

# Parish News

*Kington, Huntington & Titley*

September 2023



# **SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON**

From 1st January 2022

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**Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON**

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

**Returns Railway Station, HEREFORD**

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

**LLANDRINDOD WELLS**

**Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON**

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

**Returns from Railway Station, LLANDRINDOD WELLS**

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

**KNIGHTON Route 41**

**Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON**

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

**Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON**

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

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## *Letter from the Archdeacon*

### **Achievement**

One of the things I have done as part of my study leave is to walk the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path. I have wanted to do this since I was in my late teens. I actually did around a third of it back in 1986 and have done different parts ever since but never got around to walking the whole path. I can now say that after walking for 16 days I have completed all 186 miles and enjoyed every moment of it! Whilst written out it



does not seem quite so challenging, as it was coastal walking it certainly contained a lot of climbing up and down. According to the Coast Path, guide book the ascents and descent are said to be the equivalent of climbing Mount Everest – 35,000 feet! In addition I lost weight and raised with my sister in law £3000 for the Alzheimer’s Society. It actually feels like I have achieved something and it got me thinking about the idea of success.

In our society today, we are often measured by how successful we are and whilst we should all aim to do our best and work hard that will not always lead to success. It is so easy for us to try to emulate others or to search out the golden bullet that will change our fortunes but the reality is chasing after superficial success will not help us spiritually.

The same is true in our churches it is far too easy to compare ourselves with others or think that there is a clever solution to our problems. The reality is there is no one way to grow our churches or to be successful because it is God who grows the church not us. When we chase after clever tools and copy other peoples strategies we miss the point completely.

*“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” James 4:13-17*

James writing to the early church recognised that it is only God who can create our spiritual growth and grand plans that don’t include God are fruitless. When we chase success for successes sake we will simply end up missing what God is about and fool ourselves. James isn’t suggesting we have a fatalistic faith but what he is saying is that we need to see what God is doing amongst us and join in with him. So often, we create plans and then invite God to bless them rather than asking God in prayer what he would have us do. James wants the church to be a place that is faithful to the gospel and to listen to God and not chase after success and achievement so we can boast about ourselves. When we put God first in our lives then we will see achievement in a different light.

Achievement also does not come without cost and it amazes me how so often we stockpile our resources and then wonder why we don’t see more fruit from our church

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life. Generosity and hospitality are core parts of our faith and yet we often fail to share what God has given us with others. If we truly want to see our churches grow and flourish we have to live out the values of our faith and not allow ourselves to become inward looking. Our faith is not a business transaction where we get what we pay for instead we are called to give ourselves away for the sake of the kingdom. This is what Jesus taught his disciples and it is just as true for us today.

*“Don’t pile up treasures on earth, where moth and rust can spoil them and thieves can break in and steal. But keep your treasure in Heaven where there is neither moth nor rust to spoil it and nobody can break in and steal. For wherever your treasure is, you may be certain that your heart will be there too!”* Matthew 6:19-21

The good news is that we can all achieve things for God if we put our minds to it and he has given us all the resources we need if we put our trust in him. It doesn’t matter if we are part of a church with six members or sixty we all have a part in God’s plan if we ask him and listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Instead of trying to be successful, we need to learn to be faithful and obedient to the call of God to serve our communities. I love the words of the Missionary teacher William Carey that remind us to trust God and have a go!

*“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.”*

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## Views in a Vacancy

Dear Reader,

My first post as a qualified teacher was in the Junior House of Bembridge School on the Isle of Wight, whither I arrived in the middle of a ‘flu epidemic and discovered my secondary vocation as a ward doctor! Never mind that, thanks to drinking TCP instead of sherry before meals, I didn’t catch it. What a wonderful site on top of the cliffs, and at a time before Health and Safety and Safeguarding Regulations had taken over. In loco parentis was the usual guidance in those days.

I was, for example, once things had settled down, regularly able to take those boys who wished and were early risers down the slippery cliffs for early morning swims – no boat or safeguard, just me and them! Wouldn’t dream of doing that today!

But the point of my recalling this now is that the motto of the school was simply the one word TODAY. And it’s a motto we might all well adopt for ourselves. After all, now is the only time we are actually breathing and alive, no longer yesterday; not yet tomorrow; only today – now in fact. And although I may not intend to live this day as if my last as a certain hymn puts it, it’s not a bad thing for me to be really aware of where I am or what I’m doing: in the middle of an interregnum for instance, or writing an article for the Parish News, or (while Emma’s working) washing the dishes, as Giles and I do after breakfast, avoiding distractions - no radio on.



But then I ask myself what about memories, which become ever more alive as we get older – viz mine about time teaching at Bembridge; the past which has made us what we are and about the future for which we need to prepare?

