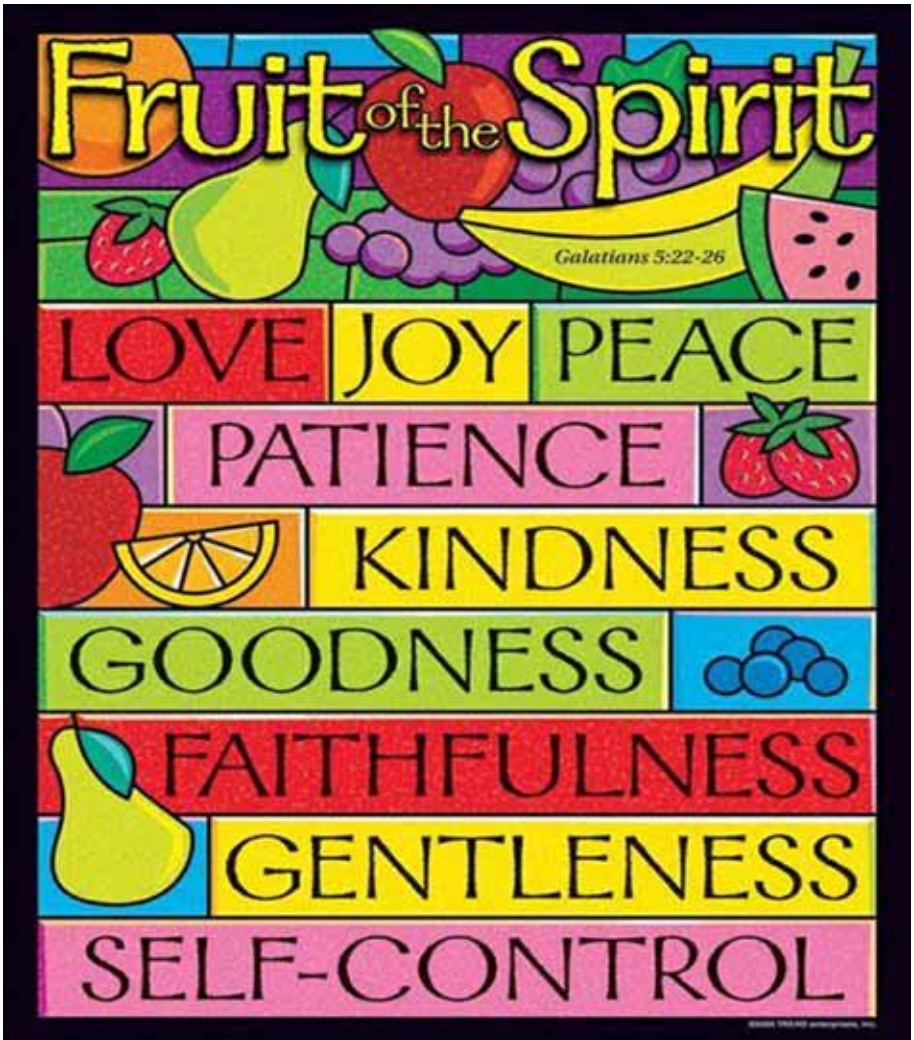


Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

May 2023



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Mon-Fri	0645	0720	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1540	1710
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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 Archdeacon of Hereford

I remember this time last year we were about to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the sense of excitement and joy at marking 70 years of her reign. Probably none of us could have imagined how quickly the national celebration was to be turned to national mourning as we marked her funeral so shortly afterwards. I was struck in the midst of a period of mourning we suddenly had a day of proclamation as King Charles was proclaimed as the new monarch and a new King took the throne. This month we will have the Coronation and very publicly, King Charles III will be crowned in Westminster Abbey with great pomp and ceremony. As a nation we seem to excel at these public state occasions and the Church of England and faith are at the heart of them. They are moments of national pride and celebration and this will be no different as we come together to mark the occasion.



As Christians it is right and proper that we should pay respect to those who rule over us but we should also remember that we belong to another Kingdom and our ultimate allegiance is to another King. In Jesus' trial before Pilate we see this tension between the kingdoms of our world and the Kingdom of God come into stark contrast. Jesus is specifically asked whether he is a King.

"So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:33-38

Jesus made the point to Pilate that his is not an earthly political kingdom but instead he is the King over and above all earthly realms and kingdoms. In our modern political world we do not any longer believe in the divine right of kings to rule over us but as people of faith we recognise that we follow an eternal King who will one day return to rule over our whole world. The writers of the New Testament recognised this and Paul in particular in his letters reminds us that as people of faith we are ambassadors of Jesus' Kingdom. Ambassadors are not citizens of the country they live in but representatives of another Kingdom. Our churches are in that sense embassies of the Kingdom of Heaven and we are its diplomats, pointing others to our kingdom and its values. Peter writing to the early church tells us that we are strangers and foreigners in this world because we have become citizens of another country. I particularly like how the Message puts this:

"Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves at too comfortable in it. Don't indulge yourself at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life in your neighbourhood so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they will be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when Jesus arrives." 1 Peter 2:11-12

As Christians we are called to a life of service and this will be mirrored in the Coronation, as the King will not only promise to rule his earthly nation but submit himself to the values of God's Kingdom. We too are called to joyfully serve our communities and one another. My prayer is that through the words of the Coronation service we might all be reminded to commit ourselves in Christian service to Jesus and to each another. We are reminded too that at Jesus name every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Him as lord.

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
Philippians 2:9-11

As we celebrate the Coronation in our communities we pray.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip Charles our King and all your people with the gifts to fulfil our calling, that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Derek Chedzey



Hereford Cathedral Comes to Kington

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

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

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

Watch out for more details and ticket availability soon!

