continued with arrangements in four and five parts of folk and close harmony.

We are very grateful to the Lay Clerks for gracing our church and providing those who came to listen with a truly memorable evening.

Fiona Shone

Village Hall Events:

Flicks in the Sticks:

Film night will resume for the autumn on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30 pm - £5.00 per person payable on the door.

Quiz Night:

The Huntington Village Hall Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 21st October commencing at 7.30pm. £2.50 per person, payable on the evening – max of 6 people per team. Bring your own refreshments for what will be a fun filled evening. Prizes for the highest scoring team.

Future dates for the diary:

Curry Night - Saturday 18th November

Christmas Tea - Sunday 3rd December

Further details next month in the November edition

Gigi Luscombe

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226)

St Francis is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.



Parish Pump

Titley Church News

Readers

October 1st Dick.
October 15th Harvest Readers.



Flowers.

Everyone to do their windows please.

Charity Shop.

A final reminder that the charity shop is from the 4th October. Please make one last effort to find anything to sell. If you can help out in the shop please call Judith on 230734.

Harvest Festival.

A reminder that this year's service will be held at 11am on Sunday 15th October led by Rev Tony Jardine. Last year we heard lovely stories of harvest from years ago and I am sure you will hear more wonderful stories this year.

After the service we will move onto the village hall for lunch. Please let Win know on 267342 if you would like lunch, to assist with catering numbers.

If you can't make the service but would like to come to the lunch also let Win know.

We have decided that all monies raised from the collection and surplus from the Harvest Lunch will go to the excellent work of "We are farming minds" a charity to help with problems with mental health in the farming community in this area and which is doing so much good work.

Dick



KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Autumn colours coach and train trip
to Llangollen and Corwen
Saturday 21st October leave 7.30 am**

details from D W Phillips 230683 to book now



Macmillan Coffee Morning at Walton village hall

on Friday 29th September 10 am
(If you wish to help or make a contribution
please show up a little early)
All welcome



October Crossword

Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (2)

14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)

25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)

2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)

5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)

6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)

7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)

8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)

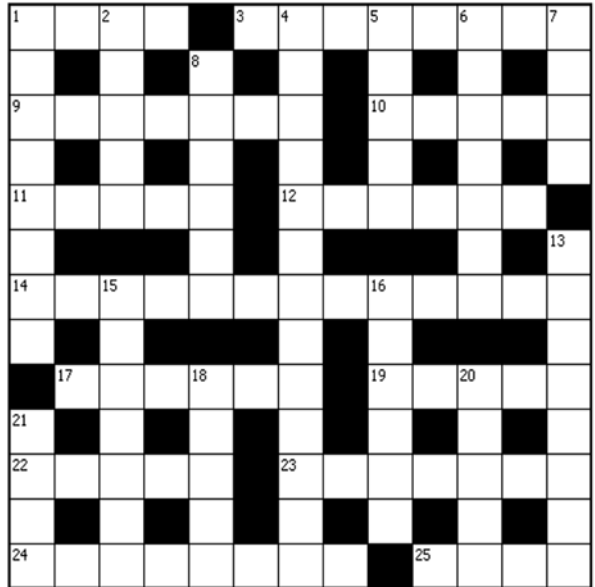
15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)

16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)

20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)



Answers to September Crossword ACROSS 1 Access, 4 Blinds, 8 Rhyme, 9 Loyalty, 10 Antwerp, 11 Aenon, 12 Loftiness, 17 Satan, 19 Obadiah, 21 On earth, 22 Storm, 23 Exhale, 24 Depths DOWN 1 Adrian, 2 Crystal, 3 Siege, 5 Lay bare, 6 Nylon, 7 Saying, 9 Lappidoth, 13 Funeral, 14 Spit out, 15 Ashore, 16 Thomas, 18 Teeth, 20 Aisle

Not a Proper Gardener (Part 35)

I've delved before into this book by Dave Goulson entitled "The Garden Jungle" which, incidentally, describes ours quite well, especially at this time of the year. But



now I quote from the very beginning of the first chapter. What a way to begin a gardening book, or an article like this, for that matter! It starts with a list of ingredients, and then...