Last month in this Views I mentioned the practice of mindfulness, of being fully alive to what we are doing. You probably have heard the definition of a university lecture: a process whereby what is written on the lecturer's pad is transferred into the student's notebook without passing through the mind of either. We are dab hands at letting our minds wander, well I am anyway. It's especially so when I'm trying to do several things at once or thinking about what I've got to do next, especially when I'm under pressure as some of us might well be during an interregnum when routines are challenged. So I thought you might enjoy this little extract from a book on mindfulness by a monk who writes about washing up the dishes, in difficult circumstances, for about 100 other monks:-

Nhat Hanh writes: There are two ways to wash the dishes. The first is to wash the dishes in order to have clean dishes, and the second is to wash the dishes in order to wash the dishes. While washing the dishes one should only be washing the dishes, which means that while washing the dishes one should be completely aware of the fact that one is washing the dishes..... The fact that I am standing there and washing these dishes is a wondrous reality. I'm being completely myself, following my breath, conscience of my thoughts and actions..... If while washing dishes we think only of the cup of tea that awaits us, thus hurrying to get the dishes out of the way as if they were a nuisance, then we are not "washing the dishes to wash the dishes." What's more we are not alive while we are washing the dishes. In fact we are completely incapable of realizing the miracle of life while standing at the sink. If we can't wash the dishes, the chances are we won't be able to drink our tea either. We will only be thinking of other things, barely aware of the cup in our hands. Thus we are sucked off into the future – incapable of actually living one minute of life.

A bit far fetched perhaps, but amusingly put! and it does make a point. But does that mean that we should stop watching Hetty Feather while eating tomatoes on toast? No way! But I suppose I should try to concentrate on the job in hand and do just one thing at a time And you?

*Denis.*

### **A special Thank You**

The family of Sarah Morgan would like to thank the Rev. Ben Griffith for conducting her service and Dick Allford of Oak Tree Funeral Services for all their help and guidance preparing for the 14th July.

We thank you for the many messages of sympathy and attendance at the service.

Your very generous donations of over £3,000 will be shared by Action for M.E. and St. Mary's Church.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends



## **St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON**

September promises to be a busy month for Kington, hArt, Kington Show and, at the end of the month, Kington Walking Festival.

We hope that some of the visitors to these events will also visit St. Mary's.



### **Harvest**

At St. Mary's the celebration of Harvest will soon be upon us. It will be on Sunday, October 8th with a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 11a.m. followed by lunch at 12.30p.m. We are delighted that Richard, Bishop of Hereford is joining us for this service and we look forward to welcoming him.

The pattern for this lunch for the last two or three years seems to have been generally enjoyed so we shall continue to have a Ploughman's type lunch with fruit juice drinks. An adult lunch will be £7 as last year and £3 for children. To help with the catering please will you book your lunch by Sunday, September 24th. This can be done by signing the list which will be in Church on the 10th, 17th and 24th of September or by telephoning Ann, 01544 230 271. If you have special dietary needs it will be helpful if you can tell us in advance please.

Our Harvest Charity this year will be WaterAid and, as always, we shall welcome Harvest gifts for sale on the Harvest Gift Table. Proceeds from this will go to further the work of WaterAid.

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

### **Messy Church**

I feel sure that it will be recorded somewhere else in the News but it was encouraging to see just over twenty children enjoying Messy Church Activity Day in August. Based on the theme Creation we have our own Garden of Eden in Church together with a pair of banners depicting the theme. If you are coming to Messy Church on September 13th try to bring a friend with you to join in the fun.

It is good to see the Children's Corner set up again in the North aisle and we thank Penny and John Halcrow for doing this

We were sorry to learn of the death of John Williams, a loyal, hard working former member of St. Mary's for many years

As always Rodney and I send greetings to you all and hope very much that you will join us for the Harvest celebrations.

*Ann Edwards.*

# St Mary's LEGO CLUB

Wednesday  
27th September  
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 13th September  
3.45- 5.30pm

Theme: Peace  
Activities, Stories  
Songs, Music, Games  
and a Meal together

All are welcome

Easy Sudoku

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

Intermediate Sudoku

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



## 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, September 3rd:**

### **Trinity 13**

*Jeremiah15:15-21, Psalm26:1-8, Romans12: 9-end, Matthew16:21-end*

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titely
6.00pm:	Evening Eucharist:	Old Radnor

### **Kington and Kinnerton**

### **Patronal Festivals: Birth of the BVM**

*Colossians1; 1-8, Psalm 27:1-8, Luke4:38-end.*

10.00am:	Eucharist & Baptism:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton

### **Sunday, September 10th:**

### **Trinity 14**

*Ezekiel33:7-11, Psalm119:33-40, Romans13: 8-end, Matthew 18:15-20.*

8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
10.00am:	Choral Mattins:	Kington.
11.30am:	Morning Praise:	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton

Wednesday, September 13th MESSY CHURCH. 3:45 - 5:30pm

### **Sunday, September 17th:**

### **Trinity 15**

*Genesis50:15-21, Psalm103:1-13, Romans14:1-12, Matthew18: 21-35*

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

### **Sunday, September 24th:**

### **Trinity 16**

*Jonah3:10-end of 4, Psalm145:1-8, Philippians1:21-end, Matthew 20:1-16*

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

*All services at Kington are live streamed.*

## St. Mary's Kington Coffee Rota.

As we move forward for September and the Autumn can the people listed below please check that the following dates are convenient for them as a general rule.

1st Sunday of month	Marion Gilling & Beryl Thompson
2nd Sunday of month	Julia Reid & Christine Robinson
3rd Sunday of month	anet Price & Margaret Cooke
4th Sunday of month	Elaine Roche & Stephen Lacey.