*Mike Kneen,
Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley*

Views in a Vacancy

To be a pilgrim

Dear Readers,

Kington is a "Centre for Walking" hence our two annual walking festivals (see page 22 of the April Parish News). These, of course, are not overtly religious, but nevertheless the wonder experienced by viewing the beauty of the landscape is akin to worship, good not only for the body, but for the mind and spirit too. But I recall how when we first moved here we joined the Ramblers:- good walks, but we never saw a thing because we spent all the time chatting to each other. So when Rob and I led a walk in the September Festival a few years ago, we turned it into a pilgrimage to the Celestial City of Huntington.

We set off from St Mary's after the Sunday Service and, along the way, enjoyed readings and poems appropriate to the places we went through. Our first stop was the kissing gate opening onto the footpath bordered by the ha- ha. For this I provided a little verse called "Crooked":



This kissing gate was once a crooked stile
where couples each might steal a lover's kiss,
sealed with a crooked sixpence which, erstwhile,
betokened constancy and promised bliss.

No lovers here, but in all friendliness,
we're set to walk a crooked mile or so,
our scallop shell, a talisman to bless
the narrow way, by which we mean to go.

Broad roads we shun, their diesel fumes we hate
which poison crooked folk who that way choose,
while here, as we go though this crooked gate,
pure air intoxicates, and O, the views!
while crooked sixpence, shell and crooked stile
evoke, as talisman, a crooked smile.

And so, on we went, pausing likewise in the arboretum, the overflowing pool in Park Wood (lunch break in this sylvan cathedral) a footbridge where Jacob wrestled with God, River of prayer, and pumping station, Mahollam School, Castle Twts (meeting place for two ancient pilgrim routes) Bunyan's "Delectable Mountains" in the distance; all these to mention but a few, arriving at last to be welcomed, like Bunyan's Mr Valiant for Truth, to a Messianic banquet, kindly provided for us in the Celestial City of Huntington.

Well, so much for one particular walk. And so many of the walks planned for the festivals are full of interesting things like these to see and experience. And so all our walks

might prove to be if we would but allow it. The 17th century priest/poet Thomas Traherne, sometime vicar of Credenhill, put it like this: *“To walk is by a Thought to go; To move in Spirit to and fro; To mind the good we see. To taste the Sweet; Observing all the things we meet How choice and rich they be. To note the Beauty of the Day and golden Fields of Corn survey; Admire the pretty Flow'rs With their sweet Smell; To prais their Maker, and to tell The Marks of His Great Pow'rs...”*

So far as the church goes, of course there are some special walks to be kept: the Rogation days (14th -17th this month) when we (virtually!) beat the parish bounds, or nowadays, if we are able, actually to walk out into the countryside to ask God's blessing on the crops. Then there's the Good Friday Walk of Witness (sadly cancelled this year) when we process with the cross through the shopping centre; or an Emmaus Walk at Easter when we may go singly or in pairs to a church about 7 miles away, joined, if we will, by our risen Lord. As T.S. Eliot wrote in Part Five of “The Wasteland” *“Who is the third who walks always beside you? When I count there are only you and I together. But when I look ahead up the white road, There is always another one walking beside you.....”*

Finally, let's remember that walking, so long as you are able, is good for you. Even during lockdown we were encouraged to take a short walk each day, and I'm always happy to see the little gaggle of folk being kindly escorted past our house on Thursday mornings – good for body, mind and spirit. And I must draw your attention to “Oak Hunt” written by a young person who obviously enjoys walking with a purpose: Kiril's winning entry to the creative writing competition recently held in Lady Hawkins School starts on Page 22 following an introduction by Allan Lloyd who kindly judged the entries.

So, happy walking!

Denis

Hereford Cathedral at Night

This year, on Saturday 13 May, many Church of England cathedrals will open their doors after hours and welcome in people of all ages to experience and explore their beautiful buildings and to enjoy a taste of cathedral life.



Come along and discover what Hereford Cathedral has to offer on Saturday 13 May any time between 7pm - 9pm. Hereford's Cathedrals at Night will include:

- * Visit the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library, which will have free entry for one night only!
- * Enjoy a special evening tour led by our experienced Cathedral Guides.
- * Hear the famous Father Willis organ in action at 8.30pm, performed by Assistant Director of Music, Peter Dyke!
- * Big Lego build - help us build a huge cathedral out of Lego.
- * Meet the Library and Archives team and try your skills with our Adana Printing Press, with a print to take home.
- * Our cafe and shop will be open late for the evening, serving hot drinks and tasty treats, and selling a range of gift items

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

Meetings and events seem to be the key to April and May.

Kington Court welcomed us warmly to a service there on Good Friday and it was good to join with many of their residents



On Easter Saturday we hosted the April Messy Church, it was a busy three hours but good to have so many families attending, and fun was had by all.

We welcomed many visitors to our Easter Sunday Eucharist and thank the Rev. Neil Patterson for leading our Easter services. As usual Gill, Lesley and their team of flower arrangers gave the usual fine display of flowers and we thank them for that. Equally we thank John Clayton and a team of bellringers for the sound of the bells which welcomed us on Easter Day.

We look forward to the Group Service at Titley on April 30th.