To make mulberry muffins

- 1 Grow a mulberry tree. It may take ten years or more to fruit, since they are s l o w - growing trees. If you are in a hurry, buy a house with an established tree in the garden.*
- 2. Preheat oven.....Etc.etc.*

And he ends up: *These are absolutely delicious, gooey, moist muffins. Definitely worth the ten-year wait.*

Well, we've tried that recipe only once (too sweet for us), but we are so glad that we had our tree repaired last year, for we've enjoyed a good crop in spite of the drizzle which means they have to be used without delay. And harvesting them is very labour intensive, probably why you don't often see them in the shops: Emma has spent much time gathering them, wearing armour for protection from the staining juice and stinging bugs; and we've enjoyed eating them as well as bottling them for future treats. I wonder whether there are any other mulberry trees locally? I suspect they are not very common. There's one, I know, in the Cathedral Close.

In our garden we have a number of other unusual fruits, some of which I've mentioned before. This year the wineberries have been doing well, ancient forerunners of raspberries, small, red and tasty as a dessert. Boysenberries, a cross between blackberries, raspberries and loganberries, very productive and thorn-less, have done really well, and huckleberries, self-sown like weeds for the 23rd year running, (easily confused with poisonous deadly nightshades) are producing enough fruit for a tasty huckleberry tart. We also have Kentish cob nuts from trees already here when we came, and fortunately only one year in autumn discovered by a squirrel, which made a good job of planting them all over the place. So far they're safe this year. And we've picked lots of loganberries from their trellis, perhaps not as widely grown, these, as they deserve to be. We also have a fig tree, quince tree and a medlar. These last you eat bletted (going soft). Maureen and I used to enjoy a couple with a bit of cheese and a glass of port wine on Sunday evenings. And of course there's our vine which last year produced about three gallons of Mayfield Organic Plonk, definitely très ordinaire; but OK for cooking. Perhaps we'll do better this year if the birds don't get there first.

Altogether this has been an odd year in the garden. I suspect the lack of rain in February lowered the water table which, coupled with under average rainfall (in our area at least)

and the June heatwave, confused some trees in particular; while the largely frost-free winter affected the blackcurrant crops (Did you hear our local Jo Hilditch on Farming Today expressing her concern about the fact that her plantations, seven varieties meant to provide a succession, had all come at once and were less productive than usual because they had had only three instead of the five weeks cold weather they need for vernalisation – due to climate change? Probably we suspect. On the other hand, no late frost meant our plum and damson trees have fruited really well, so that the dearth of wasps I've previously recorded has suddenly been reversed; they've arrived thick and fast from far and wide, so that picking plums has to be done early, before the little beggars get out of bed.

Generally our garden harvest has come earlier than usual, everything at once, perhaps because we stupidly cancelled August the silly month? Or maybe the plants know something we don't! Our mini cucumbers, for instance, and our Golden Sunrise tomatoes finished early. But I must commend to you our hanging basket tomatoes, well worth growing even if you have room for only one basket. They ripened before those in the greenhouse and have been so prolific - eaten, bottled, frozen.

Well, I could ramble on and on, but enough is probably more than enough, so there you are for this month. Field mushrooms on toast for tea, gathered from Heywood Common by Giles and myself on one of our walks? Perhaps when this horrible heatwave is over.

Happy gardening,

Denis

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October News from Hergest Croft Gardens

Autumn Plant Fair builds momentum

The annual Hergest Croft Gardens Autumn Plant Fair on Sunday 15th October has already attracted record numbers of exhibitors this year with visitor numbers also expected to exceed expectations.

This year, the organisers have sought additional commitment from artisan food and craft producers in an effort to widen the overall visitor experience on the day. Whilst the core event will still very much remain as a Plant Fair, focusing on specialist nurseries and suppliers of rare trees, plants and shrubs, it will also bring a fresh and broader element to the fair.

“The Hergest Croft Gardens Autumn Plant Fair has been one of the most eagerly anticipated and well attended events in the County for several years” said Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR. *“This year will be no exception and we are all hoping and praying for decent weather. We have over 40 exhibitors with additional catering from the Cider Barn, Pembridge, Moon and Back Coffee Baristas and of course our wonderful Maples Tearooms.”* he said.

Regular plant Exhibitors such as Shady Plants, Hillview Hardy Plants, Lovegroves and Chris Cooke Plants to name but a few will also be joined by Bellota & Bellota (Italian Charcuterie and Cheese), Andrew King Chocolates, Furnace Wines, Wye Wicks and many more. Entry into the fair and gardens will be £8 per person, full details are available on the website www.hergest.co.uk or by telephoning the estate office on 01544 230160



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Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A), £5

Starring: Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton and Monika Gossmann. A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60s named Harold one day learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, only to keep going for 450 miles until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen.



Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm: Belle (12A), £5

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Gardening helps your health – in spadefuls!