If you have to change your Sunday any time please can you let me know? Thank you for helping in this way.



*Ann Edwards*

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## KINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Kington Youth Hub is a registered Community Interest Company, which has now been successfully running Kington Youth Club for 6 months. We are providing a safe space for young persons from Kington and the local area aged between 10 and 16, school years 6 to 11. We provide many activities and facilities, including table tennis, pool, table football, sofas, art & craft materials, drinks, meals and snacks, and a variety of workshops for different sessions.

From September the Youth Club will run two weekly sessions, on Wednesdays from 3:30pm-6pm, for school years 6, 7, & 8 and on Thursdays from 3:30pm-6:00pm, for school years 9, 10 & 11. Membership has risen to over 30 families and we provide the sessions for FREE as we do not want money to be a barrier to any young people wanting to attend.

We completely rely on volunteers to run the sessions and on donations to fund all of the costs involved, we receive no direct funding from any official bodies. We are grateful to The Baptist Church on Bridge Street for allowing us to occupy their Old Sunday School Room rent free for the first 6 months. Going forward we will pay a small rent for each session we run. It all adds up and our other outgoings are many.

Thanks again to the volunteers who helped fundraise in the Kington & District Community Shop again this year. We have also had a donation from Huntington Chase, a Kington Town Council grant towards materials & equipment, a contribution from Arrow Tool & Plant towards this year's rent and support from Terry's Fund, Huntington Fete & Kington KLEEN.

We will be approaching more local businesses, organisations and individuals for financial support and applying for various project grants to develop the club offer.

*Richie Cotterill*



## Let's hear it for Bats!

If you were looking for bats in your local churchyard, where would you expect them to be? They are not in the belfry for a start, it's too noisy! Bats often use church buildings, and a bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts. There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK; eight of these use churches or chapels.

Bats, like most animals, have different needs throughout the year. They need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime.

Bats roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. They also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. As well as buildings, bats will use trees seeking out holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind ivy. Old and veteran trees are full of possible bat roosting places, as well as being home to many other creatures.



Burial grounds tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are relatively free of chemicals and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects. Flying uses up a lot of energy so a site rich in insects is crucial for bats.

September is a great month to search for bats, as the nights are starting to draw in the bats will be flying earlier, so you don't have to stay up too late to see and hear them. They have left their nursery roosts and both adults and young are flying, hunting to put on fat which will help them survive the winter. Watching them hunt can be great fun and with a bat detector you can also hear them echo-locate as they search for prey. Why not contact the Bat Conservation Trust and see if there is a local expert who could run a public event for you? Knowing which bats use your churchyard can help you manage for them and also avoid any damage to either bats or their habitats.

All the best,

*Harriet Carty*

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*

**KINGTON  
&  
DISTRICT  
Community  
Shop**

### **Community Shop Dates**

23 August - 29 August

30 August - 5 September

6 September - 12 September

13 September - 19 September

20 September - 26 September

27 September - 3 October

Kington Youth Club

KADOS

First Responders

Kington Show

Kington Primary School

Whitney Church

## *Reader Writes*

The junior minister slung her bag on the big desk and slumped into the office chair to finish the article she had started as her train pulled into the station. Then carefully folding her copy of *The New European* she slipped it into her bag ready for the homeward journey; she didn't want the Minister walking in and having all his suspicions confirmed in a second. But there was no denying it; she found herself naturally amongst the liberal-minded, beleaguered, wing of her party.

Essentially she was a practising Christian; nothing secret about that, and it had already given her occasion to clash with constituents and even with colleagues, although not so far with the boss, who was a prominent member of Cabinet. But the Illegal Migration Act 2023 had caused her more than unease. She didn't like its –dare one say it- xenophobic sentiment. But it was of course popular with perhaps a majority of her constituents; that makes politics so challenging. She was out of step with the harder-nosed wing of her party, especially with their proposed bonfire of zero-carbon commitments. Every day she picked up her well-used travelling bible and read and prayed.

Deuteronomy 10 seemed a good summary of the Christian's responsibility. There God is reminding Israel, and therefor now his Church, that they too were once aliens (or sojourners) in Egypt; therefor they should, as hosts, exercise kindness and care for the sojourners of the day. Putting it simply, if we are rightly conscious and grateful for the kindness and care we have enjoyed from others, nationally and internationally, and indeed from God, we should in turn treat others with hospitality and kindness. Love your neighbour as yourself. She was very conscious, and encouraged, by the fact that the bill had run into such a storm of objection in the Upper House, including staunch opposition from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Continuing to try to remain invisible would probably lose her her job, but that was a price she would pay.

In the febrile atmosphere of the Commons it was hard to bring up the long term and essential issue of complicity, without which it would be impossible to solve the problem of refugee immigration, legal or otherwise. Empire, slavery, exploitative trading; they all contributed to the inequality between the rich north and the rest. And don't mention unjust wars; that has ruined whole Middle East societies. But towering above all of these is the catastrophe of climate breakdown; scientists and academics predict a billion climate migrants on the move by 2050 fleeing an uninhabitable earth. Perhaps she'll make history and cross to join Caroline Lucas in the Green Party. But one thing is certain, solving the problem of refugees fleeing impossible lives, requires broad and long term costly cooperation both at home and internationally.