On May 1st we shall be running our Book and Bric a Brac stall at the Hergest Croft Plant Fair. A reminder that if you have any contributions for this we shall be in the Parish House on Saturday, April 29th from 10am to 1pm to receive items and sort

A very important meeting is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 10th IN TITLEY VILLAGE HALL FROM 9.30am TO 12.30pm**. It will be led by the Rev. Preb. Michael Melliush and is entitled **"A Community Consultation, a consultation about the appointment of a new Vicar for the Benefice"** This is an open meeting for anyone interested in the appointment of a new Vicar to come together to discuss the qualities we should like to see in a new incumbent, and the information we need to express in a Statement of Needs to encourage anyone interested to have knowledge of the area and post to apply for the position. Please make a note of this date and we hope that it will lead to helpful, relevant discussions as we look to the future in our search for a new incumbent

Early in May we shall be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and on Sunday, May 7th there will be a Civic Service in St. Mary's at 11a.m. to which all are welcome.

On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 18th we shall have our annual Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast in St. Mary's. The service starts at 8.30am.

Churches Together in Kington will be hosting a Pentecost Service at the Baptist Church at 4pm on Sunday, May 25th and all are welcome to join together for this occasion.

We hope that we can look forward to your support. *Ann Edwards and Rodney Bowdler*

Easy Sudoku

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	9			8	6			1

Intermediate Sudoku

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	7		2			5		6
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MESSY CHURCH

Come and
join us for:



at

St Mary's Church, Kington

Wednesday 10th May

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Theme: *Growing in Love*

**Activities, Stories, Songs
Music, Games
and a meal together**

All are welcome

St Mary's LEGO CLUB

**Wednesday
17th May**

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.**

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 30th April: Easter 4

Acts2: 42-end, Psalm23, 1Peter2:19-end, John10:1-10

10:00am	Group Eucharist	Titley
4.00pm:	Lambing Service	Old Radnor

Sunday 7th May: Easter 5

Acts7:55-end, Psalm31: 1-5,15-16, 1Peter2:2-10, John14:1-14(not Kington)

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
11.00am:	Civic Service:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Junior Praise:	Old Radnor

Sunday 14th May: Easter 6

Acts17:22-31, Psalm66: 7-end, 1Peter3:13-end, John14: 15-21.

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



Thursday 18th May: Ascension Day

Daniel7:9-14, Psalm47, Acts1:1-11, Luke24: 44-end

8:30am	Holy Eucharist and Parish Breakfast,	Kington
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Sunday, 21st May: Easter 7

Acts1:6-14, Psalm68:1-10,32-end, 1Peter4:12-14,5:6-11, John17:1-11

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

Sunday, 28th May: Pentecost

Acts2:1-21, Psalm104:26-36, 37b, 1Corinthians12:3b-13, John20:19-23

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

All services at Kington are live streamed.

On Hergest Ridge ...

On Maundy Thursday morning, 6th of April, an intrepid bunch of folk from around Kington and the wider Kington and Weobley Deanery joined Bishop Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford, on Hergest Ridge by the Monkey Puzzle Trees. It was a superb place to be on that Thursday morning as together with +Richard we celebrated The Eucharist (Holy Communion). We prayed for and gave thanks for the Deanery, its people,



+Richard, Bishop of Hereford celebrates The Eucharist on Hergest Ridge

its land and all the business and work that takes place within it. We also remembered the wider world and its needs. To make Eucharist means to give thanks (Eucharist comes from the New Testament Greek for “Thanksgiving”). Hergest ridge was a fantastic place to do exactly that!

Wales was shrouded in mist, but we had good sight of almost all of the Kington and Weobley Deanery on the English side. During the service, with a certain amount of drizzle at first, the cloud and mist blew away so we were finally left in Sunshine with all of the Deanery in view against the background of the surrounding hills. A rainbow appeared as we received the bread and wine which seemed very appropriate. We were accompanied by four well behaved dogs, and at the top of the hill the resident ponies gathered round and took a keen interest!

Bishop Richard is climbing to twelve “High Places” around the Diocese of Hereford and celebrating the Eucharist (Holy Communion) on each of them along with local people. This is all part of the Year of Prayer the Diocese of Hereford is observing in 2023. The Diocese covers Herefordshire, South Shropshire and a few of the border parishes in Wales – Old Radnor and Kinnerton amongst them.

Mrs Elizabeth Banks told us the story of the Hergest Monkey Puzzle trees and how they had been brought over from hill tops in Chile as trees potentially able to resist the wind – which they certainly do at Hergest. Although thought to be of limited value to wildlife, she showed us how the local ponies eat the younger shoots at the ends of the lower branches! They certainly form a spectacular feature. There is an Ecclesiastical link too, in so far that the famous Guardian Crossword Compiler “Auricaria,” the proper latin name for the Monkey Puzzle, was himself a Church of England Clergyman!

Mike Kneen, Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley

Kington Art and Craft Market

Firstly, thank you to all those who visited the Art and Craft Market on Sat 15th April.

Our next market will be on Sat 20th May. 9.30am – 3.30pm, at the Market Hall, Kington. Kington Art & Craft Market offers a wide variety of unique items from different local Artists and Crafters. We have something for everyone. Our stalls offer sewn, crochet & knitted items; papercraft and cards; hand & foot balms; pottery, basketry and wood turning; stone painting and engraving; felted items, ironmongery, jewellery and decoupage along with our different artists; honey products and much more. So please put the date in your diary, pop along to see us and support local artists and crafters in their work.

We look forward to seeing you on 20th May.

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

Kington WI

A lovely talk by Frances Weeks on the work of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

Welcome to Janice Tidy a new member!

We shall be going to Mortimers Cross for a Coronation Tea on 10th May - red , white and blue to the fore!! New members always welcome!