As you put your garden to bed for the winter, and perhaps rake endless leaves, there is at least one very positive advantage in all that work: you are doing your health a lot of good. Research has found that only two and a half hours of gardening a week can improve fitness levels and also reduce the risk of heart disease, the risk of type 2 diabetes, lower blood pressure, improve mental alertness, and encourage your children to get more active.

One expert says: "Gardening is a fantastic way to exercise. By digging and weeding, every part of the body gets a workout." Certainly raking leaves is great for toning your upper arms....

Parish Pump

Kington WI

This month we were treated to a guided tour of Hergest Croft gardens. Mrs Banks kindly agreed to take us on a visual walk through the beautiful grounds that make up her garden. Our eyes feasted on spring flowers, azeleas and unusual trees. We are truly lucky to have such a treasure on our doorstep.

Thanks to Irene and Jenny for the refreshments.

Our next meeting will feature a talk on preventing phone and computer scams. West Mercia Police will help us through the cyber maze!

Janet Forrest

More Motoring Memories from 1983

Having decided in 1983 to get onto the property ladder, we were looking forward to possible retirement in 2008. Out went our modern transport, and we were back to real motoring again.

In 1984 I purchased a 1977 Ford Cortina 1.3 for the sum of £650. Our first outing to Sussex was something of a miracle. We spent the whole journey with the choke full extended. A quick call was made to my brother-in-law (an excellent mechanic), who suggested cleaning out the carburettor bowl. Following his instructions, we found a heap of fine rust in the bowl. Checking the records, an MOT in 1985 cost £9.

History repeated itself on a trip to Old Sodbury. As we travelled along the A4 on our return journey we left a trail of thick black smoke billowing from the exhaust pipe, and leaving behind a dark cloud that obliterated the view from the rear view mirror. We limped home with a light touch on the throttle. We discovered that the cause was a neat hole in the top of No 3 piston. We sold the car at a loss to our friendly garage in Kingsclere.

Our next purchase was a red mini estate for £350. This provided reliable transport for nearly two years without problems. Always on the lookout for different vehicles, I purchased a Wolseley Hornet, a posh version of the mini. It was very comfortable, but it didn't go down well with the younger members of the family. When it was described as a 'lovely Noddy car' it had to go, so we then purchased a Volkswagen Passat Estate. The records show that I kept at the time do not indicate the year of this particular model. It cost £1700 + £272.56 on replacement parts. By 1987 an MOT cost £12. This vehicle was part-exchanged for a Ford Escort 1.1 Estate. My log book contains one comment 'orrible!!'

In 1987 we moved to Wonston, some eight miles from Winchester, where our adventures with cars continued, entering the era of Morris Minors Galore.

Tony Jardine

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All Hallows Eve 31 October

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

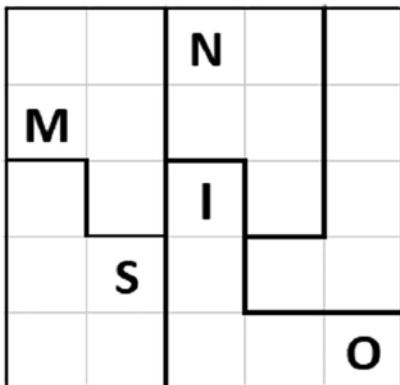
Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Parish Pump



Simon's Square

Fit the letters S, I, M, O or N into the grid in such a way that each horizontal row, each vertical column and each of the heavily outlined sections of five squares contains a different letter.

Some letters are already in place.

Good luck.

News From the Museum

Museum Opening Times 10am - 4pm. Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

The Police in Kington

In 1831 the Improvement Commissioners advertised for a watchman to prevent fires, murders, burglaries, and robberies. Mr. Miles Scull was appointed as a Special Constable on 25th November, sworn in by John Bisell, Thomas Hastings, Edmund Cheese, solicitors.

In January 1841 at Hereford County Sessions, the Clerk of the Peace read a notice he had received stating "it was the intention of Rev, Maddock and five local Magistrates to apply to the Court for the Appointment of Constables for the District. It was not mandatory for a Police force across the County at this time. All



appointments must be sanctioned by the Secretary of State. The Police rate was to be levied upon all property liable to the county rate. The Police rate was separate from the county rate. The words "shall be lawful" were compulsory in point of law.

The Police Station built in stone in 1841 was situated in Market Hall Street, alongside the Police Court. 1841 Robert Langdon was appointed Superintendent of Police at £75 per annum along with one Sergeant, 20 shillings a week and three Constables, 15 shillings a week. All uniforms and accruements are to be provided. A whistle truncheon and handcuffs perhaps! 1847 Kington County Court was opened with J.M. Herbert as Judge. The population of Kington was 3,130 at this time. Constable James Elcox of Bridge Street, was a also a rope maker and spinner, whilst Constable Edward Stocker of Mill Street was the Town Crier.