Coffee arrived, along with her box, but before setting to she quickly reminded herself of what she had been reading on the way up. "Love the sojourner, therefore, for you too were once sojourners in the land of Egypt" Dt 10:19. Yes, we have a lot to be grateful for; the farmers in her constituency were busy bringing in pretty good harvests; meanwhile desperate families in Asia and the Horn of Africa where sending their children on perilous journeys to escape drought, famine and war.

*Robert MacCurrach*



# Huntington Chase

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
at 12 noon**

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

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

£15 entry to include soup and sandwich.

£5 for under 16's but they must be accompanied.

Swan Inn will be open.

Fancy dress encouraged and prizes.



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

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All proceeds to Open Arms Kingston.



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

# ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

## History of Huntington Fete:

Huntington Fete has been held on the third Saturday in July in the beautiful grounds of Huntington Court since 1954, with the exception of two years, where due to extremely inclement weather it was held in a barn at Lower House Farm.



In all the years that the Fete has been held it has only been cancelled on three occasions, once in 1960 and also in 2020 & 2021 due to COVID.

All funds raised are donated to local charities including the Village Hall, the United Reformed Church, Huntington Thomas a Becket Church, W.I., Newchurch Chapel.

Stalls include skittles, splat the rat, hammer the nail, as well as cakes, bottles, plants, brick-a-brack and produce stalls. A cup of tea or coffee with sandwiches and cake, together with strawberries and ice-cream provide some well earned sustenance during the afternoon.

Whilst the Fete in its current form started in 1954, it could be said that its origins began many years before, as in 1256 Henry III granted a Royal Charter to Humphrey de Bohun, of Huntington Castle, to hold an annual three day Horse Fair in mid July in Huntington. The Horse Fair continued to be one of the most important country fairs until its demise in 1953.

The first Fete held on 18th July 1954 was opened by Mrs Derek Bailey and raised the princely sum of £60.00. By 1974, on its 20th Anniversary, the total raised on the day was £309.87, bringing the grand total over the past 20 years to £2,713.21. Felicity Jack opened the Fete on its 50th Anniversary which raised £3,551.15, bringing the cumulative total to £46,659.45.

This year despite the showers and wind during the day the Fete was again well supported, even though numbers were down, everyone who came seemed to just make the most of the occasion. People spent more time chatting with stall holders and indeed holding onto the legs of the marquees to stop them blowing away! Laughter and happy voices were the order of the day resulting in £2,404.43 being raised for charity.

Proceeds from this year's fete are being donated to the charities listed in paragraph three above, with an additional £450 being donated to Kington Youth Club.

Since 1954, the Fete has now raised a GRAND total of £101,921.27 for charities and good causes, which is quite an achievement. Thank you to everyone who has supported Huntington Fete over the years.

*Mike Lloyd*

## **Saturday 16th September at 7:30pm –The Lay Clerks Choir:**

Please see poster opposite for full details.

## **Saturday 30th September – Huntington Chase:**

Please see poster on page 13 for full details.



A Summer Evening with the Lay Clerks will see performers from the adult musicians who sing at the choral services throughout the week and form the "back row" of Hereford Cathedral Choir.

The concert will begin with sacred music from the medieval period through to the present day. The second half provides an opportunity for music which would not normally be heard in the choir stalls, and will include a mix of traditional folk songs and close harmony arrangements.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30**

Tickets  
**£15**  
in include  
conductor  
and a glass  
of wine



For tickets please apply to [peterjkelly642@hotmail.com](mailto:peterjkelly642@hotmail.com)

### **Kington Community Shop:**

Thank you to everyone who supported Huntington (Village Hall + St Thomas a Becket Church), during our week at the Kington Community Shop. Thanks to generous donations, we were able to stock the shop well and had a steady stream of customers throughout the week, enabling us to raise £1,134.00. A selection of donated designer clothing has been held back and will be sold on the Vinted website, to enable us to raise more money.

### **Late Reminder – Huntington Walk & Pizza – Sunday 27th August:**

This popular event will take place at Yew Tree Farm (HR5 3PG). Walk commences at 2:00pm and the pizza evening commences at 5:30pm. Tickets cost £10 per person and can be booked through Pippa and Mike Lloyd – [pippalloyde@btinternet.com](mailto:pippalloyde@btinternet.com) or Tel. No: 01544 370692. Full details are available in the August Parish News.

### **Flicks in the Sticks:**

Flicks in the sticks will commence on Wednesday 20th September, in Huntington Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Admission is £5.00 and tickets can be purchased on the door. The film showing will be announced nearer the time. Thereafter, Flicks in the Sticks will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

*Susan Maiden*

### **Coffee Morning**

Kington Trefoil Guild are holding their annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th Sept 10-12 at Shelia Diggory's house, 40 Headbrook, Kington. We would love to see as many of you as possible to share coffee and biscuits with us. Sit and chat with friends and treat yourself to some home produce goods which will be on sale. The past year has been a full and busy one for our Guild and we are eager to meet as many of you again for a good day in raising funds for Macmillan so put the date in your diary and receive a very warm welcome from your local Trefoil Guild.