Janet Forrest

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IT TAKES A WHOLE COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD

Kington Community Lunch



**12.30pm
Wednesday
17th May**

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

Contact 230683

Reader Writes

Here is the only funny thing I have seen so far on a thorny and painful subject. A gay couple in wedding garb stand outside the Archbishop of Canterbury's front door. One of them, finger poised on buzzer, says "Right, we're agreed, I press the buzzer, then when the Archbishop opens the door, you sneeze loudly, he then says 'Bless you', and we say 'Amen'; job done!" Rumbling away with gathering storm clouds is the debate within the Anglican Communion whether same-sex partnerships should be included in the Church's teaching and practice of marriage. This was debated hotly at Synod earlier this year, and a decisive step towards this will be voted on later in the summer. Some claim, especially in the global south, that changing the orthodox Christian teaching and practice regarding sexuality would alienate some 75% of the world-wide Anglican Communion.

We all have gay friends and members of our families, so lay people and secular society in general are usually utterly mystified by the objections that the Church raises. Why on earth wouldn't the Church want to bless and spiritually support same-sex relationships in the same way that it provides for traditional marriage of a man and a woman? At the very foundation of the Christian's relationship with God is the confidence and certainty that we are known and loved by God as individuals, including our sexuality. That 'expressive individualism' seems to cry out for acceptance of the widest range of committed sexual partnerships.

Jesus found himself in fierce conflict with the Jewish authorities as soon as he began his public ministry. He was both radically inclusive and he was radically conservative on the Jewish scriptural norm of marriage. He praised a woman, known to have a sinful reputation, when she wept over his feet, and pouring a jar of precious ointment over them, wiped them with her hair. When another woman was brought to him having been caught in adultery, he neither humiliated her nor condemned her. And again a Samaritan woman with a shameful reputation was astonished when Jesus asked her for water. Christian teaching is both these things; radically inclusive but also radically consistent on the norms of heterosexual marriage.

So where does the individual Christian stand on the blessing of same-sex partnerships? Many, perhaps most of us, might expect teaching to evolve in response to society's own development. At the same time, however, a traditional understanding of scripture says that marriage was given by God for the union of a man and a woman, and is not extended in the same way to same-sex partnerships. Living in accord with scripture's teaching and in the light of the Church's tradition, borne out of historical practice, ensures that the Church (ie believers) continues to walk in God's will and purpose.

Christians will want to support gay people, and share their pain, when their longings and commitment to each other are constrained by what the Church legally allows. We pray for long-term committed relationships pastorally, whether they are within the Church or outside, whether they are heterosexual or same-sex. This is not the same as changing the Church's practice by formally blessing same-sex unions. Christians must listen and hear, both in terms of care and by taking seriously established orthodoxy.

Robert MacCurrach

More Motoring Memories 1955-1959

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

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

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

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

The Morris suffered from fuel starvation that I learned later was caused by a small pin hole in the fuel pipeline. Once started all was well, and I only used the car on local journeys. However, on one occasion the car would not start, so I enlisted the aid of my brother in trying to bump start. After about half a mile of pushing we decided on a different course of action. My brother went home and came back on his motor bike, riding on ahead and then coming back on foot. It was then my turn to push. Some two miles later (we never gave up in those days) the engine started, and we were able to turn round in a farmyard. As we approached his motor bike, we slid along the bench seat, and I took over the controls. Then without thinking, he said, "I think I will leave you now", as he slid off the back of the car. In the rear-view mirror, I saw my brother running at speed, with his legs whirling like a Styx cartoon. He collapsed in a heap, fortunately without harm or injury.



At the end of the Suez Crisis, when things had returned to normal, I swapped the Morris for a New Hudson Auto-cycle. My next adventure involved a 1934 BSA V-twin three-wheeler.

I found the following tribute to Mirabelle, the red Austin Ruby, in the Bernard Gilpin Society Durham in the end of year magazine for 1964.

“Dear Mirabelle, now at rest was an Austin Ruby. For the uninitiated, the pre-war Austin Seven were the finest cars on the roads.

Five stout-hearted Gilps formed a syndicate and ran her successfully for two terms, Robin Martin kingly painted the Society crest on her two doors. This attracted a great deal of attention from the arm of the law.

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

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

This article brought back many fond memories.

Tony Jardine

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

New, Nearly New and Vintage Clothes sale at Huntington Court

St Thomas à Becket held a new, nearly new and vintage clothes sale, courtesy of Fiona & Will Shone, at Huntington Court on the 27th and 28th March. Fiona said we had a lovely collection of very good quality ladies clothes, which had been donated.

Customers were greeted with coffee and a slice of lemon drizzle cake (kindly donated by Mrs Vivienne Richards). Everyone was invited to look through the racks of clothes and try on garments. Ladies came in groups of two or three and there was quite a party atmosphere throughout the day. Those who couldn't find anything they liked were most generous in their purchase of jams, marmalade and chutney from the Church Jam Stand.

At the end of the two-day event an amazing amount of £702.00 was raised for St Thomas à Becket. Thank you so much to everyone who attended we are truly very grateful.



St Thomas à Becket PCC

What's flowering at Hergest Croft in May

There are some stunning images of Park Wood which lies just under half a mile from Hergest Croft Gardens and within the estate.

This secluded and sometimes overlooked little valley is hidden deep within an ancient oak wood and contains over 30 acres of giant hybrid and species of rhododendrons and exotic trees. These create a wonderful Himalayan



scene that will surprise and amaze you. Come and visit soon, bring the dog (on a lead), bring the children (without a lead!) and enjoy!



Austyn Hallworth



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 - Gardens
- Plants for sale
- Tea and cakes

**Choral Evensong at 18.00 in
Eardisley church**

**In aid of Hereford Choral Society
Entry £5. Children under 12 free, No dogs**

My favourite walk out of Kington starts right in the centre of town and can either be a long meandering walk or a couple of hours vigorous workout depending on my mood. It takes in woodland, heathland, ancient history and gorgeous views in all directions.