By 1850 The Police was disbanded as it was too expensive to fund and so reverted back to the Parish Constables. The County Court was still held in Kington on the first Monday of every month with Mr John Maurice Herbert Esq, as Judge: Thomas Watkin Maddy Esq as Clerk: Benjamin Bodenham Esq as Assistant clerk, with Mr. James Pugh as High Bailiff. The Petty sessions were held every alternate Friday for minor crimes committed. The Superintendent was Mr. Thomas Lawley.

A parliamentary Act was passed in 1857 which made it compulsory to have a Police force. The round house gaol was demolished to accommodate the new Police Station alongside the court House.

Throughout the 1870s Sergeant Daniel Harwood as Superintendent Police for the Kington Division with four constables, was from Weobley.

In 1879, the Magistrates Court had 96 cases of drunkenness, but only 6 cases of serious crime compared to 1949 where crime had increased in Kington with 97 serious cases and only four of drunkenness. The population by 1891 had decreased to 2,668.

Edwardian Policing 1901-1911

The Kington Police District came under the police Superintendent at Weobley. The local force comprised of a sergeant and two constables, although as late as 1906, parish constables were appointed by Kington Petty Sessions. Examination of the newspapers 1901/11 shows that there was little crime for the police and justices to deal with. The justices for the Kington Petty Sessional Division met every alternate Thursday at 11am. No cases are worthy of note apart from perhaps one which held the future in mind, although not known at the time. It was the case of a motorist whose car killed a dog on the road at Lyonshall. This case, where the driver was fined a nominal amount, was one of the first driving offences dealt with by the Kington Justices. A sign perhaps for the day when motoring offences were to number more than just this one case dealt with in the whole month of October 1907.

1913 The Superintendent was Albert Weaver who resides at Weobley.

1914 The Superintendent of Police for Kington division was Sergeant Thomas Baugh (in charge) with two constables. It appears Kington was not under Weobley, as the Divisions expanded and as the population increased, there was a need for more constables in the county. This was even more important as war was upon us. The expansion was led by the local recruiting Sergeant who became a lieutenant in the army.

1926 Sergeant David Thomas was in charge, with two constables.

Coming to more modern times, who remembers Ken Campbell, John Moss, Bill Button, Bill Rowlett, Paul Kirkham, Dick Alford to name a few? What stories can you tell? Nowadays one is lucky to see Policemen never mind know their name!

Wendy Jones

From a Kington Kitchen - Recipe for October Treacle Toffee

SERVINGS 12 people

Ingredients

- 300 gr softened butter salted
- 200 gr black treacle
- 425 gr dark muscovado sugar
- 397 gr can of condensed milk

Instructions

1. Melt all the ingredients in a large pan stirring only occasionally. If you stir too much the result will be a rainy treacle toffee.
2. Once the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth, turn up the heat to high and boil to 130 degC stirring continuously so that the mixture does not burn or stick to the bottom of the pan.
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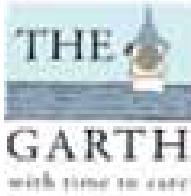
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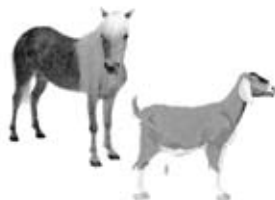
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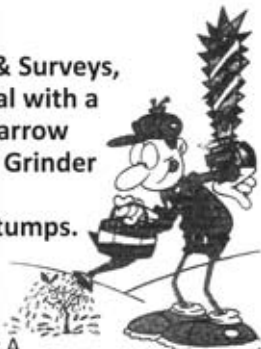
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Wed 4 October		Start of Titley's week in the Community shop
Thu 5 October	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley Village Hall
Tue 10 October	4.30 6.30pm	Open Event at Kington Primary School
Sun 15 October	10 - 4.30pm	Autumn Fair at Hergest Croft Gardens Cut-off date for November Parish news
Wed 18 October	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Huntington Village Hall
Sat 21 October	7.30am 9.30 - 3.30pm 7.30pm	Horticultural Society trip tp Llangollen Art & Craft market at the Market Hall, Kington Quiz Night at Huntington Village Hall
Wed 25 October	3.30 - 5pm	Lego Club at St Mary's church
Sun 29 October		Clocks go back one hour
Wed 1 November	3.45 - 5.30pm	Messy Church at St Mary's church
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