Thank you in anticipation Nancy Wheatland Chair Kington Trefoil Guild



## **Titlely Church News**

### **Readers**

Sunday 3rd September      Win  
Sunday 17th September    Judith.

### **Flowers**

Norma.



### **Village Fete.**

Where do I start to say thank you to everyone who helped at this year's village fete. To everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets. To everyone who donated prizes, cooked cakes, entered the competitions, the list goes on but the biggest thanks go to everyone from the other parishes who came to the fete and bought what had been made or enjoyed the famous Titley Teas.

Win Dowdeswell was presented with the Phyllis Lewis memorial cup for the best container of mixed garden flowers by Phyllis's children David and Sue. Sadly Phyllis died earlier this year but was a great supporter of everything which happened in Titley and Win was one of her closest friends so it was very poignant that she was the first recipient of the cup.

Around £3000 has been raised which will be divided between the village hall and church which is a fantastic amount. The fete was held on the 12th August and it was certainly glorious. Thank you one and all.



### **Charity Shop.**

We now move onto our next fundraising event which is the charity shop. This is being held from Wednesday 4th October. Please do start sorting out anything you think we could sell and put it at the back of the church. Don't forget if you want a "man with a van" call Dick on 231052.

### **Harvest Festival.**

Our Harvest Festival service this year will be held on Sunday 15th October at 11am in the church and afterwards a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. To help with the catering arrangements please book your place for the lunch with Win Dowdeswell on 01544 267342.

*Dick*



## Not a Proper Gardener (Part 34)

At present the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak; or, as my old dad used to say, “It’s not the engine, it’s the chassis that’s letting me down.” I’ve decided that in some ways



getting old isn’t all fun. Giles says there should be a law against it. And I must say I look with envy out of the window at the lithe and energetic youngsters kicking a ball about on the field over the road. On the other hand I’m not sure that I should like to be a teenager again, growing up in today’s difficult world with climate change really happening now; and I’m immensely grateful that I still have a garden to help keep me anchored (or perhaps I should say grounded!) and with Emma and Giles to help do all the work, and that we live in such a wonderful bit of countryside, still comparatively unspoiled and full of wonder.

Anyway, enough of that; what of our garden? As I write during early August we are harvesting the first tomatoes from the hanging baskets. Strangely these, every year, start to ripen before those growing in the greenhouse, especially the yellow Tommy Toes; and if I eat many more mini-cucumbers I shall probably turn into one! Also, I’m already able to fill Giles’ pockets with eating apples when we go on our walks, James Grieve soon to be followed by Discovery. And he can refuel now in Crooked Well or the Footpath orchard from the school. Our cookers on the ancient trees, few this year (the oldest one suffering, we suspect, from chassis trouble?) are nevertheless producing windfalls viable for bottling. Our pears, Concorde, an excellent variety, are doing quite well in spite of that dry February (and the greedy rooks) and thanks to bathwater. The recent rainfall, though nothing to write home about (The pool in Park Wood is still stagnant on Aug. 7th) has meant we can let future bathwater go down the plughole now, and it’s bringing on the vegetables nicely, but we’ve still not had anything like as much rain as so many places have. Recently, so-called ‘spring’ cabbages, now weighing about six pounds each, have been perfect – no slug damage like that which has affected the outer leaves of the small but nice and tight Golden Acre. Perhaps I should brew some homebrew for the slugs so that they can perish in drunken oblivion. They seem to look upon slug pellets as a treat. Or there’s Companion Planting French marigolds, intended to deter whitefly from tomatoes, but the slugs have eaten every flower! The French beans are delicious, making up for the dearth of runner beans, so far non-existent, thanks to naughty sparrows! who have a penchant for the red flowers. This year, no-late-frost has meant a good crop of plums (not many wasps) and we have just finished the delicious Hermann eaters, which also cook well and can be bottled. It’s our peas which have been disappointing so far. We grow mangetout varieties which are usually very prolific. I’ve just sown some more, hoping for a late crop. Meanwhile our weeds flourish, the favourite at present being Shirley poppies making friends with the leeks, a couple of which leeks are so embarrassed that they’ve gone to seed. But they’re so pretty, the poppies that is, that we can’t bring ourselves to pull them out.

Our excellent soft fruit harvest is about finished, save for the delicious mulberries, and it’s time to start removing the old canes and tying in the new. Strangely, having stolen most of

the white currants, the birds have treated with disdain the red currants we generously left for them; and although the calci worms Emma has religiously put out every night for the hedgehogs have all been eaten, we haven't actually seen Mrs Tiggy-winkle & Co. for ages. We hope they are OK. A very threatened species in serious decline, they need all the love and care we can give them.

It's been a season of swings and roundabouts so far, but very good really, in spite of the unpredictably changeable weather. Happy gardening,  
*Denis*

## **KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



Next meeting  
Thurs 21st September at 7.30pm  
at the Masonic Hall, Headbrook

**Amazing gardens and nurseries in N/Germany**  
with Ian Sadler

**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

**A Day Out in September!**  
**Kington Arts and Craft Market**  
**Saturday 16th September – 9:30am – 3:30pm**  
**Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines.**

Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market is once again delighted to present a wide range of beautiful, hand-made cards, gifts and crafts to suit all tastes, ages and budgets.