I head out of town along Mill Street and through the recreation ground to the kissing gate at the other side. I then follow the Herefordshire Trail along the line of oak trees and through a second kissing gate where I turn right. The sheep in this field are canny and know exactly how to negotiate a kissing gate. They also like to hang around near the top gate for a chat so I go through both gates quickly making sure the sheep stay in the field.

At the road, a quick right and then left brings me onto Cutterbach Lane. I follow this quiet road uphill between the hedgerows and across the cattle grid. (there is the option of a gate to the side if you wish to avoid the possibility of a twisted ankle). Once in Park Wood I take the path to the right at the finger post and walk up the hill to the gate at the top of Upper Park Wood. During the summer, my annual membership of Hergest Croft Gardens means that I can meander back and forth using the side paths, taking my time to get to the top where I exit through through the gate. Walking straight ahead to the right of the hedge, I turn right at the next gate and follow the track to a gate with a permissive footpath sign on it. The farmer very kindly lets walkers use this route through the fields to the gate that opens on to the open access land of Hergest Ridge. At this point the world is my oyster.

I usually turn immediately left and wander vaguely up hill until the Monkey Puzzle trees come into view above the horizon. In early spring, if I am very lucky, I might see flocks of golden plover as well as buzzards, red kites and skylarks. After a rest on one of the benches, I can decide whether to head straight back down the Offa's Dyke path or continue to wander further afield toward Gladestry, Hanter Hill or head back down to Lower Hergest paying a visit to Castle Twts.

This is one of Kington's 6 Great Walks which will feature on our new programme of free monthly walks starting this spring. Watch out for more information or follow us on Facebook.

All the work carried out by Kington Walks is done so by enthusiastic volunteers from Kington and the surrounding area. They all enjoy a love of the outdoors and walking. We are always looking for volunteers to join us. If you fancy being a part of Kington Walks please contact us or take a look at our website: www.kingtonwalks.org, info@kingtonwalks.org, 07708 668316



ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Flowers.

Jill.

Readers 7th May
21st May

David
Judith.



Best Wishes.

We send our best wishes to Win Dowdeswell who has recently had a new knee. Sadly after the operation she had a very nasty infection which made her quite unwell. Thankfully she is now slowly on the mend and we hope to see her around the village again very shortly.

Easter Services.

Firstly many thanks to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter.

We were only a small band of children for the Easter Egg Hunt but everyone enjoyed themselves and we built a lovely Easter Garden which looks lovely at the foot of the altar. A big thank you to Tony for taking the services.

Village Hall AGM.

Thanks are extended to Malcolm and Vonnie Smeaton for their work as Booking Secretary and Treasurer for the last few years. Both stood down at the AGM. The new office holders are:

Chairman	John Sankey
Secretary	Judith Jones
Treasurer	Stuart Rushton

Booking Secretary Amelda George. Any enquiries for bookings please ring 07584 420 288.



Dick

KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

next meeting

THURS 18th May

7.30pm

**“Container Growing
- Ornamental and Edible Plantings”**
with Andrew Pedrick

at the Masonic Hall Headbrook

All Welcome



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 30)

Easter Sunday, and my Lenten abstinence from alcohol now over, I am able to wash down dinnertime Easter Bunny with a sample glass of our '22 Mayfield Organic Plonk (followed by a '22 Christmas/Easter pudding.) Verdict on the plonk?

More rosé than red, drinkably interesting but rather bland. Then after choral evensong, back into the garden for one or two light jobs.

And it's certainly a busy time now, so much life breaking forth as spring arrives in earnest. October's apples are keeping fairly well and providing Giles with sustenance on our walks (on each of which he gets through at least four small good ones) others a bit spotty now, but delicious when peeled; early potatoes poking up in the three bags I planted, seed tapes all sown; purple flowered mangetout peas (Carouby de Maussane) which I planted in bits of guttering, soon to be slid out into place; broad beans in the greenhouse heavily in flower while the Shirley tomato plants which replace them are growing well on my study window-sill. Window-sill leeks are now in rows in the garden, while window-sill cosmos and sweet peas are ready as soon as serious frost is unlikely.

We've harvested the last of the huge parsnips and sown a tape for next year, and we've enjoyed several pickings of purple sprouts and kale. There are Golden Acre cabbages germinating and, in the electric propagator, courgettes and more tomatoes. There's also a row of rather dejected looking cauliflowers which seem not to realise that Lent is over and that Easter means it's time to perk up.

So far as the garden in general is concerned following the driest February and the wettest March, it's doing OK. I've at last got round to cutting the grass, Emma and Giles have finished tying up all the fruit canes and vines ready for the season. The gooseberries are forming and there's abundant blossom. I'm hoping that this year we don't lose the damsons and so many of the plums by a late frost. These tend to flower too early really.

The daffodils and primroses are still magnificent, and I love the camellias, the pink and the red, now fully in flower.

We work as a team in the garden. As well as helping me whenever two are better than one, Emma is particularly good at keeping us in salads and herbs, caring for the birds and probably for a shy hedgehog or two, for the calci worms disappear overnight. And she is good at enlisting the help of Giles in all sorts of jobs. One of his sayings is, "It's good to get out of the house!"

Denis Parry.