All stalls feature genuine handcrafted products, including: Cards for all occasions, Pottery, Handcrafted ironware, Basket Weaving, Woodturning, Alpaca products, Artwork, Papercrafts, Knitting, Crochet, Sewing, Peg Loom Weaving, Spinning, and Stone Carving.

We are proud to support local artists and craftspeople. You'll find there's something for everyone; the perfect hunting ground for all your gift, home and garden decor needs.

Everyone welcome!

*Anna King - AK Crafts [anna@akcrafts.co.uk](mailto:anna@akcrafts.co.uk) 07977 978676*

## September Crossword

### Across

1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace'

(Romans 5:2) (6)

4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)

8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)

9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)

10 Belgium's chief port (7)

11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)

12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)

17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)

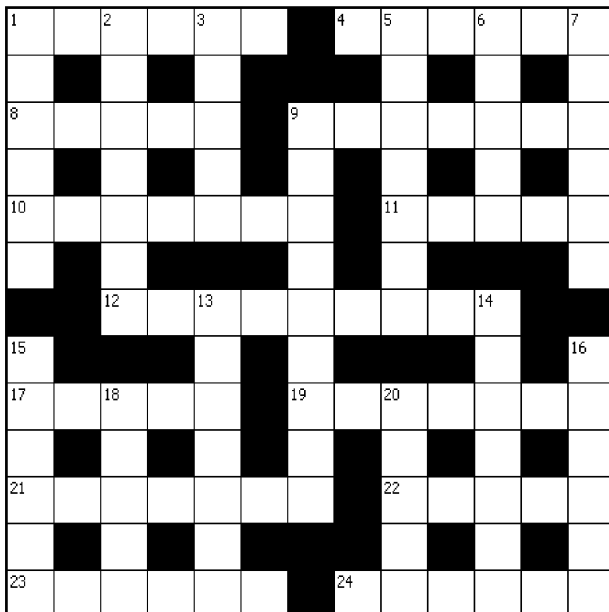
19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)

21 'Your will be done — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)

22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)

23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)

24 'Out of the — I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)



### Down

1 Popular Christian author and humorist, — Plass (6)

2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)

3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)

5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)

6 Lonny (anag.) (5)

7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)

9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)

13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)

14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)

15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)

16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)

18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)

20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

### 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.

## September News from Hergest Croft Gardens

Charles Darwin described the apparently sudden appearance and subsequent proliferation of 'higher plants' the angiosperms, those that bear fruit and flowers as an 'abominable mystery' in a letter to his friend Joseph Hooker in 1879. The conundrum though better understood is still unsolved 143 years later. Plants that have survived largely unchanged can be seen flowering in the garden, including water lilies which research now suggests were entrapping beetles into pollination in the late Cretaceous.



Other familial relationships are less obvious and elicit the same head scratching that troubled Darwin when contemplating fully formed species clearly related but wondering how to get from one to the other. If we stand at the bottom of the Maple Grove at this time of year, our eyes will be drawn by the flaming colour emanating from *Neoshirakia japonica* or milk tree. The common name refers to the latex like sap which belies its membership to the Euphorbiaceae family, which in our part of the world we are more likely to associate with spurge, than this handsome shrub. Just alongside is a tall multi stemmed shrub with large pinnate leaves and clusters of red frutescence,

*Dipteronia sinensis*, the winged seed almost resembles that of wych elm but don't be fooled for this is the only other genus in the Sapindaceae, the same family as the maples! Though it may seem shocking the seeds are the key so to speak, because if we think of sycamore keys they are winged on one side whereas our *Dipteronia* is winged all the way round.

Darwin may well have benefitted from a visit to Hergest Croft in its present form with so much evolution on display unfortunately William Hartland Banks (Willie) would not get the garden underway until 14 years after Darwin's death in 1882. Willie's father Richard William Banks however certainly had less than six degrees of separation from the great man. A keen Victorian geologist he discovered the fossil of a sea scorpion *Herefordopterus banksii* which was erroneously assigned to *Pterygotus* and described by John William Salter and Thomas Huxley, Darwin's bulldog. R W Banks also collaborated with Sir Roderick Murchison on the Silurian system, who despite opposing the transmutation of species in favour of successive creation probably had a bigger impact in the debate by sponsoring Alfred Russel Wallace to go to Malaysia where he would simultaneously build the case for evolution through natural selection just as Darwin was penning *Origin*. Wallace himself had



lived in Kington as a young man in 1839. R W Banks was certainly scientifically active at a time when the world of science appeared to be in ferment and he also found time to plant our earliest exotic trees including a Greek fir *Abies cephalonica* 1866, and the Caucasian elm *Zelkova carpinifolia* 1878. As well as our tallest trees several douglas firs *Pseudotsuga menziesii* in the Yeld Wood.

*Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR*

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

### Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm: A Man Called Otto (15), £5

Starring Tom Hanks and based on the comical and moving #1 New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson, a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that will turn his world upside-down. Experience a funny, heartwarming story about how families can come from the most unexpected places.

### Thursday 5th October @ 7.30pm: Where the Crawdads sing (15), £5

Starring Daisy Edgar-Jones in this captivating mystery based on the best-selling novel. Abandoned as a girl, Kya raised herself in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumours of the marsh girl haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, she opens herself to a new and startling world. However, when one of them is found dead, Kya immediately becomes the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal many secrets.