Kington Bowling Club

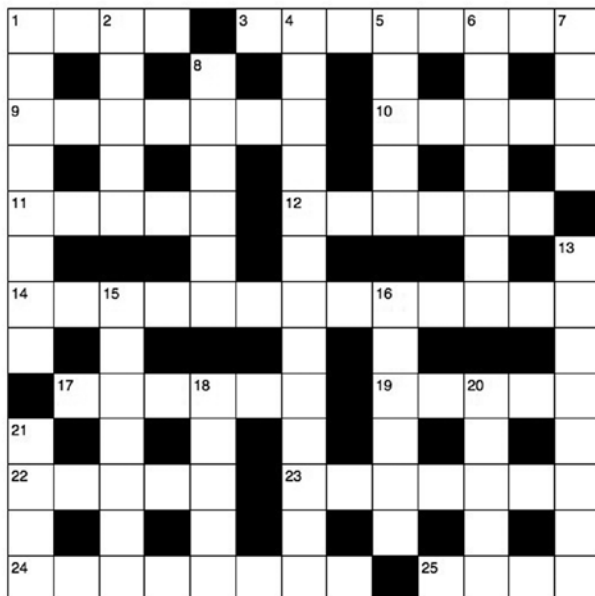
The Bowling Club is open for the 2023 season and we would very much like to meet new members or anyone who is thinking of returning back to bowls. The Club Night is always on a Monday from 6.30 pm, all equipment needed will be provided to play and we very much look forward to welcoming you all. If you require any further information please do ask any of our members or contact our Chairman, Dick Allford on 01544 231052



May Crossword

Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)



19 Attend to (3,2)

23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)

25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4) 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

Answers to April Crossword ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison. DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

ROWAN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS HONOUR FROM THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A young professional gardener from Kington has won a prestigious National award from the Royal Horticultural Society.

33-year-old Rowan Griffiths who works at Hergest Croft Gardens is this year's recipient of the Roy Lancaster Award which is given to an individual under 35 who has achieved an exceptional contribution to the practice, science or promotion of horticulture. Rowan was awarded the honour at a glittering ceremony which was recently held at the Royal Horticultural Society HQ in London to recognise the Society's Peoples Awards for 2023.

Roy Lancaster CBE who personally presented Rowan with his award is most widely known for his work on the long running BBC TV programme, Gardeners' World and the BBC Radio show Gardeners' Question Time.

Rowan said, *"It is a special honour to receive this award in Roy's name, especially as he has been source of knowledge and inspiration to me from the early days of my horticultural career. As a professional gardener, it is wonderful to be recognised for 'Plantsmanship'. I've been fortunate enough to meet many true botanists over the years whose discipline and diligence to their specialised areas of expertise is astonishing. 'Plantsmanship' which is perhaps more difficult to define, allows for the latitude of our curiosity as gardeners as we explore the historical, cultural, geographic, botanical, and any of the unexpected tangents that plants often stir in gardeners.*

I also owe a special debt of gratitude to Lawrence Banks of Hergest Croft Gardens who passed away last year who provided me with the opportunity and environment to grow my knowledge".

For more information, please call Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR, Hergest Croft Gardens. 01544230160 or e mail: austyn.hallworth@hergest.co.uk

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Community Shop Dates

- 26 Apr - 2 May Kington Horticultural Society
- 3 May - 9 May Kington Medical Practice PPG
- 10 May - 16 May Almeley Primary School
- 17 May - 23 May Old Radnor Church
- 24 May - 30 May Walnut Gardens
- 31 May - 6 June Walton Village Hall

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Three Oak Trees Creative Writing Competition

Lady Hawkins' School, from its very conception, has formed strong links with Kington and specifically with St Mary's Church. The Will of Lady Margaret dated 1619 stated that the school should be built as 'near the Kington church as convenient' and that 'the schoolmaster shall every Wednesday preach himself a sermon in St Mary's Church'. In modern times this close association is maintained by the annual September School Foundress Service being held in the church, led by the Vicar of Kington.



The recent creative writing competition for Lady Hawkins' School pupils, promoted by Reverend Denis Parry, has successfully reinforced this four hundred year link. An encouraging forty-eight pupils, from all age groups, responded to his initiative with enthusiasm and manifest creativity. All pupils who took part are to be congratulated, and the staff of Lady Hawkins' to be praised for their support and guidance.

It was a pleasant but demanding task to attempt to judge the competition entries. Each entry was read twice, some three times. The quality, creativity, imagination and vision of the writing proved to be most encouraging, and I trust that such a project will be repeated. The strengthening of the links between the local community and its schools is naturally highly recommended.

Allan Lloyd

Oak Hunt by Kiril Vankov

The Winning entry

Oak trees are more than just a part of the countryside of Britain. They are an important part of British identity and history. Around the United Kingdom, grand, ancient oak trees stand testament to the passing of time.

The English Oak is entwined in British folklore. In the mystical past, the Druids annually worshipped and practised their rites in oak groves with golden sickles in their hands, wrapped in linen cloaks reflecting the full Moon's light.

The British Isles has always been a paradise for trees, covered from the end of the last ice age in increasingly dense forests of oak, hazel and birch, with some pine. When early farmers began farming, the tree cover slowly began to give way to pasture and cultivated land. William the Conqueror nicked English woods and used them to build his famous wooden castles. Not only that, but woodland in the form of Sherwood Forest was a shelter for the famous outlaw, Robin Hood and his merry men.

Oak was a core part of the distinctive Tudor timbered houses. But what made oak of national importance was its quality as a strong, durable timber from which they built the royal navy to defeat the Spanish Armada, and England to become a global Empire.