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

Starring: Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton and Monika Gossman. 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

Belle is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the colour of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Left to wonder if she will ever find love, Belle falls for an idealistic young vicar's son bent on change who, with her help, shapes Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England.

Advance booking only - please book and pay for your tickets online at [pay-brilley.co.uk](http://pay-brilley.co.uk)

Please note that if you do not get an almost immediate email confirmation, then your payment has not gone through and you will need to try again!

Doors open at 7pm - don't forget to bring your own refreshments!

Brilley and Michaelchurch Village Hall, doors open 7pm



# KINGTON AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL 2023

## 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September

The Kington Walking Festival is here again!

As usual we have a wide selection of led walks in and around beautiful Kington. We have walks for tree lovers, artists, photographers, train spotters, cider drinkers and several strenuous walks with great views and the opportunity for a fabulous workout. This year we will also offer a free guided evening walk at 18.00pm on Wednesday 20th September.

We will have our usual casserole evening on the Thursday evening, sponsored by Tarmac. On Friday we have a talk by Jim Perrin, the mountaineer, travel and outdoor writer. He has a regular column in the Guardian where he writes about the local countryside. On Saturday evening our band this year is Dave Luke and The Glimmer Twins playing songs of the Rolling Stones. This will be held at the Burton Hotel.

For further information and booking check out our website, follow us on Facebook or subscribe to our newsletter.



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# Kington Show

SATURDAY

9th SEPTEMBER 2023

9am - 6pm

Adults: Gate £15/Advance £12.50

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Under 10s FREE

Kington Show is the largest one-day agricultural show in the county and will be held again this year on the second Saturday in September.

The show has managed to blend the traditional agricultural feel of horse, livestock and horticultural competitions with the lively entertainment on offer for the whole family in and around the main ring. This includes YFC, shearing and dog competitions all day as well as a wonderful display of vintage vehicles.

There are expected to be over 100 outdoor trade stands, a busy food & craft marquee and a wide variety of catering options including a licensed public bar.

Parking is free and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

For any information in connection with the show, phone the secretary Wendy Smith on 01544 340598 or email [info@kingtonshow.co.uk](mailto:info@kingtonshow.co.uk)

## Re: Historic Houses Association – Garden of the Year.

We would be grateful if you could be kind enough to vote for Hergest Croft Gardens as the HHA Garden of the Year on this web page <https://www.historichouses.org/vote-for-garden-of-the-year-2023/> if you have already done it, we all thank you so much.

Or if you would kindly forward the link and attached information to any of your friends or family, we would very much appreciate your help to increase our votes. The closing date is 31 August

*Mrs Elizabeth Banks.*

*Note from the editor: I have included this request even though the closing date is 31 August as the September Parish News will be distributed on Sunday 27th August, giving a few days for anyone to submit their vote. Details of the competition were printed in the June Parish News.*

## 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)

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## Kington Walking Festival

Are you taking part in the Kington  
Walking Festival during the weekend of  
20th - 24th September?  
Why not add a visit to the Kington  
Art and Craft Market to your walking  
programme on the Saturday?

See page 22 for details



## From a Kington Kitchen - Recipe for September Sugar-free Biscuits

### Ingredients

- 100g butter
- 160g Jumbo oats
- 100g Oat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp Mixed spice

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180 C fan / 200 C

In a saucepan melt the butter on a low heat. Make sure that it doesn't boil or burn so gently stir occasionally.

Once the butter is melted, simply add in the oats, oat flour, baking powder and mixed spice. Mix everything together until you have a soft dough-like mixture that holds together.

If it is still very wet just leave it for a couple of minutes as it will soon firm up as the oats absorb the liquid.

Using a round tablespoon (I use the rounded end of the tbspoon measuring spoon), scoop a heaped spoon of mixture and place it on a parchment-lined baking tray, leaving plenty of space between the balls. Do this another 11 times.

Flatten the balls with your fingertips to make a thick round biscuit shape and place them in the oven to bake for 12- 15 minutes. They should have a slight golden colour.

Leave the biscuits to cool for 10 minutes before transferring them to a cooling rack.



## More Motoring Memories from the 1980's

In January 1987 we moved to Wonstan to take charge of a group of parishes some seven miles north of Winchester. I sold the Rover 100 because the fuel consumption had dropped to 19 mpg. Our family transport was now a rather tidy Triumph Acclaim, best described as a Rover/Honda hybrid. Before leaving Burghclere I managed to swap the NSUJ Quickly moped for a Morris Minor saloon in need of restoration. We soon had the Morris sorted and on the road, ideal for parish work and teaching our children to drive.

In the autumn of 1987 fierce gales swept across the country, causing havoc and bringing down dozens of trees. One Thursday morning (my day off!) I had a call from a parishioner asking if I could help start her son's Land Rover. It was urgently needed for towing trees away from his house. I called round and saw total devastation. It looked as if bombs had been dropped all around the house. Fortunately nothing had fallen on the property.

David took me to a nearby barn and introduced me to the Land Rover, formerly owned by the late Lord Rank. It had been standing unused for a couple of years! I removed the battery, took it home for charging with a promise to return on the Saturday morning.