Recently I heard a story of a minute sapling of an oak, which was planted in the parkland of the manor house to which our cottage is linked. It is not visibly different from any other of its species, but its origins are unique. The sapling came from the New Forest close to the Royal Navy's yards in Portsmouth, where they have built majestic man o'war, such as Nelson's HMS Victory. The story triggered my curiosity. Anew I started observing the

vicinity in which I spend a great deal of my life. Compared to the lifespan of any tree, mine is actually quite short. After I checked, I learned that for oaks it's normal to live 200-300 years. The most ancient specimens in Britain were born more than a thousand years ago.

One of the famous grandfather oaks is Major Oak in Nottinghamshire. I can not start even imagining the eleven metre circumference its trunk still has. Tree surgeons think that there were several saplings at the beginning whose trunks have fused together to build this mighty bole.

Surfing the internet, I came across an article about famous hollow trees. Decay in the centre of a tree is a natural process and it is not necessarily a sign of an ailing tree. The hollowing trunk is providing the oak with recycled nutrients, helping it to live longer. The Marten oak in Cheshire was the largest tree in England in 1880. I think locals did not respect its ancient age, using it disgracefully as a bullpen, a pigsty and a Wendy house.

Armed with this knowledge I went on a Sunday afternoon for an oak hunt. Of course, first on my list was the glamorous oak alley which leads to Whittern farm. Even when I come back from school, I feel like royalty, greeted by these rows of Pedunculate oaks. They are 30 or so majestic 100-year old trees planted in a double row. Held secure in the ground by knobby roots, their rough bark hairy with moss, the trees are guarding the road like beef-eaters.

Then I climbed to the woodland nearby to admire the mighty grandmother. I call her so because I have learned that in a primal forest, there are not more than three old trees, which are the mothers of the whole plantation. I remembered that last year there was an abundance of acorns. It must have been a mast year. The oak trees flood the ecosystem and produce too many acorns for local wildlife to consume, meaning more will have the chance to grow into saplings come spring. I think local squirrels are spoiled for choice, because I could still see a considerable number of abandoned acorns under the tree.

I walked slowly around the trunk and as I did so, it struck me that it was such a three-dimensional image. From various perspectives it looked a totally different tree. It is because there is one main branch which grew horizontally to the ground. Another three limbs straightened up as separate saplings. I wondered how the horizontal bough had managed to keep growing against any odds, even against gravity, not collapsing due to its huge weight. A thick ivy entwined the base of the trunk, crept upwards on each of the limbs and was determined to suck all the juices out like greedy leeches. Yet the oak was strong and tolerated this pest as a nobleman would endure an obsequious and hypocritical squire. From that day onwards I have started to salute the tree with respect on my way home.

I have noticed another mighty tree in front of the stables of Hunton House. Checking in the nature guide for trees in Britain, which I carry with me through this tree hunt, I found out that it is called Turkey oak! Really! The whole Balkan region is populated with this tree. It is an unfair name. Anyhow, I was attracted to it because of its appearance. Unlike the British variety, it is taller and the crown looks like, on a big scale, an enlarged broccoli. It is a landmark on one of my favourite walks. Since it was late afternoon the sun had covered it with reddish-golden guild. Few crows were resting on its branches, not disturbed by my presence. I have learned that the species was introduced into Britain in the 18th century

(continued overleaf)

as an ornamental tree, but wasn't much of a contribution to wildlife. On the contrary, it infested the native varieties with its gall wasps, which damage the acorns. I was pondering on that thought, being sarcastic that actually the greediness of the English botanists brought so many troubles into the British Isles, such as the catastrophe with the invasive Japanese knotweed, when a sharp caw and a vigorous flapping of wings pulled me from my thoughts. A golden pheasant flew out of the bushes with a shriek. I remembered why I was standing here; it was because of the oak and its hairy acorn cups. Yes, I know it's not the season for collecting acorns, because it is late winter, but still one can find some lying in the pile of leaves. Here it is, I was lucky. I found one whole acorn intact with its remarkable hat. It resembled a Caucasian warrior with kubanka. Once I watched a traditional Georgian dance where Cossacks were simulating war and martial art with such vigour, but most outstanding were their hairy hats. This acorn reminds me of a moustached Caucasian Cossack.

As I was walking back, I found myself in the back side of Whittern parkland. I decided to find the little sapling from the new Forest. I discovered a quite developed young tree. Since last year, it had grown phenomenally fast. Probably, it was because of the good position the gardeners had chose for it. Three years ago, the tree surgeons chopped down a massive, but very damaged Lodgepole Pine. Now, the oak sapling was perching on its place. There was plenty of sunshine from one side; a walled kitchen garden was protecting it from the winds; beside it, but not very close, were the beech grove and the forest garden. These were all signs that the slender oak was among friends and would grow into an almighty tree. I can't tell for sure, but I think it is from the other native variety Sessile of Dermast Oak. Here is what is written in my guide book about it: "The twigs are brown and carry brown winter buds spirally set, with a cluster of them near the tip. The young shoots bear hairy scales. The leaves are often bronze to khaki when opening, and later are sometimes tinged with red – especially the second growth in July. They have a wavy indented outline, vary in size and lobing..." To be sure I have to ask the gardener when I see her next time.

I parted with the sapling and headed home, thinking of the importance of trees for life on Earth. I know that sea plankton is the largest producer of oxygen, but trees are more appealing to me, as they grow on land where I can see and admire them. They are also soil protectors.. They build effective wind shields. Only in woodlands, under the shelter of mighty trees, the springs of the rivers would well up. I know there are areas like Sub-Saharan Africa, where on a daily basis, people are struggling to preserve their dwindling tree population. In the Sahel, if they do not plant millions of trees they are doomed to be swallowed up by the Sahara sand dunes. I can't erase in my head the image of herds of cows trying to find shelter from the scorching sun under the withering trees of Ethiopia. I saw once a satellite picture showing the speed of deforestation in South America. It is devastating and a bitter reality to which I contribute with my carbon footprint. Full of guilt, I decided there and then, that I have to do something to reduce it. I should stop eating avocados and products with great food miles. In other words, I and my family have to stick with local farm production. But the most important commitment is that I have to start planting trees: plum, apple, pear, cherry... I am obviously hungry. After supper I will make a list of the important trees I should plant.