Once charged I re-fitted the battery, cleaned the plugs and points, and asked David to try and start the vehicle. I added that if it started, we would need to dance round it several times, cheering loudly at the top of our voices! To our sheer amazement, the engine burst into life, and we took a short drive in the grounds.

Having checked the vehicle over, I told David that it seemed to be in pretty good condition, apart from some slight welding on the chassis. I knew a reliable mechanic who could do the work and present it for an MOT. I had always wanted a Land Rover, but it had been beyond my means. I wondered if, in return for looking after it, I could make use of it from time to time. David thought this an admirable agreement, and put the work in hand. The fallen trees were removed and a modest re-planting undertaken.

Several months later I purchased a wardrobe from a house sale, and asked for the Land Rover to transport it to the Rectory. It was not a good experience. The steering was awful, it sounded like an ancient tractor and was difficult to control. I'm glad to say that David sold the Land Rover and my services in that direction were no longer required.



Then to my horror, my son Tim, then a student and working at the local filling station was offered the self-same Land Rover, and in spite of my advice to leave it alone, we were re-acquainted once more – and that's another story.

*Tony Jardine*

## News From the Museum

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

### Stirrups

Most of us know stirrups as an aid for riding horses, be it for hacking, hunting, or herding the animals round the farm and to markets. Worldwide stirrups have been used, with every country designing, adapting their use, and decorating the leather straps accordingly. We recently received a donation of one stirrup, it is obviously a child's, made by the local blacksmith with a leather strap attachment. Where was the other one? I wondered, did the child lose one and father said, "no new pair of stirrups for you, I will get the local blacksmith to make one the same pattern, as they cost too much". The early stirrups were made of iron with leather ties across the foot, now replaced with iron.



The military issued riding equipment as they still do today, all with an arrow and number stamped on it. How many farms were depleted of horses during World War 1? It was not only our young men Lord Kitchener wanted, but our horses to help pull the guns and wagons. Horses and mules were shipped over to Liverpool from Canada and America to supplement our supply. These animals were entrained to Hereford cattle market, where the eight city blacksmiths and others would shoe, feed and water them before the animals were transported to Dover, on their way France. In Kington Auguste and Victor Rogers left for Hereford before going on to Ludlow to join the Shropshire Imperial Cavalry. The blacksmiths could make any piece of or part of agricultural or household items, including latches, fire irons and gates to name but a few. Kington in the 1870 -1880's had approximately 20 blacksmiths plus apprentices. They were spread out from Bridge Street, Mill Street, Dukes Street and Crooked Well. We also had a plentiful supply saddlers' workshop. Hughes & Sons of 39 Bridge Street, moving to High Street, had been around for at least 50 years, making and selling all types of saddlery including stirrups.

Cyclists also had stirrups on the pedals called toe clips. Children often had clips on the pedals to help them learn to ride. Racing cycles still have them today. Did the penny farthing and Kington Cycle Touring club members have them on their bikes? Some modern cyclists have cleats which are special shoes that clip into the pedals and have a small heel. Apparently one can go faster using toe clips.

We must not forget the stirrup cup. A drink given to the Huntsmen before setting off for a day's good gallop, hopefully following a trail. The Radnor and West Hunt has been based in our area for many a year, well supported on the Boxing Day meet at the Burton for their stirrup cup. So, when is a stirrup not a stirrup, food for thought?

A big thank you to all the volunteers, donors and people of Kington who supported the Museum. We raised over £1000 in the charity Shop in August. It has been very much appreciated.

*Wendy Jones, Secretary*

# PUBLIC JUICE PRESSINGS

## Bring Out Your Apples!

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

#### Kington Market Hall

11am to 3pm in Place De Marines

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Help others & taste the difference!  
For small amounts - up to a couple sacks  
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Contact: Jon Cooke 01544 231977 or 07776 236823 email: [kingtonkleen@gmail.com](mailto:kingtonkleen@gmail.com)

**There will be a second Public Pressing Opportunity on Saturday 4th November at the same times and in the same place.**

## Long Distance

A couple of weeks ago, I had to ring British Gas, regarding my Direct Debit. After the mandatory 15 mins of music, a nice lady answered the call.

After I had finished my business, she said it would take a little while to go through. So to fill in the time, I asked her where her office was? expecting she would say Birmingham or Liverpool, but instead she replied she was in Cape Town, South Africa!

The wonders of the internet.

*Bryan Giddings*



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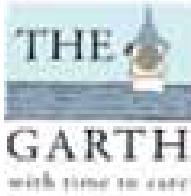
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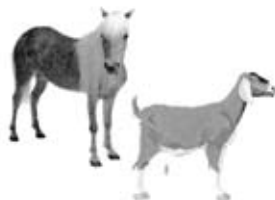
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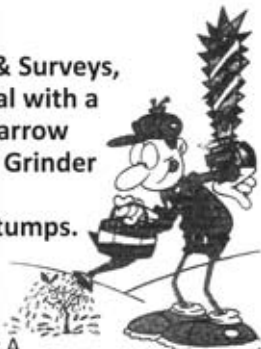
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Fri 15 Sept		Cut-off date for October Parish News
Sat 16 Sept	9.30-3.30pm	Art & Craft Market at the Market Hall
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