Kiril Vankov

National Mills Weekend

13 and 14 May 2023

For the full list of mills open throughout the weekend and for exact opening times visit nationalmillsweekend.co.uk or Leominster Tourist Information Centre.

A Concert for the Coronation at Hereford Cathedral

Join us at the cathedral on Friday 5 May when Hereford Cathedral School and Hereford Cathedral present a concert of uplifting, celebratory and patriotic music. Performed by the choirs, concert band and symphony orchestra of Hereford Cathedral School, the programme will feature Coronation anthems and music by Parry, Handel, Walton and Vaughan-Williams including some favourites from the Last Night of the Proms repertoire!

Doors open: 6.30pm Concert: 7pm - 9.30pm

Please note, there will be no interval during the concert.

Nave Tickets: £15

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For more details and to purchase tickets go to events@herefordcathedral.org. You will receive a confirmation email which will act as your ticket on the evening. There are also a limited number of tickets available via the cathedral shop (open 10am - 5pm Mon - Sat) or call 01432 374 210.

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Bailey's Biscuits - Peanut Butter & Banana

Here is a very easy recipe, adapted from one on the Yumove website. They are very nutritious and Bailey loves them.

Ingredients:

Small banana - mashed up in a bowl
250gms Peanut Butter (smooth or crunchy)
300gms Wholewheat or SR flour
1 tsp gravy granules ie Bisto
1/2 pint hot water

Mix everything together in the bowl. Form into a dough, roll out to about 1/4 inch thick, and cut out with a 3inch cutter. Place on a baking sheet, and bake at 180degC for 18 minutes. Makes about 30.



News From the Museum

Museum Opening Times

10am - 4pm.

Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Do you remember THE CORONATION? We all sat or stood around a small television set, (many bought for the occasion) in awe as the Queen in her coach as it came through Buckingham Palace gates. All the soldiers from the Commonwealth as escorts, some on horseback, others marching. Or lining the streets. On the return journey in the pouring rain, there sat Queen of Tonga in her finery waving to the crowds as her carriage passed by. The ceremony was so long for small children who were eager to go to parties in villages, community halls, and some street parties around the country. The country came to a standstill.



As usual Kington celebrated in style with the whole community joining in whether helping to organise or running events, but most importantly, joining in and having fun.

A Coronation Committee of Kington Urban District and the Parish of Kington Rural was formed. A week of celebrations with events daily from sports for all ages, tea parties, floral displays and even a ladies ankle competition with a prize of a pair of nylon stockings. The General Organiser was a Mr C B Llewllin of the White House, who kindly offered to present coronation 5 shilling pieces to all the children born on June 2nd 1953. There was a programme of events starting with a United Church service on 31st May. All that week there were competitions for traders, shop window and flower displays, plus of course flags and bunting in the town.

The St John Band started the celebrations with an 8.45 am fanfare followed by a peal of bells, planting of an oak tree, plus the crowning of the carnival queen, who led the Grand Parade, behind the band from Victoria Road to the Recreation Ground with dancing until midnight in the street and we must not forget the bonfire on Bradnor Hill.

The week of festivities ended with the singing of "Auld Land Syne", "Land of My Fathers" and of course God Save The Queen.

Perhaps you were a Coronation baby receiving one of the coins.

Wendy Jones, Secretary

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May Wordsearch

This month all the words are concerned with the period of time after Easter when three significant events in the Christian story are celebrated. Firstly Ascension day which this year takes place on Thursday 18th May, followed by Pentecost on 28th May and Trinity one week later on the 4th June. The usual symbols associated with Pentecost are flames, fire and wind

Ascension	Peter
Blessed	Holy
Taken	Spirit
Jerusalem	Trinity
Wait	Father
Prayer	Son
Power	Triune
One	
Room	
Disciples	
Tongues	
Flame	
Joy	
Praise	
Confusion	
Languages	
Earth	



From a Kington Kitchen - Recipe for May - Baked Tuna Supper Dish

Ingredients

- 1 small tin of Tuna fish
- 1 small tin of sweetcorn
- 2oz butter or vegetable spread
- 1 heaped tablespoon plain flour
- 3/4 pint of milk
- Seasoning to taste
- 4oz grated cheese
- 1 Large packet potato crisps
- A few fresh tomatoes (optional)



Method

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour and seasoning, and add milk to make a white sauce. Add half the grated cheese and cook until melted. To the sauce add the drained sweetcorn and flaked fish, fold them in carefully. If tomatoes are used, slice them and place over the bottom of an ovenproof dish. Pour in the mixture and coat the top with a mixture of crushed crisps and the remainder of the cheese. Bake in a moderate oven 180°C, Gas mark 4 until the topping is crisp (approximately 30 minutes). Serve with a fresh green salad.

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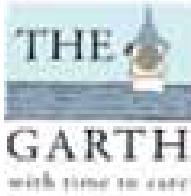
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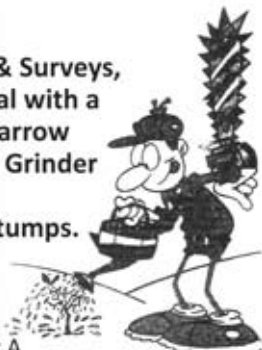
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